



Nigeria Youth Network

About the Network

The network (NYEN) spreads across 17 states in Nigeria with over 300 young people primarily focusing on engagement and advocacy around climate change, youth employment, and the Nigerian Youth Parliament.

The Nigerian National Volunteer Service (NNVS) coordinates volunteering as a mechanism to fight poverty in Nigeria, break down tribal, religious, and political divides, and enhance national unity and wellbeing of the people.

Nigeria's youth network is actively involved in helping to develop and further youth voices and volunteering as part of this program.

Youth employment

The network is always looking for ways to secure good jobs and bright futures for young people, such as through the Challenge Fund for Youth Employment (CFYE) – a program funded by the Netherlands to help create good employment opportunities for young people.

To make sure that young Nigerians' voices were included in the program, the network ran a research project into youth unemployment in the country, generating insights and understanding of young people's hopes and aspirations, as well as the barriers that prevent them from reaching them.

The research was presented to representatives from business, civil society and the Dutch consulate, helping to shape policies that would create jobs and opportunities, and ensuring that young people's needs are enshrined in those policies from the start.

Climate education

Research indicates that Nigeria is the 17th biggest emitter of greenhouse gases and the second highest in Africa, exposing Nigeria to the adverse impact of climate change. Despite this, many are unaware of the dangers of climate change.

Some northern states of Nigeria have experienced huge losses in recent years due to winds and flooding, which have destroyed property worth over 700 million Naira (more than 1.6 million USD), displaced over 7,290 people and destroyed over 3,900 homes, schools, farmland and clean water sources.

Given the acute threat posed by climate change, youth volunteers are working to raise awareness of climate issues and green livelihood opportunities in clean energy, circular economy and waste management. So far they have reached more than 150 people through digital campaigns and workshops – including 15 people with learning disabilities – who have themselves become climate and environmental advocates, cascading the knowledge through the community.

Covid-19

The NYEN team was granted funding to plan and implement its Covid-19 response in Nigeria. The objective of



the project was to raise awareness and reduce communal spread in the satellite towns within Abuja, Kano and Adamawa.

The network established a project committee, a baseline survey, advocacy stakeholders and 50 Covid-19 prevention ambassadors. They disseminated information, education and communication materials, and supported the production of produced hand sanitizer and masks for community members.



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