

# Quarterly NEWSLETTER



## Editor's Note

So much has happened since the start of 2019 and we are elated with our outing thus far. We kicked off the year with a series of key events - our 2019 staff retreat, Learning Conference and Grantees' Training Programme; where we also announced a grant award for the year. Just while we were trying to build on the takeaways from that all-important retreat, tragedy struck on February 5 with the loss of one of our founding trustees, Jean Herskovits, a Professor of African History. Her passing was a difficult moment for all of us but with a determination of the audacious kind, we soldiered on, advancing our vision and promoting our values through training of partnering Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Community-Based Organisations (CBOs). We are glad to bring to your reading pleasure, updates on our activities and a glimpse of what is planned for the year. We'll be glad to hear from you via [editor@tydanjumafoundation.org](mailto:editor@tydanjumafoundation.org). You're welcome!

## Announcing 2019 Grants

In the first quarter, we unveiled our 2019 partners at the Grantees Training and formally introduced them to the media. We shall work with these grantees throughout the year to implement 24 projects in the

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# 2019 Calendar: A Walk Through

Implementation of the 2019 grant cycle commenced as soon as disbursement of funds started shortly after the presidential elections in February. Most organisations would be in their first phase of project implementation.

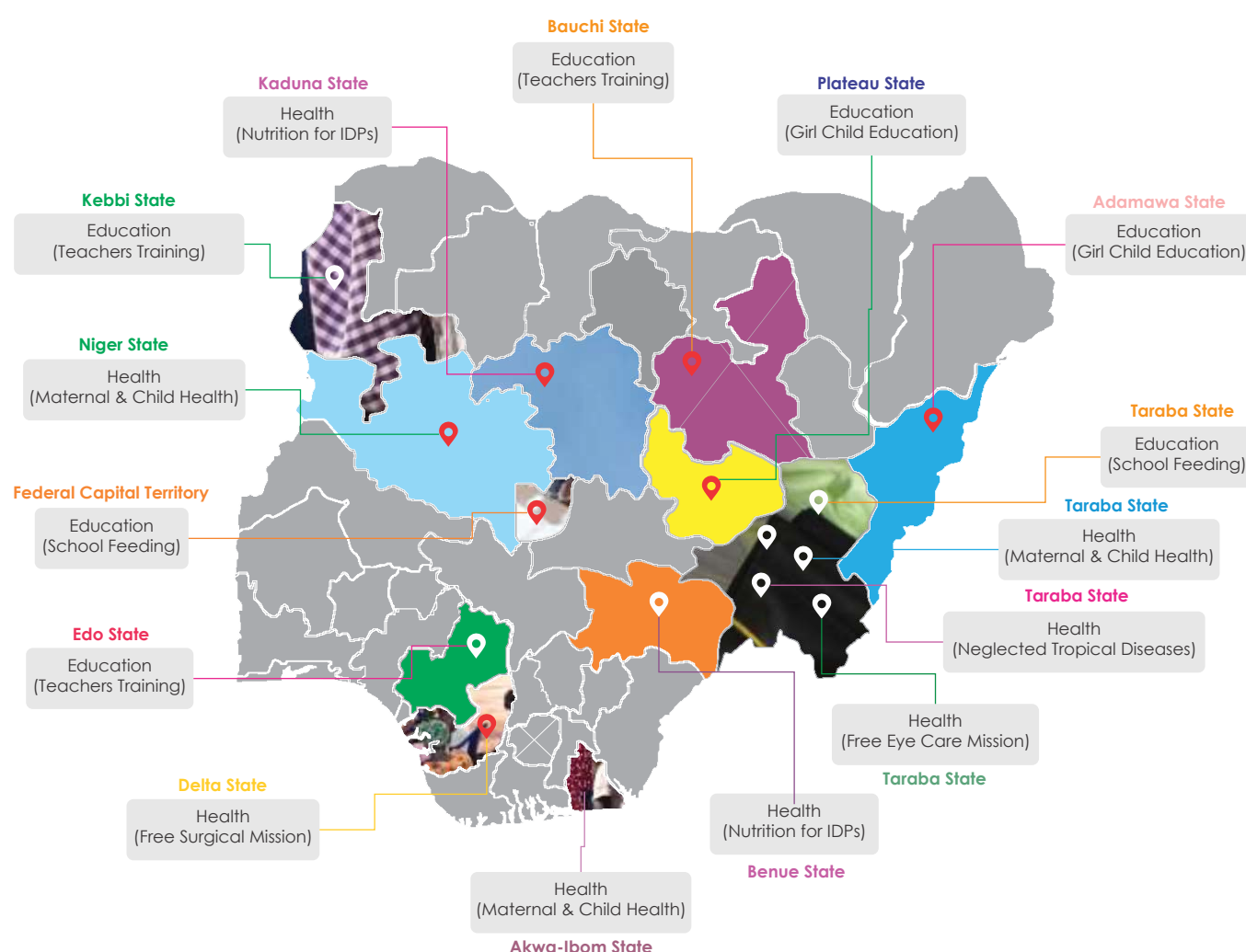
It will be a while before programme staff of the Foundation set off for monitoring visits; at least not until the first quarter project reports are submitted by the grantees. We are not expecting a lot to change this year. So, like 2018, we intend to begin our visitations to project sites from around May – November, for monitoring and evaluation.

