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Dear Reader

I am pleased to introduce this brochure, which provides an overview of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH's work in Nigeria and our regional engagement with the ECOWAS Commission.

Since 1974, GIZ has supported development cooperation between Germany and Nigeria, focusing on sustainable economic transformation through private sector development, vocational training, climate action and renewable energy, agriculture and food security, and health and nutrition. Across all these areas, we aim to align shared values with the strategic interests of our partners by strengthening stability, equity, and opportunity.

As a federal enterprise owned by the Federal Republic of Germany, GIZ works on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), with additional commissions from the German Federal Foreign Office and substantial co-financing from the European Union. This support enables us to implement over 30 projects across Nigeria and the ECOWAS region, together with our national and regional partners.

In Nigeria, we cooperate closely with the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning. Within the ECOWAS portfolio, our main counterpart is the ECOWAS Commission, along with affiliated institutions. Key areas of our regional cooperation include peace and security, regional economic integration, health, and energy.

Our work promotes inclusive and reform-oriented development, underpinned by a values- and interest-driven approach. We support locally owned solutions, encourage innovation, and foster private sector engagement as a catalyst for sustainable growth and job creation, especially for the region's young and dynamic population.

At the heart of our mission, we reaffirm our strong and continued commitment to supporting our partners by aligning with national and regional priorities and contributing to a just economic transition, food and energy security, social inclusion, and climate resilience helping to unlock the full potential of Nigeria and West Africa in shaping a just and forward-looking future worth living for all.

I invite you to explore the examples presented here and learn more about our joint contribution to sustainable development in Nigeria and the ECOWAS region. For further information, please visit our website, social media channels, or the GIZ Country Office in Abuja.

Warm regards,

DR. MARKUS WAGNER

Country Director for GIZ Nigeria and ECOWAS



THE GERMAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

A message from our main commissioning party



Global problems can only be solved through global cooperation. For instance, climate change can only be halted through joint action worldwide. This is an effort that depends particularly on many of our partner countries. If these countries manage to invest immediately in renewable energy instead of taking a detour via fossil fuels, the entire planet will benefit.

Because it is clear, of course, that it makes no difference whether a tonne of carbon is saved in Peru, India or Germany. Every reduction is equally important for global climate change mitigation, because climate change is global and the damage from climate change can be felt worldwide – in droughts in the Sahel, cyclones in the Ganges Delta and floods in northern Germany.

The same goes for the global fight against violence and armed conflict, providing support for refugees, and offering assistance to their host countries and countries of origin, as well as for the fight against global pandemics. All of this will only work with more cooperation, not with less.

Moreover, it is more important than ever for Germany to have allies and trading partners all over the world with whom we work in mutual respect and partnership. Active development policies lay the foundations for this, and they open doors.

Germany's prosperity has been built on this openness towards the world. Exports account for one in every two euros made in Germany. If Germany wants to remain a strong exporting nation, if we want to continue selling cars, machinery and medicines to other countries, we cannot afford to retreat into our shell."

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GIZ WORLDWIDE

Sustainable development for a future worth living around the world



Who we are and what we do

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is a service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education work. We are dedicated to shaping a future worth living around the world.

We have over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment promotion, energy and environment, peace and security. The diverse expertise of our federal enterprise is in demand around the globe – from the German Government, European Union institutions, the United Nations, the private sector, and governments of other countries. Our main commissioning party is the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Since we are a public-benefit federal enterprise, German and European values are central to our work. The registered offices of GIZ are in Bonn and Eschborn, Germany.

Our 25,634 employees, almost 70 per cent of whom are national staff, work in around 120 countries.



What we offer

GIZ supports people in acquiring specialised knowledge, skills and management expertise. We help organisations, public authorities and private businesses to optimise their organisational, managerial and production processes. And, of course, we advise governments on how to achieve objectives and implement nationwide change processes by incorporating them into legislation and strategies. The political and social framework plays a crucial role in ensuring reforms are effective and sustainable.

All of these call for capacities and experience in a wide variety of areas. But that in itself is not enough. Long-term impact can only be achieved if all activities and strategies are efficiently coordinated and stakeholders in all sectors are adequately consulted. If a country is to take charge of its own destiny in the long term, it must be able to organise complex processes and foster an enabling environment without external assistance. This involves developing the capacities of individuals, organisations and social institutions.

At GIZ, capacity development is about strengthening partners and tapping potentials. This is what we offer, the key to sustainable development.



Our Corporate Strategy

Our working environment is changing and we are now implementing projects more rapidly and in higher volumes.

The political strategies of our commissioning parties and the priority areas of our partners are also changing, making implementation more demanding. For instance, more and more of our projects aim to tackle global challenges such as climate change. To this end, we combine global and regional approaches effectively with our tried-and-tested bilateral cooperation in our partner countries: we work together – across projects, sectors and national boundaries to solve complex problems over the long term.

