We work in some of the poorest and hard-to-reach communities, providing support on the basis of need, regardless of religion or ethnicity.
We’re centred around people
January to December 2020 in summary

The global impact of Covid-19 adversely affected programme delivery across the world in 2020. However, despite the negative impact of the pandemic, the worsening security situation and dwindling donor funding, Christian Aid Nigeria has made giant strides in delivering big, deep, long lasting change.

PEOPLE REACHED

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Female (49.7%)  Male (50.3%)

YEAR 2020 IN NUMBERS

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AREAS OF INTERVENTION

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<td>Cash Distribution</td>
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INTERVENTION RATIO

- WASH: 42.76%
- NFI: 24.68%
- Cash: 16.39%
- Food: 12.37%
- Capacity building: 3.81%

LOCATIONS

Working with 17 indigenous organizations across 4 geopolitical zones.

- Sokoto
- Zamfara
- Kano
- Yobe
- Borno
- Kaduna
- Plateau
- Nassarawa
- Benue
- Anambra
- Akwa-Ibom
- Lagos
- Sokoto
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The Nigeria we want to see

A just, equitable and peaceful Nigerian society where poverty is eradicated and (everyone) is empowered to live life in all its fullness.

Our mission

To mobilise and empower the poor and marginalised to meaningfully engage in their own development, working in partnerships and building a movement to challenge and change the systems that promote and perpetuate poverty, inequality and injustice.

Strategically addressing the needs of hard-to-reach populations through quality and innovative approaches while empowering communities, responding to humanitarian crisis and building community resilience. Our niche area and expertise around local and communities organizing and governance where the larger percentage of extreme poverty is found.

Our values

Our core values are:

• **Dignity**: We believe that everyone should be treated with respect and honour.
• **Equality**: We believe everyone irrespective of their sex, tribe, social and economic status, religion, should have equal opportunities.
• **Justice**: We believe everyone deserves to be treated fairly.
• **Love**: We are committed to showing care, empathy and supporting people to live their lives in fullness.

We go the extra mile to ensure we reach communities that are already vulnerable by a virtue of their location, limited access to basic social services among others.

We distributed 6,392,781 metric tonnes of food and 713,162 nutritional supplements to displaced individuals in 2020.

Community members are trained on nutrition and breastfeeding practices to ensure mothers and children are healthy.
The year 2020 was a challenging year for all of humanity, including us at Christian Aid Nigeria. The ravaging effects of the covid-19 pandemic posed unprecedented challenges to our work of reaching and serving the most vulnerable and marginalised populations. It tested our commitment and challenged us to find innovative ways of working. Yet, we are still STANDING TOGETHER with our constituency; the poor and vulnerable. We scaled the hurdles and stayed true to our core purpose.

Despite the adverse effect of the pandemic, we have made appreciable progress and our strategy (2019-2026 - “Standing Together”) is still on course. We found new ways of working through technology and innovations to deliver results in the three programme areas - Health and Human Development, Democracy and Good Governance and Humanitarian and Sustainable Livelihood.

**Improving Access and Mitigating Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic:** In the last year, we forged strategic partnerships with critical stakeholders including local partners, government agencies, INGOs Forum, faith institutions and other development partners to increase access to basic education and essential health services through school-based WASH intervention and universal health coverage (UHC), especially for the informal sector in rural communities. To mitigate the secondary impact of the covid-19 pandemic, we provided life-saving assistance including risk communication messages, non-food items (NFIs), personal protective equipment (PPEs), built capacity of health workers on Covid-19 protocols, and provided livelihood in form of cash assistance to the poor and vulnerable households in hard-to-reach communities to mitigate the secondary impact of Covid-19 pandemic through the UK aid funded C19 NALPER project in Benue, Borno and Kaduna states.

