



CARITAS NIGERIA

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



ABOUT US

Caritas Nigeria is the specialized agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) that coordinates and implements humanitarian and development interventions on behalf of the Catholic Church in Nigeria. A member of Caritas Internationalis (the confederation of 162-member organisations providing humanitarian aid and overall integral human development around the globe) and the Caritas Africa network comprising 46-member countries, Caritas Nigeria was formally registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission on the 22nd September, 2010, as Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria (CCFN) to improve the well-being of vulnerable persons based on rights and needs, and not based on faith, ethnicity or political affiliations. We achieve our mandate through six (6) core thematic areas of focus:



Agriculture and Livelihoods



Emergency Response and Humanitarian Services



Environment



Good Governance



Health



Institutional Capacity Strengthening



Protection and Migration

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VISION

A harmonious society where everyone enjoys fullness

MISSION

To advance the well-being of all through participatory measures in line with Catholic Social Teaching

CORE VALUES



FOREWORD



In this sacred Jubilee Year, themed *"Pilgrims of Hope,"* proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Francis, we are called to embark on a journey of renewal—rekindling our faith, strengthening our hope, and deepening our solidarity in the face of global challenges. This theme is particularly significant as we reflect on the past year, a time marked by trials, uncertainty, and resilience. Yet, even in the midst of hardship, the message of the Jubilee reminds us that hope is never lost; rather, it is rediscovered in our collective actions, in the kindness of strangers, and the unwavering commitment to uplift one another. This is a time to

lean into the promise of a better tomorrow, to remind ourselves that through faith and service, we can rebuild lives and restore dignity.

For over a decade, the Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria (Caritas Nigeria), established by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN), has been a beacon of light in some of the darkest moments, bringing relief, healing, and empowerment to countless individuals. From the refugee who finds solace in the embrace of a welcoming community to the mother who regains strength through accessible healthcare, from the farmer who learns new techniques to feed his family to the child who receives an education against all odds—our work is a living testament to the boundless love and mercy that Christ calls us to share. Caritas Nigeria stands as a bridge between despair and hope, a channel through which the generosity of many flows into the lives of those in need.

This annual report captures the heart of the mission of Caritas Nigeria, thus, showcasing the profound impact we have made across six key areas: Health, Emergency Response & Humanitarian Services, Protection & Migration, Agriculture & Livelihoods, Good Governance, and Institutional & Capacity Strengthening. Through these thematic pillars, we have touched lives, empowered communities, and instilled hope where there was once despair. The stories within these pages are not just statistics; they are testaments of human strength and divine

providence—narratives of resilience, courage, and transformation. They remind us that behind every initiative, every intervention, and every act of service, there is a face, a family, and a future being rewritten for the better.

We have also launched our Strategic Plan (2024-2030), which laid out a roadmap of the organization's strategic direction in the next 7 years across its themes and in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030) that seeks to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere.

As we navigate this Jubilee Year, let it be more than a symbolic celebration. Let it be a call to action—a reminder that we are all pilgrims on a shared journey, responsible for one another's well-being. It is a time for renewed commitment to the values of compassion, justice, and peace. We must continue to strive for a world where no one is left behind, where love is not just preached but practised, and where the Church stands as both a sanctuary of faith and a force for transformation.

To our dedicated partners, generous donors, and tireless supporters—you are the hands and hearts that make this mission possible. Your faith in our work, your unwavering support, and your selfless contributions have changed countless lives. To our staff, volunteers, and community leaders, your dedication and passion inspire hope in the darkest of times. And to the resilient people we serve, you are the reason we continue this journey. Your courage fuels our resolve, and your strength reminds us that together, we can build a future filled with possibility. From the depths of my heart, I thank you. May this Jubilee Year renew our collective spirit and inspire us to keep walking together, as true pilgrims of hope.



**Most Rev. Alfred Adewale Martins,
Board Chairman.**

2024: A YEAR IN REVIEW



For over a decade, the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) entrusted the Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria (Caritas Nigeria) with the mission of serving as the humanitarian arm of the Church, and also serve as a beacon of hope to the most vulnerable in society. In fulfilling this mandate, Caritas Nigeria has remained steadfast in addressing societal challenges, ensuring that those in need receive timely and impactful support. Through strategic interventions and unwavering commitment, the organization has continued to be a guiding light, transforming lives and strengthening communities across the nation.

Despite the undeniable challenges of 2024, including economic hardships, a surge in fuel prices, rising inflation, insecurity in various regions, and

the lingering effects of climate change, Caritas Nigeria remained resolute in its commitment to sustainable development and humanitarian action. These challenges exacerbated vulnerabilities across communities, making access to basic needs, healthcare, and livelihood opportunities even more difficult. Yet, in the face of these obstacles, Caritas Nigeria continued to implement impactful projects across its core thematic areas: Emergency Response & Humanitarian Services, Health, Agriculture & Livelihoods, Good Governance, Protection & Migration, Environment, Education, and Institutional Capacity Strengthening.

Through its Agriculture & Livelihoods interventions, we have empowered smallholder farmers with sustainable practices and alternative income opportunities. Our Emergency Response & Humanitarian Services provided lifesaving support, including food, and livelihood support to displaced and disaster-affected communities. Caritas Nigeria's commitment to Good Governance was evident in civic engagement programs, advocacy for accountability, and peacebuilding initiatives that fostered democratic participation.

Our support also extended into the HIV/AIDS and TB response by expanding access to diagnosis, treatment, prevention, maternal healthcare services, and support to orphans & vulnerable children and their caregivers. Additionally, the Protection & Migration interventions supported displaced

persons, refugees, and survivors of human trafficking with legal aid, reintegration assistance, and advocacy for safe migration policies. By integrating immediate relief with long-term development, Caritas Nigeria reinforced its mission of serving the most vulnerable, fostering resilience, and creating pathways for sustainable growth in communities across the nation. We are grateful to have been that bridge used to connect and reach hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries in the year 2024 by providing succour to those in need.

Caritas Nigeria's journey of impact and service would not be possible without the relentless support of our generous partners and donors. We extend our deepest gratitude to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), UNICEF, the STOP TB Partnership, Global Fund, the Conrad Hilton Foundation, Citi Foundation, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD), Caritas Norway, Caritas Germany, Ford Foundation, and Caritas Internationalis. Their commitments to humanitarian service has fueled our ability to bring hope to the most vulnerable, from responding to emergencies to empowering communities with sustainable solutions.

However, funding alone does not drive change—it is the hands and hearts behind the mission that truly make the difference. The introduction of the *Catholic Social Teaching* programme continues to reaffirm the values of the Church which among others promote human dignity and has further strengthened the resilience of our staff in advocating for social justice. To our dedicated staff and selfless volunteers, we owe an immense debt of gratitude. Their resilience in the face of adversity, their compassion in serving those most in need, and their relentless pursuit of a better society have been the cornerstone of our success. Whether in the field delivering aid, advocating for the rights of the marginalized, or working tirelessly behind the scenes, every individual has played a vital role in keeping our mission alive. Their sacrifices and dedication remind us that true service is not just about resources but about the people who give their time, energy, and passion to transform lives. Together, we have made a difference, and together, we will continue to build a future of hope and dignity for all.

We wish to use this opportunity to announce an important event in our organization. We have just experienced the end of a tenure and a change in leadership. Our former Executive Secretary/CEO, Rev. Fr. Uchechukwu Obodoechina, ended his tenure on the 31st of December 2024. We are delighted to introduce **Fr. Peter Babangida Audu**,

who assumed office on the 1st of January 2025, as the new Executive Secretary/CEO of Caritas Nigeria. He also serves as the Director of the Church and Society Department of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria and the National Secretary of the Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC).

Finally, we recognize the boundless love of God, whose grace empowers us to serve humanity with compassion and dedication. His divine guidance, inspiration, and blessings sustain our mission, giving us strength in the face of challenges. With faith as our anchor, we remain committed to bringing hope and dignity to those in need and ensuring the *fullness of life for all*.



Fr. Peter Babangida Audu
Executive Secretary/CEO



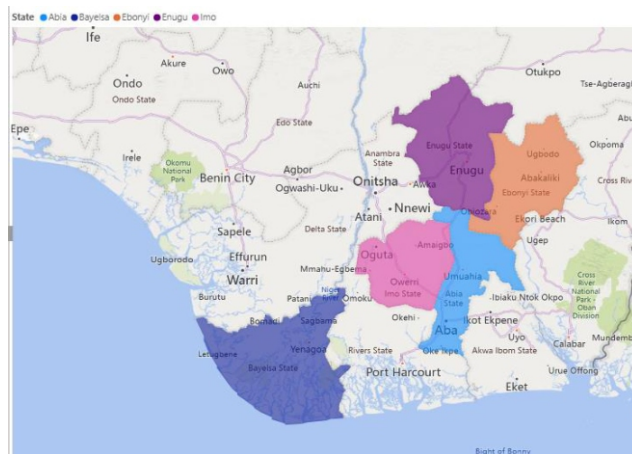
HEALTH

Caritas Nigeria's current health interventions focus on providing comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care, and support services to individuals and communities in Abia, Enugu, and Imo States.

