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ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

ALLRight	Advance Local Leadership in the Right Way
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
BSF	Bibliothèques Sans Frontières (BSF) (Libraries Without Borders)
CAFOD	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
CP	Child Protection
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CRSV	Conflict-related sexual violence
CSI	Christian Solidarity International
CVA	Cash and Voucher Assistance
ECHO	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
ECHF	Emergency Child Health Fund
FCRM	Feedback and Complaint Response Mechanism
FSL	Food Security and Livelihoods
GAP	Good Agronomic Practices
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GFFO	German Federal Foreign Office
HR	Human Resources
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
IGA	Income Generating Activity
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organisation
JDPI	Justice Development and Peace Initiative
LGA	Local Government Area
MAM	Moderate Acute Malnutrition
MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning
MISEREOR	German Catholic Bishops' Organisation for Development Cooperation
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
MOOC	Massive Open Online Course
MUAC	Mid-Upper Arm Circumference
NHF	Nigeria Humanitarian Fund
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NNGO	National Non-Governmental Organisation
PICS	Purdue Improved Crop Storage
PSEAH	Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment
PLWD	Persons with Disability
SAM	Severe Acute Malnutrition
SILC	Savings and Internal Lending Communities
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Guided by Faith, Committed to Justice

It is with deep gratitude and hope that I present to you the JDPI 2025 Annual Report. This report reflects not only what we have done but more importantly, what we continue to believe in—human dignity, justice, compassion, and the power of community resilience.

In 2025, the Justice Development and Peace Initiative (JDPI) stood tall as a steadfast companion to the people of Maiduguri Diocese—communities still healing from the deep wounds of conflict, displacement, and poverty. Rooted in the Catholic Church’s social teaching and the pastoral vision of our Diocese, JDPI became a living testament to hope, a presence that restores dignity through action, compassion, and faith.

Amid insecurity, economic strain, and dwindling humanitarian support, our staff and volunteers journeyed to the hardest hit Local Government Areas—places where fear and fatigue linger, yet courage continues to bloom. There, they ensured that vulnerable families, especially the displaced, the hungry, the widowed, and the young, would not be abandoned to despair. Through our programmes—Food Security and Livelihoods, Nutrition, Protection, WASH, MHPSS, Social Cohesion and Peace Building—we touched tens of thousands of lives, offering not only assistance but companionship on the journey to recovery and resilience.

The results of 2025 tell a story of transformation: families nourished and empowered to rebuild, children regaining health and laughter, survivors of violence finding solace and referral to care, entire communities rediscovering dignity through access to clean water and safe sanitation. Yet beyond every figure lies a beating heart—a mother’s relief, a child’s restored smile, a family’s assurance of food on the table—these are the true metrics of hope that define our mission.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to JDPI’s management and staff, to our parish-based JDPC structures, to community leaders, religious leaders, volunteers, and our generous partners and donors. In remote villages and volatile towns, your faith and service make the Gospel tangible.

As we step into 2026, may our resolve deepen—to be builders of peace, defenders of justice, and servants of integral human development in every corner of our Diocese.

With gratitude and blessings.



Most Rev. Dr. John Bagna Bakani
Auxiliary Bishop, Maiduguri Diocese
& Secretary JDPI Board of Trustees.

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Behind every achievement is a family with renewed hope, a community with greater resilience, and a future filled with possibility.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Strengthening Resilience, Sustaining Hope

In 2025, Justice Development and Peace Initiative in Maiduguri Diocese (JDPI Maiduguri), deepened its commitment to “deliver life-saving, life sustaining and life-building interventions to the most vulnerable.”

Despite significant challenges, including the Stop-Work order and resultant funding cuts, the incessant security challenges in our operational context in North-East Nigeria, the related killing of our Senior MEAL Officer, Zion Japhet in the line of duty, the trauma suffered by the survivors of the attack in which he was killed and by the organization, and the peculiar challenges of working in remote, hard-to-reach and often unpredictable locations, the organization nevertheless accompanied communities and individuals in need with dedication, compassion, professionalism, and accountability.

In Food Security and Livelihoods, JDPI reached **48,016 people** through agricultural support, Cash and Voucher Assistance, livelihood interventions, and seasonal food assistance. In Nutrition, **13,751 children** were screened for malnutrition, while **10,317 children and caregivers** received lifesaving nutrition support, including children enrolled in community-based MAM interventions, children with Severe Acute Malnutrition referred for specialised treatment, and women and caregivers supported through nutrition education.

Through integrated WASH interventions, JDPI provided an estimated **22,000 persons** with improved access to safe water, while hygiene promotion, sanitation support, and disease prevention activities helped communities reduce health risks and improve dignity. In MHPSS, **21,729 people** were reached with mental health and psychosocial support messages, while Protection interventions reached **22,182 people** through awareness sessions and messaging on safety, dignity, rights, and available support services.

JDPI also invested in strengthening community structures for resilience and sustainability. WASHCOMs, Savings and Internal Lending Communities, and social cohesion and peacebuilding platforms helped communities organise themselves, resolve conflicts, build financial resilience, and engage in collective action. These structures remain central to promoting local ownership and sustaining impact beyond individual project cycles.

Beyond these programmatic milestones, JDPI in 2025 also experienced growth in programme management, organisational governance, financial compliance and controls, Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning systems and procedures. We strengthened our commitment to PSEAH and safeguarding, ensuring safer and more effective services for the communities we serve.

I am grateful to our donors, the Diocese of Maiduguri, government agencies, our UN, INGO and NNGO partners, community leaders, religious leaders and the people we serve for their trust, partnership and collaboration, which continue to strengthen local ownership and deepen our collective impact.

Together, we move forward with renewed commitment to dignity, resilience, and hope.

Fr. Vincent Okoye
Executive Director, JDPI Maiduguri Diocese



Who We Are

The Justice Development and Peace Initiative in Maiduguri Diocese (JDPI Maiduguri) is a faith-based, non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting justice, peace, and sustainable development among vulnerable populations affected by conflict, displacement, and poverty.

As the social development arm of the Catholic Diocese of Maiduguri, JDPI plays a critical role in responding to humanitarian needs while supporting long-term recovery and resilience across the BAY States of Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe.

Established to advance human dignity and social justice, JDPI Maiduguri works in partnership with communities, government institutions, faith-based organisations, civil society actors, and development partners to implement integrated programmes that address both immediate needs and the underlying causes of vulnerability.

Our work spans **humanitarian response, food security and livelihoods, nutrition, water and sanitation, protection, mental health and psychosocial support, social cohesion, good governance and human rights, and organisational development.** Through these interventions, we accompany vulnerable communities on their journey from crisis to recovery, helping individuals and households rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

Guided by the principles of solidarity, compassion, accountability, service and the dignity of the human person, JDPI Maiduguri remains committed to delivering effective, inclusive, and sustainable interventions that strengthen resilience and contribute to a more just and peaceful society.



Mission, Vision & Core Values



MISSION

To deliver life-saving, life-sustaining, and life-building interventions to the most vulnerable.



VISION

A just and peaceful society where every person lives with dignity.

OUR CORE VALUES

JDPI's work is guided by the principles of the Catholic Social Teaching which provide the moral and ethical foundation for our mission and actions. They are as follows:



The Link Between Religious and Social Dimension of Life

Our Faith calls us to transform society and build a more just world.



Economic Justice

We work for equitable distribution of resources, decent work and just economic systems.



The Dignity of the Human Person

Every person is created in the image and likeness of God and deserves respect and dignity.



Stewardship

We care for God's creation and use resources responsibly for current and future generations.



Option for the Poor

We stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalised, prioritizing their needs and voices.



Global Solidarity

We recognise our interconnectedness and stand in solidarity with all people everywhere.



The Link Between Love and Justice

True love demands justice; we work for relationships rooted in both.



Promotion of Peace

We work to build a culture of peace, reconciliation and non-violence.



Promotion of the Common Good

We seek the well-being of all, ensuring that no one is left behind.



Subsidiarity

Decisions are best made at the most local level possible, empowering communities.



Political Participation

We promote the rights and responsibilities of all to participate in society and governance.



Gender Consciousness

We promote equality, dignity and justice for all, especially women and girls.

2025 AT A GLANCE

In 2025, JDPI continued to respond to the needs of vulnerable communities affected by conflict, displacement, poverty, and climate-related challenges. Through partnerships with donors, government institutions, community structures, and local leaders, the organisation delivered life-saving assistance while strengthening resilience and promoting long-term recovery.



10

Projects
Implemented



20,229

Households
Supported



63%

Women and Girls
Reached



6%

of People Living with
Disabilities Reached

Through integrated humanitarian, recovery and resilience interventions across Northeast Nigeria, driven by compassion, partnership and trust.

DELIVERING IMPACT ACROSS SECTORS



FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS

48,016

People reached through agricultural, livelihood and food assistance interventions



NUTRITION

10,317

Children and caregivers received lifesaving nutrition support



WASH

22,000

People gained improved access to safe water



MHPSS

21,729

People reached through mental health and psychosocial support messaging



PROTECTION

22,182

People reached through protection awareness activities



SOCIAL COHESION & PEACE BUILDING

13

Community conflicts resolved through peacebuilding mechanisms

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025



22

Boreholes completed
15 constructed, 7 rehabilitated



330

Sanitation facilities constructed/rehabilitated



#76 Million

Saved by SILC members



20

Community Greenhouses established



1,133

Children received Birth Certificates

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Throughout 2025, JDPI delivered integrated humanitarian, recovery, and resilience interventions across Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa States. Working with communities, government institutions, and development partners, the organisation supported vulnerable populations through interventions in food security and livelihoods, nutrition, WASH, protection, mental health and psychosocial support, and peacebuilding.



