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Proudly Nigerian
We exemplify organized giving in Nigeria by Nigerians for Nigerians for the long term development of the country.

Integrity
We continue to uphold high levels of openness, transparency, honesty and efficiency in dealings within and outside the Foundation. We remain accountable to our partners and beneficiaries.

Innovative
We strive to be a learning organization; asking what lessons were learnt in every process and how these inform our policies and practice in grant-making.

Responsive
We continue to demonstrate responsiveness and high levels of sensitivity to local community health and education problems, issues and realities in grant-making.

Community Participation
We believe that genuine community participation and government engagement in project implementation along with collaboration of relevant stakeholders engenders ownership and sustainability of projects and valuable ideas espoused by projects.

Core Values
MISSION
The TY Danjuma Foundation is committed to enhancing the quality of life of Nigerians by supporting initiatives that improve access to health and educational opportunities.

VISION
To contribute to building a Nigeria where all citizens have access to affordable quality health care, education and equal opportunities to realize their potentials.

ABOUT US
The TY Danjuma Foundation is a private grant-making philanthropic organization established in 2009 by General Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma (rtd), a former Chief of Army Staff, ex-Minister of Defence and an astute business man. Guided by the Foundation’s vision of a Nigeria where all people have access to affordable quality health care and education to realize their full potentials, the TY Danjuma Foundation is committed to enhancing free access to community healthcare, improving the quality of education of children, and empowering communities across the country to reduce extreme poverty.

The Foundation is based in the Federal Capital Territory with State offices in Taraba and Edo.

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Dear friends & partners,

I want to thank you for every step taken thus far to where we are today. In 2018, the Foundation supported 19 grantees to reach over 2 million beneficiaries in underserved communities with quality healthcare and education opportunities.

Support was provided to combat the scourge of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), implement free medical and surgical missions; improve maternal and child healthcare delivery; provide succour to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs); and address preventable blindness through the Foundation’s signature programme “Vision for a brighter future.”

Perhaps, a bit of clarity is needed here on preventable blindness. There has been in place a global initiative dating back to two decades ago (1999) when the World Health Organization (WHO) in collaboration with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) launched a programme called Vision 2020: The Right to Sight.

The vision as it were intends to eliminate the principal causes of avoidable blindness by the year 2020 by bringing together governments, Non-Governmental Organizations, eye care professionals and relevant stakeholders involved in blindness prevention to facilitate the planning, development and implementation of sustainable national eye care programmes.

These are predicated on the three core strategies of disease control, human resource development, infrastructure development and incorporating the elements of primary health care.

Blindness and vision impairment in Nigeria and in some developing countries follow a poverty pattern. A WHO-backed national survey funded a few years ago by Sight Savers International for Nigeria’s Ministry of Health revealed that though blindness and poor vision are more prevalent in areas of high poverty index, they also lead to further poverty.

The survey also showed that the older people get, the more impaired their sights become and illiterates are more at risk of blindness, with women almost three times more.

The situation is that this group of people, if blind whether for genetic or any other reasons, has the tendency to remain so due to poor access to affordable health care facilities. Hence, the Foundation in line with its vision of enabling access is through its “Vision for a brighter future” programme contributing to the fight against preventable blindness.

The Foundation was also responsive in providing much needed potable water to rural communities; and as part of measures to enhance access to quality education in the land, the Foundation continued its support for enrolment, retention, teachers’ training, adult literacy, and infrastructural development in schools. Beneficiaries’ testimonies keep rolling in on the impact of the Foundation’s work. We are humbled by the outpouring of good will by the public and I can only say that this has further place a huge responsibility on our shoulders as a Foundation to do much more.

I am grateful to all our 2018 grantees for their immense support. My deepest thanks go to the Board of Trustees for their wealth of wisdom and experience which provides Management with invaluable guidance and a sense of direction. Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the Foundation for the hard work, commitment and dedication. Without you it would have been difficult if not impossible, to achieve our modest success.

Gima H. Forje

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
I am delighted to present this report of the Foundation’s accomplishments in 2018, which like little drops in an ocean, may seem infinitesimal amid a myriad of challenges that over 180 million citizens strive to tackle daily in our beloved country.

In 2018, the Foundation worked with 19 organisations to positively impact over two million beneficiaries with lifesaving health and education interventions. We are resolute in the pursuit of our mission to enhance the quality of lives of Nigerians and I am pleased that the Foundation maintained a trajectory of progress in interventions supported.