The number of fragile countries in our portfolio has also risen significantly in recent years. The safety and security of our staff is paramount. With this in mind, we constantly review our plans and processes and adapt them where necessary. We strive to find new ways to help improve people's lives, even where local conditions are difficult.

We use our corporate strategy to refine the services we provide to commissioning parties and partners, adapt our internal processes and work in a more overarching and integrated fashion. This will enable us to speed up our implementation, provide tailored expertise, cut down on administration, create scope for innovation and generate greater impact.

Our Corporate Strategy has six strategic and closely related objectives. Half of them address service delivery – in other words, what we offer our commissioning parties and partners. The other half focus on our operating model – our internal processes.

Service Delivery

- ◆ Systematic Product Portfolio Management: we implement our work on the basis of an innovative, standardised and systematic product portfolio and consistently use the opportunities offered by digitalisation.
- ◆ Integrated Approaches: we integrate modes of delivery, project types, sectors and country portfolios.
- ◆ Systematic Partnerships: we systematically build on cooperation arrangements and partnerships.

Operating Model

- ◆ Managing resources across projects: we use staff, services, finances and materials and equipment across multiple projects.
- ◆ Process Oriented Management: we implement integrated solutions efficiently and effectively using digitalised business processes and process-oriented management.
- ◆ Acting in the interest of the company as a whole: we gear our management logic to steering integrated solutions in the interests of the company as a whole.



GIZ IN NIGERIA

More than 50 years of impactful German-Nigerian Cooperation

GIZ has been active in Nigeria since 1974. Our main offices are in Abuja, with field offices in many states across Nigeria. The map provides an overview of our programmes' presence in Nigeria.

With more than 500 employees as of February 2025, we work with the Nigerian government to articulate, negotiate and implement its ideas for reform and development. We also work flexibly with the private sector and the civil society to deliver effective solutions for better prospects and sustainably improved living conditions for Nigerian people.

We hereby focus on enhancing the capacities of individuals and organisations in the country. Our work in Nigeria is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the European Union, other German Ministries, the German Foreign Office, as well as international organisations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The consensus between the German and Nigerian Governments mainly sets GIZ's

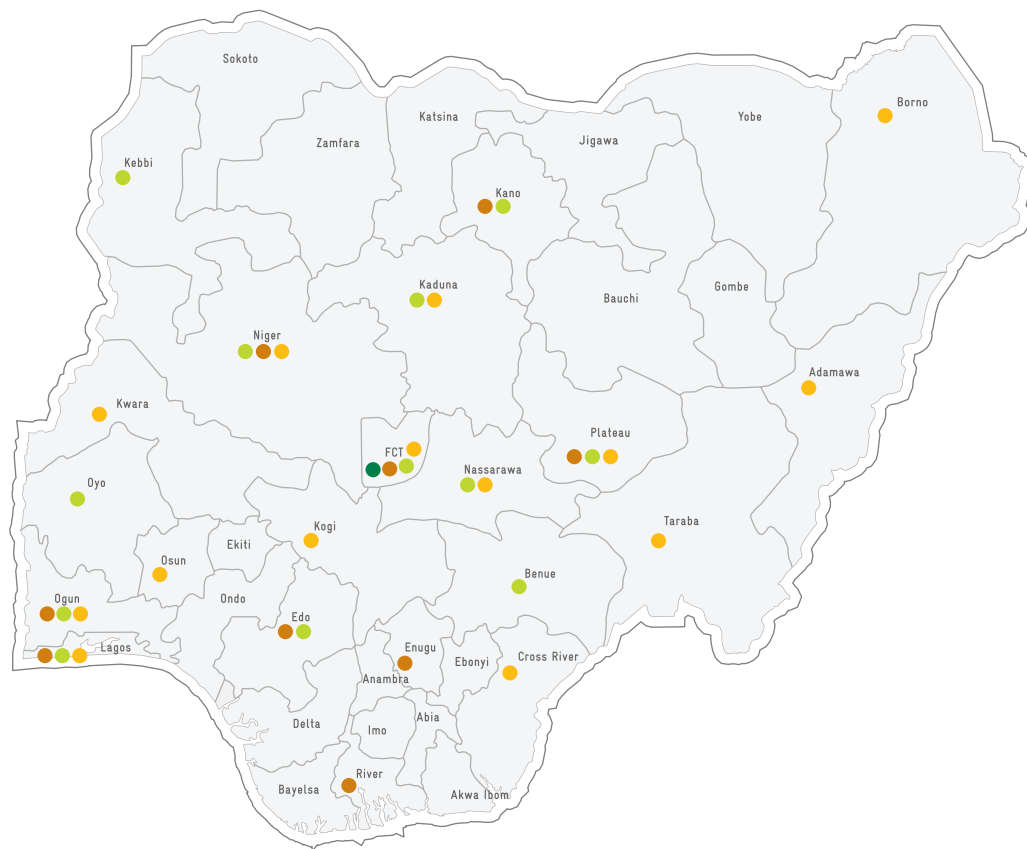
focus on the following areas: Sustainable Economic Development, Employment, Renewable Energy, Agriculture, Peace, Reconstruction, Security and Migration.