Projects closure and final reports are expected by December. Our programme team would

be visiting 3 new states this year; Akwa Ibom, Delta, and Adamawa, where the Foundation is intervening for the first time. Projects to be implemented this year are focused challenges of maternal and child health, providing free medical missions, free specialized surgical missions, child nutrition, teachers training, and combating NTDs.

We have partnered with 18 NGOs (full list and location at the back page) in total to implement 24 projects in 13 locations across 10 states including the Federal Capital Territory.

\*The map below shows the location and type of interventions to be implemented.





# NGO Capacity Building

From inception, the Foundation identified the strengthening of NGOs through tailored training programmes as central to ensuring value for money and impactful grantmaking. Based on available data, there are approximately 25,000 registered NGOs in Nigeria; all vying for a slice of donor funds to implement the projects. Most of them hardly scale through the screening process of donors due to variety of reasons such as weak proposals, poor institutional setup, poor internal controls and unclear focus.

The NGOs training held On Friday 22, March 2019, sought to address some of these key challenges. In its 10 years of grant-making, the Foundation has continually sought to receive feedback regarding its grant-making process. A major take away from the feedback is the

need to improve the understanding of indigenous NGOs on the intricacies of sourcing for funds. Thus, the training also focused on equipping local organisations with knowledge on fund sourcing; proposal writing, organisational setup, basic donor funding criteria, and organisational branding.

The one-day capacity building workshop which held concurrently at the CBN International Training Institute in Abuja, as well as in Jalingo, Taraba State and in Benin City, Edo State brought together over 100 NGOs. The Foundation invited resource persons from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Onyeka Igwebuike) and MacArthur Foundation (Dayo Olaide) who made presentations on the modalities for accessing grants from their respective organisations.



Cross Section of Participants at the 2019 NGO Training



Acting CEO, Gima Forje Making a Presentation at the NGO Training

# Living the Faith: TY Danjuma Foundation

At a certain point on the stretch of the road leading from Jalingo, the Taraba State capital to Gashaka, the river Gashaka notorious for housing the black flies lies adjacent with the road. This is by far, the smoothest road I have traveled anywhere outside the Federal Capital Territory, curving lazily upon the beautiful landscape of "Nature's Gift to the Nation."

I was told that something significant had changed in the view as we approached Gashaka town. I was informed that like a scene from a western movie telling the story of African worship of a sun god; there would be trembling hands lifting upwards towards the sun in fervent wish for salvation as the sun rises upon the sky. But in Gashaka some 8 years ago, the trembling hands lining the roadside were of the blind, pleading for alms at the sound of approaching vehicles.

There is a change of story! Dogged interventions by TY Danjuma Foundation and

others have helped to change this simple landscape by funding interventions that tackle Neglected Tropical Diseases and preventable blindness. For instance, from 2009 and 2013 the Foundation has funded the mass administration of Mectizan in Taraba. From 2009 to 2018 with the exception of 2017, the Foundation funded Care Vision Support Initiative (CAVSI) to conduct free eye care and surgeries in targeted areas of the state.

Cumulatively, these interventions have impacted the outcome with recent results showing a decline in cases of river blindness and other treatable blindness like cataracts. It might be reasonable to say that the change in the landscape is attributable to worthy interventions of this kind.

River blindness is a tropical disease and affects more than 3 million Nigerians. It is preventable by the administration of Mectizan.

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## Eradicating NTDs is Possible

The Foundation was part of a three-day interactive brainstorming session which brought together sundry organisations in Nigeria to tackle Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Enugu

state and the country at large. It was an avenue for organisations in attendance to project their 2018 findings on NTDs. It is expected that the findings will assist in determining the course of action (s)

government will take in addressing the scourge of NTDs in the regions.