The Foundation consolidated its relationship with key partners in the philanthropic space while exploring opportunities to engage like-minded institutions.

I thank the Board of Trustees, staff, grantees and other partners for their support and dedication to the work of the Foundation. Testimonies of the Foundation’s impact continue to invigorate us; and as we go forward, we are fully committed to improving the quality of lives of all Nigerians. The task is by no means an easy one but we are determined to go on regardless of the challenges.

As we progress towards 10 years of grant making in Nigeria, I want to use this opportunity to thank and appreciate grantees both old and new who partnered with us in our quest to make lives more meaningful for Nigerians especially the less privilege lot of the society.

Our journey over the years has been a learning process for us and I want to assure you of our commitment to the improvement of service delivery in our areas of focus.

Thank You Once Again
And May God Bless You.
2018 Grants Summary

In the 2018 grant cycle, Two Hundred and Twelve Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty naira (₦212, 287,940) in grants was disbursed to 19 non-governmental organizations to intervene in areas of Health and Education & Skills Training in 8 locations across 7 states - Taraba, Edo, Enugu, Ebonyi, Borno, Kaduna, and the Federal Capital Territory.

The charts below illustrate the distribution of the funds.

Total Amount for Main Grants
₦157,869,940

Grantees

Health

Education

2018 GRANTEES LIST
Main Grants
1. Care Vision Support Initiative
2. Social Welfare Network Initiative
3. Total Child Care Initiative
4. South Saharan Social Development Organisation
5. Pro Health International
6. Cleft and Facial Deformity Foundation
7. School Hunters Education Development Initiative
8. All Children Charity International Foundation
9. Ideal Development and Resource Centre
10. St. Monica Health Center
11. Mission to Save the Helpless

Taraba Community Fund
1. WOTCLEF
2. Hepa Healthcare Center Nigeria
3. Nigerian Montane Forest Project
4. Deeper Peace and Unity Women MPCS
5. Youth Progressive Association in Taraba

Edo Community Fund
1. Initiative for the Development of the Next Generation
2. Noroware Osula Health Foundation
3. Women and Youth Concerns
4. Jose Maira Escriva Foundation
5. Bethsan Youth Organisation
In 2018, the Foundation prioritised specific areas for funding, mainly to consolidate on ongoing programmes while taking up new challenges like child nutrition.

Areas of priority in 2018 as depicted below included initiatives aimed at combating preventable blindness and providing free access to eye care; improving maternal and child health care delivery; combating NTDs; and providing free medical and surgical services.

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2,399,924 Beneficiaries
Promoting Access to Quality and Affordable Health Care (SDG-3)

The importance of accessing quality health care in rural communities cannot be overemphasized. As part of our contribution to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goal-3 (Quality Health and Well-Being), the Foundation has adopted an all-inclusive approach to facilitating this access through training of health care givers; renovating health facilities; upgrading medical equipment; supporting health systems strengthening and drug revolving schemes; as well as providing various healthcare services through free medical missions to people living in remote areas.

This, we believe, will help in ensuring healthy lives and promote the well-being of people at all ages.
Available data shows that Nigeria suffers from 13 of the 17 Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO), including all five of the most common - Lymphatic Filariasis (elephantiasis), Onchocerciasis (River Blindness), Schistosomiasis (Bilharzia), Soil-transmitted Helminth (Intestinal Worms), and Trachoma.

The adverse effect of these diseases includes disabilities and disfigurements for millions, a weakened productive work force, and entrenchment for millions in a vicious cycle of poverty.

The Foundation since 2009 has been providing support to combat NTDs in Taraba State through Mass Drug Administration (MDA). In 2018, it continued its funding for integrated NTDs management and support to organisations working to combat NTDs through MDAs and innovative Intensified Diseases Management (IDM).
We supported free eye care services as part of our flagship and strategic initiative – “Vision for a Brighter Future”. In 2018, two projects were supported in 6 locations to implement integrated comprehensive free eye care missions aimed at increasing access to eye care and improving the vision of individuals and community members.

Services provided included cataract surgeries, treating presbyopia and refractive errors with corrective glasses as well as screening and treatment of eye ailments in public schools.

The interventions also served to enhance the capacity of Community Health workers who were trained in the delivery of primary eye care services to those in need.

**Preventable Blindness**

*Number of Lives Touched*

1,240
As part of our commitment to reduce the indices of maternal and child mortality rate especially in rural communities, the Foundation funded training of Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs), upgrading primary health facilities, and establishing a drug revolving scheme in 3 locations in Taraba state.