Working with service delivery facilities, community-based organizations, and Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) pick-up sites, we provide HIV testing services, lifesaving treatment, and socioeconomic and psychosocial support services to people living with HIV (PLHIV), and institutional capacity strengthening to HIV management personnel

DEPLOYING AN UMBRELLA GRANTS MECHANISM (UGM), WE SUB-GRANT SERVICE DELIVERY FACILITIES (SDFS), ART PICK-UP SITES, AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBOS) TO IDENTIFY, ENROLL, AND DELIVER QUALITY HIV CARE SERVICES TO DESERVING CLIENTS, INCLUDING ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN, IN THE SOCIETY.

To improve health outcomes in communities, we also offer adequate tuberculosis prevention and treatment services in Abia, Bayelsa, Ebonyi, Enugu, and Imo States.



The Caritas Nigeria team led by Dr. John Oko, Chief of Party/Principal Investigator of the ACCESS Project, on a courtesy visit to the Director General of the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA), Dr. Temitope Ilori

Project 1

ACCESS PROJECT

The Accelerated Control of HIV Epidemic and Sustainability Solution (ACCESS) Project is funded by the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and implemented in Abia, Enugu, and Imo States.

Objectives

95% of PLHIV in target SNUs know their status and are linked to treatment

Uptake of comprehensive HIV care and treatment services, communicable and non-communicable diseases is increased for PLHIV and their families;

Health systems in SNUs are strengthened to achieve and sustain HIV epidemic control

GON and CSOs have increased capacity to manage and sustain HIV programs

Indicators	Target	Achievement	% Achievement
Number of People tested for HIV	899,386	972,002	108%
Number of People that tested positive to HIV	19,185	9,118	48%
Number of People that were commenced on Treatment for HIV (New)	18,836	9,066	48%
Total Number of People currently receiving Treatment for HIV (Current)	251,021	153,479	61%
Number of Pregnant women that know their HIV Status	268,126	294,266	110%
Number of Pregnant women that are HIV Positive	2,401	1,836	76%
Number of HIV Positive Pregnant women placed on Treatment to prevent transmission to the unborn babies	2,401	1,833	76%
Number of infants born to HIV positive mothers that were tested for HIV	2,483	2,239	90%
Number of exposed infants that tested positive to HIV		15	
Number of HIV Positive infants commenced on Treatment		18	
Number of Patients with Tuberculosis that know their HIV Status	2,187	4,828	221%
Number of Patients with Tuberculosis that are also HIV positive and are on Treatment	540	1,204	223%
Number of Orphans and Vulnerable Children that received a service during the year	103,390	106,607	103%
Number of women of child bearing age screened for Cervical Cancer	33,575	24,045	72%
Number of Patients with a documented viral load result		143,231	94%
Number of Patients who have a suppressed viral load result		139,152	97%
Number of People receiving services due to Gender based violence	3,716	7,266	196%



Best Practice

- Tuberculosis Clinic Lab Interphase Continuous Quality Improvement (TBCLIQI) proved decisive in the deliberate efforts to improve TB/HIV patient quality of care along the entire cascade.



Lessons Learnt

- Community ownership and participation is critical to program sustainability.
- Collaboration between the GoN and partners is key to program success.
- Routine mentorship and broad-based continuous supportive supervision with the GoN.



Next steps

- Continue to implement with fidelity with a focus on program and data quality.
- Increased GoN participation and ownership.

Project 2

INTEGRATE-TB PROJECT

A community-level integrated health care service delivery project aimed at improving TB case finding in adults & children, expanding TB Preventive Therapy (TPT) initiation, devolving treatment of TB &

Latent Tb Infection (LTBI) to the Community level, identifying, refer/link people found with cardiovascular diseases (CVD) & chronic respiratory diseases (CRD) in Remote Rural communities.

Key Focus Areas



Integrated Screening and Referral

- ✓ AI-X-ray screening for TB, CVD, and CRD
- ✓ Coordinated referral system for follow-up care



Active TB Case Finding

- ✓ Engaging Traditional Child Care (TCC) centers
- ✓ Community outreach screenings
- ✓ TB treatment initiation at the community level



Contact Tracing and TPT

- ✓ TPT initiation and monitoring at the community level

First organization in Nigeria to implement a community-based integrated service delivery using an AI-enabled X-ray

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



12,337

Screened With AI-Enabled X-ray

Abnormal x-ray result in 4,318 persons screened

TB presumptive cases

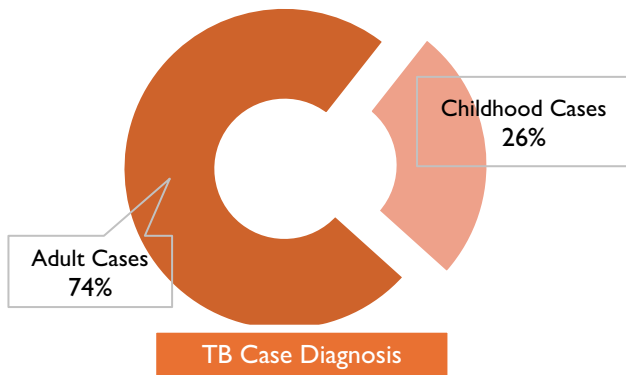
2,072

CVD presumptive cases

1,030

CRD presumptive cases

1,216



Developed an Operational Manual on the use of AI-enabled X-ray for integrated community-level screening.

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• Abstracts at the UNION Conference in Bali, Indonesia

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• Abstracts at the National TB Conference, Abuja, Nigeria

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• Panel discussion at the Global Digital Health Forum in Nairobi, Kenya

Project 3

N-THRIP PROJECT

Caritas Nigeria is currently implementing the Nigeria TB-HIV Reach, Integration, and Impact Project (N-THRIP) Global Cycle 7 (GC7) project as a sub-recipient to the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) – the principal recipient of the grant. The GC7 project, which spans from January

2024 to December 2026, is focused on ensuring early diagnosis of TB and HIV and providing comprehensive care for affected individuals. The project is implemented in Abia, Bayelsa, Ebonyi, Enugu, and Imo States

Expanding HIV testing for all pregnant women in communities and strengthening laboratories and supply chain management.

Achievement

Focus Areas

Nationwide coverage of TB Public-Private Mix (TB PPM)

Community TB testing

Community testing of pregnant women toward eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV (EMTCT)

<i>Streams</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>% Achievement</i>
PPM	No. of Persons in Attendance	-	265,338	
	No. of Persons Screened	100%	265,185	100%
	No. of Persons with Presumptive TB	12574	35,108	269%
	No. of Persons Evaluated	100%	35,108	100%
	No. of Persons Diagnosed	1797	3,042	169%
	No. of Persons Notified	1797	2,905	162%
	No. of Persons Childhood TB	270	134	50%
Community TB	No. of Persons Reached		78,852	
	No. of Persons Screened	100%	78,103	99%
	No. of Persons Screened with Com TB App	100%	39,118	50%
	No. of Persons with Presumptive TB		14,217	
	No. of Persons Evaluated	100%	14217	100%
	No. of Persons Diagnosed	1948	1145	59%
	No. of Persons Notified	1948	1145	59%
HIV Testing Services for Pregnant Women	No. of Persons with Childhood TB	292	46	16%
	Pregnant women reached		22123	
	Pregnant women tested	100%	21317	96%
	Pregnant women positive		124	
	Pregnant women linked to ART	100%	119	96%



EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICES

The Emergency Response and Humanitarian Services thematic area has made significant strides in delivering impactful interventions to vulnerable communities across Nigeria, particularly in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe States. With a focus on addressing urgent humanitarian needs, the Unit has implemented projects funded by major donors, aiming to improve food security, water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), protection, health, nutrition, and livelihoods. These efforts reflect a commitment to enhancing the quality of life and dignity of affected populations while addressing systemic challenges through community-driven and evidence-based approaches.



Beneficiaries of FAO Dry Season Farming receiving farm inputs - vegetable seed and blended wet NPK fertilizer - in Blue House community, Mubi North LGA of Adamawa State

Sectors of Intervention

Food Security and Livelihoods

- Provision of cash assistance, agricultural inputs, and capacity-building for farming activities to mitigate food insecurity and enhance livelihoods.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- Rehabilitation and construction of water infrastructure, distribution of hygiene kits, and promotion of sanitation practices.

Nutrition

- Strengthening capacities to deliver equitable access to quality nutrition services, including acute malnutrition management and maternal and infant nutrition education.

Protection

- Ensuring community sensitization on rights and entitlements, protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), and addressing gender-based violence (GBV).

Information Management Services

- Using GIS and data-driven approaches to inform humanitarian planning and interventions.



Engagement with out-of-school children in Magumeri LGA of Borno State on International Day of Education

Project 1

FOOD SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS OF THE LAKE CHAD CRISIS

Funded by the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) through Caritas Germany, the Food Security and Humanitarian Protection for Victims of the Lake Chad Crisis Project adopts a consortium approach to mitigate conflict-related food insecurity and enhance protection for vulnerable groups in the Lake Chad region, with a focus on Borno State. It strives to improve living conditions and restore dignity for those affected by persistent armed conflict, employing a combination of cash transfers and in-kind assistance.

