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Vision

To touch the lives of vulnerable and needy persons, and to help them realize their full potential.

Mission

To provide humanitarian and educational services in media and journalism field, conflict zones and for underprivileged or indigent persons.



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Board of Directors

Alhaji Bilya Bala: (Chairman)

Mallam Bilya Bala was appointed as the Board Chairman of the Daily Trust Foundation in 2020. A key shareholder of the Media Trust Group, Mallam Bilya Bala has garnered a wealth of experience as a Businessman and Management and Training Consultant, with a wide-ranging and in-depth experience of supporting and facilitating reform processes in a number of public organizations, where private sector participation was being considered. He is a seasoned financial expert; Human Resources Management Consultant, with specialization in organizational review and structure, training and development as well as communications strategist. Mallam Bala had worked variously as a Teacher, Researcher, Administrator and Human Resources Specialist. After a fruitful career in Teaching, Lecturing, Publishing, Civil Service and Banking, he founded a Management Consulting firm, where as, in other places, now excels. As the Board Chairman of the Daily Trust Foundation, he hit the ground running, driving the agenda of the Foundation with a lot of experience and enthusiasm from being a founder and director of several other organizations, not least the Renascent Consulting outfit. Renascent had executed several National and International Consulting mandates to the satisfaction of its clients and partners.



Alhaji Isiaq Ajibola (Member)

Alhaji Isiaq Ajibola attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he obtained the Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in 1988. He later obtained the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the same university. He co-founded the Media Trust Limited (publishers of Daily Trust Newspapers), as pioneer General Manager and later became the Managing Director/Chief Operating Officer of the Company in year 2007, a position he held until December 2014. He is currently the President/CEO of CBD Media Edge Communications Ltd, an Abuja-based media communications company.



Mannir Dan-Ali (Member)

Mallam Mannir Dan-Ali was Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Media Trust Limited and Editor-in-Chief of Daily Trust, Abuja, the parent body of the Daily Trust Foundation between 2007 and 2020. A media veteran, Dan-Ali obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1986 from Bayero University, Kano. He returned to the same university for graduate studies and completed a Master of Arts degree in English Literature in 1990. He began his career as a secondary teacher in Kano and Katsina States, before Journalism in 1992. He is currently a board member of Media Trust Group and Chairman, Training Committee of Daily Trust Foundation.



Dr Mairo Mandara (Member)

Dr. Mario Mandara, a medical doctor, is the Special Adviser on Sustainable Development Goals, Partnership, and Humanitarian Affairs to the Borno State Governor. She has worked with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as Country Representative to Nigeria. A consultant obstetrician and gynecologist, Dr. Mandara has extensive knowledge of public health systems and managing maternal and child health programmes in Nigeria. Between 2005 and 2010, Dr. Mandara was a Senior Country Adviser in Nigeria to the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and later worked as the Nigeria-based Health Systems Adviser for the Earth Institute at New York's Columbia University.



Engineer Nuru Yakubu, PhD (Member)

Engr. Dr. Muhammad Nuru Yakubu is an accomplished Academic and Administrator. He is a graduate of two world-renowned mining institutions: the Camborne School of Mines, Cornwall UK, as well as the Royal School of Mines of the Imperial College, London. He joined the faculty of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU) in 1982, rising to the rank of Senior Lecturer before joining the Kaduna Polytechnic as the pioneer director of the college of engineering in 1990, serving concurrently as the Deputy Rector (Administration) from 1992 until he became Rector of the Polytechnic in 1996. He was the Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), serving two consecutive terms, from 2000 until 2010. Dr. Yakubu was appointed a National Commissioner of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in 2010, where he served as the Chairman of the Operations Committee, until he retired from the Commission in 2015. He undertook several other federal and state government assignments, including National Project Coordinator of the UNESCO-Nigeria project on the revitalization of Technical and Vocational Education. He served on the boards of Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), National Directorate of Employment (NDE), Rural Electrification Boards of Borno and Yobe States, as well as ATBU governing council, as an elected representative of the university congregation in 1988. He was Chairman of the Presidential Visitation Panel to the Federal Polytechnic Ede in 2021. He was a Vice-President of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (FNSE), Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering (FNAEng), and Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Management (FNIM). Dr. Yakubu is a recipient of the National Honour of the Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON).



Umar Abdullahi (Member)

Malam Umar Abdullahi is a graduate of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and member of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN). A director of Media Trust Group, Malam Abdullahi has sat on the boards of local and international companies, among them VDT Communications Limited, Bitflux Communications Ltd, Adroit Property Developers Ltd, Evolusi Tekno SDN (Malaysia), e-Barcs International (Monaco, France), Empire Securities Limited, etc. He was also a pioneer council member of the Nigeria-Nordic Chamber of Commerce and the founding President of Nigeria-Ivorian Chamber of Commerce. Malam Abdullahi is widely travelled and has been involved in several non-profit organizations and initiatives. He currently serves as a board member of Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company



Management Staff

THEOPHILUS ABBAH (Programme Director)

Theophilus Abbah joined Daily Trust Foundation as Programme Director in 2018. He is an award-winning investigative journalist and was the Editor of Daily Trust on Sunday and later Managing Editor of the newspaper. Abbah holds a PhD in English (Forensic Linguistics) from the University of Abuja.



IMMAM NMA SHUAIB (Programme Officer)

Immam Nma Shuaib is a trained Economist from the University of Abuja. He also holds a Master's degree in Development Studies from Bayero University, Kano. He is an experienced corporate affairs specialist with a demonstrated history of working in the newspaper industry. He is skilled in Economic data analysis, Islamic finance, community engagement, strategic communications, business communications, as well as monitoring and evaluation. He joined Daily Trust Foundation in 2016 as the Programme Officer.



ELE SUNDAY IFAH

(Research & Communications Officer) Ele Sunday Ifah is a graduate of Mass Communication from Redeemers University, Edeh, Osun State. He joined the Daily Trust Foundation in 2020 as a research and communications officer. A skilled digital journalist, Ele manages the Foundation's website as well as its social media accounts. He also does monitoring and evaluation for the Foundation.



FATIMA IYABO USMAN

(Account Officer) Fatima Iyabo Usman is a graduate of Accountancy from the University of Maiduguri, Borno State. She has worked as an accountant and a classroom teacher. She joined the Foundation in 2022 as an Accounts Officer, monitoring budget implementation and managing the finances.



