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Information for applicants

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Nigeria is often referred to as the 'Giant of Africa'. With an estimated population of more than 200 million, Nigeria is not only the most populous country in Africa, but also ranks among the world's top eight oil exporters because of its abundant oil reserves.

With a total area of 923,768 km², Nigeria is two and a half times the size of Germany. The capital is Abuja (head office of GIZ Nigeria), which currently has around 2.7 million inhabitants. The public administration and its ministries are concentrated here. By contrast, Lagos, with approximately 21 million inhabitants, is the hub of the economy. The official language is English.

Climate

Although Nigeria lies entirely within the tropics, the different regions of the country are marked by climatic differences. While it is hot, humid and wet in the south-east for most of the year, it is dry in the south-west and further inland. The north-west and west are characterised by a savannah climate with distinct rainy and dry seasons. A semi-arid climate with little rainfall prevails in the far north.

Temperatures in Abuja are warm to hot throughout the year. In the rainy season (April to October), the daily maximum temperatures are almost 30 °C and the humidity is high. During the dry season, there is almost no rainfall and temperatures rise to over 35 °C in February and March. Night-time temperatures do not fall below 20 °C all year round. At the end of the dry season, from around January to March, the so-called Harmattan wind brings large amounts of dust to Nigeria from the Sahara.

Health

In Abuja and Lagos, a number of doctors and (private) clinics with international standards ensure basic medical care. Abuja also has a German doctor with standard medical supplies from Germany. Any prescribed medications that need to be taken regularly or over a long period of time should be brought to Nigeria.

In rural areas, the situation is quite different. From a technical, equipment-related and/or hygiene perspective, medical care is often problematic.

Accommodation and lifestyle

Real estate and rental prices in Nigeria's cities are very high and rising. Depending on the location and size of an apartment, it is not uncommon for landlords to require the rent to be paid for one to two years in advance.

The cost of living in the cities is relatively high, especially in Abuja and Lagos, but comparatively low in rural areas.

In Abuja, there is the opportunity to pursue a wide range of sports: football, tennis, squash, swimming, volleyball and yoga. The art and culture scene is young but growing. In addition to the city's many traditional restaurants, the number of international restaurants and cafés is steadily increasing.

Lagos is a much bigger city and offers a much wider range of leisure, cultural and gastronomic activities.

Shopping and daily supplies

Several international supermarket chains in Abuja offer a wide range of everyday products. In addition, there are countless smaller shops. At local markets or roadside fruit and vegetable sellers, prices are determined by bargaining and shopping is therefore less expensive.

Accompanying partners and children

Abuja has a German kindergarten, international kindergartens and international primary and secondary schools (with French, American and British curricula). As a general rule, various holiday programmes are organised during the holiday season.

Accompanying partners enter the country with the visa status of 'accompanying partner', which does not permit them to work. However, they can take up paid employment if their visa status is changed first. Upon receiving an offer of employment, applicants must be issued with a work visa by the prospective employer. This means having to change their visa status. The protocol officer of the GIZ country office will be happy to assist with this procedure. Although vacancies cannot be promised to accompanying partners, GIZ Nigeria is open to reviewing CVs for current and future vacancies. If necessary, CVs can be submitted to the portfolio manager in the country office.

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