BORNO STATE

- MMC
- Jere
- Magumeri
- Gwoza
- Kaga
- Biu
- Chibok



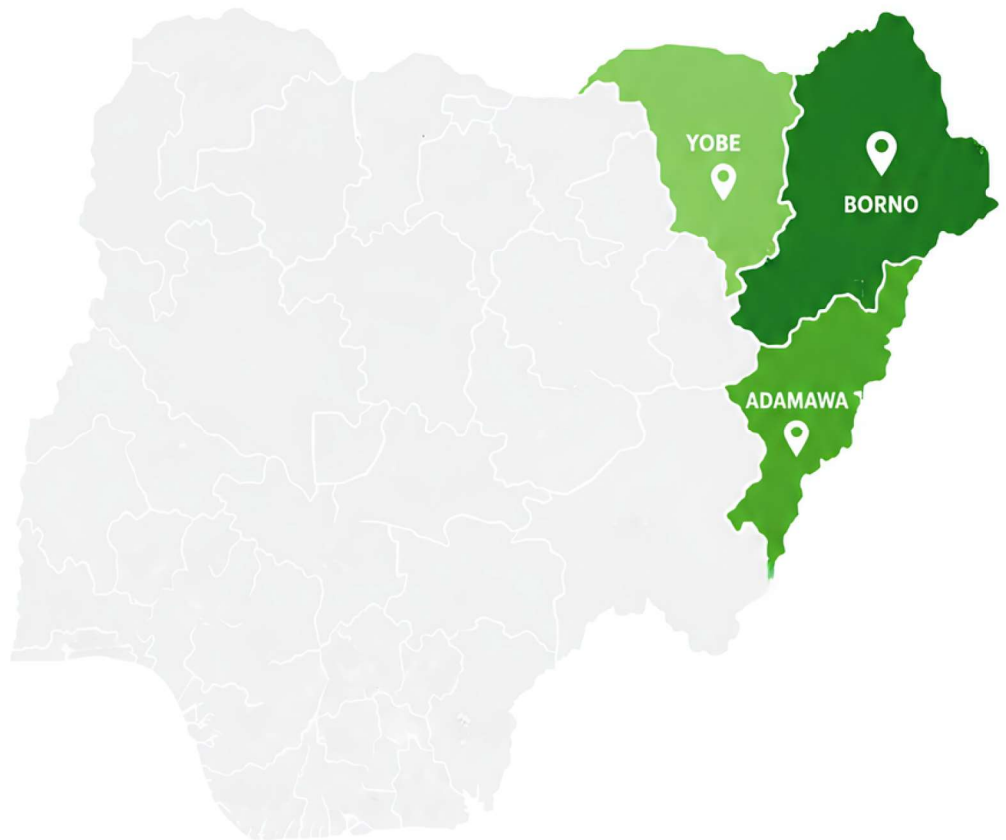
ADAMAWA STATE

- Hong
- Michika
- Madagali
- Mubi North
- Mubi South



YOBE STATE

- Potiskum
- Geidam
- Fika
- Fune
- Jakusko
- Nangere
- Bade
- Nguru



3

States



20

LGAs



114

Communities



SECTOR

FSL

FOOD
SECURITY &
LIVELIHOODS



48,016

People Reached
Through Food Security
and Livelihoods intervention



5,200

Farmers Equipped with
Agricultural Inputs and
Trained on Good
Agronomic Practices



20

Community Greenhouses
Established to Strengthen
Climate-Smart Agriculture



Cultivating Resilience through Sustainable Livelihoods

Food insecurity continued to pose significant challenges for vulnerable households across north-eastern Nigeria in 2025. The combined effects of conflict, displacement, climate variability, rising food prices, and limited livelihood opportunities placed increasing pressure on household food availability and income sources. In response, JDPI Maiduguri implemented integrated food security and livelihood interventions designed not only to address immediate needs but also to strengthen resilience and support long-term recovery. Working with partners including BMZ through Caritas Germany, ECHO, CSI, and Manos Unidas, JDPI reached **48,016** individuals, supporting **8,263** households across Borno and Adamawa states through interventions that improved food security, strengthened agricultural production, and expanded economic opportunities.

Agricultural Support and Improved Crop Production

Recognising that subsistence agriculture remains the primary source of livelihood for many rural households, JDPI prioritised interventions that improved agricultural productivity while strengthening resilience to climate-related shocks. Supported by BMZ through Caritas Germany, JDPI provided rainy season agricultural inputs to **4,000 farming households**, strengthening their capacity to cultivate crops and improve food production during the rainy season.

The support package included variety of improved seeds such as **soyabeans, maize, rice, groundnut, organic fertilisers, and tools like knapsack sprayers**. All these were tailored towards enhancing productivity, while promoting sustainable agricultural practices. To maximise the effectiveness of these inputs, JDPI trained these farmers on Good Agronomic Practices (GAP) and Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA), equipping them with knowledge on soil fertility management, water conservation, crop management, pest control, and post-harvest handling.

These interventions strengthened farmers' capacity to increase yields, improve household food availability, and better adapt to changing environmental conditions.



A happy farmer after receiving farm inputs for rainy season farming

Expanding Irrigation and Dry-Season Farming Opportunities

Seasonal rainfall patterns continue to limit agricultural production in many communities in northeast Nigeria. To address this challenge, JDPI expanded support for irrigation and dry-season farming activities that enabled households to maintain production beyond the rainy season.

JDPI Maiduguri engaged **1,200** irrigation farmers (households)—organised into farmer groups—in dry-season agricultural production, through provision of improved seeds (rice, maize, wheat), water pumps, hoses, while also providing accompaniment, thereby creating opportunities for increased food availability and income generation. Wheat farming also emerged as an important innovation during the year, enabling many farmers to diversify production and take advantage of new market opportunities.

Access to irrigation farming, combined with technical support and improved agricultural practices, strengthened household resilience by reducing dependence on a single farming season and increasing opportunities for year-round productivity.



During the flag-off distribution of Irrigation farm input



An irrigation farmer on his farm

Reducing Post-Harvest Losses and Strengthening Market Systems

Agricultural gains can only be sustained when farmers are able to preserve their harvests and access viable markets. To address post-harvest challenges, JDPI strengthened storage systems and market linkages across intervention communities.

With support from BMZ through Caritas Germany, JDPI distributed **8,000** PICS bags to **4,000** farmers, helping reduce losses caused by pests and spoilage while improving household food availability and income retention. Farmers were trained on proper storage techniques, enabling them to preserve harvested produce more effectively and reduce reliance on chemical preservatives.

The organisation also strengthened market systems by facilitating engagement between farmer cooperatives and agricultural suppliers. As part of this effort, **86** cooperative leaders participated in market linkage initiatives that improved access to quality agricultural inputs, strengthened relationships with private-sector actors, and promoted more transparent and efficient transactions. These efforts contributed to stronger local agricultural and market systems, and enhanced farmers' ability to translate increased production into sustainable economic gains.

Throughout 2025, JDPI's integrated food security and livelihood interventions helped vulnerable households move beyond immediate survival toward greater resilience and self-reliance. By combining food assistance, agricultural support, farmer training, irrigation farming, livelihood development, and market strengthening, the organisation continued to empower communities to withstand shocks, improve food security, and build a more hopeful future.

Strengthening Household Food Security Through Cash and Voucher Assistance

For many vulnerable families, access to food remained an urgent concern. Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) served as a critical lifeline, enabling households to meet immediate food needs while preserving dignity and choice. Under the ECHO-funded SAHaRA project, JDPI provided unrestricted cash assistance that enabled **15,466** individuals across Borno and Adamawa States to access food and other essential household needs based on their own priorities.

Complementing these efforts, JDPI also provided seasonal food assistance to **750 widows** across the Maiduguri Catholic Diocese with support from Christian Solidarity International (CSI), helping vulnerable households meet immediate food needs during the Christmas season with dignity and hope.

Beyond helping households access food, the support reduced negative coping mechanisms, protected productive assets, and provided vulnerable families with the stability needed to focus on rebuilding their lives.

Expanding Livelihood Opportunities and Economic Resilience

Building resilient households requires diversified income sources. Beyond agriculture, JDPI invested in livelihood development initiatives that strengthened economic participation and reduced household vulnerability.

Under the WE-SING project, **100** women in Borno state received livelihood start-up kits tailored to their chosen economic activities. The participant-led approach ensured that each beneficiary received support aligned with her skills, interests, and livelihood aspirations. Women engaged in activities including tailoring, petty trading, food processing, and other small-scale enterprises that contributed to household income and economic stability.

For many beneficiaries, the support represented more than access to business tools—it created opportunities to rebuild confidence, increase financial independence, and contribute more actively to household wellbeing. Several women established new businesses, while others expanded existing enterprises, creating stronger foundations for long-term resilience and recovery.



Women receiving their startup kits after training on the WE-SING project

In Hong and Michika LGAs of Adamawa state, JDPI Maiduguri also continued to promote agricultural innovation through the establishment of **20** community greenhouses, creating opportunities for climate-smart, year-round production of high-value crops. The greenhouse initiative is highlighted in a dedicated feature section of this report.

FSL FEATURE

Greenhouse Farming for Year-Round Productivity

One of the most innovative livelihood interventions implemented by JDPI in 2025 was the introduction of greenhouse farming through the BMZ-funded *Multisectoral Strengthening of Resilience of Vulnerable Households in Conflict-Affected Communities of Northeastern Nigeria and Northern Cameroon* project.

For many households in Northeast Nigeria, farming remains heavily dependent on seasonal rainfall, making agricultural production vulnerable to prolonged dry seasons and changing weather patterns. To help address these challenges, JDPI **established 20 community greenhouses** across intervention communities in Hong and Michika Local Government Areas of Adamawa State, supporting **263 vulnerable households** to engage in climate-smart vegetable production.

The greenhouses provide controlled growing environments that enable farmers to cultivate high-value crops such as tomatoes, bell peppers, and habanero peppers throughout the year, improving productivity while reducing dependence on seasonal rainfall.

Strategically linked to nearby motorised solar-powered boreholes earlier constructed by the project, the initiative promotes efficient water use and introduces farmers to innovative agricultural practices that strengthen resilience, improve household nutrition, and create opportunities for increased income generation.



Greenhouse after completion



Inside the community greenhouse



During JDPI's routine monitoring visit to the greenhouses



Bell peppers straight from the greenhouse

Facilitating and Strengthening Market Linkages

Recognising that sustainable production must be matched with reliable market opportunities, JDPI has begun supporting participating farmer groups to explore market linkages that will strengthen the long-term viability of greenhouse farming in these communities, helping to improve income opportunities and ensure the sustainability of the initiative.





SECTOR

NUTRITION



13,751

Children Screened for Malnutrition



3,005

MAM Children Supported with Tom Brown



58

SAM Cases Identified and Referred



160

Lead Mothers Strengthened to Sustain Community Nutrition Services



Nourishing Futures: Lifesaving Nutrition for Malnourished Mothers and Infants



Good nutrition is fundamental to healthy growth, learning, resilience, and overall wellbeing. Yet for many children and families across conflict-affected communities, access to adequate nutrition remains a persistent challenge. Throughout 2025, JDPI Maiduguri continued to strengthen community-based nutrition systems that enabled the early identification of malnutrition, improved access to treatment and counselling, and empowered families with the knowledge and skills needed to support healthier lives. Working with donors and partners including BMZ through Caritas Germany, GFFO, and CRS, JDPI implemented integrated nutrition interventions that strengthened community resilience and improved nutrition outcomes for vulnerable children, mothers, and caregivers.