In partnership with the Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) of the Catholic Diocese of Maiduguri,

Caritas Nigeria implements this intervention to provide safe water, promote hygiene practices, and reduce disease transmission

Implemented in Gwoza, Kaga and Magumeri Local Government Areas



Preparation of a farmland for home gardening in Gwoza LGA of Borno State



Cash disbursement in Magumeri LGA of Borno State



Demonstration of home gardening in Magumeri LGA of Borno State



Key Achievements

- Registration of 5,058 households (HHs) and cash disbursement to 3,737 HHs.
- Distribution of agricultural inputs to 3,000 participants.
- Scale-up of disbursement rates to 70% of the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB).
- Production of visibility materials for enhanced community engagement.

Project 2

COMPREHENSIVE HUMANITARIAN, EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS (CHEERS-Flex)

In the year under review, Caritas Nigeria received funds from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through Caritas Norge to implement the Comprehensive Humanitarian, Emergency Response and Economic Recovery for Sustainable Livelihoods (CHEERS-Flex), which aimed to save lives, alleviate suffering, and protect human dignity in Adamawa and Borno States, Nigeria

Targeting 3,400 households (17,000 individuals) affected by conflict,

This intervention mitigated food security vulnerabilities

In 4 LGAs namely: Michika and Madagali (Adamawa State), and Bama and Gwoza (Borno State).



Demonstration of home gardening in Magumeri LGA of Borno State



Key Achievements

- 1,468 HHs received cash transfers while 1,400 HHs were trained in climate-smart agriculture.
- 10,640 individuals screened, with 415 severe acute malnutrition cases referred for treatment.
- 4,424 individuals were reached with GBV information and 372 survivors were provided with livelihoods.
- 12,095 individuals participating in hygiene promotion. Also, 9 boreholes were rehabilitated.
- 1,657 HHs joined Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) while 440 women were trained in vocational skills.

Project 3

RAPID RESPONSE FUND

With funding support from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Caritas Nigeria implemented the Rapid Response Fund (RRF) project, which sought to address the acute emergency resulting from the displacement of households.

To address the acute emergency resulting from the displacement of about 5,302 households

Caritas Nigeria provided emergency Multi-purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) through community involvement and stakeholder engagement

The project reached the target populations in households in Damask town, Mobbar LGA of Borno State over three (3) months



Key Achievements

- Provision of cash assistance to 1,753 beneficiaries through e-wallets, with plans to reach an additional 3,549 beneficiaries subsequently.
- Formation of 3 Community Project Implementation Committees (CPICs) to enhance community involvement.

Project 4

SCALING UP ASSISTANCE IN HARD-TO-REACH AREAS (SAHARA)

The SAHaRA project, funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) through Caritas Germany, sought to provide inclusive, safe, and dignified access to immediate humanitarian, food, and WASH assistance to the most vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDP) and host communities.

With a target of 2,367 HHs (14,200 individuals), the intervention aimed to strengthen community resilience in hard-to-reach areas



Distribution of hygiene kits to selected households in Fulatari community in Kaga LGA of Borno State

The approach was community-based and participatory, seeking the empowerment of project participants, rebuilding their lives after an emergency hit, and collaborating with faith leaders to spread essential prevention messages in vulnerable communities.



A newly-constructed VIP latrine in Fulatari community in Kaga LGA of Borno State

Supported HHS in Kaga, Magumeri and Gwoza LGAs of Borno State, with cash transfers during the lean season of June – September 2024



A newly-constructed borehole in Jetete community in Kaga LGA of Borno State



Key Achievements

- 3,215 HHs were supported with cash transfers for their household food needs.
- Completion of 4 rounds of cash support in the project communities.
- Distribution of 807 menstrual hygiene kits and 634 cholera kits.
- Training of 34 hygiene promoters and construction of VIP latrines to improve sanitation.

Project 5

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR IMPROVED EVIDENCE-BASED HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTIONS IN BORNO, ADAMAWA, AND YOBE STATES

In the year under review, Caritas Nigeria was funded by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) through the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF) to provide information management services for improved evidence-based humanitarian interventions in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe States, from January 2024 – January 2025.

Working with other humanitarian partners in Northeast Nigeria, Caritas Nigeria conducted a thematic area needs assessment to generate data

The data was analyzed and shared with the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)

The HCT comprises representatives from the UN, IOM, international NGOs, the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, and other humanitarian partners

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Key Achievements

- Conducted assessments in 62 LGAs, supporting 82 organizations with Sector Needs and Risk Assessment (SNRA).
- Conducted a WASH infrastructure sweep in Adamawa State and lean season assessment in Dikwa, informed planning, as well as GIS technology-enhanced data collection in inaccessible areas.

Project 6

DRY SEASON FARMING PROGRAM

The 4-month project Food and Agriculture (FAO), which commenced in November 2024, aimed to support subsistence farmers in Song, Mubi North, and Madagali LGAs of Adamawa State with seedlings and other farm inputs to increase their household economic stability



Key Achievements

- 5,010 project participants were reached with farm inputs.
- Demonstration plots were established to promote good agronomic practices.

Project 6

BRIDGING THE GAP IN NUTRITIONAL SERVICES AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES TO BUILD RESILIENCE FOR POSITIVE NUTRITIONAL OUTCOMES

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) partnered with Caritas Nigeria to contribute to Nigeria's achievement of nutrition sector strategic priorities by reducing the spread of acute malnutrition among pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children (0-59 months old) in Shani LGA of Borno State.

Activities Conducted for In-patient Management of SAM with Medical Complications

- Monthly cooking demonstrations
- Medication and therapeutic milk for children
- Nutrition counselling for mothers/caregivers
- Sanitary supplies distribution
- Vitamin A supplementation
- Maternal and child health support services

The intervention aimed to enhance the access of the target groups to effective malnutrition prevention services. It also improved the treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) cases in stabilization centres (SC) and Outpatient Treatment Programs



Key Achievements

- The project surpassed its targets, training 4,357 caregivers on complementary food preparation.
- 3,831 children and 2,615 women were screened for malnutrition, admitting 592 children to SCs, with a 98.5% cure rate.
- MIYCN initiatives reached 4,327 participants through cooking demonstrations.



PROTECTION AND MIGRATION

Caritas Nigeria through her Protection and Migration Unit has made significant strides in delivering impactful interventions to refugees (mostly Cameroonians), host communities and returnee migrants across Nigeria, particularly in Cross River, Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe States. With a focus on addressing urgent humanitarian needs of these target population. The projects the Unit has implemented were majorly funded by UNHCR and ERAC, aiming to protect the target group and improve access to justice, legal documentation, food security, health/medical care, nutrition, and livelihoods. These efforts reflect a commitment to enhancing the quality of life and dignity of affected populations while addressing systemic challenges through community-driven and evidence-based approaches.

Protection and Migration Sectors of Intervention

1. Protection: Ensuring community sensitization on rights and entitlements, protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), and addressing gender-based violence (GBV).

1. Anti-Human Trafficking: Ensuring that at risk population within the implementing states are sensitized on the ills of child trafficking and irregular migration.

1. Access to Justice: Provision of both in and out of court legal representation to refugees.

1. Referral services: Provision of appropriate referral pathways to the refugees to access services.

1. Food Security and Livelihoods: Provision of cash assistance, agricultural inputs, and capacity-building for farming activities to mitigate food insecurity and enhance livelihoods.

1. Protection and Assistance of Cameroonian Refugees (Cross River and Edo State):

10,997 were reached with GBV awareness-raising campaigns.

43 Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) clubs were strengthened.

149 participants (including UNHCR staff, partner workforce, and government authorities) were trained to increase their GBV knowledge and skills in GBV prevention and response.

651 at-risk children received case management.

Best interest processes were initiated for 577 (308 females and 269 males).

292 project participants received legal assistance/advice (113 females and 179 males).

311 Persons with Specific Needs (PSN) were identified for assistance.

In collaboration with the National Population Commission, 1,017 refugees (517 females and 500 males) were assisted with civil documentation.

2. UNHCR Funded Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Projects (Adamawa and Yobe States)

Delivery of protection monitoring messaging to 29,477 individuals.

Identification, referral, and management of 2,946 cases.

Documentation of 784 cases at the Protection desk.

Sensitization of 25,025 through impactful awareness-raising campaigns.

Provision of cash assistance for 713 persons

Coordination of several Protection Sector meetings.

3. UNHCR Funded Refugee Response Project (Adamawa state)

Dissemination of protection monitoring messaging to 9,856 people.
Identification of 585 cases and referral of 551 cases, which were successfully managed.
Documentation of 223 cases at the Protection desk.
Impactful outreach to 8,884 people through direct awareness-raising campaigns.
Provision of cash assistance to 8,449 persons.

