

Civil Society Spending on Covid-19 (March-June 2020)

BACKGROUND

Through a survey of Nigeria Network of NGOs (NNNGO) members and the wider civil society community in Nigeria, launched between July and August 2020, we sought to capture COVID-19 related support that civil society organisations gave to communities across the country.

We wanted to hear from them how much they spent in Naira terms between March and June 2020, in which State and Local Government area, activities they spent on and group of beneficiaries. We were interested in hearing first-hand information how their support offered hope and resilience.

We received and analysed 132 responses from a range of organisations in 31 States of the Federation. This summary shows an analysis of their responses and identifies the significant role that nonprofits are playing in the nation's response to address the Covid-19 pandemic.

The survey also reveals a myriad of opportunities for ensuring that the nonprofit community is taken seriously and seen as viable partner in national development. The survey supported our advocacy at NNNGO on the social and economic impact of the nonprofit sector and its role in helping the country build back better.

We are extremely excited to read how the support given by the 132 civil society organisations brought hope, joy, and relief to households (men, women, children and elderly) in 206 local governments across the country.

Respondents to the survey are small to medium sized civil society organisations with the smallest amount of money spent being 10,000 Naira and highest 4.5 million Naira. More than half are based in Lagos State, with more money also spent in Lagos.

All respondents certified the data submitted for this survey to be true and available for verification. NNNGO has not independently verified this data beyond the certification signed by senior managers of the various organisations responded.

While we have made every effort to ensure that the data in this report is accurate, NNNGO accepts no responsibility for any errors or actions resulting in error taken as a result of the information contained in this report.

While the world and indeed Nigeria is still learning how the pandemic will play out, the lessons we are learning is the need to mobilise sector-wide resources to address the pandemic.

With over 80,000 civil society organisations across the country, the support that these organisations are giving across the country can be better imagined through the activities these 132 nonprofit organisations that have agreed to share data from their work with us and for which we are grateful.