Introduction

Daily Trust Foundation is a not-for-profit entity that grew out of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) component of Media Trust Limited. Through its CSR, the media company assisted many indigent persons and under-privileged communities in diverse ways. Those responsibilities were transferred to the Daily Trust Foundation when it came into being in 2015. The Foundation is set out to fulfil the following social and humanitarian services:

- I. To promote accessibility to quality education by providing scholarship scheme for brilliant and indigent students in higher institutions in Nigeria;
- II. To provide social infrastructure and other social amenities for needy communities;
- III. To support orphanages, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), inmates of correctional centres and any other causes as the board would deem fit;
- IV. To organize workshops, training and seminars in media journalism and other fields of our core competences;
- V. To promote peaceful co-existence in the society;
- VI. To work with other organizations with similar objectives; and
- VII. To partner with other beneficiaries in the attainment of excellence at individual, institutional, and the society at large.

The contents of this document are about how these objectives have been achieved in the last seven years, and what the Foundation plans to do in future.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Activities

1. Scholarship Scheme

The Foundation offers scholarship to students at different levels of education, ranging from primary to tertiary education. Under this scheme there are four categories:

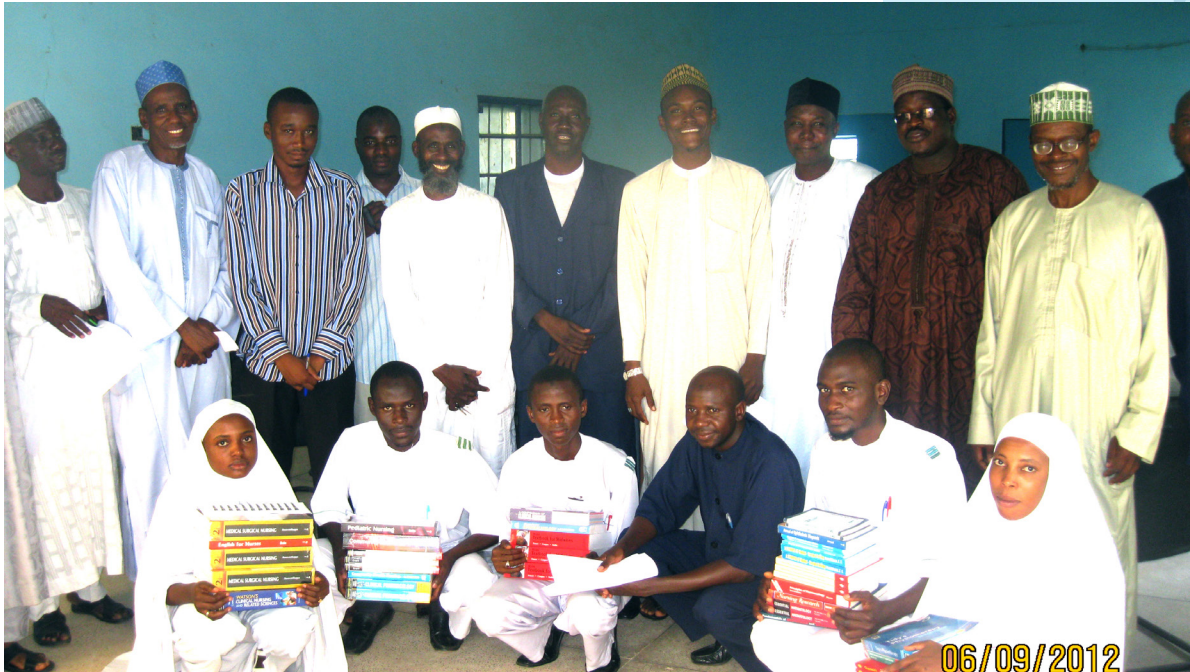
- a. Female medical and nursing students;
- b. Nominees of shareholders of Media Trust Limited;
- c. Orphans of deceased staff; and
- d. Special beneficiaries.

- a. **Female medical students:** Under this scheme, female medical students are selected from three universities. The scheme is the foundation's contribution to the training of female medical doctors in Nigeria. According to statista.com an international data aggregation agency, in the year 2019, there were 24,600 doctors in Nigeria for a population of about 206 million. The majority of them were male doctors, which (statista.com) accounted for 16,000, while female doctors were only 8,600. A closer look at this figure from the prism of Northern parts of Nigeria will reveal a more disturbing situation. The North houses the majority of the out-of-school children in Nigeria. Out of the estimated 13.2 million out-of-school children, 10 million are in the North, according to 2018 UNICEF survey. From this 10 million (77%), the girl-child constitutes a significant part of it.



Presentation of educational materials at College of Nursing, Bida

CSR Activities (Continues)



Presentation of educational materials at College of Nursing, Katsina, Katsuna State

The Foundation, as part of its contributions to the effort to reduce these challenges, in 2008, instituted the scholarship for female medical students in select Nigerian universities. Usumanu Danfodio University, Sokoto, University of Maiduguri, Borno State and University of Ilorin, Kwara State, each representing North-West, North-East and North-Central geopolitical zones, respectively. A total of 207 students have benefited from the scheme since inception (Seventy-one of them at UDUS, 69 at UNIMAID and 67 at UNILORIN).

As at April, 2019 there were a total 84 beneficiaries on the scheme, with 28 of them studying in UDUS, 30 in UNIMAID and 26 UNILORIN. Each of them now receives N125, 000.00, lump-sum support after an upward review from N100, 000.00. Students who benefit from the scheme must have moved from 100 level to 200 level. They would continue to enjoy the scholarship on the condition that they maintain the academic performance that keeps them in medical faculty upto their graduation from the university.

- b. Nominees of Shareholders and Directors:** In this category, shareholders/directors of Media Trust Group nominate one indigent student in the university, not necessarily studying medical science, but from diverse fields of study to benefit from the scheme. Such nominees who study Medicine receive N125,000.00 each, while those who are taking courses in other fields are paid N65,000.00. Beneficiaries enjoy the scholarship until graduation.
- c. Orphans of Deceased Daily Trust Staff Scholarship:** Under this scheme, children of Media Trust staff who died while in active service are awarded scholarships, which they enjoy until graduation from secondary school. At the moment, 12 such families are benefiting from the scheme. The amount each family gets is based on the number of years the deceased staff worked, calculated on the basis of their annual basic salary as at the time of death.