Strengthening Early Detection and Community Nutrition Surveillance

Early identification remains one of the most effective strategies for preventing severe malnutrition and improving child survival outcomes. Throughout the year, JDPI strengthened community-based nutrition surveillance systems that enabled children at risk of malnutrition to be identified and supported before their condition deteriorated.

Across intervention communities, **13,751 children were screened** for malnutrition through regular community-based screening activities conducted by trained volunteers, Lead Mothers, and nutrition teams. These screenings provided an essential entry point for timely referrals, treatment, and nutrition support services while helping communities better understand the nutritional status of their children.

The widespread reach of these activities strengthened community ownership of nutrition interventions and contributed to improved awareness of child nutrition and health practices among caregivers.

Supporting Recovery Through Community-Based Nutrition Interventions

Screening activities enabled JDPI to identify children requiring immediate nutrition support and connect them to appropriate services. Across intervention communities, **3,005** children diagnosed with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were enrolled in community-based nutrition interventions centred on nutrition counselling, caregiver support, and the production and use of Tom Brown, a locally produced nutrient-rich complementary food.

Supported by JDPI Maiduguri, caregivers participated in support groups, cooking demonstrations, and regular follow-up sessions that strengthened household capacity to support children's recovery. Community-based treatment approaches combined locally available foods, practical nutrition education, and caregiver engagement to improve recovery outcomes and reduce the risk of deterioration.

For children requiring more advanced care, JDPI facilitated referrals to appropriate treatment services. A total of **58** children identified with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) were referred for life-saving treatment and specialised support, ensuring timely access to essential healthcare services. These interventions demonstrated the effectiveness of combining community ownership with structured nutrition support to improve child nutrition outcomes and strengthen resilience at household level.



Nutrition counselling session



Pilot cooking demonstration with caregivers



Mother measuring her child who has now fully recovered.

Empowering Caregivers and Supporting Healthy Child Development

Healthy child growth depends not only on treatment but also on caregivers' ability to make informed decisions on feeding, dietary diversity, hygiene, and child care. Throughout 2025, JDPI strengthened Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) programming and behaviour change interventions that promoted healthy nutrition practices within households.

A total of **7,254** women and caregivers participated in nutrition education sessions, cooking demonstrations, community discussions, and practical learning activities focused on the use of locally available foods to support balanced diets and improve feeding practices.

JDPI also provided specialised counselling, follow-up support, and referral services for **220** mother-infant pairs during the critical early stages of child development. By equipping caregivers with practical knowledge and skills, the programme strengthened household ownership of nutrition and contributed to healthier growth and development outcomes for children.

Strengthening Community Nutrition Systems Through Lead Mothers

Lead Mothers continued to serve as the foundation of JDPI's community-based nutrition approach. Acting as frontline nutrition champions, they played a critical role in screening children, supporting treatment, conducting household follow-up visits, facilitating referrals, and leading nutrition sensitisation activities within their communities.

JDPI further strengthened the capacity of Lead Mothers through refresher trainings on Family MUAC, nutrition counselling, infant and young child feeding, and community mobilisation.

By the end of the year, **160** Lead Mothers were actively supporting nutrition interventions across project communities. Their leadership strengthened local ownership of nutrition programming while helping ensure that nutrition services remained accessible at community level.

The continued investment in Lead Mothers has created a sustainable community resource that will continue supporting improved nutrition outcomes long after individual project cycles have ended.



Cross section of lead mothers and staff of JDPI Maiduguri Diocese in Hildi community of Adamawa state.

Encouraging Whole-Family Engagement for Better Nutrition Outcomes

JDPI recognises that improving child nutrition is a shared responsibility that extends beyond mothers and caregivers alone. Engaging fathers and other family members helps create supportive household environments where positive nutrition practices can flourish.

Through **father-to-father** groups, childcare discussions, and community engagement sessions, JDPI promoted greater male participation in child nutrition and care. These activities strengthened understanding of nutrition, caregiving responsibilities, and household decision-making.

As a result, **799 men** participated in child nutrition and care activities during the year, contributing to stronger family support systems and reinforcing the shared responsibility of ensuring healthy growth and development for children.

NUTRITION FEATURE

Informed Choices. Accessible Nutrition. Healthy Communities.



Nutrition Conference 2025

Sustainable nutrition outcomes are achieved not only through treatment and service delivery, but also through informed communities, empowered caregivers, and locally driven solutions that endure long after project implementation.

Recognising that lasting improvements in nutrition require knowledge, collaboration, and community ownership, JDPI continued to promote dialogue, learning, and multi-stakeholder engagement throughout 2025.

A major milestone during the year was the Nutrition Conference 2025, convened under the theme: **"Informed Choices. Accessible Nutrition. Healthy Communities."**

The conference brought together lead mothers, health workers, government representatives, educational institutions, development partners, civil society organisations, and community members to exchange experiences and explore practical pathways toward improved nutrition and healthier communities.



Lead mothers at the conference



Panel discussions



Lead mothers' exhibition

Lead Mothers at the Centre

At the heart of the event were the lead mothers who have become champions of nutrition within their communities. Through demonstrations, peer learning sessions, and exhibitions, they showcased a variety of nutritious foods including branded Tom Brown, and other snacks, prepared from locally available ingredients, demonstrating how simple, affordable solutions can contribute to better nutrition outcomes for children and families.

The exhibition illustrated how community-based nutrition initiatives can simultaneously improve child nutrition, strengthen women's economic participation, and promote sustainable local solutions to malnutrition.

Dialogue and Shared Learning

The conference also served as a platform for reflection and collective action. Presentations and panel discussions explored topics such as dietary diversity, appropriate infant and young child feeding practices, behaviour change, and the role of community participation in improving nutrition outcomes. Representatives from government, the academia, community structures, and development organisations shared perspectives on strengthening partnerships and expanding access to nutrition services.

Local Solutions, Lasting Impact

Traditional cultural performances added colour and energy to the event, celebrating local heritage while reinforcing the collective responsibility of communities in building healthier futures.

By creating a space for learning, innovation, and collaboration, the conference reinforced a simple but powerful message: **when communities are informed, empowered, and actively involved, nutrition becomes a shared responsibility—and healthier futures become possible for all.**

The conference formed part of JDPI's broader nutrition programming under the BMZ-funded *Multisectoral Strengthening of Resilience of Vulnerable Households in Conflict-Affected Communities of Northeastern Nigeria and Northern Cameroon* project.



SECTOR

WaSH

WATER,
SANITATION &
HYGIENE



22,000

People Gained Access
to Safe Water



18,626

People Reached Through
Hygiene Promotion



22

Water Facilities
Constructed/
Rehabilitated



Restoring Dignity through Access to Safe Water and Sanitation

Access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and good hygiene practices remains fundamental to protecting health, preserving dignity, and strengthening community resilience. Across many of the communities served by JDPI Maiduguri in 2025, limited access to safe water and sanitation infrastructure continued to expose households to waterborne diseases, poor hygiene conditions, and heightened vulnerability, particularly among women and children. In response, JDPI implemented integrated WASH interventions helping communities improve access to safe water, adopt healthier hygiene practices, and strengthen local systems for sustainable service delivery.

Expanding Access to Safe and Sustainable Water

Reliable access to clean water remained a priority throughout 2025 as JDPI invested in the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure to reduce dependence on unsafe water sources. Supported by BMZ through Caritas Germany, GFFO, ECHO, and CRS, these interventions expanded access to safe water across vulnerable communities.

During the year, **JDPI constructed 15 boreholes and rehabilitated 7 others, providing an estimated 22,000** people with improved access to safe water in line with Sphere standards, across Borno and Adamawa states. The availability of nearby -inclusive water fetching points reduced the time and distance required to collect water, particularly benefiting women and girls who often bear this responsibility, and also reduced protection risks.

Beyond addressing immediate needs, these investments strengthened community resilience by providing sustainable water infrastructure that supports households year-round while reducing vulnerability to water-related diseases and shocks.



Borehole drilling activity being supervised by staff of JDPI



Borehole completed and in use in Fadamarke Community



A child happily washing her hands in Kilamada community

Promoting Hygiene and Disease Prevention

Infrastructure alone cannot guarantee improved health outcomes. To prevent disease and promote healthy practices, JDPI implemented hygiene promotion and public health awareness activities across intervention communities.

Through house-to-house awareness campaigns, community sensitisation sessions, cholera prevention messaging, public health campaigns, and hygiene promotion activities, JDPI reached **18,626** individuals with critical information on safe water handling, handwashing, environmental sanitation, household hygiene, and disease prevention. Special awareness campaigns, including Global Handwashing Day commemorations and community-led sanitation activities, further reinforced key public health messages and encouraged communities to take greater ownership of hygiene practices.

Under the ECHO Sahara Project, JDPI also responded to heightened public health risks by **distributed 2,675 cholera and hygiene kits** to vulnerable individuals, and also reaching **1,115 persons with menstrual hygiene kits**. Complementing ongoing hygiene promotion and cholera prevention activities, the intervention provided families with essential hygiene supplies and reinforced safe hygiene practices, helping to reduce the risk of waterborne diseases and strengthen community resilience during public health emergencies.

By combining hygiene promotion with targeted disease prevention measures, JDPI helped families adopt healthier practices and strengthened community resilience against waterborne diseases.



Hygiene promotion session



Community-led sanitation



Water fetching point in use

Improving Sanitation, Safety, and Community Health

Safe sanitation is essential for health, dignity, and protection. Throughout 2025, JDPI strengthened sanitation infrastructure to reduce open defecation, improve environmental hygiene, and create safer living conditions for vulnerable populations.

JDPI constructed **330** gender-sensitive and disability-inclusive sanitation facilities, improving access to safe and dignified sanitation for women, girls, older persons, and persons with disabilities. To reinforce hygiene practices and reduce disease transmission, **handwashing stations** were installed alongside the facilities.

Recognising the protection risks associated with accessing sanitation facilities after dark, JDPI also installed **178 solar lights** around sanitation areas. Together, these interventions contributed to healthier, safer, and more dignified living environments while supporting improved community health outcomes.

Strengthening Community Ownership of WASH Services

Recognising that sustainable WASH services depend on strong community systems, JDPI invested in strengthening Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Committees (WASHCOMs) to promote local ownership and long-term functionality of water infrastructure.