We implemented evidenced-based risk communication and media campaigns intervention that reached over 30 million people across Nigeria. Risk communication messages were tailored to increase risk perception, dispel myths and misconceptions around corona virus and address stigma which was a key driver of infection. In addition, we responded to the needs of people displaced by conflicts occasioned by the worsening security situation in southern Kaduna communities through provision of relief materials, non-food items and protection to vulnerable persons through the START-FUND projects.

**Speaking Truth to Power:** We target long lasting change in institutions, policies, practices and beliefs. Our accountable governance approach has strengthened local communities and institutions to change the balance of power between citizen and state by influencing government plans and budgets and holding government to account to provide basic services and run inclusive governance. Christian Aid Nigeria mobilised, trained and equipped Faith Leaders with knowledge and evidence to champion the issues of gender inequality, female genital mutilation (FGM), and early/forced marriage of adolescent girls in Nigeria. Faith leaders are taking leadership on key issues facing adolescent girls as part of their regular messages to their congregation and as a key agenda item in engaging with Government at national, state and at local levels.

**Building Resilience for People in Conflict:** Christian Aid is a major responder in providing humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs). The pandemic disrupted the food supply chains because of lockdowns introduced by government to contain the Covid-19 virus, this resulted in severe and acute malnutrition for pregnant, lactating mothers and under-five children. Besides the traditional two-pronged approach (General Food Distribution and Livelihood interventions) to our humanitarian response, we integrated nutrition sensitive programming and provided direct and in-kind food distribution and cash support to vulnerable households and Village Loans and Saving Associations (VSLAs) to improve nutritional outcomes for under-five, pregnant and lactating mothers. Our livelihood intervention provided households and community assets that enabled IDPs to settle back into the communities and spurred economic activities. Cash for livelihood was provided for vulnerable individuals and households provide incomes to formerly displaced persons.

**Charles Usie**  
**Country Director, Christian Aid (UK) Nigeria**
Our Story

Christian Aid began its work in Nigeria in 2003 and for almost two decades, we have worked with partners to empower the poorest and most vulnerable populations in project locations. We have worked with marginalized and vulnerable populations in communities in 16 states of Nigeria, responding to humanitarian emergencies, improving access to essential health services, supporting them to participate and take ownership of their development and promoting accountable governance and inclusive development through critical programme intervention areas.

Christian Aid's 7-years strategy, “Standing Together” (2019-2026) focuses on programme delivery with a sustained and reinvigorated vision of a just, equitable and peaceful Nigerian society where poverty is eradicated, and everyone is empowered to live life in all its fullness. The strategy will deliver impact results across three priority areas of intervention including – Health and Human Development, Humanitarian and Sustainable Livelihood and Democracy and Good Governance.

The delivery of Christian Aid intervention areas is guided by the organization’s strategic framework of Poverty, Power and Prophetic Voice (3Ps), this framework recognizes the nexus between poverty and power and the essential of speaking truth to power; which is based on the understanding that to achieve lasting solution to the challenges the world is facing, poverty, power, and people’s ability to speak against injustice must be tackled together. The 3Ps provides a holistic pathway to eradicating poverty by deploying innovative strategies and partnership with stakeholders to challenge systems and structures that perpetuate poverty and inequality.

Since 2014, Christian Aid has been supporting conflict affected households with conditional and unconditional cash transfers to ensure they have funds to meet their basic needs.

Christian Aid’s strategic framework

A just, equitable and peaceful Nigerian society where poverty is eradicated and everyone is empowered to live life in all its fullness

Cross-cutting themes

• Strategic behaviour change communication
• Partnership and capacity strengthening
• Gender and social inclusion
• Programme quality and learning
• Research and development
• Advocacy and campaign
Christian Aid Expertise

Health and Human Development

It is a holistic, adaptable and inclusive programming approach to increase access of poor and marginalised communities to quality health and nutrition services. We build community agency by working with our partners to empower community health structures to identify and demand their development needs from duty bearers through advocacy. Our health intervention is contributing to reduction in disease burden for under-five children among poor and marginalized populations and we are working with stakeholders to expand access to health services through universal health coverage (UHC) across the states. Christian Aid integrated approach to health programme delivery empowers communities to improve their resilience and quality of life.

