

Nigeria



Located in West Africa, Nigeria lies on the Gulf of Guinea, a part of the Atlantic Ocean



A message from Ngozi Eze Country Director, Nigeria

Women for Women International – Nigeria is a force to be reckoned with in the areas of poverty alleviation, rights awareness and leadership education and skills acquisition.

Presently, hundreds of women in several communities around Enugu located in the South Eastern zone and Jos, Plateau in the North Central Zone of Nigeria are participating in skill trainings in animal husbandry, poultry farming, rice farming and knitting.

We encourage women to form cooperatives, register with the relevant bodies in their local government areas for their cooperative registrations and open bank accounts.

Women for Women International – Nigeria also periodically conducts “Men’s Gender Sensitivity Training for men leaders in the rural communities. Topics for these classes include: Community Rebuilding and Participation, Family and Health (HIV/AIDs, Violence Against Women, Family Planning), Girl Child Education, etc

We collaborate with other stakeholders to bring relevant services to women in the communities. For example, presently we are also running a daily clinic with the Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria in our Jos office for program participants.

We are grateful to you, our Sponsors for making it possible for us to reach out to new program participants.

Ngozi Eze



IN BRIEF

Years of corrupt military rule, tribal conflicts, famine, and weak economic policies have created problems for all Nigerians, and especially women. Women all over Nigeria endure astounding miseries,

from legalized domestic abuse in some states to high rates of genital cutting in some communities.

Nigerian women are often forced to marry very young. Ongoing regional conflicts leave hundreds of these young women widowed each year, unable by law to inherit property: these women end up destitute.

Women for Women provides job skills training and rights awareness to Nigerian women- and also is able to hold training for men, to inform them of women’s rights.

Language: Ibo, Hausa and Yoruba

Life expectancy (female): 48.5 years

Life expectancy (male): 47.15 years

Population: 140,000,000+

Per capita income: \$2,000

Unemployment: 4.9%

Literacy (female): 60.6%

● 24% of our program participants can read more than their name

● 24% of our program participants can write more than their name

Literacy (male): 75.7%

Access to safe drinking water: 62%

Learn more about our program in Nigeria at www.womenforwomen.org/nigeria

A Day In the Life

A typical Nigerian woman in rural Nigeria wakes up between 4-5:30 am to say prayers, clean her home, and if she lives in a rural area, to fetch water from the nearest source, which can be as far as 6 miles away. She prepares food for her children, and helps them get ready for school.

She works all day, sometimes in her home, trading and selling goods, or farming. In the evenings, she prepares dinner, typically the second meal of the day, consisting of carbohydrate-rich food such as cassava, boiled yams, and thick soups. Entertainment comes from community and/or religious events.

One Woman's Story: Aja Helen

Before joining Women for Women International, Aja Helen believed her only worth in life was to raise children and provide for her husband ... because that is what she was always told. She was given in marriage after finishing secondary school, but after the death of her only son, caused by her poor living conditions, she enrolled in Women for Women International - Nigeria.

It was the discussion on "Women and Economy" motivated her to confront her husband demand him to keep his promise to her, that she could start her own business. Now, thanks to the support from her Sponsor, not only does she run a small shop selling cooked foods like, rice, fufu and pepper soup, she also plans to enroll in adult literacy classes. Her group has registered as a cooperative society and is currently in the process of securing land for pig farming- one of the skill training courses in the Women for Women International program.

"Women for Women International Nigeria is like a light that shines in darkness, wakes one from sleep to face reality and wins"



HOW DO I SAY?

Dear <Name>	Ezi gbo... - Zuwa ga...
How are you?	Kedu ka I mere? - Yaya ki ke?
How is your family?	Kedu maka ezi n'ulo gi? - Yaya iyalink?
My name is ...	Aha m bu... - Sunana...
I am happy to write you	Obi di m uto idere gi leta! - Ina da farin ciki nia rubuta maki wannan wasi ka.
I am thinking of you	Ana m eche make gi. - Ina tunaninlci kullam.
Thank You	Daalu - Na gode.
Goodbye	Kemesia - Sai na ji daga gareki.