307 WASHCOM members received training on the operation, maintenance, and management of water facilities. The training covered preventive maintenance, fault identification, basic repairs, accountability mechanisms, and community management systems.

Equipped with practical skills and maintenance tools, WASHCOM members now play a critical role in keeping water systems functional, strengthening community ownership, and reducing the risk of prolonged service disruptions.

Building Resilient Communities Through Sustainable WASH Systems

Throughout 2025, JDPI's WASH interventions demonstrated that access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene extends far beyond the provision of infrastructure. It is about protecting health, preserving dignity, reducing vulnerability, and creating conditions that enable individuals and communities to thrive.

By expanding **access to safe water for 22,000** people, reaching **18,626** individuals with hygiene promotion and disease prevention messages, improving sanitation infrastructure, and strengthening community management structures, JDPI helped vulnerable communities reduce health risks and build resilience against future shocks.

These achievements reflect JDPI's commitment to integrated, people-centred development that combines infrastructure, behaviour change, and community ownership to achieve lasting impact. By ensuring that communities have both the services and the capacity needed to sustain them, JDPI continues to contribute to healthier lives, stronger communities, and a future defined by resilience, dignity, and hope.



SECTOR

MHPSS

MENTAL HEALTH &
PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT



21,729

People Reached
through Mental Health
and Psychosocial
Support Messages



197

Individuals Received
Individual Counselling
and Case Management



122

Frontline Psychosocial
Support Providers
Strengthened



Supporting Healing, Recovery, and Emotional Wellbeing

Mental health and psychosocial wellbeing are essential foundations for resilience, recovery, and community stability. Across conflict-affected communities, many individuals continue to face the emotional consequences of displacement, loss, trauma, economic hardship, and social disruption. In 2025, JDPI Maiduguri strengthened access to mental health and psychosocial support services through community awareness, counselling, referral pathways, and capacity-building initiatives that helped individuals and families cope with adversity and rebuild hope. Working with donors and partners including GFFO, BMZ through Caritas Germany, CAFOD, and Manos Unidas, JDPI implemented interventions that promoted emotional wellbeing, strengthened community support systems, and improved access to care for vulnerable individuals.

Promoting Mental Health Awareness and Emotional Wellbeing

Reducing stigma and increasing awareness remain important steps in strengthening mental health outcomes. Throughout the year, JDPI conducted community sensitisation activities focused on trauma, stress management, mental health awareness, substance abuse prevention, emotional wellbeing, and psychosocial support.

Through awareness campaigns, community sensitisation sessions, group discussions, and outreach activities implemented, JDPI reached **21,729 individuals** with mental health and psychosocial support messages.

These interventions helped communities better understand common mental health challenges, encouraged help-seeking behaviour, and strengthened awareness of available support services. They also promoted greater acceptance of conversations around mental health, contributing to reduced stigma and fostering environments where individuals could seek support without fear of discrimination.

By strengthening awareness and understanding, JDPI contributed to healthier coping mechanisms and increased community engagement in mental health and psychosocial wellbeing.



Celebrating mental health day

Supporting Recovery Through Group Counselling and Psychosocial Care

Healing often begins with sharing and supportive relationships. Through group counselling sessions, therapy groups, and psychosocial support activities implemented across intervention communities, **1,013 individuals received structured psychosocial support** aimed at strengthening resilience, improving emotional wellbeing, and promoting healthy coping mechanisms. These sessions provided participants opportunities for sharing experiences, receiving encouragement, and developing practical strategies for managing stress and adversity.



Cross section of community members and JDPI staff on World Mental Health Day

Providing Individual Counselling and Case Management

Recognising that some individuals require tailored support, JDPI provided individualized counselling and case management services to people experiencing emotional distress, trauma, and other psychosocial challenges. During the year, **197 individuals received one-on-one** psychosocial support aimed at improving emotional wellbeing, strengthening coping mechanisms, and restoring wholeness.

In Borno state, the WE-SING project further complemented these efforts by providing specialised **individual counselling for 30 women** experiencing emotional and psychosocial challenges. Through tailored support, participants rebuilt confidence, improved emotional wellbeing, and strengthened their resilience.

For individuals requiring advanced support, JDPI maintained referral pathways to specialised healthcare providers. During the year, an additional **30 individuals, including children and adults** with complex mental health and psychosocial needs, were referred to the Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital in Maiduguri, the Federal Medical Centre in Mubi, and the Royal Health Heritage Foundation for continued treatment and specialised care.

These referrals ensured continuity of care and improved access to specialised services.

Creating Safe Spaces for Collective Healing

To promote collective healing, JDPI strengthened safe spaces that enabled individuals to express emotions, rebuild trust, and support one another.

Supported by JDPI Maiduguri, **23 counselling groups** were established across intervention communities, while psychosocial support sessions under the WE-SING project provided safe environments where women facing emotional and economic pressures found mutual encouragement and support.

School-based Psychosocial Support Clubs established with support from CAFOD further expanded opportunities for collective healing, providing children with safe spaces to strengthen social connections and develop healthy coping skills.

Through these interventions, JDPI fostered supportive relationships and contributed to healthier and more resilient communities.



School-based PSS clubs



Community-based session on mental health

Strengthening Community-Based Mental Health Systems

Sustainable mental health support requires strong local systems and trusted community actors capable of providing timely assistance and referrals. To strengthen community-based mental health services, JDPI invested in building the capacity of frontline support providers across intervention communities.

JDPI strengthened **a network of 122 frontline actors**, including social workers, community-based facilitators, community mobilisers, and other frontline personnel. Training focused on Psychological First Aid, stress management, identification of distress, referral mechanisms, and community-based psychosocial support approaches.

Equipped with these skills, trained personnel now play a critical role in identifying individuals in need, providing immediate support, facilitating referrals, and strengthening community-based care systems. Their presence has improved access to psychosocial support, particularly in hard-to-reach communities, while helping to ensure that vulnerable individuals receive timely and appropriate assistance.

The strengthened network of frontline actors has enhanced local ownership of psychosocial support systems and contributed to a more resilient and community-driven mental health support structure.



SECTOR

PROTECTION



22,182

People Reached
Through Protection
Awareness



564

Protection and GBV
Cases Managed



145

Child Protection Cases
Supported



1,133

Children Supported with
Birth Registration



Safeguarding Dignity and Strengthening Community Protection Systems



Protection remains central to building resilient communities affected by conflict and displacement. Throughout 2025, JDPI Maiduguri strengthened community-based protection systems that promoted safety, dignity, inclusion, and access to essential services.

JDPI increased protection awareness, strengthened local structures, supported vulnerable individuals, and improved access to services that helped people recover and thrive.

Advancing Safety, Dignity, and Protection Awareness through Innovation

Prevention and awareness remain essential to reducing protection risks for safer communities. In 2025, JDPI conducted community sensitisation activities on child protection, gender-based violence, child labour, forced marriage, and other protection concerns to **22,182 individuals**, strengthening community understanding and encouraging help-seeking behaviour.

To amplify reach, JDPI produced and aired the **Muryar Alumma** live radio programme, in 12 episodes, reaching an estimated **10,000 listeners** with key protection messages.

With support from Bibliothèques Sans Frontières (BSF) (Libraries Without Borders), JDPI leveraged digital innovations such as **Idea cubes**, **Kajou cards**, and **visual communication aids** (videos, podcasts, apps, MOOCs) in engaging participants with low literacy. These tools made complex concepts on GBV, CP and conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV), more understandable and ensured consistent participation, while strengthening staff capacity on digital tools and CRSV, improving the quality and accessibility of protection services in hard-to-reach communities.



Picture from the Muryar Alumma Live Radio Programme



A session with the Ideas Cube

Strengthening Community-Based Protection Systems

Strong community structures play an important role in preventing and responding to protection risks. Supported by GFFO, **13 Protection Action Committees (PACs)** were established across intervention communities and are actively engaged in identifying and responding to protection concerns.

To strengthen frontline response, protection monitors were also trained and equipped with skills in protection awareness, case identification, community engagement, and referral mechanisms. These trained actors have helped strengthen local ownership and improve access to timely support for vulnerable individuals.

Supporting Vulnerable Individuals Through Case Management and Referral Services

Through community engagement and established referral pathways, JDPI identified and supported vulnerable individuals facing protection concerns. During the year, **564 individuals** benefited from protection case management and referral services, ensuring access to appropriate support and specialised services.

Among the identified cases were **145 child protection cases** involving neglect, family separation, child labour, abandonment, and unaccompanied children. In addition, **115 gender-based violence** cases received survivor-centred support and follow-up services.

All interventions were guided by principles of confidentiality, safety, and informed (caregiver) consent. Through collaboration with service providers and community actors, vulnerable individuals were linked to health, psychosocial, legal, and other support services, helping to restore safety, dignity, and wellbeing.

Restoring Legal Identity and Access to Essential Rights

Access to legal identity is fundamental to protection and inclusion. In collaboration with the National Population Commission, Adamawa State, JDPI supported birth registration activities targeting children in conflict-affected communities of Hong and Michika LGAs, many of whom had missed registration due to displacement and the effects of insurgency.

During a five-day exercise conducted across 20 communities, **1,133 children received birth certificates**. The intervention enabled vulnerable children to obtain legal identity documents that are critical for accessing education, healthcare, and other essential services while reducing the risk of exclusion and statelessness.

By restoring legal identity and strengthening access to civil documentation, JDPI helped children and their families regain a sense of belonging, dignity, and inclusion.



Community women during the registration and collection of birth certificates

Restoring Dignity and Strengthening Recovery for Survivors

Protection extends beyond responding to incidents; it also involves supporting survivors to rebuild their lives and regain independence. To strengthen recovery and resilience, **187 survivors of gender-based violence** received livelihood support through cash assistance, start-up kits, and business development training facilitated in collaboration with the **Ministry of Women Affairs and the SALAMA Centre**.

The support enabled beneficiaries to establish or expand income-generating activities such as tailoring, petty trading, and animal rearing, helping them improve household wellbeing and strengthen self-reliance. By combining protection services with economic empowerment, JDPI helped survivors move beyond crisis and begin rebuilding their lives with greater confidence and dignity.

Additional dignity support was provided to 100 adolescent girls and 15 vulnerable individuals through the distribution of hygiene and personal care kits, contributing to improved wellbeing, confidence, and personal dignity.