CIVIL SOCIETY COVID-19 SUPPORT TO THE VULNERABLE BETWEEN MARCH TO JUNE 2020



316,774,791

in



31 States

across



206 LGA's

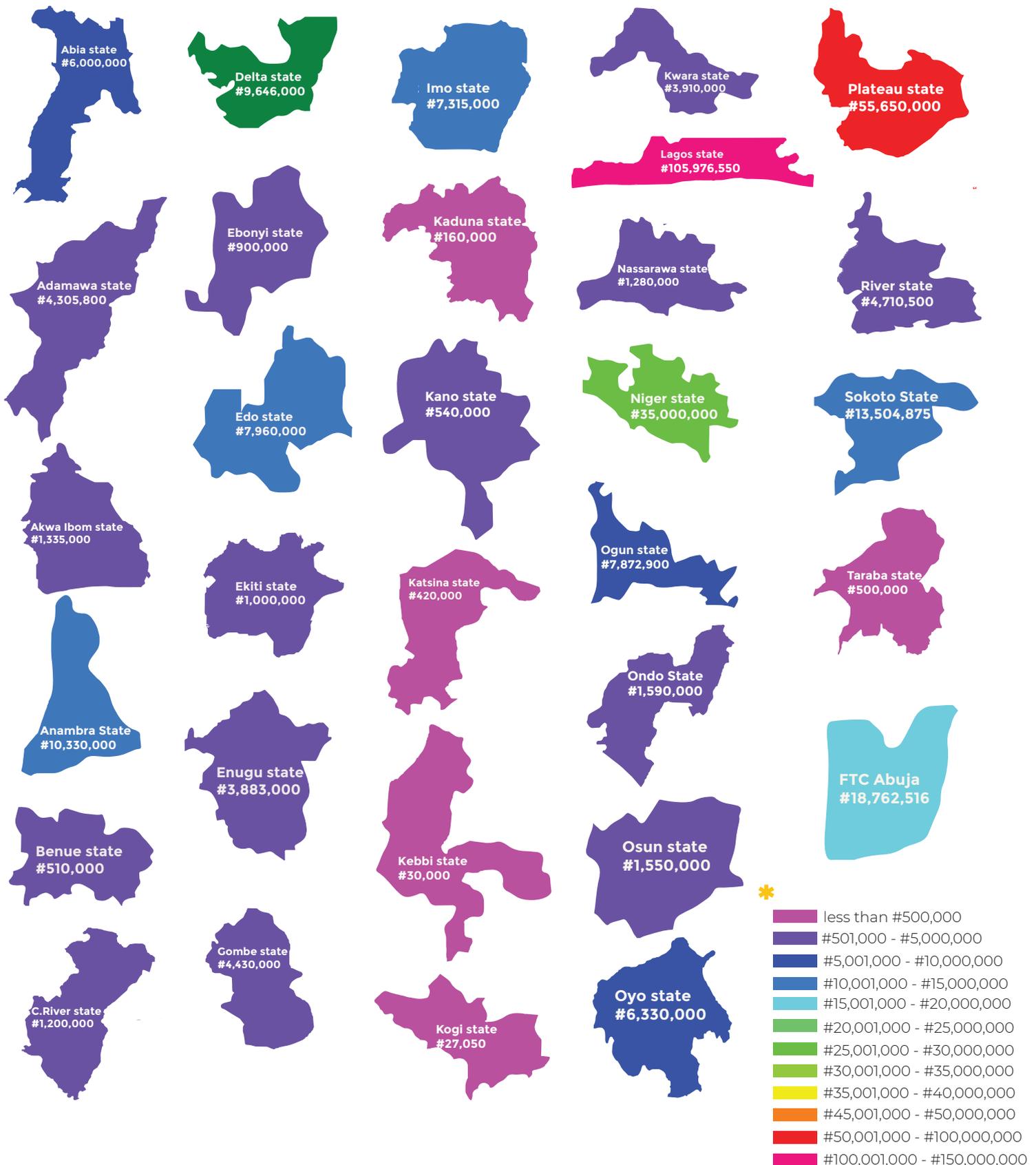
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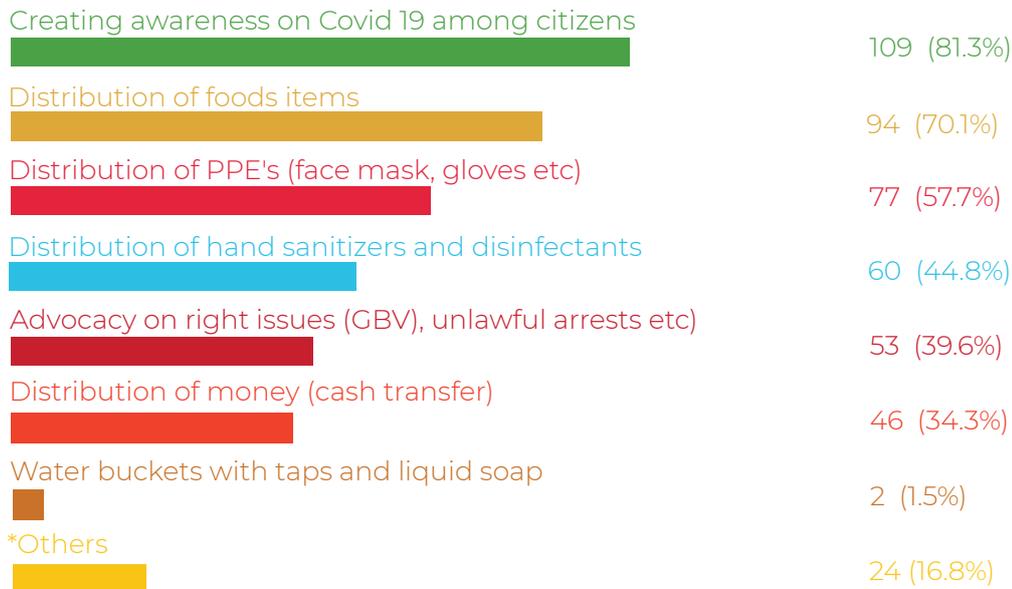
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BENEFICIARIES



SPENDING BY THE 132 CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS PER STATE



ACTIVITIES THE 132 CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS SPENT ON IN 4-MONTHS (MARCH, APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2020)