CSR Activities (Continues)

2. Orphanages

The Foundation also extends its assistance to orphanages. This is to support the efforts of the managers of orphanages and orphans in catering for their needs. There are four orphanages that benefit from this intervention: Jamaiyar Matan Arewa Premier Orphanage (JMA), Kaduna, Malali Orphanage Foundation, Kaduna; Abuja Children Home, Karu, Abuja; and NASFAT Agency for Zakat and Sadaqat (NAZAS) . For these orphanages, there are two intervention strategies; the quarterly subvention, and support during festive periods, in which each of the orphanages receives a quarterly token of N250, 000.00, and provision of food stuffs, toiletries and sanitary wares.



Jamaiyar Matan Arewa Premier Orphanage

3. Prisons

Kuje prison inmates are provided with food items, toiletries and sanitary wares during festive periods. The Foundation, however, has changed its intervention strategy from the provision of these items to the payment of small fines for Awaiting Trial inmates in our correctional centers. The Foundation is working with the Legal Aid Council on the modalities to make the approach workable in order to assist in decongesting our prisons.



4. Water projects

Access to clean water has At Kuje Correctional centre

CSR Activities (Continues)

remained a challenge among dwellers of rural communities. The Foundation has provided water boreholes for rural communities in several states in the last 10 years. In all, 15 boreholes have been provided for rural communities in Yobe, Jigawa, Kano, Niger, Zamfara, Abuja, Katsina and Bauchi States. More recently solar-powered boreholes were provided in IDP camps in Adamawa, Yobe and Borno States.



Borehole constructed at Gada LGA, Jigawa State



Borehole at Hope for Survival Orphanage Gishiri, Maitama, Abuja



Borehole at Jiwa community, FCT, Abuja

MacArthur Foundation Grants



(L-R) A MacArthur Foundation board member, Mr. Paul Klingentein, the President of MacArthur Foundation, Mr. John Palfrey, the Managing Director, Stephanie Platz and Director (Africa) MacArthur Foundation Dr. Kole Shettima (far right) during their official visit to Daily Trust Foundation office in 2020

Daily Trust Foundation has since 2017, benefitted from the MacArthur Foundation's grants, on what the US-based charity organization terms 'On Nigeria Project.' The aims of the project are:

- Enabling independent Nigerian media and journalism outlets to investigate and expose corruption and share anti-corruption success stories;
- Strengthening the criminal justice system through nationwide adoption and implementation of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act and complementary laws and policies;
- Supporting Nigerian civil society organizations, communities, and social influencers to use media reports to call for action, mobilize to demand accountability, and advocate for policy changes that make it easier to prevent, detect, and punish corruption; and
- Promoting behavior change by supporting faith leaders and their followers from across religious traditions to interrogate integrity within their respective religions—and supporting performers, creators, and influencers from across Nigeria—to produce and share compelling content about corruption and the cost of corruption to Nigerian communities.

Daily Trust Foundation has so far received the grants three times in order to build the capacity of journalists to engage in investigative reporting and produce stories that focus on transparency and accountability. The grants were as follows:

S/No	Grant Period	Amount (USD)
1.	2016-2019	350,000
2.	2020-2021	500,000
3.	2022-2024	750,000

The grants have been used to help journalists across media platforms build capacity in select areas of business, economy, and governance, with emphasis on investigative, data, and solutions Journalism.

MacArthur Foundation *(Continues)*

Trainings conducted do far:

- Investigative Reporting: Print, Digital and Broadcast
- Basic Education & School Feeding
- Nigeria's Electricity Sector
- Budgetary Process and Budget Tracking
- Agriculture and its Value Chain
- Nigeria's Natural Resources: Oil & Gas
- Nigeria's Financial Sector
- Mobile Journalism
- Copy Editing
- Editing in the era of Multimedia Journalism
- Data Journalism: Data mining, cleaning, analysis and infographics
- Statistics & Excel for Journalists
- Solutions Journalism
- Digital Marketing
- Documentary Film-making



MacArthur Foundation President, Mr. John Palfrey, other board members in a group photo with Media and Journalism cohort of the *On-Nigeria Project* during the MacArthur officials visit to Nigeria in 2020



A MacArthur Foundation board member, Mr. Paul Klingentein addressing Media and Journalism cohort of the *On-Nigeria Project* during the MacArthur officials visit to Nigeria in 2020

MacArthur Foundation *(Continues)*

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Photos from
Data Journalism
Training in 2018

The impact of some investigative stories published

Reporters and editors trained with funding from MacArthur Foundation investigate and produce reports that are published on a daily basis in Daily Trust and other platforms. Over 500 Daily Trust journalists and reporters from about a dozen other media organisations have benefited from the training over the years. The platforms include *Leadership*, *Peoples Daily*, *Blueprint*, *Daily Nigeria*, *NewsDiary*, *Nigeria Television Authority (NTA)*, *Nature News*, *PRNigeria*, *The Authority*, *National Accord*, and *Civil Society Organisations* like Connected Development (CODE) and Progressive Impact Organization for Community Development (PRIMOG). Reporters from these organizations produce reports, from news to investigative, data, interpretative, analytical reports and interviews. Below are links to a few of such stories published in Daily Trust Newspaper and the impacts they have made:

Damned by dams: How hydro-dams affect Niger State communities, by Ahmed Ajobe, published on Saturday, August 18, 2018: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/damned-by-dams-how-hydro-dams-affect-niger>

IMPACT

After the publication, Mainstream Energy, which is in charge of Kainji and Jeba Hydropower stations, called our reporter, Ahmed Ajobe, to gather more facts about the travails of the people in the affected communities. With Ajobe, the officials toured the communities affected in Borgu and New Bussa LGAs.

To cushion the negative effects of the project on the people, the electricity company sponsored the clearing of a site for the establishment of a hospital. As at 2019, electricity was being extended to that community. Also, some boreholes were provided by the company to the community with potable water. Furthermore, a Federal Government team contacted our reporter for more information about the story, and subsequently visited the location. Daily Trust Foundation learnt that government had set in motion the process of building a 'hostel' to house the IDPs while a permanent place was being identified for their relocation.

news 14 **DAILY TRUST**
SPECIAL REPORT
Damned by dams: How hydro-dams affect Niger communities
 Rather than provide succour, riverine communities are living in fear of dams around them.