Democracy and Good Governance

Our governance programme is improving government accountability and responsiveness to the needs of poor and marginalised people. We are providing support and building capacity for individuals, community, and civil society groups to achieve demand-driven governance that is participatory and inclusive of all groups especially the most vulnerable and marginalised. Our approach is making lasting change on institutions, policies and practices. We have strengthened local communities and institutions and change the balance of power between citizen and state by influencing government plans and budgets and holding government to account for provision of services and inclusive governance. We are amplifying community voices in governance, increasing participation and building local capacity of communities through citizen engagement to hold duty bearer accountable for provision of services using social accountability tools.

Humanitarian, Sustainable Livelihood and Resilience

Our humanitarian response provides immediate relief, while leveraging on opportunities to rebuild communities and establish sustainable livelihoods and improved practices. We prioritize three critical elements including emergency lifesaving food assistance to communities affected by conflict, promoting livelihood recovery and health in emergencies with focus on nutrition. We are improving the conditions of persons affected by conflict and disaster by providing timely life-saving interventions that ensures equality of life in the long term, while building livelihoods and peaceful communities in Nigeria. We prioritize and provide nutrition services to severely malnourished under-five, pregnant and lactating mothers. We have used innovative approaches to empower communities for income generation, cash, and livelihood asset distribution for displaced and host communities in conflict areas.
Nigeria continues to experience significant humanitarian needs, following over 11 years of conflict affecting the Lake Chad region especially in the North East. The insurgency took another turn in this region with increase in the targeting of humanitarian workers and Christians as Armed Opposition Groups would abduct travellers along the Maiduguri-Yobe road and seek for heavy ransom or just kill the abductees. The major effect of the attacks on civilians and humanitarian workers is that food items and consumables that come from other regions became short in supply, leading to an upsurge in prices.

Banditry activities have in recent times increased both in frequency of occurrence and severity of impact, especially in the northwest, hindering movement from the country's capital to states in the northwest, forcing commuters to go by train or flight. People whose livelihood involves regular commuting along these axes but cannot afford these alternatives are left at the mercy of the bandits or switch to alternative sources of livelihood. Increasing herder farmers' clashes within the North west and central of Nigeria have also caused increased displacement and vulnerability of individuals and households who are already strained economically.

This was further worsened by the COVID-19 outbreak in Nigeria. The first COVID-19 case in Nigeria was registered in early February 2020. The story since then had been a steady increase in the number of confirmed cases. The outbreak caused initial panic as Internally Displaced Persons (IDP), community members, government workers and humanitarian workers had very limited information about the novel virus and how to appropriately prevent oneself. Reacting to the continuous increase in the infection rate, the Federal Government of Nigeria and respective state governments declared various level of lockdowns.

The lockdown disrupted critical supply-chain of essential goods and services, which in turn created scarcity and prices sky-rocketeted, taking a negative effect on nutrition of children as malnutrition surged.

This was well corroborated by the ICRC report of October 2020 where it was reported that malnutrition rates increased in children in nutrition centres it supports in Nigeria, the number of children treated by the outpatient nutrition program grew by 20%, while the number of severe malnutrition cases rose by 10% as compared to the same period the year before.

The mixed feelings that trailed government’s lockdown measures spiralled into violent clashes with security officers following the widespread ENDSARS protest against police brutality in Nigeria. The event gained sustained momentum and attracted international interest including a debate by the UK parliament November 2020.

There is also the soaring cost of living amplified by the multiple increase on petroleum products and electricity tariffs and the lockdown of social and economic activities sandwiched by a 9-Month-long strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASSU), all of these further fragments the already weak state capabilities in the country and have further plunged more people into poverty.