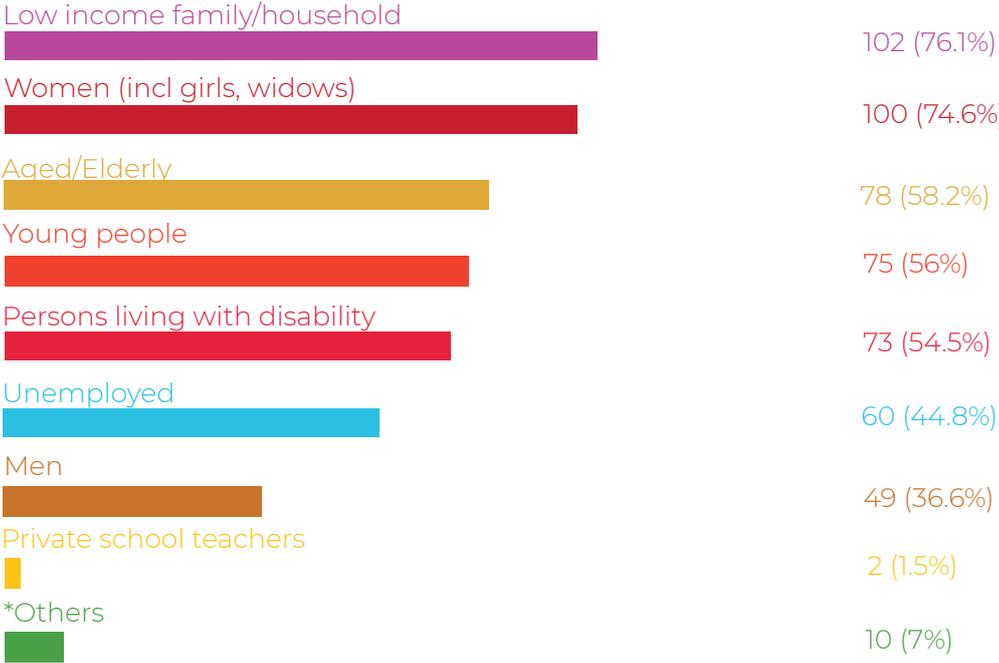


* Books on COVID-19, birthing kits for pregnant women, school work on radio programme, advocacy on inclusion of PWDs, sign language training, supply of potable water, condom distribution, distribution of micro-nutrients and purchase of internet data for the vulnerable.

Note:

Survey respondents had the opportunity of selecting more than one option

BENEFICIARY DEMOGRAPHICS



*Teachers, widows in IDPs, female sex workers, health workers and persons living with HIV/AIDs.

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STORIES OF HOPE

Stories shared by respondents based on their field activities relating to support given to the communities



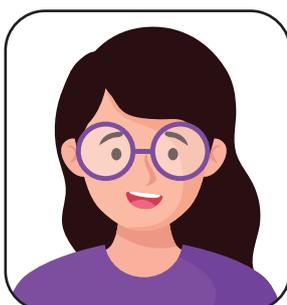
As a result of our 15-day Media Campaign against rape, the silence culture in Osun State was broken. Young people are now beginning to speak out on cases of rape. For instance, during our campaign, a victim was able to speak out that her guardian, whom her mother entrusted her to, had been sexually abusing her. This Junior Secondary School (JSS 2) girl is now pregnant, even though she lost her father not too long ago. Unfortunately, the culprit kept denying his actions until we got the Nigerian Police involved through the instrumentation of the Commissioner for Women Affairs & Child Development. The victim is currently undergoing counselling for psychosocial support; while the perpetrator is being handled appropriately by the relevant authorities.

During the pandemic, while providing palliative support to widows, we meet one of the widows who had three dependents that needed more than just food. We found out that the house where they lived had no doors and no toilets. According to her, they would often go to other houses within their neighbourhood if they had to use the toilet. The worst part of her story was that, she had a young girl between the age of 11-13 years and reported that the girl had been constantly targeted by a guy who would often visit their compound at night. Seeing her plight, more support was made available to her, which we expect to upscale as more resources become available.



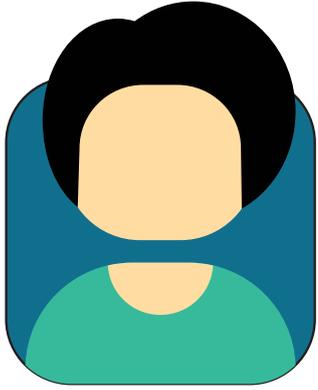
The WoFII Sexual and Gender Based Violence Response Referral Team was called by a community Vanguard 1 April 2019. It was the report of a 15-year old girl, raped by a Wheel-Barrow pusher. We intervened, arrested the perpetrator, and took the girl to the Police Clinic for treatment as she was also stabbed as a result of a fight. The next day, the girl was coerced to change the story to the fact that the rapist was her boyfriend. Without the victim's support, we allowed the perpetrator bail by the IPO but continued with care and support for the survivor. 4 months later, pregnancy could not be hidden and we followed with care and support through our Survivors Network until she had a baby girl. Today, the family comprises a crippled grandmother, a diabetic mother, the rape survivor and her baby girl (whose father ran out of town after being bailed).