Project	Completed in 1986	Completed in 1986	Began operating in 1996
KAINJI	760MW installed capacity	JEBA	360MW installed capacity
64,000 people displaced	6,000 people displaced	600MW installed capacity	36,000 people displaced

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Population	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124

Tsangaya schools: How govt's negligence keeps Jigawa Almajirai in streets, by Aliyu Hamagan, published on Sunday, September 2, 2018: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/tsangaya-schools-how-govt-s-negligence-keeps-jigawa-almajirai-in-streets-268603.html>

IMPACT

After the story was published, the Jigawa State Universal Basic Education Board chairman, Salihu Zakari, organised a press conference to say the schools had produced students who had been admitted into JSS.

He claimed the Daily Trust report was an attestation to the predicaments being faced by the state in running the schools and that Daily Trust's investigative story was being forwarded to the Federal Government for necessary supportive action.

feature 2 **DAILY TRUST**
Tsongaya schools: How govt's negligence keeps Jigawa Almajirai in streets
 The inability of the Jigawa State Government to maintain and expand the Tsangaya Islamic schools in her domain is discouraging a lot of almajirai, forcing a good number of them to remain in the streets, where they beg for alms for survival, Daily Trust on Sunday reports.

A section of Gwama model school

The impact of some investigative stories published (Continues)

Eligible customers: Kainji, Jebba GenCos deliver 24 hour electricity to 7 firms:

Published on August 27, 2018: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/eligible-customers-kainji-jebba-gencos-deliver-24-hour-electricity-to-7-firms-267761.html>.

IMPACT

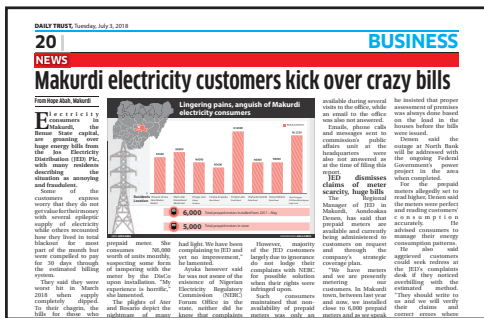
Several organisations called our reporter to confirm the effectiveness of the new (positive) development in the sector, in order to key into it.

Makurdi electricity customers kick over crazy bills, by Hope Abbah, published on July 3, 2018: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/makurdi-electricity-customers-kick-over-crazy-bills-259173.html>.

IMPACT

As at the time our reporter did this story, the North Bank community in Makurdi had planned a protest against crazy bills. However, a week after the publication, Jos Electricity Company intervened. The crazy bills were no longer being given to consumers as rampantly as they used to be issued by the electricity company.

Electricity supply improved. Previously, the community could stay for six months without electricity. A community leader told our reporter in early September, 2019 that electricity was more regular in the community.



Rivers' Multi-billion Naira Power Project Rots Away, by Victor Edozie published on July 15, 2018: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/rivers-multi-billion-naira-power-project-rots-away-261008.html>.

IMPACT

The project generated a controversy in Rivers State. After publication of the story by Daily Trust, the state government set up a probe panel to investigate the cost of the contract and examine its integrity. The transaction was between Rivers State Government under ex-Governor Rotimi Amaechi and Sahara Energy.



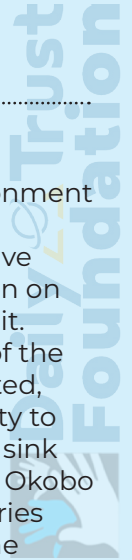
Story on school feeding in Plateau State entitled "Vendors Pose Challenge to Plateau Free School Feeding Programme" Published on October 19, 2017: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/vendors-pose-challenge-to-plateau-free-school-feeding.html>

IMPACT

The story emphasized the shortage of vendors in the school feeding programme, hence many schools were not covered. After the publication of the story, the state government intervened by helping vendors to obtain their Bank Verification Numbers (BVNs) so that they could open bank accounts to receive payments. As at June, 2018 the issue had been resolved and most vendors had returned to work.



The impact of some investigative stories published (Continues)



Investigation: Coal Deposit for 10,000mw electricity wasting in 28 sites, published on June 17, 2018. It's a story about coal locations in Kogi State that have not been explored: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/investigation-coal-deposits-for-10-000mw-of-electricity-wasting-in-28-sites-256705.html>.



IMPACT

The story was not just about the abandonment of the community by the company that mined coal. It was also about the negative environmental impacts of the exploration on the communities around the coal deposit. After the story was published, the PRO of the mining company, Eta Zuma Group Limited, convened a meeting with the community to discuss the way forward. They agreed to sink boreholes and build three classrooms in Okobo and Enjema communities. Also, the salaries owed workers [who were members of the communities] were being paid.

Ibadan Disco collects N10bn intervention fund and diverted it to one of its subsidiaries instead of investing it in infrastructure: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/news/business/ibadan-discos-accused-of-diverting-bailout-fund/183220.html>

IMPACT

The first reaction to the story was the suspension of the board of the Disco: (<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/n6bn-illegal-loan-nerc-insists-ibedc-mgt-board-remain-suspended-260390.html>). The story led to a probe by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), and imposition of N50 million fine on Ibadan Disco: (<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/bpe-writes-nerc-seeks-14-days-over-ibadan-disco-loan-issues-258065.html>) and (<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/n6bn-inappropriate-loan-nerc-suspends-ibadan-disco-mgt-staff-257294.html>). Thereafter, Ibadan Disco suspended its management staff: Ibadan Disco is fined: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/herc-slams-n50m-fine-on-ibadan-disco-orders-recovery-of-n5-75bn.html>

INVESTIGATION: Taraba zone where only one town is connected to national grid, published on December 30, 2017: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/taraba-zone-where-only-one-town-is-connected-to-national-grid.html>.

IMPACT

When this story was published it elicited a lot of reactions, as many community leaders in the Central Senatorial District in Taraba State raised the matter with the state government. Yola Disco also made an appeal for political intervention in providing the infrastructure that would enable it connect the zone to the national grid. However, the government claimed that when the gigantic Mambilla Power Project comes on stream the issue will be handled.