As of February 2025, GIZ is implementing a total of 38 projects in Nigeria and in support to the ECOWAS Commission.

The projects in Nigeria and ECOWAS have been categorised into 4 clusters such as:

- The Sustainable Economic Development (SEDEC) Cluster composed of 6 projects.
- The Just Transition and Inclusion (JTI) Cluster composed of 14 projects.
- The Transformation of Agri-Food Systems (TAFS) Cluster composed of 8 projects.
- The ECOWAS Cluster, encompasses the 10 projects implemented by GIZ in support to the ECOWAS Commission. These projects are carried out in various countries across the ECOWAS Region.





GIZ In Nigeria

SEDEC Cluster

JTI Cluster

TAFS Cluster

ECOWAS Cluster

As of February 2025, GIZ Nigeria & ECOWAS workforce evolves around



549
WORKFORCE



88%
NATIONAL STAFF



39%
FEMALE STAFF



Areas of Technical Cooperation

Sustainable Economic
Development Cluster (SEDEC)



6 projects

Just Transition and Inclusion
(JTI) Cluster



14 projects



Areas of Technical Cooperation

Transformation of Agri-Food Systems (TAFS) Cluster



8 projects

ECOWAS Cluster

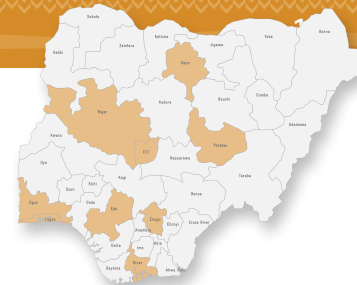


10 projects





Sustainable Economic Development Cluster (SEDEC)



The Challenge

Nigeria has the largest population in Africa and many people in Nigeria are either unemployed or under employed. Increasing inflation is putting additional pressure on the income of many households. Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) generate around half of the country's economic output and employ more than three-quarters of its workers. However, the unfavorable economic and employment policy conditions, inadequately equipped educational institutions, a lack of entrepreneurial and digital skills and skilled workforce, as well as insufficient access to financial services are hindering the long-term development of MSMEs. The lack of employment and income causes migration from rural areas to the economically flourishing cities or abroad.



Our Approach

The projects of the SEDEC Cluster aim, with an integrated approach, to link the demand side of the labour market with the supply side of the labour market. This is achieved through:

- ◆ the promotion of the private sector,
- ◆ the development of the financial system for MSMEs;
- ◆ vocational education and training measures,
- ◆ active labour market policy, economic and employment policy as well as
- ◆ financial inclusion with a focus on innovation and digitalization.

The SEDEC Cluster provides migration and reintegration advice as well as capacity building to returning and potential migrants. They also provide employability promotion measures, including targeted vocational skills development and entrepreneurial trainings for skills in demand in Nigeria and abroad. The projects of the SEDEC Cluster work closely together with the government, the private sector and civil society.



Impact Stories

Waste to Wealth

Friday Oku, President, Association of Waste Pickers in Lagos, Nigeria.



“As the president of the Association of Waste Pickers in Lagos Nigeria, I often faced a lot of challenges around structure, collaboration, digitalisation, insurance, record keeping etc. These challenges made it impossible for me and other waste pickers to thrive and scale. However, the “Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Development for Decent Employment (SEDIN)” project through its Local Economic Development unit intervened and supported the association with skills and knowledge needed for us to address the barriers and gaps in the plastic recycling value chain in Lagos State.

Through the project’s intervention, we were able to create a structure that helped with a proper database for waste and by extension the off-takers. With the development tools provided, we improved our structure and digital skills and started to think like business people, moving from informal to formal structures.”



42,000 people were placed in employment (45% women)

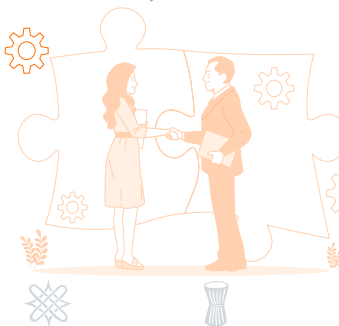


Access to credit for over 233,000 MSMEs. More than 66% of the loans were granted to women.

Individual social and economic (re)integration support measures had been offered to over 320,000 people.



Friday Oku, President Association of Waste Pickers in Lagos, Nigeria.



Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning (FMBEP), Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment (FMLE), Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Edo State Skills Development Agency (Edojobs), Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF), Organized Private Sector, MSMEs, NGOs, civil Society



Mercy Ehiwario: As a single mother of five, I needed a way to provide for my family. When I joined the mobile phone and laptop repair training provided under the “Skills Development for Youth Employment” (SKYE) project, I saw an opportunity to change my life. “This trade gave me independence,” I tell other women.