Promoting Inclusion, Safe Access, and Dignified Programming

JDPI remained committed to ensuring that protection principles were integrated across programme sectors. Through Safe and Dignified Programming, protection considerations were mainstreamed into FSL, Nutrition, WASH, Accountability, and MEAL activities through supervision, safety audits, safeguarding measures, staff capacity strengthening and community sensitisation.

The organisation also participated in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign, promoting dialogue on preventing violence against women and girls and strengthening community responsibility for creating safer environments.

These efforts reinforced JDPI's commitment to inclusive, rights-based programming that places dignity, safety, and protection at the centre of humanitarian and development interventions.



Engagement with community women during the 16 Days of Activism



SECTOR

SOCIAL COHESION & PEACE BUILDING



4,397

People Engaged
Through Dialogue and
Peacebuilding Activities



3,408

community members
actively engaged in
savings group (SILC)



₦76.1 Million

Savings Mobilised by
community members



Building Resilience Through Dialogue and Collective Action



Strong communities are built not only through access to services and economic opportunities, but also through trust, cooperation, inclusion, and peaceful coexistence. Across communities affected by conflict, displacement, and economic hardship, strengthening relationships and creating opportunities for collective action remain essential to long-term recovery and resilience.

Throughout 2025, JDPI Maiduguri worked with communities and partners to strengthen social cohesion, promote peace, and foster the shared values that enable communities to heal, recover, and thrive together.

Building Peaceful and Cohesive Communities Through Dialogue

Sustainable peace begins with dialogue. Across intervention communities, JDPI created opportunities for individuals and groups to engage constructively on issues affecting social harmony, conflict prevention, and community development.

JDPI facilitated community dialogue sessions that brought together community members, local leaders, women, youth, and other stakeholders to discuss issues affecting peaceful coexistence and collective development. These platforms provided safe spaces where participants could openly address grievances, strengthen relationships, and identify shared solutions. Through these engagements, **13 community conflicts were peacefully resolved**, demonstrating the power of dialogue and collective action in preventing escalation and restoring harmony.

By promoting inclusive participation and mutual understanding, JDPI contributed to stronger relationships, increased trust, and greater community ownership of peacebuilding processes. The dialogue sessions reinforced the understanding that resilience is strengthened when communities work together to address common challenges and pursue shared aspirations.

Strengthening Local Peace Architecture

Sustainable peace requires strong local structures capable of preventing tensions and promoting reconciliation. To strengthen community-led peacebuilding efforts, JDPI established **20 Peace Committees** across intervention communities, engaging **480 community members** in local peacebuilding processes. These committees continue to serve as platforms for mediation, dialogue, and the promotion of peaceful relationships.

To strengthen local leadership, **46 Peace Ambassadors** (18 female and 28 male) received training in dialogue facilitation, mediation, conflict prevention, and peaceful dispute resolution. Recognising the importance of investing in future generations, JDPI also established **15 Peace Clubs in schools**, reaching **509** students, creating opportunities for young people to develop leadership skills and cultivate a culture of tolerance, teamwork, and peaceful coexistence.

Together, these investments strengthened community ownership of peacebuilding efforts and reinforced the role of communities and young people as active agents of peace.



Community members in a dialogue session



Peace club engagement in a school

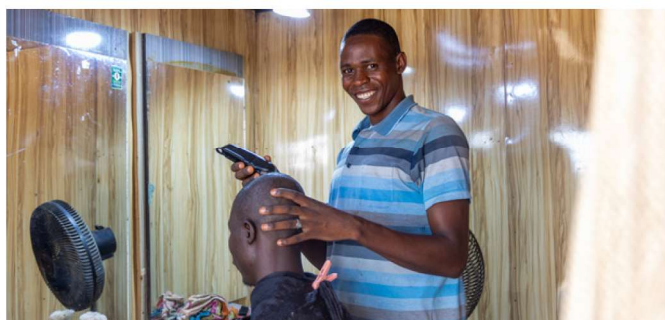
Ensuring Lasting Peace through Strengthening Economic Resilience

Recognising the link between sustainable livelihoods and lasting peace, JDPI supported initiatives that enabled vulnerable individuals to rebuild income sources and strengthen household resilience. Throughout the year, **500 individuals participated** in vocational training in trades such as hairdressing, shoe making, dish installation, barbing, solar installation, and pasta production. Of these, **491 received start-up kits** to launch or strengthen their businesses.

In addition, **202 women received cash assistance** to expand income-generating activities, including petty trading, groundnut oil processing, and grain sales, contributing to improved household wellbeing and greater economic resilience.



Woman supported through IGA to expand business



A beneficiary of the vocational training

Strengthening Social Cohesion Through Community Savings Groups

Beyond livelihood recovery, JDPI continued to strengthen Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) as platforms for trust, mutual support, and collective resilience. During the year, 110 SILC groups were strengthened, reaching **3,408 members** across intervention communities.

Through regular savings activities, members collectively **mobilised #76,092,385**, creating locally managed resources that enabled households to cope with shocks, invest in businesses, and meet essential needs. Members also **accessed #54,795,745 in loans** to support enterprise development, education, healthcare, and other livelihood investments.

Beyond their economic value, SILC groups strengthened accountability, solidarity, and social connections among members. By creating opportunities for communities to save and invest together, JDPI strengthened both economic resilience and social cohesion.



Group picture of the Dzakwa SILC members during SILC meeting



Group picture of the Dzakwa SILC members after SILC meeting

Building Resilience Through Collective Action

Throughout 2025, JDPI's social cohesion and peacebuilding interventions demonstrated that resilient communities are built when people are empowered to work together, support one another, and actively participate in shaping their future. By facilitating dialogue, strengthening local peace structures, expanding livelihood opportunities, and supporting community-based financial systems, JDPI helped communities strengthen both their social and economic foundations.

These achievements reflect **JDPI's belief that sustainable development goes beyond improving livelihoods. It requires strengthening relationships, fostering inclusion, and creating opportunities for people to work together toward shared prosperity and lasting peace.** Through these efforts, JDPI continues to help communities rebuild hope and create stronger foundations for a more peaceful and resilient future.

BUILDING BRIDGES, HEALING DIVIDES

Inclusive Dialogue and Community Empowerment for Lasting Peace

Peace is strengthened when people come together to listen, learn, and work towards a common future. In 2025, JDPI Maiduguri convened the Peace Conference at the Golden Alpine Hotel in Yola, Adamawa State, bringing together voices from across Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe States to reflect on pathways toward lasting peace and stronger, more resilient communities.

Held under the theme, “Building Bridges, Healing Divides: Inclusive Dialogue and Community Empowerment for Lasting Peace in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe States,” the conference brought together community leaders, women leaders, school principals, religious and traditional leaders from intervention communities, government stakeholders, security agencies, partner organisations, and donors. During the conference, participants shared experiences, discussed common challenges, and explored how dialogue, trust, and collaboration can help strengthen peaceful coexistence and community resilience.

The conference was graced by the Auxiliary Bishop of Maiduguri Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. John Bakeni, whose presence highlighted the important role of faith-based leadership in promoting peace and reconciliation. Participants also benefited from insightful presentations and engaging panel discussions, including a thought-provoking session by Rev. Fr. Sixtus Ladi Onuh of **The Kukah Centre**, which encouraged deeper reflection on the importance of inclusive participation and community empowerment in building sustainable peace.



Conference attendees at the conference hall.



Fr. Sixtus of The Kukah Centre during his session.

Beyond the discussions, the conference created moments that reminded participants of what unites communities. Cultural dance performances celebrated shared identity, resilience, and hope, bringing colour and warmth to the gathering while reinforcing the importance of mutual understanding and social connection.

Implemented under the BMZ-funded *Multisectoral Strengthening of Resilience* Project with support from Caritas Germany, the Peace Conference provided an opportunity for building and strengthening relationships among stakeholders who reaffirmed a shared commitment to building more peaceful and inclusive communities. It served as a reminder that lasting peace is not built by institutions alone, but by people choosing dialogue over division and working together to create a better future for all.





SUCCESS STORIES

Beyond the Numbers, Faces of Resilience

Behind every number is a person, a family, a community, and a story of resilience.

These stories reflect the lives transformed through the collective efforts of communities, partners, donors, stakeholders and JDPI staff throughout 2025.



Beyond the Rains

How irrigation support helped Reuben Ishaya farm with greater confidence throughout the year

For **Reuben Ishaya**, farming is more than a source of income. Like many families in Kwatau community of Hong Local Government Area, Adamawa State, it is the foundation of daily life and the means through which he provides for his household.

But farming was often uncertain.

Each season brought questions many farmers knew all too well. Would the rains arrive on time? Would they be enough for a good harvest? Or would they be so much that it would damage crops and reduce yields?

Although Reuben and other farmers tried to continue farming beyond the rainy season, the dry season was even more challenging—limited access to reliable generators and quality seeds made production difficult.

Determined to improve his harvests and support his family, Reuben needed the right support.

That support came through JDPI Maiduguri, in partnership with Caritas Germany and with funding from BMZ.

Through the project, Reuben received improved seeds, training on improved farming practices, and access to water pumps that enabled farmers to irrigate their farms during the dry season. Farmers were also organised into groups, creating opportunities to share resources, support one another, and learn together.

The change was immediate.

Reflecting on the support, Reuben says:



Reuben and other group members paired for irrigation farming

“We were doing dry-season farming, but we didn’t have good pumping machine. We also didn’t have good seeds—they were difficult to get. JDPI came and gave us new water pumping machine and good seeds. That was what we planted. The progress we have recorded is huge.”

Today, he continues to farm beyond the rainy season, generating income throughout the year and planning for the future with greater confidence.

His story demonstrates how access to the right resources and support can help farmers overcome seasonal challenges and build more secure livelihoods.





Transforming Two Bags to Twenty

How Amara Auta turned a small start into a growing business

In Michika Local Government Area of Adamawa State, **Amara Auta** still remembers the day she bought her first two bags of groundnuts.

It was a small beginning, but it gave her something to build on.

For years, Amara had wanted to support her family and improve her household income, but limited capital made it difficult to start.

When she received startup support through the IGA component of the BMZ-funded project, she used the opportunity to begin a groundnut business.

“The first time, I bought two bags of groundnut.”

Amara cleaned, repackaged, and sold the groundnuts in local markets. The profits were modest, but they encouraged her to continue.

Over time, she reinvested her earnings and gradually increased the quantity she could buy and sell.

She later joined a Savings and Internal Lending Community group, where regular savings and access to small loans helped her expand her capital.

Today, Amara buys up to twenty bags of groundnuts at a time. What began with two bags has become a reliable source of income for her household.