4. Child Protection Refugee Response Project (UNHCR-funded project implemented in Adamawa and Borno States):

Engagement of 46,750 individuals through child-raising awareness
Provision of support to 4,373 children to access child-friendly space
Successful case management of 2,233 children.
Conduct of best best-interest assessment on 1,076 project participants.
Placement of 73 vulnerable children under alternative care.
Provision of material support to 724 at-risk children based on their identified needs.
Provision of material support to 75 alternative caregivers.
Training of 353 youths and vulnerable caregivers in different life skills.
Enrolment of 300 children in safe school initiatives/activities (kids clubs).

ENVIRONMENT



Caritas Nigeria, in the year under review, organized a series of activities aimed at awakening the consciousness of Nigerians on the shrinking nature of Lake Chad and advocating for the reduction of plastics through plastic waste-to-wealth initiatives.



Some stakeholders at the commemoration of World Environment Day

To mark the 2024 World Environment Day, the Environment Unit organized a National Dissemination Seminar on the times and fortunes of Lake Chad and transitioning from a linear to circular economy through a plastic-waste-to-wealth initiative.

The goal was to awaken Nigerians' consciousness of Lake Chad's shrinking nature and promote plastic-waste-to-wealth initiatives, thus reducing its reduction.

As part of its objectives, the activity entailed carrying out a digital analysis of the various phases and changes occurring in the Lake Chad basin from 1982 till date and the various factors contributing to these changes to help drive policy, planning, and programmes for its restoration.



Integrative Solutions for Humanitarian Housing Support project

1. Goal

Provision of temporary housing and comprehensive support for ecological refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Bayelsa and Adamawa states, respectively.

2. Description

The **Integrative Solutions for Humanitarian Housing Support project**, funded by the Citi Foundation, is aimed at providing secure, dignified, and sustainable housing solutions for vulnerable populations across Nigeria; by integrating shelter initiatives with Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH), livelihoods, and durable solutions to displacement. This intervention is a two-year initiative that will promote holistic human development and self-reliance among marginalized communities in Adamawa and Bayelsa States, Nigeria. The project, which started in September 2024, has conducted its preliminary activities such as advocacy meetings and stakeholder engagements with different persons and groups including the Bishop of Bomadi Diocese, the Bishop of Yola Diocese, and relevant government agencies across Adamawa and Bayelsa States.

3. Key Achievements

- In securing the Citi Foundation funding for Integrative Solutions for Humanitarian Housing Support in Adamawa and Bayelsa States, Caritas Nigeria, through the Environment Unit, gained national visibility and automatic membership of Charities Aid Foundation of America (CAF), affording the organization futuristic US funding opportunities.
- The National Catholic Tree-Growing Program: From the previous 45,420 trees planted across 17 dioceses, the CBCN, Caritas Nigeria and 42 dioceses have now planted 217,597 trees.
- Replacing tree seedlings that did not survive among the 33 trees planted by the CBCN at the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria, monitoring and nursing the young trees as needed.
- Caritas Nigeria Environment interventions gained increased visibility and collaboration via presentations of their research findings on the times and fortunes of Lake Chad/plastic waste-to-wealth initiative presented on World Environment Day 2024.

4. Best Practice/Lessons learnt

- Engaging the local community in projects supports sustainability
- Timely and adequate planning ensures sound outputs and outcomes
- Proper mapping/consultation with relevant key stakeholders is paramount for effectiveness and efficiency in results (for example on the type and nature of trees planted at the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria.
- The involvement and active participation of all relevant stakeholders in Caritas Nigeria facilitated the process of proposal writing for the Citi Foundation funding.



AGRICULTURE AND LIVELIHOODS



Distribution of start-up kits to the participants of cosmetology training in Orun community, Ise-Orun LGA of Ekiti State

Caritas Nigeria's Agriculture and Livelihoods initiatives have significantly impacted numerous lives by enhancing agricultural productivity, promoting sustainable farming practices, and improving food security. Through this thematic area, farmers and communities have been supported to increase their farm output and develop resilient livelihoods. The life-changing interventions have not only boosted local economies but also empowered individuals and families, fostering self-reliance and improved quality of life across the regions we serve



Alex Nambe, the Agriculture and Livelihoods Officer addressing farmers in Gbonyin LGA of Ekiti State on land selection and preparation ahead of farming

Key Achievements

- i Training of 6,400 farmers in climate-smart agriculture and subsequent provision of agricultural inputs like seeds, cassava stems, and fertilizers to enhance productivity.
- ii Distribution of homestead gardening inputs to 1,820 female-headed households.
- iii Distribution of energy-efficient cookstoves to 2,500 households to reduce environmental degradation and health risks.
- iv Training of 1,800 beneficiaries in trades like hairdressing, carpentry, and tailoring, among others. Each participant received start-up kits, enabling immediate income generation and economic self-reliance.
- v Establishment of 56 Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) groups, further supporting financial inclusion, with twelve million naira (₦12,000,000) saved collectively by 1,153 members.
- vi Training of 1,300 households in animal husbandry and subsequent support with resources like piglets and poultry to diversify their income streams.

BEST PRACTICE

- Active community engagement throughout project implementation. Financial literacy training of project participants.
- Effective collaboration with local trainers to ensure relevance and sustainability.

GOOD GOVERNANCE



*Caritas Nigeria's Good Governance Officer,
Jude Akwo, engaging participants*



*Stakeholders with the Caritas Nigeria
at a workshop*

Activities Implemented

- The AEJ-WAY Project in Plateau State, funded by CAFOD, focused on mainstreaming women and youth in public policy decisions.
- The Africa Inclusive Economic Recovery Campaign (AIERC), funded by Jubilee USA through Caritas Africa, promoted responsible borrowing and lending in Nigeria.
- Establishment of Parish JDPC in Minna Diocese.
- Training of 15 new directors of JDPC.
- Hosting of the JDPC Directors Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Needs Assessment in Otukpo Diocese.

Key Achievements

- AEJ-WAY project workshops in Jos focused on leadership, advocacy, and addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), fostering political awareness and social cohesion.
- Workshops for faith-based leaders in four dioceses built advocacy skills for responsible borrowing and accountability.
- Needs assessment conducted in the Diocese of Otukpo.

Innovations/Best Practices/Lessons Learnt

- Women and youth mobilized communities in two LGAs to organize the first-ever political debate for local council chairmen aspirants, advocating for greater inclusion of women and youth in local governance.
- A Standard Operation Manual for the establishment of JDPC capillary units has been produced and presented to JDPC Directors.
- Intentional peacebuilding and conflict resolution efforts are important in implementation as conflict-affected people have demonstrated an eagerness to rebuild their communities.

Next Steps

- Partner with the JDPC of Jos Archdiocese and Pankshin Diocese to set up a trauma centre for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in Plateau State under the AEJ-WAY Project.
- Design an implementation framework for strengthening the Diocese of Otukpo.
- Implement a community participation intervention in local government administration.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY STRENGTHENING



The Institutional Capacity Strengthening (ICS) thematic area aims to enhance the operational capabilities of Catholic Church organizations in Nigeria to address the needs of underserved populations effectively.

This thematic area focuses on improving organizational systems by building capacities to reduce waste and enhance efficiency, program implementation, and management through self-assessment, action planning, and capacity-building.

Through these programs, Caritas Nigeria aimed to ensure that diocesan Caritas agencies, the Justice Development and Peace Commission (JDPC), initiate and implement impactful development actions.

In the year under review, several activities were carried out to enhance the capacity of Catholic Church institutions to respond to emergencies and development challenges.

Institutional Capacity Strengthening Activities

1. Strengthening of Staff Capacity through PMD Pro Training

- To improve project oversight and coordination as well as address performance gaps in the programs and projects implemented by Caritas Nigeria across several states, staff were equipped with essential project management tools and professional methodologies, enhancing program implementation efficiency.
- The training covered project cycle management, stakeholder engagement, adaptive planning, resource optimization, accountability, and global best practices.

2. Collaboration to Enhance Access to Justice through the AEJ-WAY Project

- Caritas Nigeria, through the ICS Unit, facilitated diocesan efforts in securing grants for the Accessible

and Equitable Justice for Women and Youth (AEJ-WAY) project, funded by CAFOD.

- This initiative advances justice for marginalized communities by promoting strategic partnerships and strengthening advocacy efforts.

3. Capacity Strengthening Sessions for the Dioceses of Awgu and Wukari

- Caritas Nigeria organized a series of training on Resource Mobilization, Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Safeguarding, and Project Cycle Management (PCM).
- These sessions sought to introduce sustainable funding strategies, promote financial discipline, enhance staff management and organizational growth, advocate for the protection of at-risk populations, and equip staff of the dioceses with the skills to execute projects effectively.

4. Disbursement of Seed Grants

- Each diocese received a two-

million-naira (2,000,000) seed grant to apply project management skills and address community needs.

