



Impact Report



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A Message from The Founder

At My9ja FoodBank, we believe that food is more than just sustenance—it is a powerful tool for change, a catalyst for education, and a means to break the cycle of poverty.

Through evidence-based research we have developed curriculums for children of refugee status and IDP camp dwellers to deliver education programs accompanied with healthy meals.

Since inception we have delivered hundreds of meals, hours of teaching and watched incredible transformation of a 100 children as we break the cycle of poverty and tackle food insecurity one education program at a time.

Our vision is to increase access to education for 10,000 children of refugee status and IDP dwellers while also empowering communities to tackle food insecurity by working with 3,500 small farm holders by 2030 in Nigeria.



Itofa Ivarah

Founder

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Our Theory of Change

Problem Statement

Children in refugee and IDP camps in Nigeria face high food insecurity, leading to malnutrition, poor school attendance, and low education retention. Smallholder farmers also struggle with market access, contributing to post-harvest losses and economic instability.

Impact Statement

To improve educational retention among refugee and IDP children while enhancing food security through a sustainable partnership with smallholder farmers.

Pathways of Change

1. Food Supply: Sourcing food from smallholder farmers and food donors.
2. Educational Support: Establishing school feeding programs within camps.
3. Farmer Partnerships: Training and supporting smallholder farmers to ensure a stable food supply.
4. Community Engagement: Mobilizing camp leaders, parents, and educators for program buy-in.



SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF REFUGEE STATUS



The conflict in the North Eastern part of Nigeria has rendered over 2.1 million people displaced with 60% of that population being children and one in four of these children under the age of 5. Our feeding program has increased school attendance by 53% in host communities.



Local schools adopted

2



Locals engaged

3,125



Meals Served

1000+

SOURCING FOOD FROM SMALL HOLDER FARMERS & FOOD DONORS



Through partnerships with farmers we have reduced food waste by 23% in three rural communities and boosted agricultural sustainability. By investing 3 million Naira, we created an agricultural value chain that empowers locals within the agricultural sector which flows down to their families and improves livelihood.



Ton of food procured

9000 KG



Reduction in Food waste

23%



Naira invested into farmers

3 MILLION

ADVOCACY & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION



we Partnered with Hungry4Action to drive its “Empty Plate” campaign on the streets of London, educating the public about the global hunger crisis and how 10% of the world is going to bed hungry with a symbolic 733 empty plate on display, each symbolising one million individuals experiencing hunger worldwide . That campaign garnered significant media attention in London and Brazil, coinciding with Brazils announcement of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and poverty.

PUBLIC POLICY AND LOBBYING



UK House of Parliament



Founder, Itofa Ivarah worked with the ONE Campaign to submit a policy bill in the UK House of Parliament. This bill required lawmakers to increase UK's investment in International Development on the areas of food insecurity, child wasting and malnutrition. That bill saw Andrew Mitchell former minister of state in Foreign Commonwealth Development Office respond by adopting this bill to the UK budget.

SUCCESS STORIES

AISHA: A STORY OF HOPE



Aisha is one of the girls we encountered inside the Abuja IDP Camp who was going to be married off. She was severely malnourished and could barely communicate as a result of trauma. The team enrolled Aisha into our leadership summer camp where Aisha began to take classes in English, dancing & was fed every time she attended.

Within months, Aisha was leading the class and became more healthy and nourished. She was reading three-syllable words & wants to be a nurse to help sick people.

I want to help people like you have helped me... ”

Today, Aisha is no longer on a path to be married off and she is a representative of our vision as a foodbank. Giving hope with every food we deliver to classrooms and communities we support in our program.



Program Scope

we have deployed 23 volunteers centers that covers the 36 states in Nigeria, managing program and project delivery through partnerships with other NGOs and local stakeholders. Our program has also reached 78 ethnic groups within Nigeria's 371 ethnic distribution.



23

Delivery centers

78

Program Reach

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Support our work

Every Donation helps us inspire girls like Aisha with not just food but education. It also helps us inject growth into struggling communities, by turning farmers into heroes.



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