I learned not just technical skills but also customer relations and business management. Stepping into a male-dominated field wasn't easy, but I refused to be intimidated. I launched my own phone sales and repair business in Abule-Egba, secured a 500,000 Naira loan, and have already repaid 70,000 Naira. Now, I plan to train more women and grow my business with increased funding.



Mercy Ehiwario: in her repair shop



Emmanuel, 34 years old man, at the Nigerian-German Centre

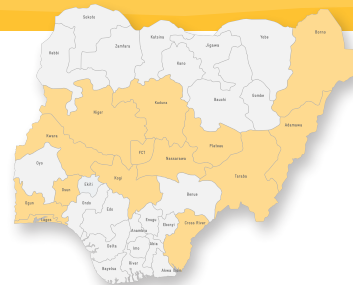
Emmanuel: “After earning my bachelor’s degree in social work from the University of Nigeria in Nsukka, I encountered challenges proceeding with my career. A friend introduced me to the Nigerian-German Centre for Migration and Development (NGC), where I secured a referral to Project One Nigeria, a non-profit focused on political education, leading to a six-month paid internship. Motivated by this experience, I returned to the NGC in 2024 for guidance on studying in Germany. With their help, I successfully obtained a DAAD scholarship for a two-year master’s program in development studies at the University of Passau, including a language course. I am now living in Germany and seeking an internship in Frankfurt to enhance my practical experience.”

In 2024, diaspora remittances to Nigeria increased by 8.9% to \$20.93 billion, with Nigeria earning 35% of the total remittance in sub-Saharan Africa. The NGC provides institutional support to the Nigerian government to assist potential migrants and returning migrants, with a focus on human and national development.





Just Transition and Inclusion (JTI) Cluster



The Challenge

Nigeria's electrification rate of currently 55% is leaving about 93 million people without access, while those with access suffer from highly unreliable supply. Access to clean energy will have to deliver for the needs of a fast-growing population projected to increase from 216 million to 400 million by 2050. Nigeria's use of renewable energy, if increasing, also remains very limited, despite abundant renewable resources (solar, hydro, wind). This makes Nigeria one of the countries with the largest electricity deficit and will require a great effort to meet the 100% electrification target by 2030 and the target of net zero by 2060.

Since 2009, the North-Eastern part of Nigeria has faced repeated violent attacks, resulting in the displacement of about 2.3 million people from their communities. For internally displaced persons, returnees and vulnerable members of the host population, especially women, there is insufficient economic and social participation. Existing conflicts over resources are exacerbated by the effects of climate change.

The JTI Cluster projects therefore integrates the core topics of climate and energy as well as peace, security and social cohesion and promotes state and public services in Nigeria, strengthening state sovereignty in a fragile context.

Our Approach

The Cluster adopts variety of approaches that include:

- ◆ Policy support on the Nigerian energy transition



- ◆ Support to the development of on and off-grid renewable energy projects
- ◆ SE4All data platform providing comprehensive information on existing power infrastructure
- ◆ Energy Efficiency Networks with industries
- ◆ Support to Nigeria to assess its potential for green hydrogen
- ◆ Economic and social (re)integration for returnees, IDPs and the host communities through livelihood and conflict resolution activities
- ◆ Gender transformative approaches
- ◆ Community Development Planning (CDP) measures
- ◆ Contributions to the improvement of strategies and programmes for transhumance.



Participants of Study Tour pose in front of Green Hydrogen Plant (H2-Diplo)

Impact Stories

Empowered Women, Thriving Communities: The VSLA Success Story in Adamawa

For **Hadiza Ibrahim**, a farmer in Michika, financial independence once seemed out of reach. Limited access to loans meant she struggled to invest in quality seeds and fertilizers. But through the Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) introduced by the Supporting Sustainable Social Protection, Participation and Economic Resilience in Northeast Nigeria (SEPIN SUSI) Programme, everything changed.

Hadiza and her fellow farmers in Dabeghi Farmer Association pooled their resources, saving and lending within their group. In just a year, their association contributed to the NGN 21.4 million saved across 247 farmer groups.

"I was able to expand my farm and even start a poultry business," **Hadiza shares proudly.**

Beyond financial gains, the initiative has strengthened community bonds especially for women and youths.

"We don't just talk about farming, we support each other through life's challenges,"

says Amina, a member of Salama Dabeghi Farmers Association.

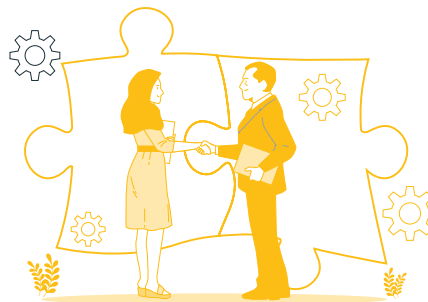


Sewing Her Way to Success: Zainab's Vision for Empowering Young Girls in Plateau State

Zainab Musa (18 years old) is a participant of the vocational skills training in Plateau State by the "Strengthening Capacities for Peace Building and Conflict Resolution in Nigeria's Middle Belt" (PEACE-CORE) programme. She was trained for three months on tailoring and received a tailoring kit at the end. Now she can sew and make clothes for women and children in her community, which gives her an additional income. **She said:**

„I dream of one day being able to train other young girls in my community and that will make me happy“.