- The Diocese of Wukari, for instance, implemented a WASH project that cholera risks, gaining national and international recognition.
5. Development of Finance, HR and Safeguarding Policies
- In response to identified policy gaps, comprehensive finance, HR, and safeguarding policies were developed for participating dioceses, ensuring long-term institutional strengthening and compliance with best practices.
6. Training of Wukari Diocesan Staff on Risk and Asset Management
- Earlier in the year, an assessment carried out by Caritas Nigeria using the Caritas Internationalis tool revealed significant gaps in asset and risk management across various dioceses, particularly in Wukari, where ineffective asset tracking and a lack of a comprehensive risk

management framework hindered operations. To address these challenges, a workshop was organized for 19 participants, including finance officers, asset managers, and diocesan leaders. The training focused on modern asset management systems, core risk management principles, and practical skills in tracking and mitigating risks.

Lessons Learnt

- i. The Project Management training for Diocesan Education Coordinators and related capacity-building initiatives demonstrated the importance of structured training in enhancing project planning, execution, monitoring, and evaluation.
- ii. Standardized methodologies, stakeholder engagement, and the use of modern tools significantly improved coordination and program implementation.
- iii. Specialized training for Caritas Nigeria staff strengthened project cycle management, accountability, and institutional support structures. The PMD Pro framework proved effective in

addressing skill gaps and increasing efficiency, particularly in agriculture, livelihoods, and humanitarian interventions.

- iv. Strategic partnerships, such as the collaboration with Jos and Pankshin Arch/dioceses on the AEJ-WAY Project, highlighted the value of cross-diocesan cooperation in securing grants and implementing justice initiatives.
- v. Training in resource mobilization and project cycle management equipped diocesan staff with proposal development and financial sustainability skills, leading to the creation of tailored resource mobilization plans. The successful application of these skills was evident in seed grant projects, where dioceses implemented impactful initiatives such as WASH interventions, gaining national and international recognition.
- vi. Financial and human resource management training strengthened internal controls, budgeting, reporting, and regulatory compliance, enhancing transparency and accountability within diocesan structures.
- vii. The introduction of safeguarding training reinforced the protection of

vulnerable groups, while the development of finance, HR, and safeguarding policies institutionalized best practices and improved governance.

Innovations/Best Practices

- i. The strategy that worked best was the tripartite approach to capacity building: The project employed a holistic capacity strengthening approach that consists of three core components:
- ii. Capacity building to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes of individuals and teams;
- iii. Institutional strengthening to develop organizations' systems and structures needed to function effectively, work towards sustainability and achieve goals.
- iv. Accompaniment, which combined coaching, mentoring, and supportive supervision with continuous improvement and applied learning.

Next Steps


- i. Expand project implementation from two dioceses to six dioceses per fiscal year.
- ii. Strengthen training content and delivery to incorporate emerging best practices, digital project management tools, and sector-specific needs.
- iii. Enhance institutionalization and sustainability of project management frameworks, financial management systems, and safeguarding policies into their operational structures, to ensure long-term impact.
- iv. Strengthen Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) that will include a robust tracking system to assess progress, measure impact, and document best practices across dioceses.




Caritas Nigeria Senior Management Team led by the incoming Executive Secretary/CEO, Rev. Fr. Peter Babangida Audu, during an entry meeting with the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards Assessor, Hellen Chanikare, in Abuja.



A group photograph of some members of Caritas Nigeria SMT and ICS staff with the CI Assessor, Hellen Chanikare.



KEY PROGRAMMATIC CHALLENGES ACROSS ALL PROJECTS



Health

- Recurrent insecurity and sit-at-home orders in the South East disrupting service provision
- Staff attrition impacts negatively on program and performance.
- Occasional stock-out of commodities such as TB LF-LAM and Visitec CD4 rapid test kits.
- Sub-optimal GoN support in program implementation.

Emergency Response and Humanitarian Services

- Rehabilitation delays for the stabilization centre and shortages of therapeutic feeds and drugs posed significant obstacles.
- Delayed input supplies and budget constraints affected timely execution.
- Tight budgets and delays in determining assessment types limited resources and slowed progress.
- Accommodation shortages at the United Nations hub delayed staff mobilization.
- Limited therapeutic centres affected malnutrition case referrals
- Bias in beneficiary registration by community leaders.

Environment

- Lack of adequate funding to ensure adequate care of target tree planting efforts across the country.

Agriculture and Livelihood

Extreme weather conditions.

Safety and security concerns.

Limited access to remote areas highlighted the need for adaptive strategies, including robust security measures, mobile outreach teams, and stronger partner coordination.

Good Governance

- Caritas Africa funding is temporary, thus interventions may not be sustainable.
- There are restrictions with foreign grants, such as Caritas Africa's, thus affecting the meetings of advocacy groups that hold the government accountable for irresponsible borrowing and indiscriminate spending of borrowed funds.
- Lack of funding for the establishment of the JDPC project.

Institutional Capacity Strengthening (ICS)

- Resource constraints, including funding and personnel, which limited the ability to effectively scale training and mentorship across six dioceses per fiscal year.
- This expansion could further result in uneven adoption of best practices, requiring customized support to ensure all dioceses benefit equally.
- Also, logistical and coordination complexities will increase as more dioceses participate, necessitating improved planning, scheduling, and remote support mechanisms.

Child Protection Refugee Response

- The Life skill intervention program lacks “sustainability” as there is no startup kit or capital to enable livelihood.
- Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR) is slow, which further extends the burden of alternative care.

UNHCR IDP Project:

- Funding delays and limited infrastructure affected timelines and activity efficiency.
- Bias in beneficiary registration by community leaders.

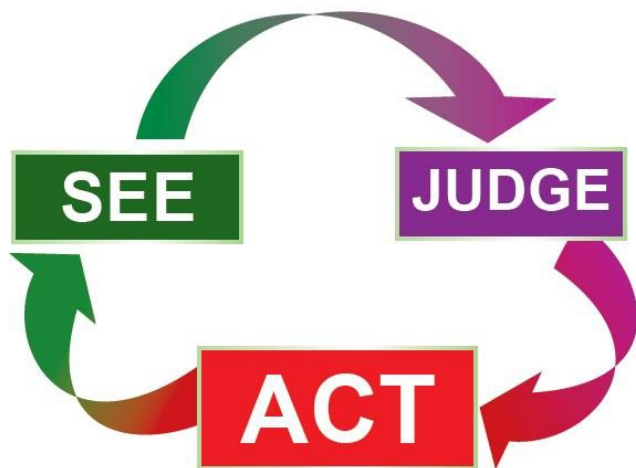
UNHCR Refugee response Project:

- The food shortage/malnutrition in the refugee communities of Madagali, Michika, Mubi North and Mubi South LGAs is getting worse, as evidenced by the rising number of malnutrition cases reported nearly every week.

Implementation of the Catholic Social Teaching Curriculum for Staff of CBCN Agencies & Departments

The Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) has introduced the Catholic Social Teaching (CST) program to educate its agencies on the principles of CST and their practical application in daily work and personal life. This initiative aims to deepen the understanding of social teachings of the Church among staff, reinforcing its role in promoting justice, dignity, and social responsibility within the Church and society.

The curriculum is designed to provide both theoretical knowledge and practical tools that empower participants to integrate CST principles into their workplaces, communities, and the wider Nigerian society. Its approach is based on the Church's methodology for addressing social justice using the See, Judge and Act strategy. By bridging faith with action, the program ensures that Catholic agencies uphold and advocate for values such as promoting human dignity, solidarity, the common good, among others.



Methodology for addressing social justice



His Eminence John Cardinal Onaiyekan, during Mass for the first graduands of the CST program

Over the course of eight weeks, participants undergo structured training sessions covering core CST themes, ethical decision-making, and real-life case studies. These classes encourage critical thinking and foster discussions on how Catholic values can shape policies and programs within the CBCN agencies and the society at large.



Graduands of the Training of Trainers CST program with the Cardinal, CSN Priests and Staff of Veritas University, Abuja.

Following the training, participants are required to take a comprehensive examination to assess their understanding and readiness to apply CST principles effectively. So far, a total of 222 staff members of the CBCN agencies and departments at the headquarters have been trained, demonstrating their

commitment to ethical leadership and social transformation while others at the state and regional offices will also undergo the trainings in the new year. This program is implemented in partnership with Veritas University Abuja and supported by the Catholic Relief Services



CRS Partnership & Capacity Strengthening Coordinator, Anselm Nwoke, who stood in for the Country Representative, Akim Kikonda, gives an opening speech.

This initiative reflects the CBCN's dedication and commitment to equipping its agencies with the knowledge and skills necessary to drive positive change. By institutionalizing CST education, the Church strengthens its mission of service, ensuring that Catholic organizations in Nigeria remain at the forefront of social justice and



Vice Chancellor, of Veritas University, Professor Hycainth Ichoku, gives his speech during the graduation ceremony.



CST graduand, Cecilia Agrinya-Owan, receiving her certificate from His Eminence John Cardinal Onaiyekan.



L-R, Rev. Sr. Linda Bagayang with colleague Michael Adie and fellow graduand Emeka Ezeta.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Caritas Nigeria engaged with the Citi Foundation and submitted a proposal for the Global Innovation Challenge on Homelessness. The proposal was successful and Caritas Nigeria has been awarded a grant to provide secure, dignified, and sustainable housing solutions for vulnerable populations in Adamawa and Bayelsa States, Nigeria. The project, Integrative Solutions for Humanitarian Housing Support, will be implemented for two years. In securing the Citi Foundation grant, Caritas Nigeria, has gained recognition from the Charities Aid Foundation of America (CAF America), affording the organization futuristic funding opportunities.