Maternal and Child Health
Number of Lives Touched
5,000
One of the ways of providing access to quality healthcare to underserved populations is through medical missions.

In 2018, funding was provided for general medical consultations, diagnosis and treatment of prevailing conditions, obstetrics and gynaecology conditions for women of child bearing age, as well as general and specialized surgeries in equipped hospital environments.

Four organisations were supported to conduct medical missions in Taraba, Edo, and Ebonyi states.
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I recall how women in my community have had difficulties with child birth. The traditional birth attendants assisting pregnant women have always done their best. But one major challenge often encountered by women after delivery has been incessant blood flow (post-partum haemorrhage) which more often leads to death. Sometimes in a month, I receive reports from my ward of about 3-5 women who had died as a result of this post-partum haemorrhage. It had become a major problem in my community and I discovered that it was the same sad story in the other wards as well. I know this because we, the ward heads, speak a lot about the number of birth-related deaths and the number of women involved. However, a lot changed following our meetings with the TY Danjuma Foundation. I think it has awakened in us the need to pay more attention to problems, articulate same, and work towards addressing them. The Foundation supported the training of TBAs serving our community and 6 months after completion of the training, everything changed in my community; the deaths have significantly reduced as there has only been one reported death thus far. And when we (ward heads) met at the palace of the Galadima, there were no reports of maternal deaths either. We are pleased with the TY Danjuma Foundation and its intervention. Our women are visiting the health centre more often both for check-ups and child delivery. I believe the traditional birth attendants are doing a very good job through their awareness campaigns on the need for expectant mothers to always visit the health centre in the course of their pregnancy. I have also observed a positive sense of pride in the work of the TBAs especially when they carry the kit box donated by the Foundation to the field in the course of their duties.
Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting life-long learning opportunities for all (Sustainable Development Goal -4) is a duty for government, grant-making organizations, corporate bodies and also individuals.
Interventions in this area aim to make learning more conducive for the girl-child.

The interventions are designed to tackle limiting factors like traditional beliefs, reproductive knowledge, and in some cases, instructional materials while increasing enrolment and retention.

In 2018, four projects were implemented and they addressed enrolment and retention as key focus. Sex education and provision of learning materials were also secondary provisions of the intervention.

**Promoting Girl Child Education**

**Number of Lives Touched**

237
As the strategy for improving the quality of education in the country continues to shift focus and re-align with both national and global goals, the Foundation is also making efforts to key into these goals in order to maximize its impact.

Hence, in the 2018 grant cycle, the Foundation prioritized initiatives aimed at improving the quality of teaching, enrolment and retention, and promoting balance of educational opportunities for the girl-child and the less privileged.
The culture of maintenance is generally known to be poor in the country. Images of pupils learning in deplorable conditions can be found everywhere and one of the Foundation’s goals is to improve the quality of learning through infrastructural upgrade and development.

One of such projects was executed at the Local Education Authority (LEA) Primary School, Dankwo in the Federal Capital Territory where support was provided to renovate the school, in addition to building a gender segregated toilet for pupils and staff.
Cognizant of the link between teacher quality and learning outcomes, the Foundation provided support for in-service training of teachers on effective content delivery and knowledge transfer to pupils in Enugu State.

The funding was also utilized to enhance the capacity of the schools’ School Based Management Committees (SBMCs) and Parents Teachers Association (PTAs) for the sustainability of the projects.
My name is Nafisat Umar; an indigene of Marke Community in Makarfi Local Government Area of Kaduna State. I am 12 years old and the first female child of my parents. I couldn’t continue my education due to the inability of my parents to pay for my tuition. My parents are peasant farmers who also do not quite grasp the value in educating a girl child. I have been at home for the past 2 years without any hope of continuing my education and the only visible option was to get married and leave my family house. I was excited when my community was selected to benefit from the TY Danjuma Foundation Free Education Project and also overwhelmed to see my name short-listed for enrolment back in school. Before I was enrolled in school, I found it so difficult to read, write or speak in English. But all that has changed now courtesy of the TY Danjuma Foundation. Presently I can read, comprehend and also carry out my assignments without aid from anyone.

I have received training in baking, bead making and cosmetics. I have begun making buns to sell in my neighbourhood at weekends and I find time to teach girls who are interested but did not have the opportunity to learn what I have been taught. There is a huge transformation and I feel it daily. By the grace of God, I will complete my secondary school education and get a degree at a university. I thank TY Danjuma Foundation for the good work and also I pray that the Almighty God will give the Founder long life, grace and resources to soldier on in this noble cause.