Christian Aid sustained both her humanitarian response and development work despite the lockdown and movement restriction. These necessitated significant changes in our approach to work, including reducing the number of staff in deep field locations, working from home and conducting remote trainings and workshops where possible. During the period, we ensured that Christian Aid representatives commit to necessary safeguarding standard through continuous sensitization and information sharing using legible posters as reminders in all offices.
Our Contribution to Poverty Reduction in 2020

Key highlights

Christian Aid’s experience in previous health, WASH, emergency, and disaster management projects was a springboard for the rapid deployment of our Covid-19 responses. We leveraged on existing networks of relationship with government stakeholders including agencies and ministries, Covid-19 Response teams in states, local Christian Aid partners, media, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and community groups. These played a critical role in term of rapid approvals, coordination, and collaboration by relevant stakeholders.

Our different responses contributed to support families by improving their already existing livelihoods and creating an opportunity for new businesses to spring up making them more financially resilient.

As an organization, we have developed our capacity in delivering aid amid a pandemic, ensuring the safety of our staff and the people we work with.

Building Resilient Communities Amid a Pandemic


We implemented several interventions across Anambra, Benue, Borno and Kaduna States to minimise and mitigate the impact of the pandemic in Nigeria with the C19 NALPER as one of the flagship projects.

The responses included unconditional cash transfers to 2,418 individuals, distribution of non-food items to 1,695 selected households (HHs), provision of boreholes and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities reaching 45,390 people across communities, technical training and distribution basic personal protective equipment (PPE) to health workers with integration Covid-19 risk communication at different levels.

The global Covid-19 pandemic adversely affected the income and livelihood of families especially poor and vulnerable people living in hard-to-reach communities. Through our interventions, we provided cash, non-food items, hygiene, and personal protective kits to families to mitigate the adverse effect of the pandemic.
Our Contribution to Poverty Reduction in 2020

We have facilitated spaces for youth engagement in issues of social exclusion and discrimination especially for Persons with Disabilities and issues around gender-based violence through Christian Aid’s Youth Voice and Accountability initiative intervention.

Through this initiative, we facilitated a successful translation of the Kano state law on persons with disability into Hausa language for increased access and awareness among those who are not able to read in English language. Considering the very high level of illiteracy in the North Nigeria, this has contributed to increasing awareness of rights among youths and persons with Disabilities in Nassarawa LGA of Kano state.

We have supported a movement of CSOs Tax Justice and Governance Platform at the national level to actively engage with the taxation policies and administration in Nigeria focusing on double taxation and illicit financial flows. At the state level our tax work in Kaduna and Kano have contributed to increasing awareness among strategic tax stakeholders and further enhanced the push for a fair and equitable tax system in Nigeria.

Building a Movement for Change, Voice and Accountability

Christian Aid Nigeria launched an innovative strategy on youth engagement through our new country strategy aimed at reaching young people across Nigeria. The initiative named Youth Voice and Accountability project following its successful implementation have equipped young people in target locations with adequate information on civil rights and Gender Justice, using the knowledge gained from this project more Nigerian youths are now at the forefront of fostering conversations on gender-based violence and other gender related issues.

The Youth Voice and Accountability project have also strategically broadened our geographical footprint beyond our traditional locations of focus into all 6 geopolitical zones aiming to drive this movement via one of the most important capital for change in Nigeria - Youths which constitute over 70% of the population.
Our Contribution to Poverty Reduction in 2020

Humanitarian Intervention

The humanitarian crisis in Nigeria has spread beyond the north-east of Nigeria, to other regions such as the north-west and north-central and it is increasingly concerning due to the growing complex emergencies. We implemented several projects across Borno and Kaduna States all aimed at meeting the urgent needs and building resilience of the affected population in these regions.

We supported population affected by the violent crisis in parts of Southern Kaduna, with cash and non-food items (NFI), to provide some succour to the loss of livelihood.