Our aim of cooking was to share jollof rice and fried meat to almajiri children. Getting out there, all the people we came across were the elderly almajiris. Since they were obviously hungry and the food was available, we shared out portions. Impressed with how they immediately started eating the food which was a sign of hunger, we sourced for more money and returned the second time; sharing cooked food to same people. This time, the almajiri elders asked if the federal government had sent us. When we responded in the negative, they were so impressed that they started praying for us.



During the pandemic, two young girls came to the office and said they did not have food in their house since their mother who did menial jobs was down with fever. We packed foodstuff for them then they told us that things were so bad that they did not even have kerosene to cook the food. We decided to give them N1000 to buy kerosene. Since then, we are conscious of the lesson learnt, and also make allowances for the provision of non-food items and some cash as well, to enable them meet their immediate need.

A 75year old partially deaf and dumb , widower living in an uncompleted room with his son, who is an unemployed youth who had just started learning tailoring before the lockdown was reached with COVID- 19 palliative support (foodstuff) his home in the hard-to-reach riverine Shogunro community within Yaba LCDA This life saving support came at the right time as only the JAKIN N.G.O COVID -19 food relief AP Project had been to locate or reach out to Pa Johnson his Egun Community during the pandemic lockdown. JAKIN N.G.O was the only organisation that provided support for this riverine community and a total of 416 vulnerable households were reached through the intervention.



A mother of 4 children who hailed from Ebonyi was deserted by her husband because she gave birth to all girls. She confessed that for over 3 years her husband who resides in Onitsha had never enquired after nor supported her and the children, She had worked at the Quarry mines in Umuogharu and before the COVID-19 period made an average of N400 daily, hauling and carrying lumps of stones from mining pits 30 metres underground. During the pandemic especially due to the lock down and restrictions, she could not go to work and or find support to feed her children and aged mother. She was one of our many beneficiaries who received food items, hand wash materials and cash. Tears of joy rolled down her cheeks when we gave her those items. According to her " my condition was likened to the story of the widow in the Bible who had the last meal and was waiting for starvation but was identified and provided for by the prophet".

During one of our sensitisation visits to Afaha Ikot Akpaedu, Ibesikpo Asutan LGA, we met a mother of eight who had a blind husband; all whom she could hardly feed. We took her to Ikot Iko Ibesikpo Primary Health Care Centre for counselling on birth control measures, provided food stuff and a grant to enable her start petty trading and supplied her the first set of goods- our exclusive Kara-Kara packaged Chicken Egg Powder, free of charge. This has been of great value to the children who are able to be fortified in every meal they have had since then. The poor woman is now radiating admirable resilience in the face of great odds.



SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

Abraham's Children Foundation
ACTS Generation GBV
Adanne Charity and Welfare Foundation
Africa Middle East Progressive Initiative (AMEPI)
African Youth Empowerment in Agriculture and Industrial Development Initiatives (AYEAID)
Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation
Akwa Ibom Egg Nutrition Awareness Initiative (AKENAI)
Association for Better Community Health
Association of Women Entrepreneurs and Business Owners
Beellahy Foundation
Bina Foundation for people with special needs
BraveHeart Initiative for Youth & Women
Brimminds Foundation
BudGIT Foundation
Centre for children in crisis
Centre for Health & Development in Africa (CHEDA)
Centre for People's Health, Peace and Progress (3Ps)
Centre for Support of Women in Unpaid and Informal Employment in Nigeria
Centre for Youth Studies
Cesela Virginspride foundation
Changemakers Africa Youth Empowerment Initiative
Children Academic and Vocational Support Initiatives (CAVSI)
Children and youth awareness development foundation
Child's Rights Advancement & Protection Initiatives, CRAPI
Christian Aid UK Nigeria country program
Christian development foundation - CDF
Christian Development Foundation
Christian Health Association of Nigeria (Nigeria)
Cleannation Foundation
Community - Based Initiative for Growth and Sustainability
Community Empowerment for peace and Health Initiative(CEP)
Dakio Foundation for Rural Healthcare and Education
Dako Foundation for Rural Health Care and Education
Daniel Ogechi Akujobi Memorial (DOAM) Foundation
Dave Enechukwu Foundation
Dawn of life foundation
Dewdrops Care Development Foundation
Divine Grace Medical Missionaries
dotCIVICs
Eartright environmental network initiative.
Ebira Community connect of Nigeria
EI-Aged Care LTD/GTE
Empowering Destiny for Eternity Network Initiative
Engraced Royale International Foundation
Enoch Adeyemi Foundation
FAHCI
Feet of Grace Foundation
Ferdinand patrick Nyameh memorial Foundation
Zing Taraba State
FOMWAN Go be State
Food production and farming
Freky Andrew-Essien Care Foundation (FAECARE FOUNDATION)
FRIENDS of the Deaf Int'l Foundation
Friends In Need Empowerment Initiative