Nafisat Umar
Like the Federal Government, the Foundation continued funding of its school feeding programme in the FCT and Taraba state.

The project which aimed at increasing enrolment and retention also served to improve hygienic practices of the pupils who had to wash their hands before and after meals.

The programme fed over 500 pupils daily in both schools.
The Foundation partnered with the Nigeria Health Watch to organise its 2018 Future of Health Conference tagged “The Diaspora as Nigeria’s Brain Gain”. The conference focused on highlighting the challenges of brain drain in the Nigerian health sector and provided an avenue for health experts to discuss and proffer recommendations to tackle challenges affecting the sector. The event enabled the Foundation to showcase its work and also network with other stakeholders in the health sector.
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In a bid to extend its network and engage with relevant actors in its thematic areas of focus, the Foundation participated at the 2018 African Philanthropy Forum (APF) which held in South Africa.

The forum provided an avenue for experience sharing among participants which were drawn from all across the continent and beyond. APF is a notable forum for promoting organised philanthropy and providing robust avenue for networking among philanthropic organisations.
The Foundation continued its partnership with Channels Television to organise their annual Channels Kids Cup for the 3rd year running.

The Channels Kids Cup is an annual football competition organised by Channels TV to showcase the talents of children in primary schools in commemoration of the Children’s Day.

For the 2018 edition, the Foundation awarded a total of N4.5million as prize money to the top 3 winning schools at the finals which took place at the Teslim Balogun Stadium in Lagos state. The winning schools were:

1. LGEA Central Primary School, Kaiama, Kwara State – N2million;
2. Baptist Government Elementary School, Ada – Owode, Osun Ekiti – N1.5million; and

The prize money was to be used to fund projects that enhance the quality of education in the winning schools and the Foundation followed through by way of monitoring.
NGO Sets N212.2million Grant for Rural Education.

Twenty-one non-government organisations across Nigeria have been selected by the TY Danjuma Foundation to receive grants worth N212.2 million for community development in basic education, the state coordinator of the foundation, Oluwatomi Ajayi, disclosed this at the annual grantees’ training and presentation of cheques worth N13.9 million to the five NGOs in Benin. Ajayi explained that the beneficiaries would undertake projects aimed at improving lives in local communities. She noted that the grants were part of efforts by the foundation to make quality education and health accessible to local and indigent Nigerians. According to her, the community engagement by the five grantees in Edo is expected to cover the three senatorial districts of the state. Ajayi stated, “The foundation has been giving out grants since 2009. For 2018, it will be giving grants to 21 organisations scattered across Nigeria and the cost of the grants is N212, 287, 940. For 2018, five organisations were successful for project implementation for Edo State. They will work in the areas of education and health. “Once they start implementation, we shall undertake periodic monitoring visits to them and their project communities to ensure that what they are doing is according to the set objectives and agreements we have with them. “The grant is for any state in Nigeria. So, the call is usually put out once in a year and organisations are expected to write from any part of the country. If their proposals are good enough, then we fund them,” she added. Also speaking, the Commissioner for Education, Dr. Christopher Adesotu, described the initiative as one that would engage young Nigerians in meaningful endeavours.

Alexander Okere, Benin. The Punch magazine

Why I Built Maternity Hospital In Taraba State

A former Minister of Defence, Lt. Gen. Theophilus Danjuma (retired), says high rate of maternal mortality in Nigeria is the reason why his foundation, TY Danjuma Foundation, decided to build a world-class maternity hospital in Takum. Rtd Gen. T. Y. Danjuma disclosed this on Monday in his hometown Takum during the inauguration of the hospital named after his late mother, Mama Rufkatu Danjuma. According to him, approximately 800 women die daily worldwide due to complications arising from childbirth. Danjuma noted that majority of such cases were occurring in developing countries, hence his intervention to help reduce the rate. “Between 1990 and 2015, maternal mortality rate in the world dropped by 45 per cent, but Nigeria’s percentage of maternal mortality rate was on the rise. “This is why I have decided to assist to reduce the rate by donating this world-class hospital in collaboration with Development Africa, Taraba Government and other international charity organisations. “I hope that this hospital will set a standard in the provision of health care delivery services in the country,” he said. The Minister of State for Health, Prof. Osagie Ehanire, said 576 out of 100,000 children under the age of eight, “The hospital will charge less compared to what is obtainable in other hospitals, but would attend strictly to women and children under the age of eight,” he said.

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