In a bid to revive and improve the livelihood of people affected by conflict post emergency response, we implemented a livelihood project in Borno state which was designed to benefit the community via a two-pronged approach of individual activities to generate income and community-based activities as a form of reconstruction and enablement of dignity as they settle in.

The participating individuals were provided with income generating activity training for the individual component. These activities ranged from rain-fed farming, livestock rearing, food processing amongst others.

The communal part was made up of the construction of elderly houses, market sheds, communal latrines, vocational centre, creation of nursery seeds and transplanting of trees. The participants upon successful monthly rendering of defined task were provided with monthly cash support in meeting the food needs for their households. As a result of these range of activities, the selected households had an improved livelihood as was stated and evidenced by the beneficiaries and in their savings, and in extension an improved access to food as they could decide what to get, when to get it and in what quantity.

Sustainable livelihood and resilience are being achieved gradually with support of the various community stakeholders. There is gradual shift from the reliance on the in-kind food and cash handout to the money earned from the services provided via the communal activities. There is a great adoption of tested approaches like the Village Savings and Loan schemes which is now being practiced and appreciated by the beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries. Furthermore, there is a great sense of ownership in the structures being made available, as the community was part of the planning, and eventual constructions.

The growing insecurity and global Covid-19 pandemic adversely affected the income and livelihood of families especially poor and vulnerable people living in hard-to-reach communities. Through our humanitarian interventions, we have built sustainable livelihoods and resilience of families to thrive.
Our Work with Faith and Traditional Institutions

We are working with Faith and Traditional leaders, who are now champions and change agents on strategic issues and topics such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and gender justice. Leveraging on the respected positions of these leaders, we have built their capacity for advocacy, promote community buy-in on the UHC and to address harmful socio-cultural that pose as barriers.

There is an increase in number of pregnant women accessing antenatal services, individuals receiving HIV testing and counselling and being linked to care and improve uptake of services has led to several communities demonstrating improved hygiene practices and our monitoring assessment have also showed an increase in number of persons accessing health services.

This has contributed to increased community level action for the demand for increased access to health service for all, especially among those living in poverty.

The Side-by-Side movement also built the capacity of 100 Faith and Traditional leaders in four of the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria on preventing violence against women and girls during the COVID-19 pandemic. After the training, the participants signed commitment to promote gender justice among their congregation, they now have improved knowledge and consciousness on gender justice issues. Our continued use of media for health education and promotion also contributed to improved knowledge of health issues and topics such as health insurance.

Christian Aid is working closely with Faith and Traditional leader to act as change agents and publicly speak out against harmful norms and practices which act as barrier to uptake of health services by their community members and promote exclusion of women and girls.
Our Key Projects and Key Achievements

Localised Preparedness and Response to Impacts of COVID-19 on Vulnerable Populations (C19 NALPER)
We mitigated the secondary impact of Covid-19 pandemic by the provision of life-saving assistance, risk communication messages, non-food items (NFIs), personal protective equipment (PPEs), built capacity of health workers on Covid-19 protocols, and provided livelihood in form of cash assistance to the poor and vulnerable households in hard-to-reach communities through the UKAID funded project in Benue, Borno and Kaduna States.

6,194 households received at least 2 component of Non-Food Items (NFIs), cash gifts, WASH services, capacity building, COVID 19 awareness campaigns

Over 30.6 million reached through media campaigns and community awareness and sensitization on Covid-19 messages.

Over 70 health workers received capacity building on COVID 19 protocols.

Evidence for Collaboration and Inclusive Development (ECID)
It is a data-driven project funded by UKAID that is supporting civil society, marginalised groups and government to collect and use data as evidence for effective engagement and participation in policy and decision-making.

39 civil societies trained on advocacy engagement for effective interaction with duty bearers for improved service delivery for marginalised groups.