Similarly, Caritas Nigeria has established a new partnership with the Ford Foundation to activate systems and structures within the Church to respond to Gender Based Violence in Nigeria.



The inspection of a piece of land donated to Caritas Nigeria by the Catholic Bishop of Bomadi Diocese, Most Rev. Hyacinth Egbebo, to address homelessness among internally displaced persons

Caritas Nigeria also collaborated with organizations who share similar values to amplify the voice of the voiceless across communities, at the state and at the national levels. The organization will continue to explore opportunities of partnerships with diverse stakeholders to increase support and funding so that more beneficiaries can be reached with different services to ensure fullness of life for all.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW

This financial statement provides a detailed breakdown of our income, expenditure, and financial position, for one full fiscal year (split between 2023 and 2024). It offers transparency and accountability to our partners, donors, and stakeholders.

In 2024, our total income increased by 113.0%, reaching ₦27.35 billion, up from ₦12.84 billion in 2023. This growth was fuelled by a 116.9% increase in grants from donors and a 2.9% increase in core funds, demonstrating the trust and confidence placed in us by our supporters. At the same time, our total expenditure rose by 113.4% to ₦25.88 billion, reflecting our efforts to scale up programs, enhance operational capacity, and deliver meaningful impact to our beneficiaries.

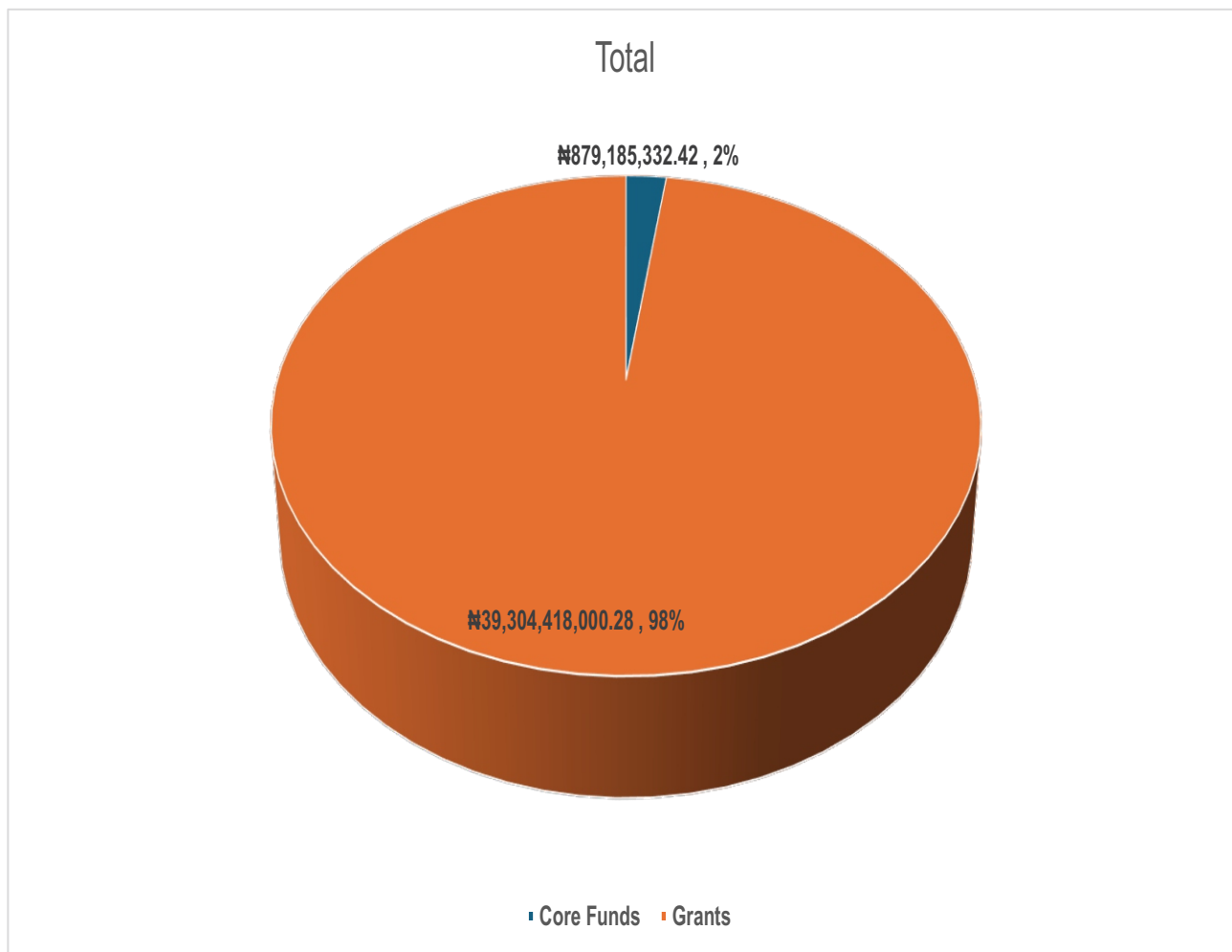
Despite the significant increase in expenditure, we achieved a surplus of ₦1.47 billion, which represents a 108.0% increase over the previous year.

The reported income is pro-rata share with some incomes spanning across fiscal years. All amounts are reported in Nigerian Naira.

INCOME ANALYSIS

For the entire fiscal year, a total income of ₦40,183,603,332.70 (forty billion, one hundred and eighty-three million, six hundred and three thousand three hundred and thirty-two Naira, seventy Kobo) was realized. The income was clearly divided between Core Funds (2%) and Grants from Donors (98%). Total income increased by 113.0%, rising from ₦12.84 billion in 2023 to ₦27.35 billion in 2024.