The impact of some investigative stories published (Continues)

Inside Nigeria's decrepit public libraries: This is an investigation into the poor state of libraries in Nigeria. <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/inside-nigeria-s-decrepit-public-libraries.html>.

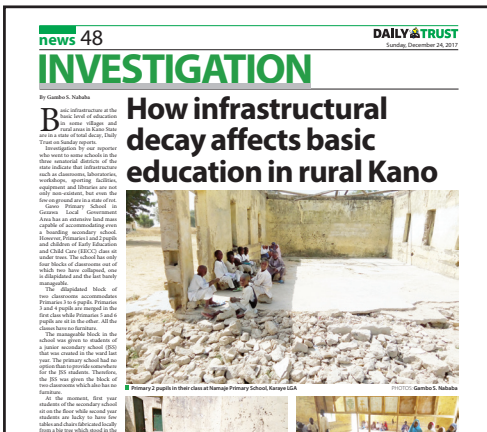


IMPACT

After the publication of the story, the Federal Ministry of Education sent a team to verify the state of the National Library in Abuja. Shortly after, work on the renovation of the national library began.



How infrastructural decay affects basic education in rural Kano: This is about the abandonment of rural schools: <https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/how-infrastructural-decay-affects-basic-education-in-rural-kano.html>



IMPACT

Shortly after the story was published, Kano State Government set up Kano State Education Promotion Committee. Now, on a monthly basis, local governments are given N10 million for constant repair works at schools. Also, some 25,000 teachers were recruited to deal with the shortage of primary school teachers.

"How unregistered motorcycles aid banditry, other criminal in North-West" How unregistered motorcycles aid banditry, other crimes in North-West | Dailytrust



IMPACT

The story exposed how motorcyclists provided intelligence to bandits who have killed thousands of persons in the last decade. This story generated a lot of debate in the country. In September 2021, states in the North-West and North Central including Zamfara, Katsina, Niger and Kaduna, enforced a lockdown, which barred motorcycles from plying even rural roads, closed markets, and prohibited the selling of petrol in plastic containers. The reaction is published thus: *Insecurity forces Katsina, Kaduna, Niger, Zamfara to lockdown | Dailytrust.*

The impact of some investigative stories published (Continues)



Another story funded under this grant which had policy implications was about the criminal financing of terrorism, published on April 19, 2021. **UNVEILED: The identities of BDC Operators arrested for transferring funds to Boko Haram**



IMPACT

This story made a huge impact in the country, because it would be the first time that some criminals who provided illicit funds for terrorists to carry-out their activities would be exposed. Government did not drop the ball, as some Bureau de Change, fingered over terrorism financing were penalized by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN): *Terrorism financing: 180 BDC operators pay N900m penalties to CBN | Dailytrust.*

Another story that led to a policy change in 2021 was published on March 21, 2021 in Daily Trust: **School abductions endanger education in North | Dailytrust.**



IMPACT

This story made a huge impact in the country, In this story, a collaboration among six journalists from across the North, the implication of the abduction of students from secondary schools in the North was examined. After the story was published, many state governments took steps, first by erecting perimeter fences around school premises. For instance, in May, 2021 the Federal College of Forestry Mechanization, Afaka, in Kaduna State relocated the school campus to a safer place within Kaduna city centre. Some schools in the hinterlands of Kaduna were temporarily closed and later, the State Government officially directed a shutdown of select schools located at the outskirts of the city. A story related to the closure of schools is published thus: *Many schools shut as insecurity disrupts learning in 4 states | Dailytrust*

On February 17, 2021, Daily Trust published an investigative report titled **“Saving Ogun’s Endangered Pangolins,”** on the chain of pangolin hunting and selling in Ogun State.



IMPACT

The report exposed Ogun State as one of the states where farmers and traders engaged in the killing and selling of Pangolins' as well the scale of the activities. The investigation revealed how farmers and the locals residing around forest reserves killed the animals deemed an endangered species despite the law prohibiting such practice. The story made an appreciable impact. The Pangolin Conservation Working Group of Nigeria (PCWGN), a Non-Governmental Organisation, which seeks protection and preservation of Pangolins in Nigeria, has rescued and rehabilitated more than five Pangolins in Ogun and its neighbouring Ondo State. Also, in April 2021, three pangolins were rescued by the PCWGN in Ondo and Ogun States. The rescue, ironically, occurred at the time when some locals killed a ten-year male elephant in Itashin Forest in Ijebu East Local Government of the state.

SEVEN YEARS OF HUMAN TOUCH: A REPORT OF DAILY TRUST FOUNDATION'S INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs) INTERVENTION FUND IN NORTH-EAST (2016-2021)

INTRODUCTION



Female students at Future Prowess Islamic Foundation, Maiduguri. Some of them enjoy scholarships provided by Daily Trust Foundation for their basic education.

Daily Trust IDPs Fund

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, Media Trust Limited, in 2015, decided to launch the North-East Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Fund in order to respond to the needs of some of the displaced persons in the conflict zone. The Fund was launched on August 26, 2015, and the sum of N150 million was donated by well-meaning Nigerians, corporate organizations and Foundations. Of significance was the donation of N100 million to the Fund by the Dangote Foundation. The intervention fund was deployed as follows: Borno State (40%), Yobe (30%), Adamawa (20%), Gombe (5%) and other IDP Camps across the North (5%).

In order to judiciously administer the intervention fund, Daily Trust Foundation set up a governing board, made up of the late Wada Maida (Chairman), while Dr Mairo Mandara, Chief Isiaq Ajibola, the late Muhammad Bello Ilyas Damagun, Dr. Nuru Yakubu, and the Chief Executive Officer of Dangote Foundation, Zouera Yousfoufou, were members. The Foundation partnered with Non-Governmental Organizations on ground in the North-East, providing humanitarian services in diverse areas of needs. The NGOs include the following: Future Prowess Islamic Foundation; Centre for Integrated Development and Research (CIDAR); Gabasawa Women and Children Initiative (GWCI); 1-Ummah Initiative; Federation of Muslim

Report on IDPs Intervention Fund in North-East *(Continues)*

Women's Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN), Yobe; and Grassroots Environmental Support and Development Initiative (GESDI). Others are Project 3-CER Nigeria; Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN), Adamawa; Women in Dawa'ah; Ummah Support Initiative; Shehu Usman Abubakar Foundation; and Girl-Child Concerns. These organizations, out of over fifty NGOs who submitted proposals to administer humanitarian services, received funding from the donations received by Daily Trust Foundation.