Amara and her son repackaging groundnut bags.



Amara standing proudly in front of her groundnut bags.

Her success has also created opportunities for others.

“I taught three other women the groundnut business, and today they are also earning income for their families.”

For Amara, the business represents more than income. It has given her confidence, independence, and the ability to support her family while helping other women find their own path to sustainable livelihood.



From Empty Shelves to New Beginnings

Fa'iza's Journey of Recovery

In Michika, Adamawa State, Fa'iza Aliyu ran a small provision shop that augmented her family income and served her community. But life took a hard turn — she fell ill for a year, and her husband, a farmer, suffered a leg injury that stopped him from farming—their main source of income. Slowly, due to her illness, the shelves in her shop emptied, and the days became a struggle.

As the family's income dwindled, meeting everyday needs became increasingly difficult. The situation became even more dire as they could no longer keep their children in school.

These whole situation persisted for a year. Yet, Fa'iza never gave up.

"It was not easy," she recalls, "we had to rely on what was left our food storage."

Through JDPI's *Multisectoral Strengthening of Resilience of Vulnerable Households* project, funded by BMZ through Caritas Germany, Fa'iza upon her recovery received support through an Income Generating Activities (IGA) grant to restock her shop. Her husband also contributed to help kickstart their economic recovery.

With this small but bold step, a new chapter began.

Today, Fa'iza's shop is bustling again. Children come for sweets, neighbours stop by for daily goods. Most importantly, her children have returned to school.

"I am grateful to JDPI," Fa'iza says. "My shop is now stocked up, and my children are in school."

Now she closes her shop at the end of each day, not as a sign of struggle, but of continuity — a business that now has a tomorrow.

Her story shows that rebuilding takes time — but with resilience and support, a brighter tomorrow can begin.



Fa'iza's empty shelves



Fa'iza in her now fully-stocked up provision shop in Tsukuma Community.



From Risk to Dignity

How safe water transformed daily life in Kilamada Community

For many years, fetching water was a daily necessity and a daily risk for families in Kilamada Community of Hong Local Government Area, Adamawa State.

With no alternative source of water, residents depended on a nearby river for drinking, cooking, bathing, and other household needs. Although they knew the water was unsafe, it remained their only option.

Rita Peter remembers those days clearly.

“Before JDPI came, we were fetching water from the river. We washed with it, drank it, and used it in the house. Even though the water was not clean, we still had to drink it.”

The consequences were felt across the community. Contaminated water contributed to illnesses such as typhoid and cholera, while women and girls often journeyed long distances to fetch water. The journey itself carried risks:

“Sometimes young girls going to the river would meet people who wanted to take advantage of them. There were also thieves who ‘blocked’ people along the way.”

Everything changed when JDPI Maiduguri, through the BMZ-funded Multisectoral Resilience Project with support from Caritas Germany, constructed a motorised solar-powered borehole in the community.

For the first time, families had access to a reliable source of safe water close to their homes.

“When they told us they were coming to drill a borehole, we were very happy because we would finally stop using dirty water and have clean water to drink.”

Today, households no longer depend on contaminated river water. Women and girls can fetch water more safely, families spend less time searching for water, and community members have greater peace of mind knowing that clean water is readily available.

For Rita and many others in Kilamada, the borehole represents more than infrastructure. It represents safety, dignity, improved health, and the confidence that comes with having one of life's most basic needs close to home.

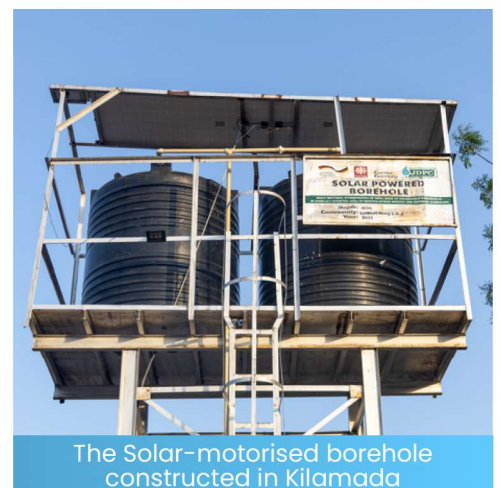
Her story demonstrates how access to safe water can transform daily life, reduce risks, and strengthen resilience for entire communities.



Community members moving towards the river.



Young children returning from fetching water from the river.



The Solar-motorised borehole constructed in Kilamada

The Day Isa Smiled Again

Healing the invisible wounds of conflict

In Tsallake community of Kaga Local Government Area, Borno State, Isa's childhood changed forever when his elder brother was killed during a sporadic attack by an armed group. The tragedy left deep emotional wounds, turning a once cheerful and playful boy into a child consumed by fear.

Isa withdrew from the world. He stopped playing. He stopped smiling. Fear became his closest companion. For more than two years, he lived in silence, trapped by painful memories of gunfire and loss. His father, B.G., watched helplessly as his son slipped further away.

"He would sit alone for hours, staring at nothing," his father recalled. "He refused to play with his friends. He wouldn't even step outside because he was afraid the gunmen would return."

Hope arrived when Isa was enrolled in the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) intervention under the Food Security and Humanitarian Protection for Victims of Lake Chad Project, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) through Caritas Germany and implemented by JDPI Maiduguri in partnership with Caritas Nigeria. The team saw a child who needed more than food or shelter—he needed healing.

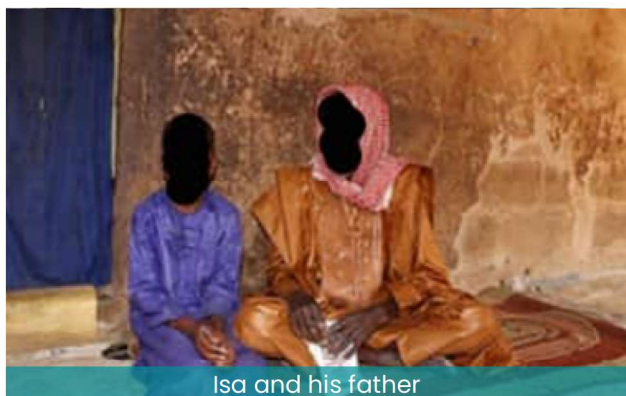
Through months of counselling and appropriate medical support, Isa gradually began to recover. Slowly, the darkness that clouded his young mind started to lift, until one evening his father noticed something he had not seen in years.

"I came home and found Isa eating by himself. Then he carefully arranged his clothes. I stood frozen in shock. The next morning, he did something even more unexpected—he ran outside and called his friends to play football." As his father recounted the moment, tears filled his eyes. It was something he never thought he would witness again.

"That was the day I knew my son was coming back to me," he said, his voice heavy with emotion.

Today, five months after receiving support, Isa is no longer defined by fear. He plays with his friends, attends school, reads his religious books, and smiles once again. *"Before, I saw only fear in his eyes," his father said. "Now, when I look at Isa, I see joy. I see hope. I see my son again."*

Isa's journey is a powerful reminder that timely mental health and psychosocial support can help children affected by conflict heal, recover, and embrace the future with renewed hope.



Isa and his father



Isa playing games with other children

Just in Time

Bashir's story is one of hope, the importance of timely care, and the power of community nutrition support."

Bashir Bakura is a 12 month old child from Magumeri community of Borno State, born to parents who were both seasonal subsistence farmers and whose livelihoods depend largely on rain fed agriculture. Like many households in the area, the family faces periods of food insecurity, particularly during the lean season (the season between the onset of the rains and the harvest, when food is scarce), which significantly affected Bashir's nutritional status during the early months of his life.

During a routine community based nutrition screening conducted in September 2025, under the CRS supported program implemented by JDPI, Bashir was identified as severely malnourished. At the time of identification, he was underweight ($<-3SD$) and weak, with a MUAC reading of 10.5cm and less active than expected for his age, prompting his immediate referral to a health facility.

Through the dedicated efforts of JDPI nutrition officers, Bashir received timely therapeutic nutrition support alongside regular growth monitoring at the health facility and follow-up visits by the JDPI community nutrition mobiliser.

His mother also benefited from intensive maternal, infant and young child nutrition (MIYCN) counseling, focusing on appropriate feeding practices, food hygiene, and the preparation of nutritious meals using locally available foods.

Over the course of the intervention in October 2025, Bashir was enrolled into the supplementary feeding program showing steady and remarkable improvement. He gradually gained weight with a MUAC reading of 12.8cm, his appetite improved, and his overall health and activity levels increased significantly. With consistent support and monitoring, he met all recovery benchmarks.

Today, Bashir is a healthy, active, and thriving child. His parents expressed deep appreciation for the life saving support provided through the JDPI implemented nutrition program, noting that the knowledge gained has greatly improved their ability to care for their child despite ongoing livelihood challenges.

Bashir's story highlights the critical role of timely support and strong local partnerships in transforming the lives of vulnerable children and families.



Bashir before the intervention



Bashir after the intervention

Back to the Classroom

From farm fields to the classroom

Every morning, while other children hurried to school with their books, Mohammed Musa walked in the opposite direction. Instead of sitting in a classroom, he spent his days working on other people's farms, helping his family earn enough to survive.

His parents could not afford a school uniform, shoes, exercise books, or other basic learning materials. Faced with difficult choices, they encouraged Mohammed to work. The long hours in the fields left him exhausted, often returning home with severe body pains, while his dream of going back to school seemed to fade with each passing day.

Everything began to change when JDPI's Child Protection team, through the GFFO-funded *Food Security and Humanitarian Protection for Victims of Lake Chad Project*, visited Mohammed's family. Through regular household visits and awareness sessions, his caregivers learned about the dangers of child labour, the importance of education, and positive parenting practices. The project also provided Mohammed with the essential learning materials he needed to return to school.

The decision to send Mohammed back to school transformed more than his daily routine—it transformed his future. The farm tools were set aside, and in their place came books, uniforms, and a renewed sense of purpose. Today, Mohammed attends school every day and has completely withdrawn from child labour. He enjoys learning, spends time with his classmates, and dreams of a future that once seemed impossible.

"I am happy to go to school every day," Mohammed said with a smile. *"I enjoy learning, and one day I want to become a teacher so I can help other children learn too."*

The change has also transformed his family. Having witnessed the difference education has made in their son's life, his parents now encourage other families in their community to keep their children in school instead of sending them to work.

"Before, we did not understand how important education was," his father reflected. "The awareness sessions changed our thinking. Today, we are committed to keeping our son in school and encouraging other parents to do the same."