Her plan is to raise enough money from her tailoring business to be able to go back to school and further her education.



Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Rural Electrification Agency, Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission, National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency, Nigerian Electricity Management Services Agency, Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria, Renewable Energy Association of Nigeria, Private sector, State Governments, Cities, LGAs, National Council on Climate Change (NCCC), Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP), Net Zero World Initiative, Adamawa State Government, Adamawa State Planning Commission (ASPC), Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Plateau Peace Building Agency (PPBA)



Energy Efficiency measures implemented by industries led to annual energy savings of 53,500 MWhel/a electrical energy and 291,900 MWhel/a thermal energy, saving a total of 388,979 t CO₂/e

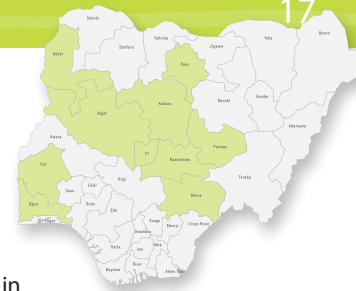


5,300 farmers and cattle herders (2650 women) have completed different training courses on improving product quality, animal health, sustainable use of natural resources or processing agricultural products produced without the use of pesticides and obtained through traditional exchange and trade relations





Transformation of Agri-Food Systems (TAFS) Cluster



The Challenge

Critical challenges affect food systems, including climate change, natural disasters, conflicts, and inflation in Nigeria. These crises contribute to widespread food insecurity, with 34% of Nigeria's population unable to access adequate nutrition. Among those challenges are unsustainable agricultural practices, poverty, unemployment, and inadequate policy frameworks. Gender and youth inclusion remain pressing concerns, as women and young people are often excluded from decision-making and economic benefits. By addressing these interconnected issues, the Projects in the TAFS cluster aim to ensure sustainable agriculture, food security, and economic resilience while promoting inclusivity and climate adaptability across Nigeria and the ECOWAS region.

Our Approach

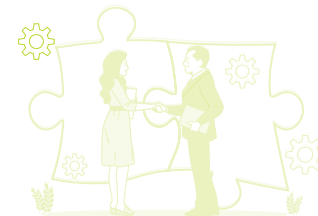


34 million euros finance facilitated to farmers and agribusinesses.

financial sector and give them the chance to invest and expand.

The Projects of the TAFS Cluster address those challenges through:

1. Technical advisory on agricultural policies at ECOWAS, national and state level.
2. Capacity and institutional development to strengthen partner organisations working along the agricultural value chain.
3. Linking innovative solutions for global challenges at local level - building on local partners and their expertise to national and global strategies.
4. Developing scalable solutions, connecting farmers and agri-business to the



Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS), business associations, cooperatives, advocacy organisations, Micro, Small, and Medium sized Enterprises, the ECOWAS Commission



Impact Stories

Florence Bassono: Growing a Local Business into a Regional Success

Florence Bassono: “I have been selling attiéké in Burkina Faso for years, but expanding beyond borders was challenging. High transport costs, complicated export rules, and insecurity made regional trade quite risky.

The “Strengthening the ECOWAS Commission to promote regional Agricultural Trade” (EAT) project helped me showcase my products at one of West Africa’s largest agricultural trade fairs in Côte d’Ivoire. There, I not only sold my entire stock but also secured five long-term supply contracts with buyers from Benin, Niger, Togo, and even Morocco. Now, I have customers across West Africa and overseas, and my business is growing. With improved trade conditions, many more small traders like me could benefit, expanding markets and creating jobs across the region.”

Sandra Naakombo: Solving a Rice Processing Challenge

Sandra Dookenger Naakombo: I grew up in Jato-Aka, a quiet rural village in Benue State, where rice field stretched as far as the eye could see. Yet, ironically, rice was a rare treat on our plates due to limited paddy processing facilities. I remember watching my mother spend endless hours parboiling, drying, and pounding rice by hand, which was a labor-intensive method. Even as a child, I dreamed of a better way.

Years later, armed with a master’s in food physics, I founded “Premium Seeds” Enterprises to revolutionize rice processing. Despite early challenges—power instability, supply chain setbacks, and low patronage—resilience and strategic partnerships fueled our growth.

By 2023, the “Integrated Approach to Climate Change in the Rice Production System in Nigeria” (InACC) programme’ support enhanced our operations, and in 2024, an EU-backed processing machine boosted our capacity by 50%. Today, we empower 500+ households, creating jobs and opportunities. With further investment, we aim to scale nationally, transforming rice production in Nigeria.