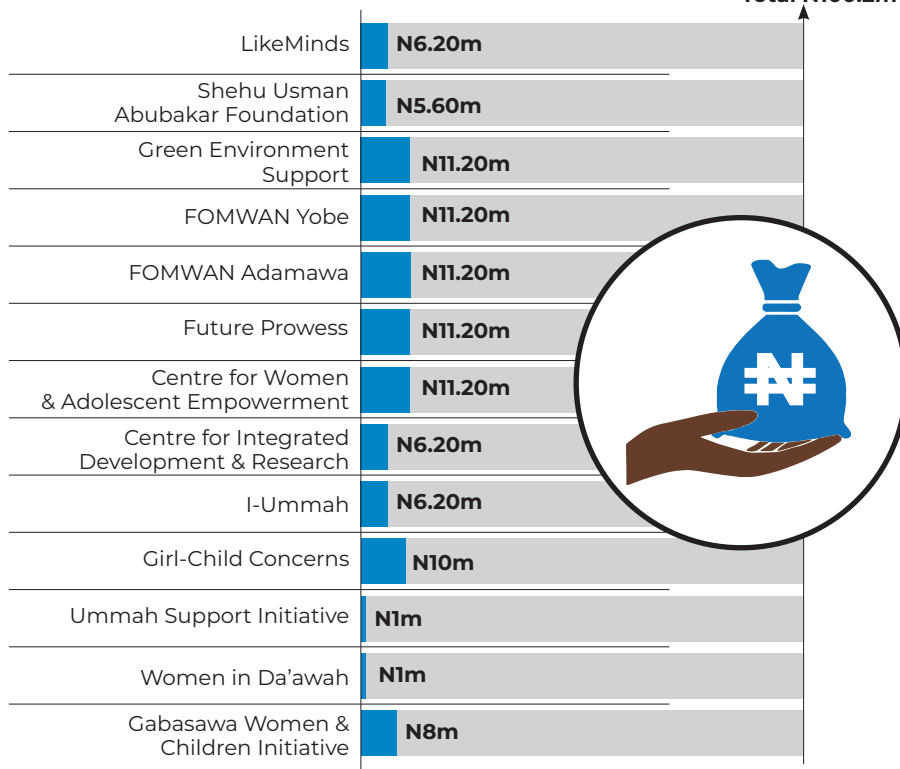
Faces of women who benefited from Daily Trust Foundation support programme.

Partners in IDPs Fund project

Partnering NGOs	Area of Focus	Amount (N)
Likeminds	Helping women in IDP camp to acquire skills	6,200,000
Shehu Usman Abubakar Foundation	Distribution of relief materials to IDPs	5,600,000
Green Environment Support	Capacity building for women in IDPs camps	11,200,000
FOMWAN Yobe	Capacity building for women in IDP camps	11,200,000
FOMWAN Adamawa	Capacity building for women in IDP camps	11,200,000
Future Prowess	Basic education for orphans due to violence in North-East	11,200,000
Centre for Women & Adolescent Empowerment	Capacity building for women in IDP camps	11,200,000
Centre for Integrated Development & Research	Capacity building for women in IDP camps	6,200,000
I-Ummah	Support for women in IDP camps	6,200,000
Girl-Child Concerns	Basic education for girls in IDP camps	10,000,000
Ummah Support Initiative	Capacity building for women in IDP camps	1,000,000
Women in Da'awah	Capacity building for women in IDP camps	1,000,000
Gabasawa Women & Children Initiative	Capacity building for women in IDPs camps	8,000,000
Total		N100,200,000

Funding from the donations received by Daily Trust Foundation.

Total N100.2m



The outcome of the various interventions is presented below:

Water Supply Projects:

Under this intervention, the IDPs fund was deployed for the construction of new boreholes and rehabilitation of broken down pumps and motorized boreholes, in order to provide safe drinking water to various communities affected by activities of terrorists. To date the following communities in Borno States have benefited from the borehole project: Bulabulin Alajeri; Bulabulin Boriye 1; Bulabulin Boriye 2; Bulabulin Shuwari; and Jiddari Polo. Others are Wulari; Gamboru; Garannan; Fori; and Limanti Tansula. Other successfully executed water supply projects are at Elbadawy IDP Camp, Alhaji Ahmed Grema Camp in Borno State, Hausari in Buniyadi town of Gujba Local Government Area of Yobe State, and Anguwar Mission Gulak in Adamawa State.

As a testimony to the intervention, the Village Head of Hausari, Ali Abuna, said the project had eased the suffering of his people from the lingering water scarcity around the area. According to him, *“access to water is very essential, particularly to a community like ours that is just recovering from destructions by Boko Haram. Before now, we used to send our children to fetch water from a far distance because we had no single tap water around here. We thank the donors immensely for this gesture.”*

The Ward Head of Elbadawy Camp also said, *“of all the boreholes constructed around here, that of Daily Trust Foundation stands out, in terms of water pressure.”* Similar testimonies have come from various areas where the Foundation has provided safe drinking water for displaced persons.

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Completed solar-powered borehole at Elbadawi Camp, Muna Garage, Maiduguri, Borno State

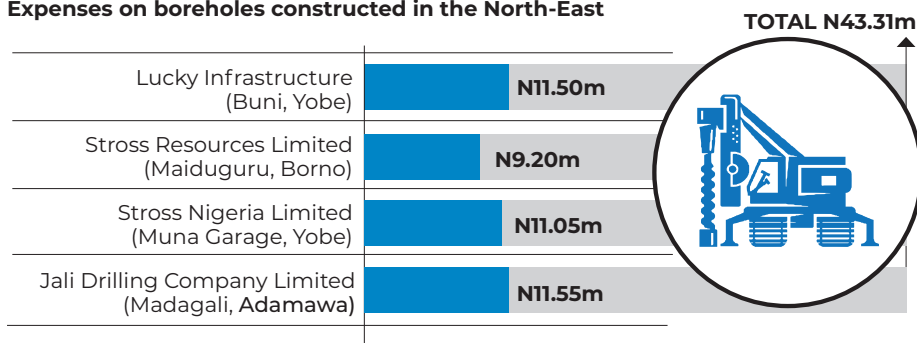
Water projects

Contractors	Location	Amount
Lucky Infrastructure	Buni Yadi, Gujba LGA, Yobe State	11,505,744.80
Stross Resources Limited	Grema Mohammed IDP Camp, Maiduguri, Borno State	9,200,000.00
Stross Nigeria Limited	El-Badawi Camp Muna Garage, Borno State	11,059,000.87
Jali Drilling Company Limited	Anguwan Mission, Gulak, Madagali LGA, Adamawa State	11,550,476.40
TOTAL		43,315,222.07