Before the intervention



Mohammed enrolled to school after the intervention

Clippers of Change

How vocational skills training helped Ijai Luka build a sustainable livelihood

Ijai Luka is from Dar Community in Madagali Local Government Area of Adamawa State. Like many young people in his community, financial constraints forced him to discontinue his education before completing his schooling. Without a stable source of income, he began searching for an opportunity to learn a practical skill that could help him earn a living.

Ijai had always been interested in being a barber. When he was selected to participate in the *Strengthening Protection and GBV Response in Madagali* project implemented by JDPI Maiduguri, he chose to train as a barber. Through the vocational skills programme, he acquired practical skills in haircutting, customer service, equipment maintenance, and basic business management.

Upon successfully completing the training, Ijai received a start-up kit containing a 100-watt solar power station, an original KIKI clipper, combs, brushes, and other essential barbering equipment. The support enabled him to establish his own barbing salon immediately after graduation without the burden of raising start-up capital.

Today, Ijai operates his own salon within his community, serving a growing number of customers every day. He earns between ₦2,000 and ₦4,000 daily, providing a source of income that supports his personal needs and contributes to his household.

The business has done more than improve Ijai's income. It has given him a practical skill, restored his confidence, and provided him with a sustainable means of supporting himself. The trade he had always hoped to learn has become the foundation of his livelihood.

For Ijai, the clippers represent more than the tools of a trade—they represent opportunity, dignity, and a fresh start. His journey demonstrates how vocational skills development can help vulnerable young people move beyond unemployment towards greater self-reliance.

Ijai's story reflects the objective of the *Strengthening Protection and GBV Response in Madagali* project: reducing vulnerability by expanding access to livelihood opportunities. By equipping young people with practical skills and the resources to start small businesses, the project is helping participants build safer, more secure, and more resilient futures for themselves and their communities.



Ijai Luka giving someone a hair cut



Ijai Luka during the training session.



A picture of the kit during distribution



SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

Strengthening Systems for Greater Impact

The ALLRight Project

Lasting change in communities depends not only on the programmes delivered, but also on the strength of the institutions behind them. Through the *Advancing Local Leadership in the Right Way* (ALLRight) project, funded by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), JDPI continued to strengthen organisational systems, accountability mechanisms, resource mobilisation efforts, and institutional capacity to support sustainable, locally led development, with technical assistance provided by CRS.

ALLRight Programme Overview

The ALLRight project is focused on strengthening JDPI's organisational systems, leadership, and sustainability. It supported the organisation to become more effective, accountable, and resilient—enabling better service delivery and greater impact in the communities we serve.



Pictures from stakeholder engagement workshop

Resource Mobilisation Strategy Rollout & Dissemination

A major milestone during the year was the rollout and dissemination of JDPI's Resource Mobilisation Strategy, providing a structured framework for strengthening fundraising efforts, diversifying funding opportunities, and enhancing organisational sustainability.

Through this process, staff gained greater awareness of how resource mobilisation contributes to the long-term sustainability of the organisation and its ability to serve vulnerable communities.



Group picture of Staff and donors after the Rollout of the Resource Mobilisation Strategy

MEAL System Strengthening

With support from CRS, JDPI developed a comprehensive MEAL policy which also was rolled out through a five-day policy rollout training for staff.

The training enhanced staff capacity in data collection, analysis, reporting, and utilisation while promoting a shared organisational approach to evidence-based programming. It also strengthened the use of standardised tools and systems across programmes, contributing to improved data quality, consistency, accountability, and organisational learning.

Transforming Data into Impact

Qualitative Triumphs in MEAL

Beyond the numbers that measure progress, JDPI's Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Unit strengthened the systems that support evidence-based decision-making and adaptive programming.

Unified Data Systems

Standardised reporting tools and data collection processes were implemented across major projects, improving data accuracy, consistency, and reliability. A new MEAL policy, SOP, and a comprehensive framework further strengthened monitoring and evaluation practices.

Technology Integration

The adoption of digital tools including CommCare, Power BI, STATA, MAXQDA, and YouTrack strengthened data management, analysis, and reporting. Mobile data collection improved efficiency while reducing data entry errors.

Evidence-Driven Programming

Closer collaboration between programme and MEAL teams strengthened adaptive decision-making, enabling assessments and evaluations to inform programme improvements and enhance beneficiary participation.

Strengthening Community Feedback

Community Feedback and Response Mechanisms were strengthened across 55 communities, giving beneficiaries greater opportunities to influence programme design and implementation. Improvements to the FRCM system supported faster issue resolution and strengthened trust.

Accountability and Internal Controls

JDPI continued to strengthen financial procedures, procurement processes, internal controls, audits, human resource systems, anti-fraud measures, whistleblowing protocols, and MEAL systems. Regular monitoring and reviews supported accountability, transparency, and organisational learning.

Safeguarding and PSEAH

JDPI strengthened safeguarding and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) systems through trainings of staff and volunteers, vendors, and community members, across all JDPI offices and project locations.

Improvements in reporting, documentation, confidential record-keeping, and complaint mechanisms strengthened accountability and survivor-centred approaches. Safeguarding was further integrated into recruitment, onboarding, programme implementation, and monitoring processes, reinforcing a culture of protection, respect, and safe programming across the organisation.



Cross section of JDPI staff at the Head Office in Maiduguri

Investing in People

Human Resource

The dedication, professionalism, and commitment of staff remain among JDPI's greatest strengths.

In 2025, the organisation continued to invest in staff development, wellbeing, and professional growth to ensure employees are equipped to deliver high-quality programmes and services across Northeast Nigeria.

Staff participated in technical trainings, safeguarding orientations, organisational development initiatives, and capacity-strengthening activities designed to enhance skills, improve performance, and promote continuous learning.

JDPI also prioritised staff wellbeing and fostered a supportive work environment that encourages collaboration, innovation, accountability, and service.

The organisation recognises that sustainable impact depends on capable and motivated people. By investing in its workforce, JDPI strengthened its ability to respond effectively to the needs of vulnerable communities while advancing its mission of promoting dignity, resilience, and sustainable development.



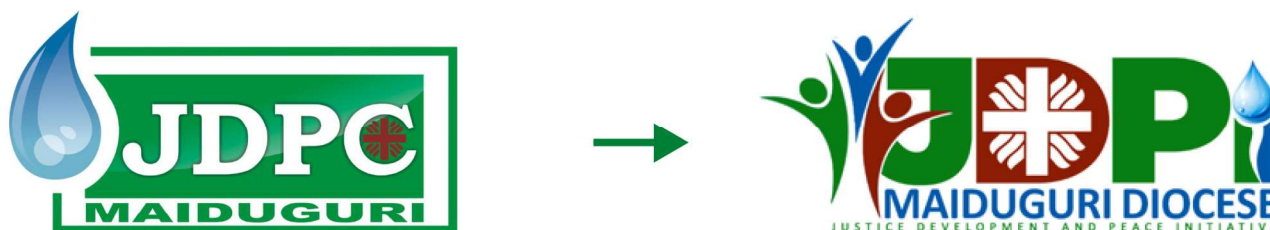
Cross section of JDPI staff at the Mubi Office

STAFF SNAPSHOT IN 2025

Total Staff	123
Female Staff	49
Male Staff	74
Staff Trained During the Year	47

Strengthening Institutional Identity

Aligning our Public Identity with our Legal Name



From JDPC Maiduguri to JDPI Maiduguri Diocese

A 2025 Institutional Milestone

In 2025, JDPI Maiduguri strengthened its institutional identity by aligning its public communications with its legally recognised name: **Justice Development and Peace Initiative in Maiduguri Diocese (JDPI Maiduguri)**. This transition marked an important step in improving clarity, consistency, and compliance across the organisation's public-facing platforms and official documentation.

The update reflected the name officially recognised by the Corporate Affairs Commission since 2015 and helped ensure that the organisation's documents, correspondence, reports, digital platforms, and public communications were consistent with its legal identity. It also strengthened how JDPI presents itself to communities, partners, donors, government institutions, and the wider public.

As part of the transition, the organisation updated its visual identity, communication materials, social media handles, and official references from JDPC Maiduguri to JDPI Maiduguri Diocese. Existing contracts, agreements, and partnerships entered under the previous name remain valid, ensuring continuity and confidence among stakeholders.

While the name and visual identity changed, the mission remained unchanged. JDPI continues to uphold the dignity of every human person, strengthen partnerships, and work with vulnerable communities toward justice, peace, resilience, and sustainable development. The identity update therefore represented not a change in purpose, but a renewed clarity in how the organisation communicates who it is and what it stands for.

“One Identity. Same mission. Renewed clarity”

Financial Stewardship

Managing Resources with Accountability and Transparency

JDPI remains committed to the responsible and transparent management of resources entrusted to the organisation by donors, partners, and supporters.

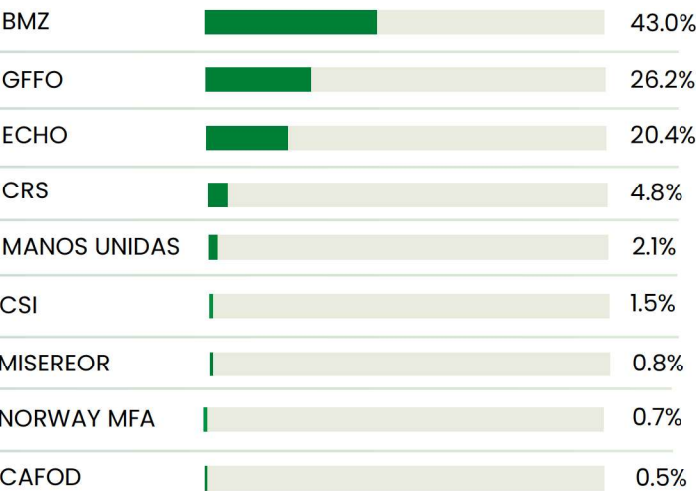
In FY 2025 , the organisation continued to strengthen financial management systems, internal controls, and accountability mechanisms to ensure that resources were utilised effectively and in line with donor requirements and organisational policies.