Sandra Dookenger Naakombo



ECOWAS CLUSTER

Fostering Regional Economic and Political Integration in West Africa



The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was established in 1975 to promote economic cooperation and integration across West Africa, with the goal of improving the living standards of its people. Today, ECOWAS consists of 12 member states and works on a wide range of areas including economic, political, cultural, and social issues. These efforts include creating a customs union, promoting peacekeeping and conflict prevention, and developing a regional energy market.

To strengthen regional integration, ECOWAS has developed a network of institutions and specialized agencies, collectively known as the ECOWAS Community, with the ECOWAS Commission being located in Abuja, Nigeria. Over time, the ECOWAS Cluster has progressed through several key phases. In 2006, GIZ started to work with ECOWAS to support its initiatives.



In 2015, Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) began holding government negotiations with ECOWAS. In 2017, discussions started on creating an ECOWAS Cluster, which involved BMZ, regional exchanges, and several major EU co-financed projects. As of 2024, GIZ is supporting ECOWAS with six major projects and additional components aimed at delivering integrated solutions to enhance the commission's impact.

The focus of these projects is on key priority areas such as:

- Peaceful and Inclusive Societies
- Sustainable Economic Development, Training, and Employment
- Health, Social Protection, and Population Dynamics
- Climate, Energy, and Just Transition

Additionally, GIZ helps implement these projects by deploying staff in various ECOWAS Member States to support the application of regional protocols at the national level.





Our priority areas of cooperation with ECOWAS

Peaceful and Inclusive Societies

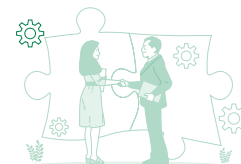
Sustainable Economic Development, Training and Employment

Health, Social Protection and Population Dynamics

Climate, Energy and Just Transition.

Current Area of (Project) Activities

State Capitals



ECOWAS Commission, ECOWAS Institutions and Specialised Agencies..



The Challenge

West Africa faces several interconnected challenges, such as violent extremism, armed groups, military coups, and election-related tensions, alongside the impacts of climate change. These issues are rooted in poor governance, economic stagnation, inequality and the marginalization of vulnerable groups. While issues like organized crime and corruption present obstacles, efforts to address these concerns are ongoing. ECOWAS has made significant strides in regional integration, though there are areas for improvement in coordination and implementation, especially with initiatives like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Additionally, the region is working on strengthening health systems to manage zoonotic diseases and environmental sustainability, fostering resilience and growth.

Our Approach

1. **Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding:** Efforts in conflict prevention, peacebuilding and social cohesion empower ECOWAS to ensure stability, promote human security, and prevent violence at national and regional levels.
2. **Promoting Stability:** Support for preventive and post-conflict measures improves living conditions, benefiting women, young people, with focus in the area of food security and agriculture, income generation and livelihood as well as social cohesion.
3. **Investment and Employment:** Enhancing the conditions for investment and employment fosters a conducive environment, facilitating economic growth (AfCFTA).
4. **Organisational Development and Effective Communication:** Laying foundations for an integrated impact-oriented management model and developing strategies to counter false narratives and misinformation, enhancing ECOWAS visibility for peace, stability, and democratic governance.
5. **Health and Resilience:** Support ECOWAS in addressing zoonotic diseases, strengthen collaborative disease control, and promote pandemic prevention.



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Impact Stories

From Farmers Clubs to Classrooms: How Women in Bafata Built a School from Their Own Success

In the heart of Guinea-Bissau, Bafata, a group of women in farmers clubs turned their efforts into hope for future generations. A school built by the community, for the community.

The Fund for Regional Stabilisation and Development (FRSD) Project, of the ECOWAS Cluster, provided these women with financial and business development training, empowering them towards financial independence.

As the farmers clubs grew, so did their sense of purpose. Rather than just reinvesting in their own farms, they contributed to address the lack of adequate schooling for their children. They pooled resources from their collective earnings, mobilised community support, and laid the foundations for a school—one built from their own hard work and perseverance.

The newly constructed school provides a safe and structured learning environment for dozens of children who previously had to travel far to attend overcrowded classrooms. It is a symbol of what can be achieved when women are empowered.

This is an example of how stability and prosperity are interconnected. Such impacts are also observed in the 89 other FRSD-supported communities across fragile regions in Guinea-Bissau.



Investment and Employment:
Enhancing the conditions for investment and employment fosters a conducive environment, facilitating economic growth (AfCFTA)



THE GERMAN-NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

A win-win

◆ Economic Growth and Market Opportunities

By improving the competitiveness of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Nigeria, German companies can benefit from new market opportunities and partnerships. The cooperation helps German companies enter emerging and developing markets, where dynamic and promising opportunities exist despite challenges such as political instability and access to finance.

◆ Energy and Climate Initiatives

The cooperation supports the implementation of energy transition initiatives in Nigeria, including renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. This promotes global energy security and environmental sustainability, aligning with Germany's green energy goals.

The Project Development Programme (PDP) for instance, contributes to the global transition to renewable energy, fostering sustainable economic growth both in Germany and partner countries.