Reducing morbidity, disability and mortality due to NTDs in Nigeria has been a key focus of the Foundation's health interventions since 2009.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Gima Forje and Programme Officer (Health), Christiana Ogben represented the Foundation at the gathering.



Mass Administration of Mectizan for the Prevention of NTDs



## Announcing 2019 Grants

Health and Education sectors across Nigeria.

The sum of **two hundred and twenty-seven million naira (N227, 000,000)** has been awarded to finance projects in 2019 aimed at improving maternal and child health, support free medical missions in rural communities, improve child nutrition in the North-East, promote girl child education, support to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), and improve the quality of education through school feeding and teachers' training programmes.

Akwa -Ibom, Edo, Delta (South-South), Niger, Plateau (North-Central), Adamawa, Bauchi, Taraba (North-East), Kebbi (North-West) and the Federal Capital Territory, FCT are expected to have at least an intervention supported by TYDF to be implemented in one or two locations.

\*See back page for full list of partners and states of intervention for reference.

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## Staff Retreat: On Your Marks!

Francis Adoga, Communications Officer of the Foundation would always say "retreats are a reawakening" of his spirit to the work that needs to be done. For others, retreats depict planning, bonding, unity, focus, and opportunity for expression. For the Foundation however, retreats are meant to bring staff together, aligned and focused on achieving the vision and mission of the Foundation.

At the beginning of the year, the Foundation organised a retreat for its staff. Those in Taraba and Edo State offices joined the Abuja office at a location for the yearly ritual. Activities in the retreat include team building, year work planning, setting work objectives, appreciation of job done, and review of lessons learned from the previous year. The retreat this year ended with a movie at the cinema.



TYDF Staff After the 2019 Retreat

# Providing Clean Water for Healthy Living

## #WorldHealthDaytion Did It!

Water is life. But dirty and contaminated water breeds death. The knowledge of the correlation between clean water and good health is probably many centuries old. In all honesty now, it is basic knowledge.

Yet it is 2019 and on March 22, we have serious cause to reflect on the many challenges we continue to face as a result of lack of clean water, while highlighting the potential risk. In other words, we have not done very well by the knowledge we acquired centuries ago. Today, "an estimated 100 million Nigerians still lack basic sanitation facilities and 63 million do not have access to improved source of drinking-water." - World Health Organisation (2014). By simple logic, it is safe to assume that an estimated 100 million Nigerians are at risk of water related diseases. Whether or not this figure will rise or drop is entirely up to your imagination.

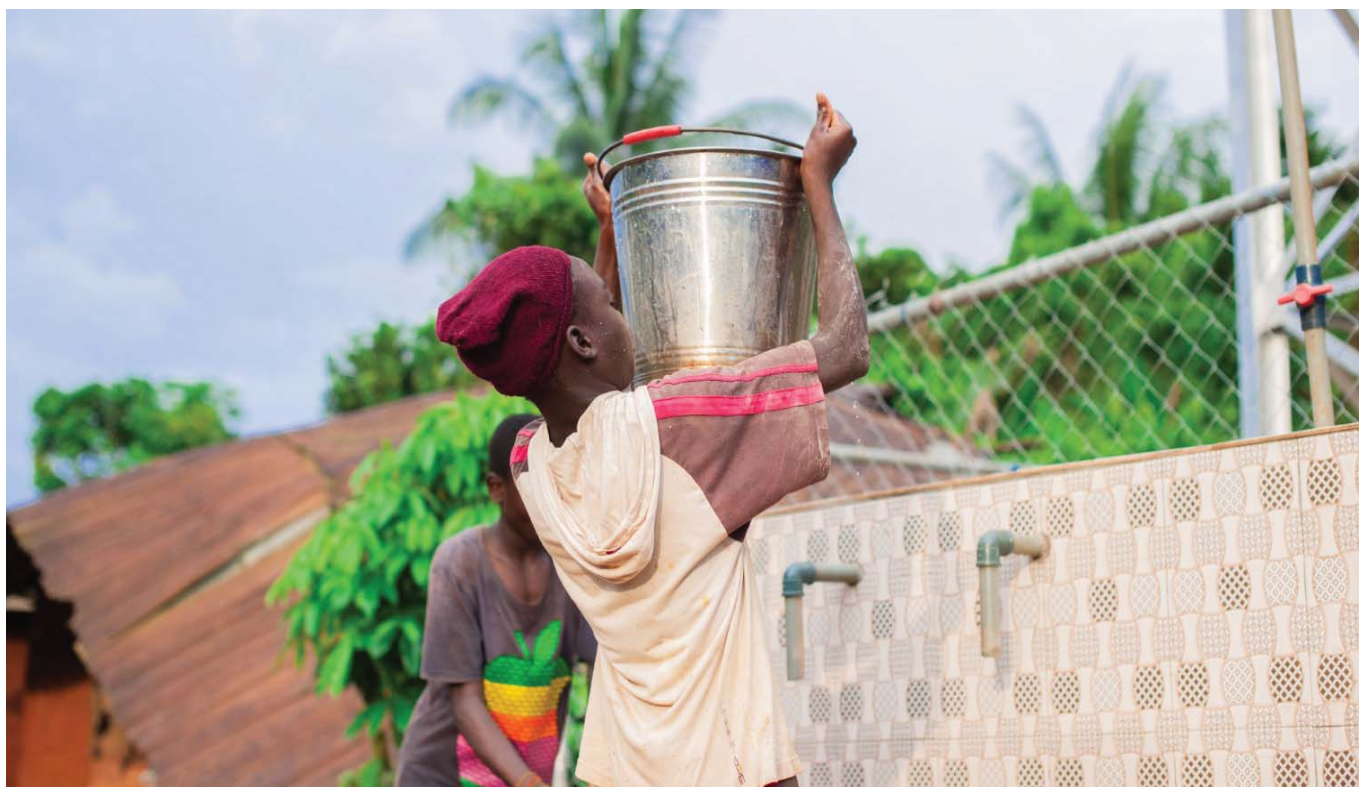
However, the reality is not lost to all. Thus, all is not lost. The TY Danjuma Foundation like many other global organisations continue to promote and