Table of expenses on boreholes constructed in the North-East

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Expenses on boreholes constructed in the North-East



Scholarship for Orphans:

Working with Future Prowess Islamic Foundation, operated by Barrister Mustapha Zannah, Daily Trust Foundation has facilitated the training of more than 300 children, made orphans as a result of the deadly and destructive activities of terrorists in Borno State. The children, between the ages of 5 and 13 years, were enrolled for nursery and junior secondary school classes at the Future Prowess Islamic Foundation. This scholarship involves the payment of basic school fees and the provision of breakfast, uniform, books, school bags, sandals, socks, soap and detergent for each of the orphans, as well as trauma counselling. Under the scheme, the sum of N10,000 was paid per term for each pupil.

Apart from orphans, some less privileged children affected by the conflict in Borno State received various kinds of training with support from the Foundation to 1-Ummah Initiative, another Non-Governmental Organization. Under the arrangement, 1-Ummah Initiative enrolled about 100 children under a scholarship scheme in the following schools in Borno State: Darul-Arqam Islamic School; Madarasatul li Tahfizul Quran li Kanz; An-Nahda College of Science & Islamic Studies; Ibrahim Islamic School; and Amina Memorial Islamic School. Other institutions where pupils were enrolled include Maiduguri Capital School; Madarasatu Darul Quran Wat-tarteel Islamic School; Darul Salam Islamic School; Al-Huda College of Science & Islamic Studies; and Darul-Arqam Islamic School.

Women Empowerment

Working with Gabasawa Women and Children Initiative (GWCI), the Foundation has assisted women in conflict-affected communities in Borno State to acquire skills they would need to sustain themselves. Beneficiaries of this intervention are in three local governments: Askira Uba, Biu and Gwoza, who were exposed to the following trainings: computer literacy; bead making; bag and shoes making; hair dressing; catering; small scale agriculture; therapeutic pedicure; and how to produce snacks. A report by our monitoring group says, *“little as the project seems to be, it has transformed the lives of some of the beneficiaries to the next level, in terms of income generation, self-sustainability, and even the provision of relief materials.”*

Types of Training	LGAs	Total
Computer Literacy	4	12
Bead Making	45	135
Hair Dressing	10	30
Catering (Kulikuli/groundnut oil)	30	90
Firewood	30	90
Agriculture Small Scale	30	90
Sewing	3	9
Cattle Fattening	20	60

Chart showing training activities conducted by Gabasawa Women and Children Empowerment Initiative (GWCI)

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Training and number of participants

Computer Literacy	12
Bead Making	135
Hair Dressing	30
Catering (Kulikuli/groundnut oil)	90
Firewood	90
Agriculture Small Scale	90
Sewing	9
Cattle Fattening	60



Some items being distributed to support women at an IDP camp in Maiduguri

Also, through the Grassroots Environmental Support and Development Initiative (GESDI), the Foundation gave support to widows in the following communities: Pompomari, Bulama Kyara, Gwange and Dadin Kowa, Dogo Nini. The beneficiaries submitted small scale business proposals, were trained in their areas of interest and provided with small take-off capital and/or equipment, like sewing, machines. Our collaboration with Federation of Muslim Women Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN), Yobe has led to support for 55 widows in the following areas: groundnut oil production; tailoring; petty trading; animal rearing; mandawa; knitting, and small funding for petty trading. On its part, Women in Da'awah, through Daily Trust Foundation funding, trained IDPs in tailoring, shoe and bag making, soap making, GSM repairs, groundnut processing and bead making.

Health & General Welfare

The Foundation, in collaboration with the Federation of Muslim Women Association in Nigeria (FOMWAN), Adamawa State, provided food items for about 100 IDP families in the following settlements: Mbamba IDP camp, Ka'e Jaule IDP camp, and Yolde Pate IDP camp. Apart from provision of food items, FOMWAN conducted medical

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Support for an orphanage in Malali Orphanage Foundation, Kaduna

outreaches in the camps and provided nutritional training for women. Also, at Daware, Malkohi and Sangere IDP locations, Project 3-CER Nigeria conducted health outreach and economic empowerment training activities for women.

Furthermore, at IDP camps in Durumi and New Kuchigaro in Abuja, where displaced persons from the North-East are found, Ummah Support Initiative built a bathroom, distributed personal hygiene kits, took them through nutritional training for children, and provided clothing materials for pregnant women and children. In Gombe State, the Foundation worked with Shehu Usman Abubakar Foundation to provide relief materials for about 1,000 IDPs in that State in form of payment of school fees for some children in IDP camps, soft loans to traders, better makeshift accommodation for some, skills acquisition programme and healthcare support.

Focus on Girl-Child

The girl-child is, perhaps, most vulnerable during conflicts. Therefore, working with Girl-Child Concerns, the Foundation provided support for them in several areas. About 20 of them in IDP camps were provided with funding to receive junior secondary school education, 100 women were provided with start-up capital to commence petty trading; another 100 were trained on peace education, peace building skills, de-radicalization skills, strengthening community vigilance and community support. Also, 10 families were relocated from IDP camps to permanent settlements.

Conclusion

Seven years after Daily Trust Foundation launched the IDPs Fund project, many households and communities in the North-East have reaped its benefits in diverse ways. However, efforts to end the conflict, to ensure families relocated to their homes and begin to live their normal lives, have not yielded the desired results. It is for this reason that Daily Trust Foundation has kept the appeal for support open for contributions from kind-spirited Nigerians and corporate organizations. Donations to this Fund will be utilized with transparency and accountability.