◆ Strengthening International Relations

The cooperation enhances bilateral relations between Germany and Nigeria, fostering trust and collaboration in various sectors such as agriculture, energy, and vocational training. Through initiatives like the Fund for Regional Stabilisation and Development (FRSD) within ECOWAS, Germany strengthens its ties with West African nations, enhancing regional stability and development.

◆ Humanitarian and Social Benefits

German development initiatives in Nigeria, such as advanced training courses in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), solar panel installation, and other vocational skills, improve job prospects for Nigerians. This contributes to global social stability and reduces migration pressures. Supporting health, education, and employment projects helps improve living conditions in Nigeria, which indirectly benefits Germany by contributing to global peace and reducing poverty.

Overall, the German development cooperation with Nigeria supports sustainable development, economic growth, and global stability, aligning with Germany's strategic interests and enhancing its global influence.



GIZ NIGERIA AND ECOWAS PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW



SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SEDEC) CLUSTER

TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING, PRIVATE SECTOR AND FINANCIAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMME	DURATION	FUNDS
SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR DECENT EMPLOYMENT (SEDIN IV)	08/2023 – 07/2026	18 M EUR
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (SKYE II)	11/2023 – 10/2026	29,0 M EUR INCLUDING 5,4 M EUR FROM SWISS COOPERATION
FINANCING AND IMPLEMENTING NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDC ASSIST II)	12/2020 – 12/2024	0,58 M EUR (FOR NIGERIA)
PAN-AFRICAN E-COMMERCE INITIATIVE (PECI)	12/2022 – 12/2025	0,35 M EUR (FOR NIGERIA)

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND DATA

DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CENTER (DTC))	08/2021 – 01/2026	15 M EUR INCLUDING 9,5 M EUR FROM EU
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MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR DEVELOPMENT

CENTRES FOR MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT (ZME)	08/2023 – 05/2026	13,26 M EUR (FOR NIGERIA)
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JUST TRANSITION AND INCLUSION (JTI) CLUSTER

CLIMATE AND ENERGY

PROJECT	DURATION	FUNDS
NIGERIA ENERGY SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NESP)	06/2023 – 11/2026	17,9 M EUR INCLUDING 9 M EUR FROM EU
GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION (GET.INVEST)	10/2024 – 06/2026	4,6 M EUR INCLUDING 4 M EUR FROM EU (NIGERIA)
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PDP)	04/2023 – 12/2025	0,19 M EUR (NIGERIA)
PARTNERSHIPS FOR ACCELERATED GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION (PACT)	08/2023 – 07/2025	0,17 M EUR (NIGERIA) GIZ
SUPPORT TO COVENANT OF MAYORS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (COM SSA)	05/2023 – 03/2025	0,21 M EUR (NIGERIA)
DECARBONISATION DIPLOMACY (H2-DIPLO)	11/2023 – 09/2026	1,6 M EUR (NIGERIA)
PROGRAMME FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN BUILDINGS (PEEB)	09/2024 – 09/2028	1,32 M EUR (NIGERIA)
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR GREEN HYDROGEN (PDP-H2)	05/2023 – 12/2025	0,25 M EUR (NIGERIA)
POLICY DIALOGUE AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT ON LOW EMISSION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (DIAPOL-CE)	03/2023 – 06/2025	0,2 M EUR (NIGERIA)



SUPPORT PROJECT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT (SPA)

04/2024 - 06/2025

0,48 M EUR (NIGERIA)

PEACE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION OF RETURNEES, IDPS, AND THE HOST POPULATION IN NORTH-EAST NIGERIA (SEPIN)

08/2022 – 12/2027

36,33 M EUR INCLUDING
19,5 M EUR FROM EU

PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE TRANSHUMANCE IN CAMEROON, NIGER, NIGERIA AND CHAD (PETRA)

05/2023 – 04/2026

0,96 M EUR
(NIGERIA)

STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN NIGERIA'S MIDDLE BELT (PEACECORE II)

11/2023 – 11/2027

15 M EUR

HEALTH, PANDEMICS & ONE HEALTH; POPULATION DYNAMICS, SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS

BACKUP GESUNDHEIT

04/2020 – 05/2026

4,5 M EUR





TRANSFORMATION OF AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS (TAFS) CLUSTER

RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE

PROJECT	DURATION	FUNDS
PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL FINANCE FOR AGRI-BASED ENTERPRISES IN RURAL AREAS (AGFIN)	01/2018 – 09/2026	8,7 M EUR
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS AND POLICIES (AGSYS)	01/2024 - 06/2027	5 M EUR
TRANSFORMATIVE AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (TARED); EU SUPPORT TO AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN FACILITY (EU-VACE)	10/2024 – 09/2028	18,3 M EUR INCLUDING 12,7 M EUR FROM EU
AMBITIOUS CLIMATE CONTRIBUTIONS IN AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS (CLIMA)	2025-2029	1,5 M EUR
CARBON OFFSETTING RICE EMISSIONS (CORE)	2024-2027	3,052 M EUR
INTEGRATED APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE RICE PRODUCTION SYSTEM IN NIGERIA (INACC)	08/2021 - 03/2025	5,15 M EUR INCLUDING 4,15 M EUR FROM EU
MARKET-ORIENTED VALUE CHAINS FOR JOBS AND GROWTH IN THE ECOWAS REGION (MOVE)	01/2022 - 12/2027	66,5 M EUR INCLUDING 12,98 M EUR FROM EU GHANA, 24,2 M EUR FROM EU INTPA, 6,68 M EUR FROM BMGF
STRENGTHENING THE ECOWAS COMMISSION TO PROMOTE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE (EAT)	01/2022 - 03/2027	10 M EUR





ECOWAS CLUSTER

REGIONAL INTEGRATION, PEACE & SECURITY

PROJECT

DURATION

FUNDS

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

SUPPORT OF THE ECOWAS COMMISSION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFCFTA (AFCFTA)

01/2023 - 12/2025

9 M EUR

PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

SUPPORT TO THE ECOWAS COMMISSION ON ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (OD)

05/2023 - 12/2026

14 M EUR INCLUDING 6 M EUR FROM EU

SUPPORT TO ECOWAS IN PEACE, SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE (EPSG)

11/2024 - 12/2027

23 M EUR INCLUDING 8,75 M EUR FROM EU

REGIONAL FUND FOR STABILISATION THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ECOWAS MEMBER STATES (FRSD)

01/2023 - 04/2026

25,20 M EUR

SUPPORT THE MITIGATION OF DESTABILIZING EFFECTS OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (M-TOC)

01/2024 - 12/2025

4,50 M EUR

PARTNERSHIP FOR STRENGTHENING CYBERSECURITY

02/2023 - 06/2026

11,5 M EUR INCLUDING 1,5 M EUR FROM EU



HUMAN MOBILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE (HMCCC)	12/2023 - 03/2027	8,03 M EUR
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BORDER MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA: SUPPORT TO THE AFRICAN UNION BORDER PROGRAMME (AUBP)	07/2023 - 06/2026	15 M EUR
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CLIMATE, ENERGY AND JUST TRANSITION

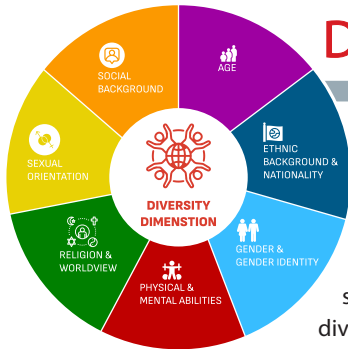
PROMOTION OF A CLIMATE-FRIENDLY ELECTRICITY MARKET IN THE ECOWAS REGION (PROCEMIII)	01/2022 - 12/2025	12,20 M EUR
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HEALTH, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND POPULATION DYNAMICS

SUPPORT FOR PANDEMIC PREVENTION IN THE ECOWAS REGION (RPPPIII)	01/2024 - 12/2025	5 M EUR
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DIVERSITY - EQUITY AND INCLUSION



Diversity means recognising, respecting and benefiting from diverse identities and their varied experiences, life plans and outlooks. GIZ is a diverse company bringing together staff with different experiences in diverse teams and everyone should have equal opportunities to participate in shaping

a future worth living. Our understanding of diversity is based on the seven dimensions defined by the German Diversity Charter as factors determining people's behaviour and identity. The launch of Cooperation and Leadership (KuF) in 2017 initiated a process of cultural change at GIZ. The internal project drafted four principles that give us a structure for our work. One of these is 'Cooperate in diversity'. The Cooperation and Leadership principles have been integrated into GIZ's Corporate Principles and form the basis for how we work together.

Diversity is thus a cornerstone for cooperation within our company. In 2019, GIZ signed the Diversity Charter, thereby committing itself to actively integrating diversity as a theme throughout the company. GIZ has also made further commitments to specific diversity dimensions in its gender strategy, equal opportunities plan and inclusion agreement for staff with (severe) disabilities. We oppose all forms of discrimination, and we recognise that diversity has ethical and

human-rights components, which may vary from country to country.

In Nigeria, GIZ has established a Gender Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Secretariat in 2023, based in the Country Office in Abuja. The Secretariat is fully dedicated to the topic and actively:

- ◆ coordinates the diversity dimensions to promote intersectionality within GIZ Nigeria & ECOWAS and in the scope of its work with partners.
- ◆ coordinates all facets of gender related activities and proffers advice on the Feminist development and foreign policy, amongst other gender related issues.
- ◆ advises and supports GIZ Nigeria & ECOWAS on GIZ corporate culture of gender equality and equal opportunities for all.

For further information visit our [GIZ diversity page](#) or contact the GIZ Nigeria diversity secretariat via: diversity-nigeria@giz.de



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