General Food Distribution
Funded by the World Food Program (WFP)

35,270 individuals (M, 18029, F 17241) reached with in-kind food support in 3 Local Government Areas (LGA) of Borno state.

Nigerian Joint response Project (NJR VI)
(M 435, F 865) provided with cash support to complement other food support programmes in the location.

Building Peace and Resilience
Funded by Start Network and was implemented in Benue and Kaduna State

Improving Health Outcomes and Learning Performance of School-aged Children through WASH
Our WASH intervention provided messages on health and hygiene and formation of WASH clubs and Menstrual health management sessions in target schools. These actions have contributed to improved hygiene practices among our targeted communities and school children. WASH activities constructed latrines, disaggregated by gender in all our target communities. This was aimed at improving the health and dignity of school children and to sustaining access to their educational rights

404 students (157 males, 247 females) reached through hygiene promotional activities and formation of WASH clubs

240 adolescent girls benefitted from the distribution of Menstrual Health Management (MHM) kits.

Act Appeal
600 households (M 185, F415) received cholera prevention kits and WASH items in Dikwa and Monguno LGAs of Borno state.

6 latrines of 2 units each disaggregated by gender constructed

2 school blocks of classrooms with office accommodation rehabilitated
Spotlight: Hauwa’s Story of Transformation

Hauwa Mohammed is a 38 years-old housewife and mother of seven (7) children living in Aligormodo community of Shani LGA, Borno State. Hauwa's family faced difficulty providing food for seven children. The situation was a source of constant quarrelling with her husband whose subsistence farming was hardly enough to feed the children. The economic hardship exacerbated by the Boko Haram insurgency was affecting Hauwa's wellbeing. She tried many things to earn income including an attempt to acquire tailoring skills without success.

Hauwa was enrolled into Christian Aid's Cash-Based Transfer (CBT) intervention supported by WFP in Shani LGA. The project provided nutritional support to pregnant and lactating mothers, Income Generation activities (IGA) to vulnerable households and saving opportunity through Village Savings and Loans Scheme (VSLA). Monthly stipend of 5,000 Naira was aimed at supporting vulnerable families. Hauwa bought food items worth N4,000 and invested N6,000 in palm oil. She started with smaller containers of oil bought from Enugu State and were delivered through her brother who is a long-distance driver.

Hauwa was later enrolled in Christian Aid/WFP supported Income Generation Activities (IGA) and Village Savings Scheme (VSLA) and she got two instalments of N6,000 each. She invested 4,500 naira in used clothing business.

In March 2020, Hauwa took delivery of a stock worth 80,000 Naira. She purchased a sewing machine from her profits. Hauwa now has multiple streams of income including sales of palm oil and used clothing and sewing businesses with total investable fund of over 150,000 Naira. Hauwa saves daily in her VSLA Group. Hauwa now sells as a wholesaler and has empowered five (5) full housewives who collects stocks and sell as retailers. She took Christian Aid staff to her house under construction. Hauwa's story has inspired other full-housewives and men in her community.

From a woman with no source of income, now I have multiple sources of income. I will continue to inspire other women and even men in this community, so we all grow and have stable incomes.

I never dreamt I could become the breadwinner of my house, Christian Aid has changed my story and the stories of other women in Aligormodo Community.

Hauwa now sells used clothes as a wholesaler and is empowering other full-time housewives who collects their stocks from her to sell in the market.

This is Hauwa's house which is under construction. She wants to be an inspiration to other women in her community, so she is very determined to complete the building.
Improving Programme Quality and Delivery

Meeting the Needs of Beneficiaries

Christian Aid’s commitment to improving programme quality and delivery is anchored on generating robust data for evidence-based decision making. Availability of data is critical to improving programme performance and achieving measurable outcomes, hence the need to benchmark project implementation by conducting baseline, midterm and end-line surveys in all its implementation, which gives the Programme teams detailed information as to the vulnerable/marginalised groups and stakeholders in the locations where we work. This is also used to identify the beneficiaries of the intervention especially in the humanitarian context. Needs assessments and baseline surveys are done in collaboration with the partners that work in those location and the community members who are engaged as enumerators and volunteers. Power and Gender Analysis is also an integral component of all our surveys, research, analysis, needs assessment and evaluations.