Collaborations

Since 2015, Daily Trust Foundation has collaborated with several local and international media organizations to build the capacity of journalists in the North to participate in the emerging fields of journalism. More than 400 journalists have benefited from the training activities conducted in Abuja and the three geopolitical zones in the North. Below are some of the organizations with which DTF collaborated:



International Center for Journalists (ICFJ)

In 2019, the Foundation collaborated with the International Center for Journalists, a United States-based media innovation outfit, for a period of 10 months. During that period, the Foundation provided an ICFJ Fellow, Hannah Ojo, with facilities for engaging in fact-checking and the sharing of fact-checked stories on social media platforms. The collaboration led to the production of over a dozen investigative stories that exposed mis-information, mal-information, and dis-informantion, in the run-up to the 2019 elections.



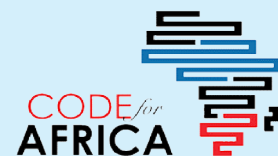
Africa Check

Africa Check is one of the organizations that pioneered fact-checking in Africa. In 2018, Daily Trust Foundation collaborated with this organization in training journalists in the three geopolitical zones in the North in the craft of fact-checking and verification. Over a period of six months the collaboration helped build the capacity 60 journalists in the North-West (Kano), North-Central (Jos) and North-East (Yola), as they were taken through how to detect fake news, how to use digital tools for verification, and the processes involved in amplifying the outcome on the investigative enterprise.



Code for Africa

With Code for Africa, the continent's foremost data journalism hub, Daily Trust Foundation has trained about 70 journalists between 2018 and 2020, an average of 22 journalists per year. Participants in the nine-month training programme per year, made up of reporters, senior reporters, and line editors, were trained in the various ramifications of data journalism - from data mining, cleaning, analysis, to visualization. Over that period, participants were taught how to use tools available on Google suite. This collaboration has built the capacity of many journalists in data journalism, as they have become specialists in this genre of investigative reporting.



Collaborations *(Continues)*

UK Department for International Development (DFID)

Daily Trust Foundation, with support from the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) through Adam Smith International & Springfield Centre, trained journalists in the field of solutions journalism. The collaboration was executed under a project called ENABLE2 (Enhancing Nigerian Advocacy for a Better Business Environment). From 2016 to 2019, over 100 journalists across the North were trained on how to report agriculture, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises, and Women-in-Business, from solutions perspective. Participants were taken through how to use journalism to proffer and advance solutions to some of the besetting challenges faced by farmers, traders and women in rural areas whose business engagements were hampered by limited knowledge of available resources and the lack of viable strategies.



Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID)

The Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID) and Daily Trust Foundation (DTF) have collaborated in training journalists in Fact-Checking and Verification under Dubawa Fellowship. Under the arrangement, DJID trained Daily Trust journalists in the craft of fact-checking. Those who demonstrated proficiency during the training participated in a six-month Dubawa fellowship, during which they produced several fact-checking and verification stories. In 2020, Francis Iloani, a staff of Daily Trust, won Dubawa's best fact-checked story award, from among entries from journalists in West Africa.



Human Development Initiative (HDI)

In 2019, Daily Trust Foundation (DTF) collaborated with Human Development Initiative (HDI) and Civic Media Lab (CML) in a landmark investigation into the state of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) funded projects between 2010 and 2015 in two states and FCT: Lagos, and Kaduna. With support from MacArthur Foundation, the collaboration, in a 49-page report unveiled in 2020, revealed decadence in basic education infrastructure and the waste of resources by government. It recommended measures to curtail the wrong application of resources under the UBE scheme.



DTF upgrades, rehabilitates Dikumari PHC in Yobe State

The Daily Trust Foundation, in partnership with Yobe State Government and the North-East Development Commission (NEDC), has begun the upgrading and rehabilitation of the Primary Healthcare Clinic (PHC) in Dikumari, Damaturu, Yobe State.

The project is part of the Foundation's efforts at cushioning the effects of the decade-long insecurity on the people of the North-East. The activities of Boko Haram in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States since 2009 have displaced over two million persons in the region, and led to the destruction of social infrastructure, and caused the dearth of social amenities, including health, for the people who have refused to be moved to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps.

Dikumari, a suburb of Damaturu, the Yobe State capital, has a population of about 15,000. The PHC in this community provides access to health for several adjoining villages, such that on a typical day, Junior Community Health Extension Workers (JCHEW), among them nurses and, midwives, are overwhelmed with numerous patients who seek medical attention.

As part of its intervention, Daily Trust Foundation is constructing a new labour ward, waiting area, remodelling the clinic, facilitating security by enhancing the perimeter fences, renovating the staff quarters, and providing medicines and consumables. The NEDC will provide essential medical equipment, while Yobe State Government will pay the salaries and other incentives to health personnel in the facility.



Primary Healthcare Clinic in Dikumari, Damaturu, Yobe State

Media Enterprise Lab (MEL) Project

Daily Trust Foundation has introduced the Media Enterprise Lab project, meant to help those in media and journalism fields to acquire knowledge and skills for self-sustainability and/or a second career. With funding from MacArthur Foundation, the courses under the project runs from 2022 to 2024. On the average, 30 journalists under go two months courses in six identified areas to build on skills they may have acquired as practising journalists.

The six courses under the MEL project include:

1. Digital Marketing
2. Documentary Film-making
3. Book Writing & Editing
4. Managing a Non-Profit Organization
5. Freelance Journalism in the Digital Age
6. Document Digitization

The first of the courses was conducted in August and September 2022. The topics covered included case studies on successful digital marketing strategies in Nigeria; fundamentals of digital marketing; video marketing, e-marketing; content marketing; media planning and strategy; web analytics; and online reputation management, etc.

Participants in the training talked about how the training impacted their lives. For instance, Mr Tobias Lengnan Dapam said, *“This training programme has expanded my horizon in digital marketing. I now know how to plan a campaign, the tools to use and how to evaluate my activities, among others.”* On her part, Hajiya Ruqaiya Saidu Abubakar, said, *“The take away for me from the training are how to use search engine optimization to improve viewership; how to leverage email marketing to reach target audience; the various components of digital strategy; and how to manage reputation for brands and individuals.”* Mr Sani Momo Onogu, on his part said, *“I now have a better understanding of the scope, tools and professional expertise required to be a successful player in the Nigerian digital space.”*

The second course, documentary film-making, was conducted in November and December, 2022.



Some participants in the Digital Marketing training, conducted by Daily Trust Foundation in August and September, 2022



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