Through prudent financial stewardship, JDPI directed resources towards programmes and services that improved the lives of vulnerable communities across Northeast Nigeria while maintaining the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

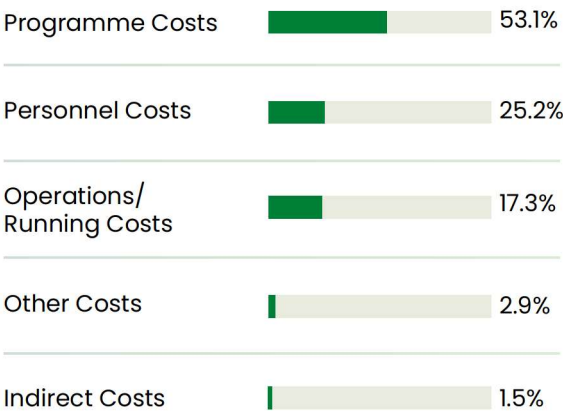
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FY 2025



FUNDING PORTFOLIO 2025 (% OF TOTAL FUNDING)



RESOURCE UTILISATION 2025 (% OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE)



Board of Trustees

Providing Strategic Leadership and Oversight

The Board of Trustees provides governance oversight and strategic guidance, ensuring that JDPI remains accountable to its mission, stakeholders, and the communities it serves.

In 2025, the Board met four times to review organisational performance, approve major policies and budgets, and provide strategic direction. The Board also ensured that programmes and operations remained aligned with Catholic Social Teaching and the Diocesan priorities in Northeast Nigeria.



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MEMBER

Barr. (Mrs) Habiba Gana

Management Team

The Management Team provides leadership for JDPI's programmes, operations, and organisational systems across Northeast Nigeria. Through strategic coordination, technical expertise, and a shared commitment to service, the team supports the effective delivery of programmes that strengthen resilience, protect dignity, and improve the lives of vulnerable communities.

Working closely with staff, partners, and stakeholders, the Management Team ensures that organisational priorities are translated into impactful and accountable action.



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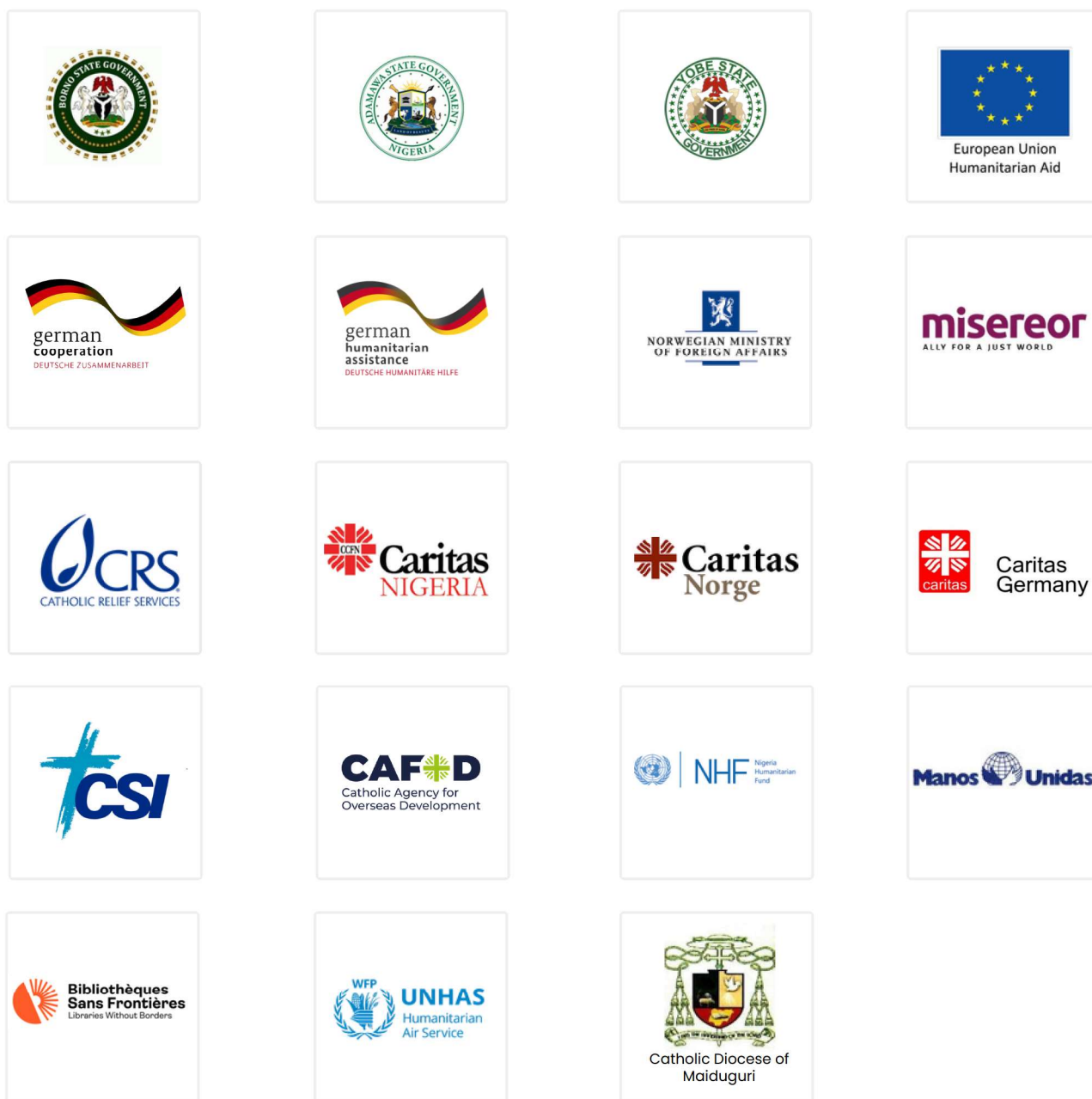
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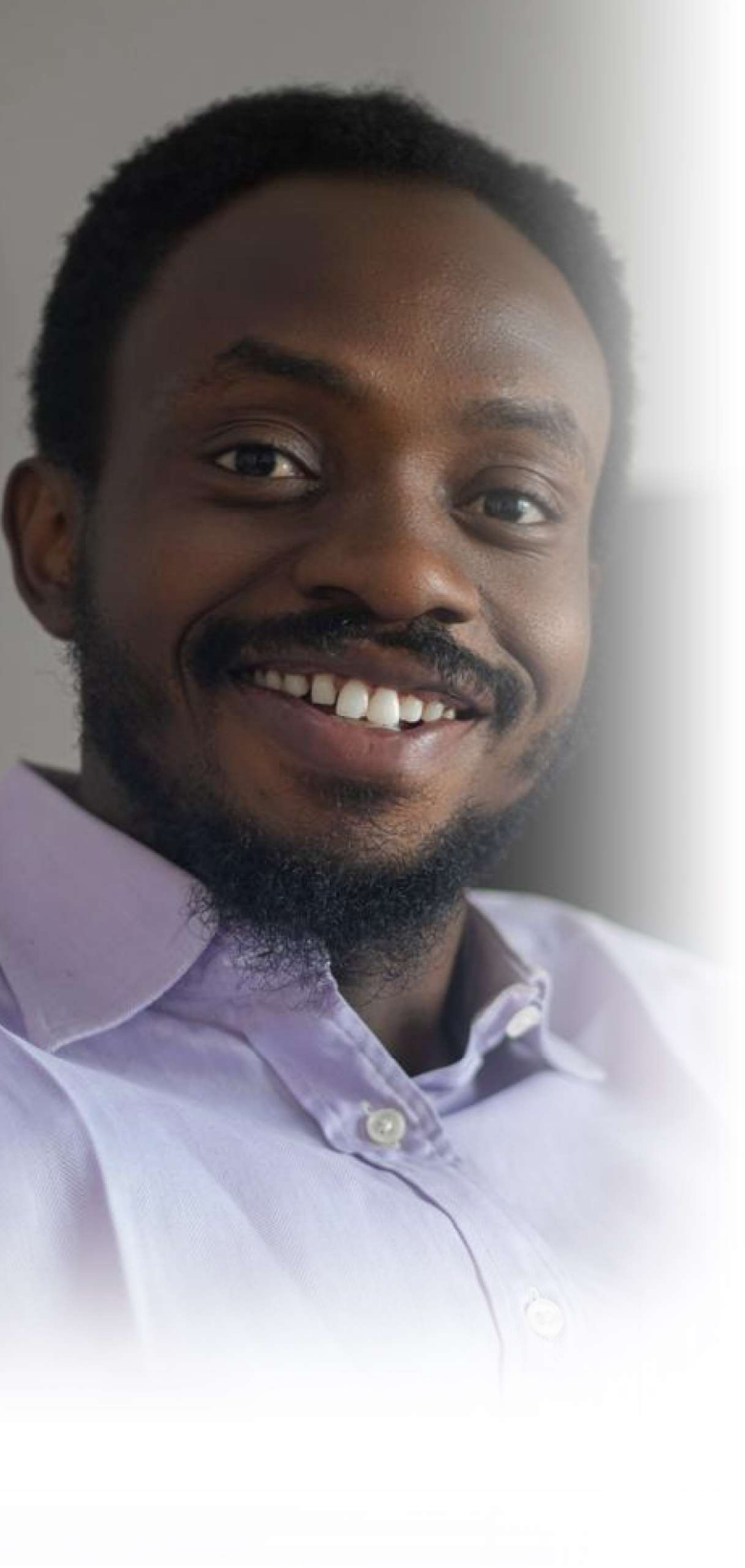
Our Partners/ Donors

Partnerships that make all the difference

We are deeply grateful to our partners, donors and organisations whose support, collaboration and shared commitment make our work possible. Together, we are building resilient communities and restoring dignity across Northeast Nigeria



We also recognise the invaluable contributions of other federal and local government institutions, security agencies, traditional rulers, religious leaders, community leaders, volunteers and the community members whose support make our work possible.



IN MEMORIAM

A Life of Service

Remembering Zion Japhet

In 2025, JDPI Maiduguri experienced one of the most difficult moments in its recent history with the loss of our colleague, **Zion Japhet**.

Zion served as Senior Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Officer and was deeply committed to ensuring that the voices, experiences, and needs of vulnerable communities inform our work. His professionalism, dedication, humility, and passion for service left a lasting impact on colleagues, partners, and the communities he served.

While carrying out his humanitarian duties, Zion tragically lost his life in an attack by a Non-state armed group (NSAG), along the Gwoza-Limankara Road in Borno State. His passing was a profound loss to our organisation and to the many people whose lives he touched through his work.

Though no words can fully capture the depth of our loss, we remember Zion not only for the work he did, but for the kindness, integrity, and commitment he brought to it every day.

His legacy continues to inspire us as we carry forward the mission of serving vulnerable communities with dignity, compassion, and accountability.



Zion facilitating a learning meeting with community stakeholders.



Zion during an on-site monitoring of borehole drilling/construction.

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