



Strengthening Protection Services and Resilience in Northeast Nigeria through a Locally Led Approach Project.

IMPACT BRIEF



PROJECT SUMMARY

The project aimed at strengthening protection systems, improving women-led emergency response, and expanding access to sexual and reproductive health services.

DONOR: Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).
TIMELINE: September 2023 to March 2025
TARGET POPULATION: 41,000 IDPs, host communities and flood victims

PROJECT LOCATION:	BORNO	ADAMAWA	YOBE
	Bama Jere	Yola North Girei	Potiskum Guiba

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:

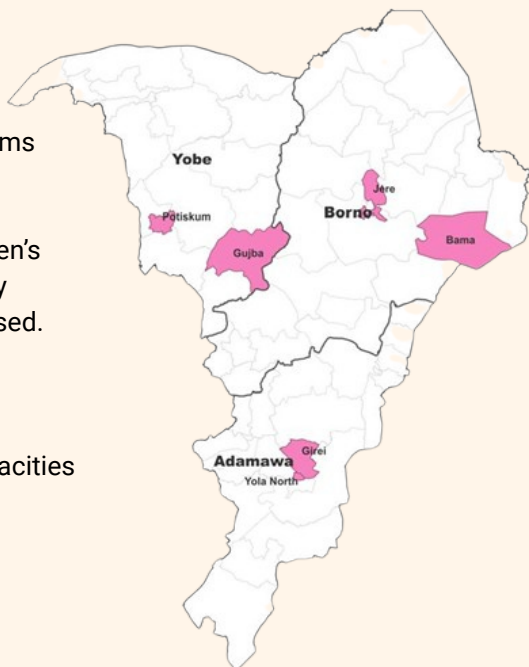


PROJECT OUTCOMES

Outcome 1:
Strengthened protection systems

Outcome 2:
Barriers to women's access to quality services addressed.

Outcome 3:
Strengthened institutional capacities of women-led organisations.



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IMPACT BY INDICATOR



125,480 Individuals reached with SRHR/GBV information



1,190 GBV cases managed and closed



30 Women-led groups taking collective action



600 Adolescents trained on SRHR



220 Health workers trained on rights-based SRHR



3,012 Women trained and given start-up kits



8 Women and Girls' Safe Spaces (WGSS) established and functional



6 Police Gender Reporting Desk established and functional



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PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS



79% of women and girls have access to GBV response services against a target of 70%.



99% of the targeted population reported satisfaction with service provision at health facilities and through mobile outreach, against a target of 85%.



25 women-led and community-based organisations reported increased financing for assistance and protection programs for women.



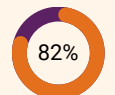
99.4 % of GBV cases reported were successfully managed and closed against a target of 80%.



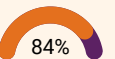
98% GBV survivors who sought legal support expressed satisfaction with the services provided by paralegals, as against a project target of 60%.



96% of people reported satisfaction with the safety, adequacy, inclusiveness, and accountability of humanitarian assistance and protection services provided by CARE and its partners against a target of 80%.



82% of participants were aware of available GBV and SRH services in their community and knew how to access them, including legal support and reproductive health care, against a target of 55%.



84% of women who participated in WLIE activities, reported improved participation in community and household decision-making.



150 security actors were trained on protection principles, PSEA, GBV guiding principles and GBV laws (National and International laws).



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The project employed a variety of strategies, including:

- Women Lead in Emergencies (WLIE) Model.
- Adolescent Mothers Against All Odds (AMAL) Initiative.
- Social Analysis and Action (SAA).
- Community-based protection mechanisms.
- Establishment of Women and Girls' Safe Spaces.

Innovations included:

- Capacity building of community-based paralegals to enhance access to legal information and justice for survivors of GBV.
- Setup of Gender Reporting Desks in police stations.

These strategies ensured that the response was participatory, localised, and transformative.

WHAT WE LEARNED

Limitations of centralised service delivery: Decentralised service delivery helped reach more people, but future projects could explore one-stop service centres to enhance coordination and effectiveness

Breaking Stereotypes for Leadership: Empowered with the right knowledge and opportunities, women groups are breaking stereotypes, dismantling cultural barriers, and transforming social norms to lead and influence decisions.

Adaptive programming and community feedback mechanisms improve responsiveness: The use of real-time feedback loops, including community-based feedback volunteers and protection risk monitoring, allowed the project to adapt rapidly to emerging needs and risks.

SUSTAINABILITY

The project established pathways for sustainability through institutional support, community structures, and policy integration. WLIE groups were registered as cooperatives and CBOs; health services were embedded within local PHC systems; and local governments now support WGSS.

Next Steps:

- Continued collaboration with government ministries to maintain gains, reinforce systems, and scale successful models.
- Regular community forums and joint planning with stakeholders will support continued impact.



Scan to learn about STEPSEIN's WLIE Innovation, a locally led model empowering women to lead in emergency response, decision-making, and community resilience.

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