Effective and Innovative Partnerships:

Christian Aid Nigeria delivers most of its interventions through local partnerships, and in rare cases where projects are implemented directly due to donor requirements, the relevant government agencies for the sector in focus are directly involved in the process to enhance local ownership of the action and promote the delivery of sustainable project outcomes. The National Localisation Working Group facilitated through our Localisation project has transformed into an advocacy mechanism for driving complementary partnership and facilitating local agency for delivering sustainable change. The activities of this group are also been complemented by the efforts of the Women in Humanitarian Response in Nigeria Initiative who are instrumental for broadening the local space for inclusive action for sustained outcomes in the humanitarian space in Nigeria.

Technical Sound and Innovations:

Christian Aid Nigeria have consistently delivered high quality interventions that is timely, relevant and meets the need of the target groups. We have sustained this standard by leveraging all available resources including working with thematic Advisors across our programmes right from conception through proposal design to implementation and evaluation as may be relevant. We also engage with other programme teams both within and outside Christian Aid through effective participation in technical working groups and community of practices to maximise learning and lesson sharing opportunities with relevant colleagues. Adopting a result frameworks and Theory of Change for complex programmes – (especially for our Qualitative focused interventions) has become a norm for Christian Aid Nigeria. This forms the core of our programme development, however, there are limitation in some of our project particularly in the humanitarian sector where certain levels of design are already decided by the respective donor. We work with clear result areas thereby helping to track result, document and report.

Inclusive Participation of Stakeholders:

Christian Aid Nigeria continues to ensure that all projects implemented are accountable to all stakeholders. Regular communication about complaints and feedback channels are made available to project participant. Feedback mechanism such as hotlines, help desks in communities during distributions, suggestion boxes and direct report to staff are usually deployed for collecting complaints and feedback. Complaints are logged, analysed, and necessary action taken as soon as possible via our global digital complaints and feedback platform; COMPASS. Community members are also sensitised on the quality of services and treatment to expect. Christian Aid partners were trained on need for accountability and our global digital offline feedback platform COMPASS which, synching to the global database enables collection of information from hard-to-reach communities. Using phones/tablets. Our partners used the analysis from the feedback platform to inform, adapt community level awareness raising. At the community level, CRM focal persons are identified by the community and trained by partners across all our project locations. We adopted the verbal information sharing, use of posters and banners to give information on safeguarding as well as SEAH.
Cover photo: Nigeria has the second highest burden of stunted children in the world with a national prevalence of 32% of U5 children. Christian Aid is increasing access to food and nutritional supplements to vulnerable households in conflict affected areas especially pregnant or breastfeeding women and children under-five. This has resulted in the adoption of better food combination and childcare. Photo Credit: Christian Aid/Olusegun Oladejo; Page 1: Through our several interventions we provided cash, non-food items, hygiene, and personal protective kits to families to mitigate the adverse effect of the Covid-19 pandemic. Photo Credit: Christian Aid/Toba Oduwaye; Page 3: Christian Aid/Faith Alobo; Christian Aid/Olusegun Oladejo; Christian Aid/Olusegun Oladejo; Page 6: Christian Aid/Olusegun Oladejo; Christian Aid/Faith Alobo; Page 7: Christian Aid/Toba Oduwaye; Page 9: Christian Aid/Legal Awareness for Nigerian Women; Page 10: Christian Aid/Toba Oduwaye; Page 11: Christian Aid/Faith Alobo; Page 13: Christian Aid/Olusegun Oladejo; Page 15: Christian Aid/Toba Oduwaye;