Gbewonro Africa Foundation
Global Hindu Charity Foundation (GHCF)
Global Youth and Women Support Initiative
God's Treasure Kiddies Initiative
Graceville Life Center
Hadassah Care Development Centre
Health And Socio-economic Empowerment of Women and Girls (HASEWAG)
Health Education and Empowerment Initiative (HEDEN)
Health for all initiatives
His Marvellous Grace Support Foundation
Hope Builders Skills Development and Acquisition Foundation
Hope For Us Charity Foundation
Hoproc Development and Empowerment Foundation (HODEF)
House Club XVI NGO/NPOs
Jakin Initiative International Coy LTD/GTE (JAKIN N.G.O)
Jisola Carew Foundation
Karachi Rural-Urban Development Initiative
Keeping Marriage Alive Initiative(KMAI)
Keeping It Real Foundation
Keep up the hope - KUTHFOUNDATION
Lawanti Community Dev. Foundation (LCDF)
Lifeline initiative for widows empowerment and economic development (Liweed)
MACGETTY hope Foundation
Mercy Hour HIV/TB Foundation
Nature Cares Resource Centre
Neighbourhood Environment Watch Foundation
Nuradeen harande mahe foundation
Okereke Ukeje Foundation
Olive community Development Initiatives
Onyemaechi Hope For The Hopeless Foundation
Ogoni Female Entrepreneur Initiative
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Initiative
People Encouragers Initiative
Phebe Benevolent Foundation
Production of food
Productive Community For Sustainable Development Initiative
Public Enlightenment Project
Rachel Mbazamber Gbeda Ramberg child Survival Initiative
Reconnect Health Development Initiative
Restoration of the dignity of Womanhood
Rock of Ages Empowerment Foundation
Royal School of Educational Therapy Foundation
Rural Health Mission Nigeria
Rural Community Aid Beyond Limits Initiative
Save & Nurture Child Care Foundation
Silver Lining for the Needy Initiative
Skills Outside School Foundation
Smiles Network International Initiative
Sokoto state health professionals volunteers associations
Sola Olagunju foundation
Sparkle Foundation
Spotlight initiative
Support light initiative

The Corinthians Help Foundation
The Gracious Woman Care Initiative
The Let Cerebral Palsy Kids Learn Foundation
The Learnzone Foundation
The IREDE Foundation
The Joeliana Okuhor Care Foundation (JOCAF)
The Nigerian Workforce Strategy and Enlightenment Centre (NIWOSEC)
The Productive Youths Development Initiative
The Pukiche Girl Child Foundation
The Youth Future Savers Initiative
Tosin Quota International Foundation
Trippinz Care Inc
Ugonma Foundation
Wegirls development foundation
Women And Children of inspiration
Women & Community Livelihood Foundation
Women Inspiration Development Center
Won International Gospel Ministry
Working Fingers Int'l Initiative
Young Children Centre Point
Youth Awareness And Peace Development (YAPD)
Ziklag Hope Foundation

CONCLUSION

Our immediate reflections at the Nigeria Network of NGOs, on the survey findings are:

- 1 The social and economic impact of the civil society sector in Nigeria can no longer be denied in relation to how their activities bring hope to the vulnerable including how it grows the economy.
- 2 This report reinforces the fact that civil society is an effective partner in development, and also demonstrates its extensive reach. If properly contextualized the report could help policymakers know how best to channel civil society resources towards national development including creating platforms for bringing the sector to the table through a multistakeholder partnership.
- 3 Sub-national governments can now know the rates at which nonprofits support their economy, offer hope, and create direct and indirect jobs- and why it is important to offer them space in planning and implementation like they do other sectors.
- 4 Businesses and government should see civil society not as noisemakers but as “talkers and doers of good” and must see them as viable partners in national development.
- 5 Civil society organisations must support the production of a large scale economic impact study that can support evidence for us to rise to and above the trust we have earned in communities, document our impact in Naira terms and make our voices heard for the collective good of our country.

About NNNGO

The Nigeria Network of NGOs (NNNGO) is the first generic membership body for civil society organisations in Nigeria that facilitates effective advocacy on issues of poverty and other developmental issues. Established in 1992, NNNGO represents over 2800 organizations ranging from small groups working at the local level, to larger networks working at the national level.

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