invest in access to clean portable water especially in remote communities in Nigeria.

To mark the 2019 World Water Day, the Foundation supported a school quiz to promote clean water and hand washing for the prevention of diseases and with partners demonstrated handwashing to pupils at LEA Primary School, Dako in Gwagwalada Area Council of the FCT.

In the last 9 years, the Foundation has rehabilitated over a 100 hand pumps in communities in Taraba state, built a system of motorized borehole and water storage in 4 communities including the Federal Capital Territory, and supported water and sanitation projects in 3 IDP camps in Benue, Edo, and the FCT. Recently as January 2019, the Foundation commissioned a motorized borehole with a 45,000-liters overhead tank capacity in Bika Lupwe Community in Taraba state.

The Foundation has been at the forefront of improving access to quality health care and access to portable water in Nigeria, which has impacted a large number of people nationwide.



A Child Fetching Water from a Solar Powered Borehole





## Demise of Prof. Herskovits

On February 5 this year, we lost one of our founding trustees, Professor Jean Frances Herskovits Corry who passed on in New York, United States of America. She served on the Board of the Foundation since its inception in 2009 where her invaluable insight and oversight on the implementation of education projects shaped and defined the Foundation's education programme.

Professor Jean was known among staff as a result-oriented, passionate member of the Programmes, Grants, and Policy Committee of the Board.

She will be truly missed by all of us here at the Foundation and we pray that her loved ones would find the fortitude to bear the pain of her passing and may her gentle soul rest in peace.

# LIST OF 2019 GRANTEES

## Main Grants

Antof Rural Resource Center  
Care Vision Support Initiative (Taraba)  
Mission to Save the Helpless (Taraba)  
Cleft and Facial Deformity  
Foundation (Delta)  
RalSe Foundation (Cross River)  
St Monica's Health Center, Yakoko  
(Taraba)  
Alkali Hussein Foundation (Kebbi)  
Fahimta Women &  
Youth Development Initiative (Bauchi)  
Girls Education Mission International  
(Jos)  
Ideal Development and Resource  
Centre (Edo)  
Society for Women and Girl  
Empowerment (Adamawa)  
Total Child Care Initiative (FCT)

## Taraba Community Fund

Takum School Feeding Programme  
Community Health Empowerment  
Initiative  
Miradex MPCs  
Women Trafficking and Child Labour  
Eradication Foundation  
Deeper Peace and Unity Women  
Foundation  
Touch a Heart Social and Economic  
Rights Initiative

## Edo Community Fund

Hope for the Unborn Child  
Foundation  
Initiative for the Development of the  
Next Generation  
Noroware Osula Health Foundation  
Take a Cue Development Initiative  
Imose Fadama III Cassava Farmers'  
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