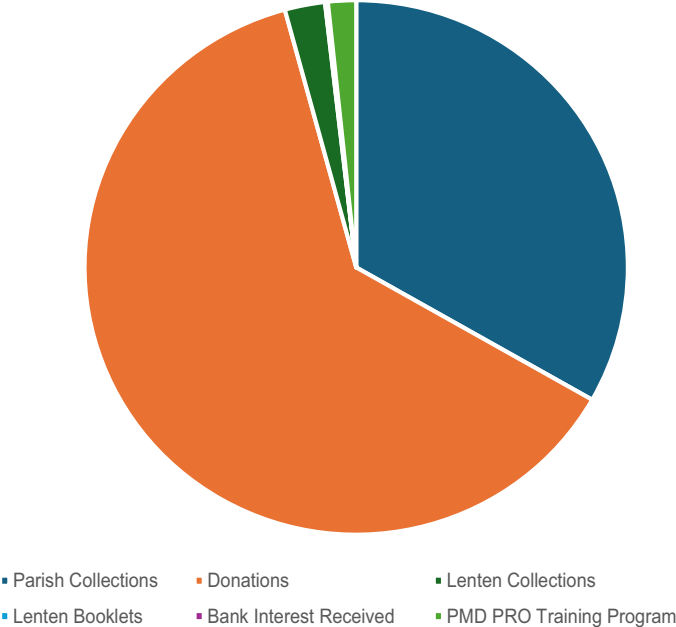




Core Funds

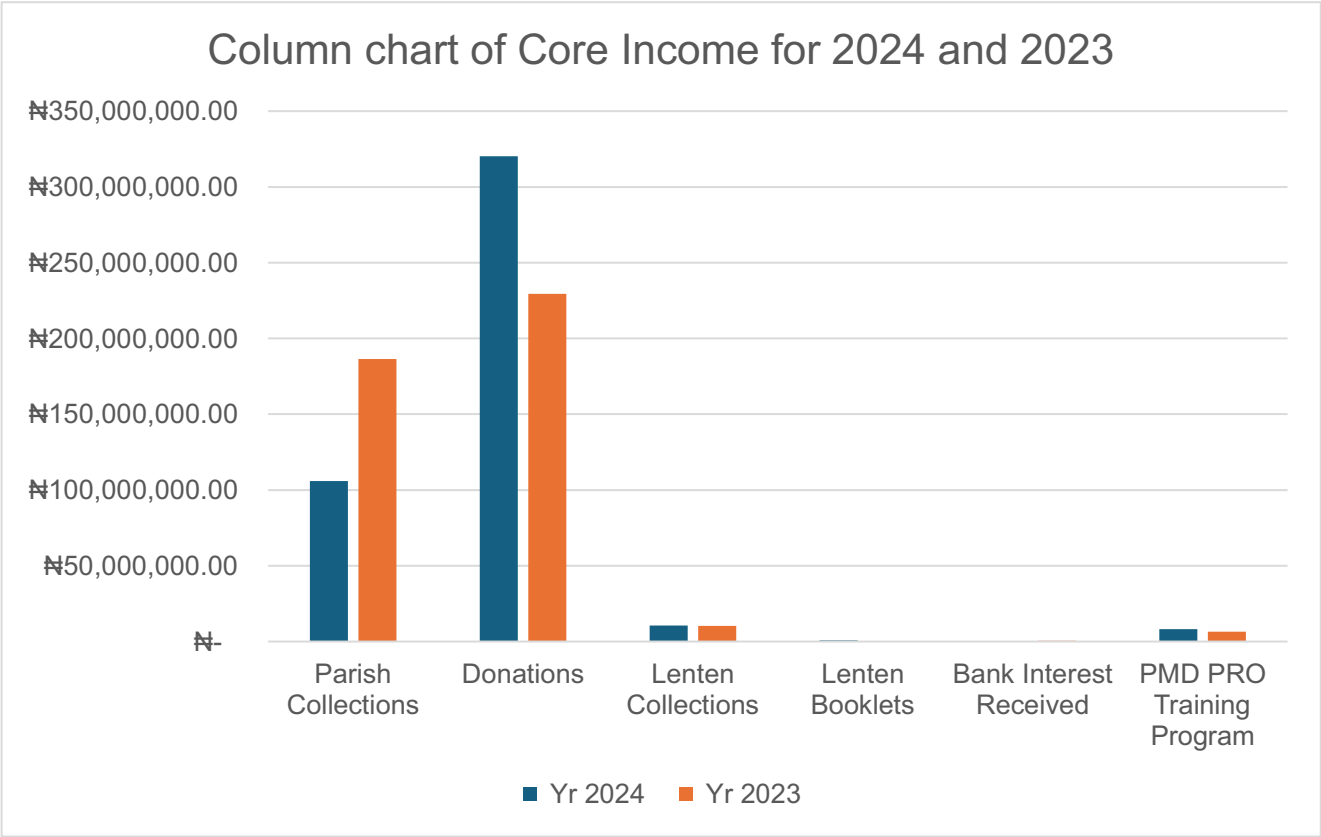
Core funds income grew modestly by 2.9%, reaching ₦445.9 million in 2024, up from ₦433.3 million in 2023. This growth was primarily fueled by a 39.5% increase in donations, which rose to ₦320.1 million, reflecting the generosity of our individual and corporate donors. However, parish collections declined by 43.1%, likely due to the rising economic crunch in the society

Pie Chart of Core Income streams for the Full Fiscal Year



Other core funds income streams showed positive trends:

- Lenten collections increased by 2.4%, demonstrating consistent support for our Lenten initiatives.
- The PMD PRO Training Program saw a 28.6% increase in income, highlighting the growing demand for our training services.
- The newly introduced Lenten booklets as a new income stream, generated ₦695,000 in 2024.



Grants from Donors

Grants income more than doubled, increasing by **116.9%** to ₦26.9 billion in 2024, up from ₦12.4 billion in 2023. This growth was driven by substantial increases in funding from several key donors:

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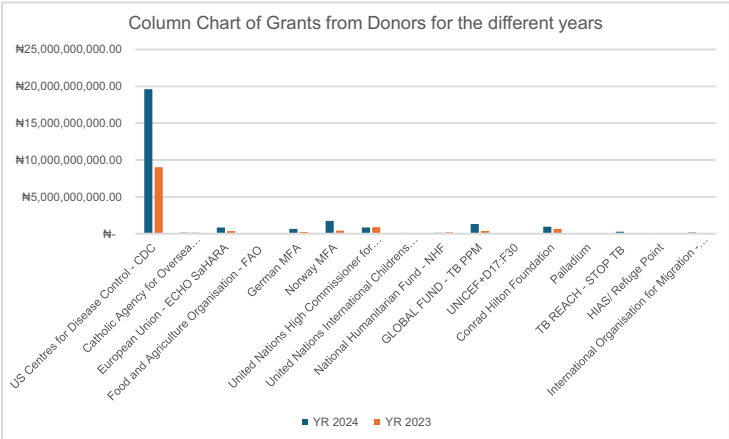
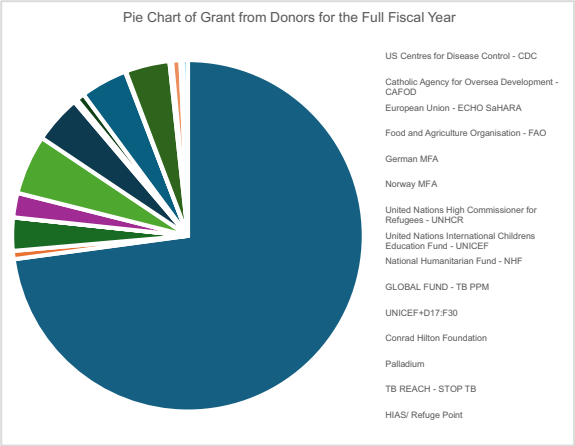
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- **Norway MFA** and **GLOBAL FUND - TB PPM** also provided significant funding, with growth rates of **314.7%** and **251.8%**, respectively.
- New grants from the **Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)**, **HIAS/Refuge Point**, and the **International Organisation for Migration (IOM)** further diversified our funding base.

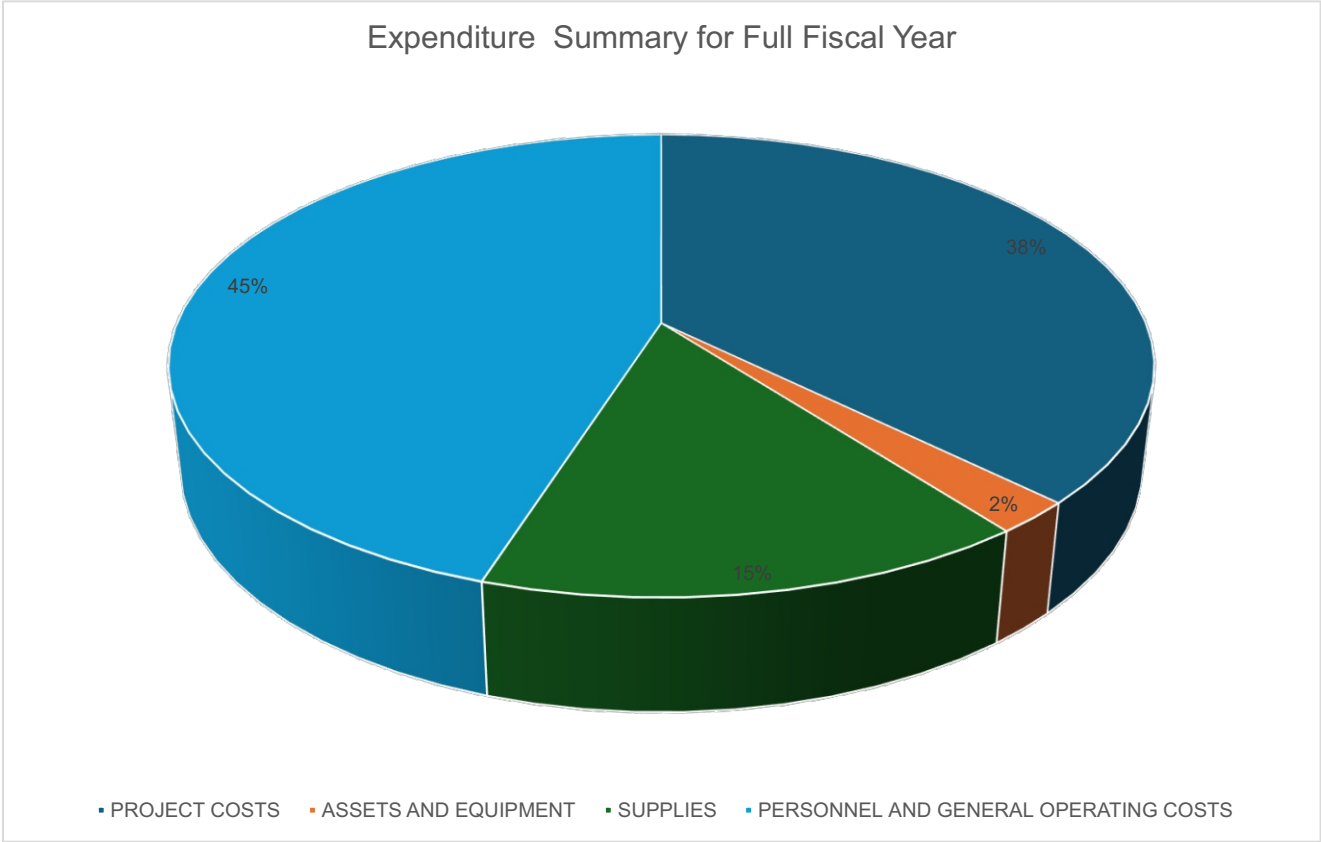
While most grants saw substantial growth, a few experienced declines:

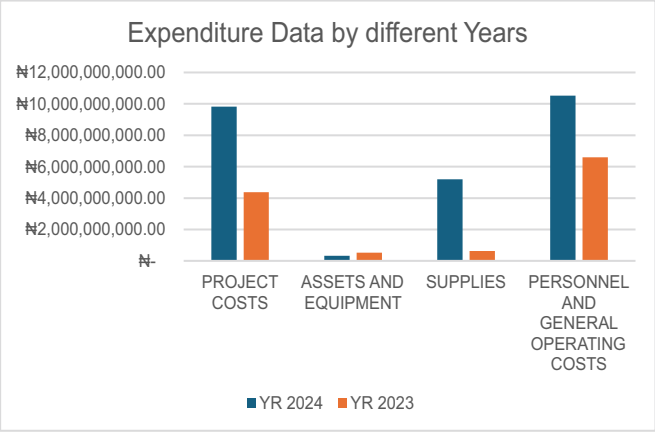
- **CAFOD** and **UNHCR** grants decreased by **3.2%** and **6.1%**, respectively.
- The **National Humanitarian Fund (NHF)** and **Palladium** grants declined by **37.4%** and **8.8%**, respectively.



EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

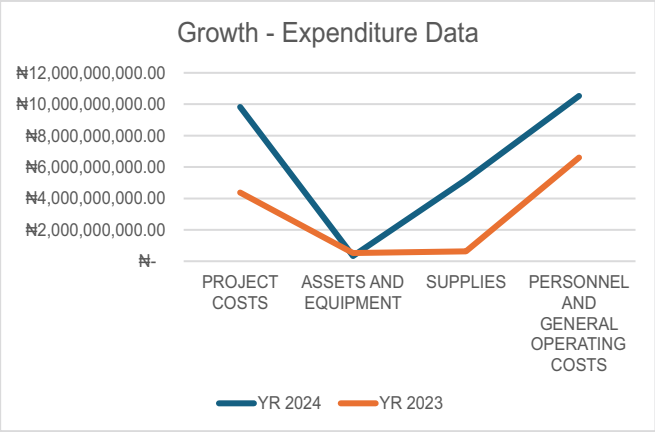
For the period under review a total of **₦38,006,788,263.49** (Thirty-eight billion, six million, seven hundred and eighty-eight thousand, two hundred and sixty-three Naira, forty-nine Kobo) was expended.





Total expenditure between the years increased by **113.4%**, rising from **₦12.13** billion in 2023 to **₦25.88** billion in 2024 reflecting our commitment to scaling up programs, improving operational efficiency, and delivering impactful services to our beneficiaries.

A breakdown of how funds were allocated across key expenditure categories is given below:

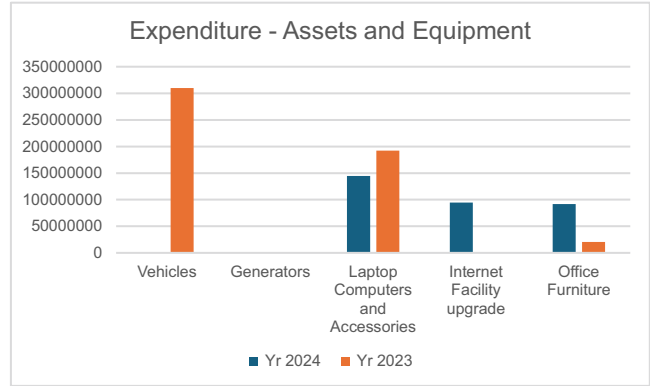


Project Costs

Project costs more than doubled, increasing by 124.3% to **₦9.82** billion in 2024, up from **₦4.38** billion in 2023. This growth was primarily driven by increased sub-grants to partners, which rose to **₦9.82** billion, reflecting our expanded program reach and collaboration with implementing partners.

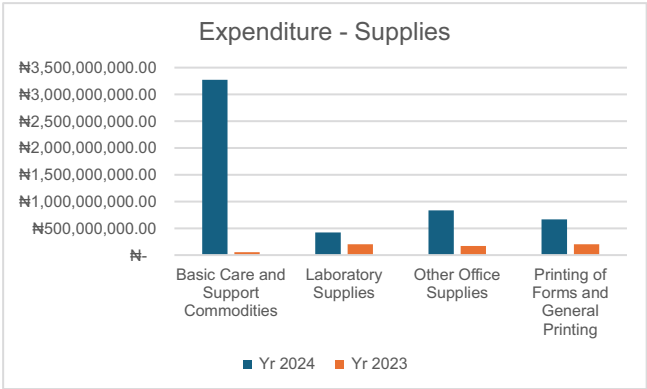
Assets and Equipment

Expenditure on assets and equipment decreased by 36.8%, from ₦522.9 million in 2023 to ₦330.6 million in 2024. This decline was due to reduced spending on laptop computers and accessories (-24.7%) and the absence of vehicle purchases in 2024. However, we invested in internet facility upgrades (+17,367.5%) and office furniture (+349.7%) to enhance operational efficiency.



Supplies

Expenditure on supplies saw a remarkable increase of 730.8%, rising from ₦625.8 million in 2023 to ₦5.20 billion in 2024. This was largely due to a significant increase in spending on basic care and support commodities (+5,945.6%), which grew to ₦3.27 billion, as well as higher costs for laboratory supplies (+111.3%) and printing of forms (+232.4%). These investments were critical to supporting our program activities and ensuring the availability of essential resources.



Personnel and General Operating Costs

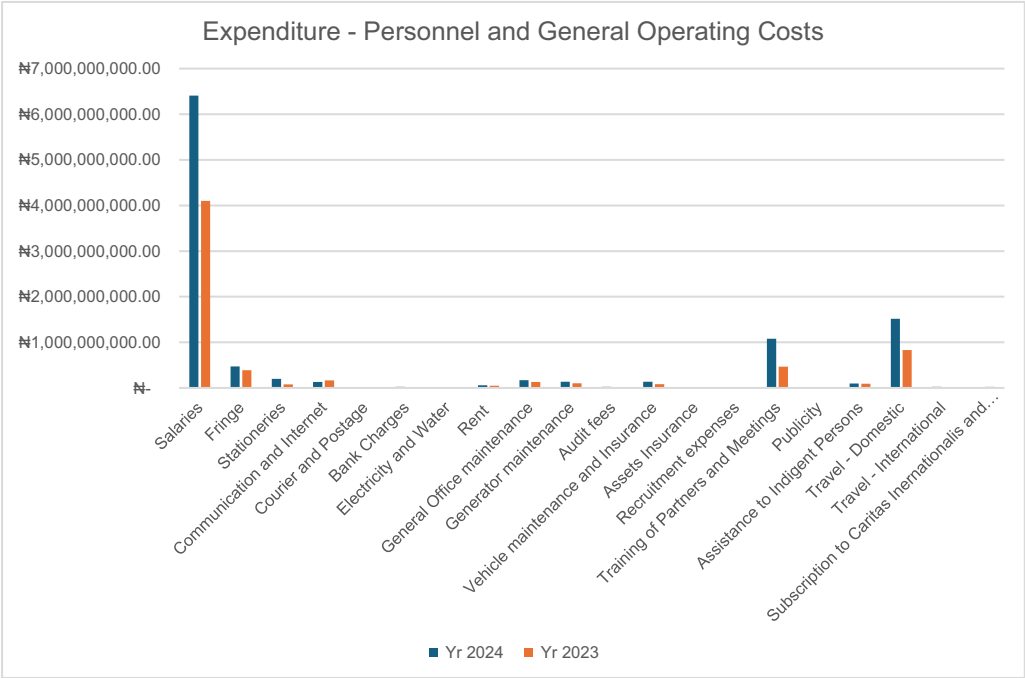
Personnel and general operating costs increased by **59.4%**, reaching ₦10.53 billion in 2024, up from ₦6.60 billion in 2023. Key areas of expenditure included:

Salaries: Increased by **56.4%** to ₦6.41 billion, reflecting our commitment to fair compensation and staff retention.

Training of Partners and Meetings: Rose by **131.1%** to ₦1.08 billion, highlighting our focus on capacity building and collaboration.

Travel - Domestic: Increased by **82.4%** to ₦1.52 billion, supporting program monitoring and implementation across regions.

Surplus/Carry-Over Funds



Despite the significant increase in expenditure, we achieved a surplus of ₦1.47 billion, which represents a 108.0% increase over the ₦706.6 million surplus in 2023. This surplus will be carried over to the new financial year, ensuring the sustainability of our programs and providing a buffer for future needs.

Key Insights

- The increase in expenditure aligns with our strategic goals of scaling up programs, improving service delivery, and investing in operational capacity.
- Significant investments in project costs and supplies demonstrate our commitment to program effectiveness and beneficiary support.
- The growth in personnel costs reflects our focus on retaining skilled staff and building the capacity of our partners.
- The surplus achieved in 2024 underscores our prudent financial management and commitment to long-term sustainability.

CONCLUSION

The financial results for 2024 reflect a year of remarkable growth, strategic investments, and impactful program delivery. With a 113.0% increase in total income and a 113.4% rise in expenditure, we have demonstrated our ability to scale operations, deliver on our mission, and maintain financial sustainability. The achievement of a ₦1.47 billion surplus underscores our commitment to prudent financial management and positions us strongly for the future.

These accomplishments have only been possible through the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and stakeholders. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to transparency, accountability, and maximizing the impact of every resource entrusted to us.

Note: A detailed copy of the Financial Statement Spreadsheet should be provided in the Annex



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