



I-VEED as 'Correctional Center...!'

STORY: From a sad to a smiling face, the story of Saidu Bashir is that of a 'lost but found' young man. Once a school drop-out, idle and depressed, with barely any hope for another opportunity to return to school, Saidu gave himself over to bad habits and vices such as stealing, robbery, and other social delinquencies. I-VEED re-enrolled him back to school and took up his sponsorship. Moreover, through I-VEED, Saidu was offered regular counselling, through which he changed for good. Today, Saidu has become one of the most well-behaved students in his school, for which the school management entrusted him with some leadership responsibilities as well as responsibility of mentoring some junior students under him. Through I-VEED's intervention, Saidu has been transformed from an idle, depressed, and misbehaving school drop-out to a shining example of good behavior and leadership. This is just one example out of many of such stories with our beneficiaries. In this way, I-VEED is indeed a correctional center!

I-VEED @ FIVE: WHAT 5 THINGS MAKE I-VEED UNIQUE?

After five years of existence as a registered NGO with the Federal Republic of Nigeria, we reflect on 5 things that make I-VEED unique, as follows:

1. The donations are used 100% for the direct support of the victims — no salaries for staff, except for the little stipend for our volunteer office staff and logistics when our team holds a meeting or when they visit schools in the five states to pay fees, school supplies, or for workshops for our beneficiaries.
2. Long-term support — not just a one-time support, not for a year, but for the entire duration of secondary school education, with few of them supported in higher institutions (Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education, etc.).
3. Comprehensive support — trauma and emotional support alongside financial support.
4. Regular contact and follow-up with schools and guardians/parents through our office staff, state representatives, or volunteers.
5. Direct payment to schools without intermediaries (e.g., guardians/parents), thereby controlling cases of corruption and misappropriation of funds as much as possible.

PROGRESS REPORT

Since its inception in 2019, I-VEED has registered about 100 students for WAEC/NECO, and almost all were successful, with few furthering their education at various graduate and non-graduate institutions, while others are acquiring various skills for economic sustainability. To give an example, Perahyel Ishaku, one of our beneficiaries, recently gained admission to study Accounting at the Borno State University. In numerous ways, I-VEED has continued to be a critical stakeholder in providing and promoting sustainable educational and economic development of mostly child-victims of terrorism and ethno-religious violence in Northern Nigeria.

You can fill our Membership/Donor forms on our website (<https://www.i-veed.org/membership-donors-form/>), if you want to be a member, volunteer, to stay updated on I-VEED's progress, or you want to donate once, monthly, yearly, or occasionally.

We are happy to receive your questions, suggestions, or comments. Enjoy reading...



Rev. Dogara Ishaya Manomi, Ph.D.
Founder/CEO

VISION

I-VEED envisions a society where victims and the vulnerable are **strategically empowered** to overcome their vulnerability through **sustainable** educational and economic development.

MISSION

To **support** the educational development of **children** who cannot afford to attend school as a result of poverty caused by ethno-religious crises and terrorism.

CORE VALUES

Dignity, Integrity, Flourishing.

Naira Account (Nigeria):
Bank Name: First Bank of Nigeria PLC
Account Number: 2034828825
Account Name: Initiative for Victims' Educational and Economic Development

Euro Account (International):
Account Number: 2034832978
SWIFT: FBNINGLA
Beneficiary Institution: First Bank of Nigeria PLC, Lagos
Final Beneficiary: Initiative for Victims' Educational and Economic Development

From some beneficiaries...



Daniel Oney

Oney finished primary school a year ago with no hope of going to secondary school, having lost both parents and staying with a caregiver in Internally Displaced Persons' (IDP) camp in Gurku. Through I-VEED's intervention, Oney is now enrolled in secondary school, and both Oney and her caregiver are very glad and grateful for I-VEED's intervention.



Fellowship Goodness

In a heart-touching poem at one of I-VEED's workshop for its beneficiaries, Goodness Fellowship concluded by saying "...my appreciation goes to the Almighty God for bringing forth I-VEED. We were about losing hope on educational pursuit when I-VEED renewed our hope and turned us from Victims to Victors. Now, we have the privilege that many out there do not have. Lastly, I-VEED, we promise to make you proud and not fail you. May the Almighty God continue to bless I-VEED in Jesus name! Thank you."

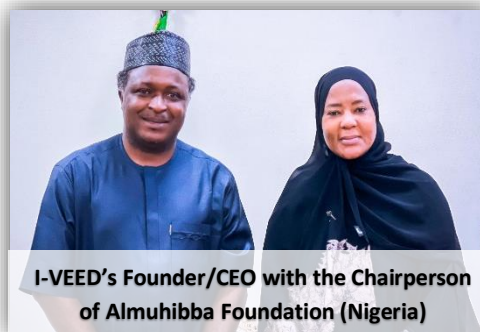
IMPORTANT UPDATES

NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES: To ensure that no gaps are left in the daily running of I-VEED's activities, the Board of Trustees have appointed Mrs. Jerusha Daniel Chaimang, one of the dedicated volunteer Management Team members of I-VEED, to serve as acting Executive Director from 1st January 2025, while Rev. Dr. Dogara Ishaya Manomi continues to oversee the overall work as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Mrs. Chaimang brings to the work her wealth of experience in NGO, development, and civil society work, as well as her track record of integrity, prudence, passion, and hard work, through which we hope she will contribute meaningfully to developing a solid structure for I-VEED. Moreover, the BoT has moved Assoc. Prof. Yohanna Shaibu Mamza, who has been our Borno and Adamawa States representative, from the Management Team to the Board of Trustees, hoping that he also brings in his wealth of experience to the Board. Mr. Yakubu D. Gadzama, one of our volunteers in Borno & Adamawa states, will replace Prof. Mamza in the Management Team. You can find the profile details of Mrs. Chaimang, Prof. Mamza, and Mr. Gadzama on our website (<https://www.i-veed.org/>).

10% ANNUAL BUDGET FOR HIGHER INSTITUTIONS: After 5 years, I-VEED now has a growing number of its beneficiaries who have finished secondary school with excellent results and prospects of excelling in higher institutions. Consequently, I-VEED has received numerous requests to continue supporting some of those promising students in higher institutions. To help in this regard, the BoT has approved the use of 10% of I-VEED's annual budget to support few of our beneficiaries in higher institutions, based on strict criteria that includes being able to raise other parts of support from other NGOs, families, friends, and so on.

TRAUMA HEALING WORKSHOPS: In line with I-VEED's psychological support to our beneficiaries, a second edition of our trauma healing workshop was held in three locations for our beneficiaries in Nasarawa, Plateau and Bauchi States respectively. Though tedious on the Management Team, the workshops proved very important and worth the efforts, as we got to understand more deeply and personally some of the traumatic experiences our beneficiaries have passed through or are passing through, thereby enabling us to give them the needed psychological support that they need on a continual basis. We are realizing more and more that paying school fees and providing learning materials is important, but supporting the child-victims to deal with traumatic experiences is equally important in helping them succeed in school and in life generally. Hence, we will continue to provide these trauma healing workshops and regular follow up and support to our beneficiaries. The trauma healing workshop for our beneficiaries in Adamawa and Borno States will take place in January 2025. More details on the already held trauma-healing workshops can be found on page 4 of this Newsletter.

PARTNERSHIP: To boost its capacity and networks, I-VEED is in a process of establishing mutually-beneficial partnership with the Almuhibba Foundation (Nigeria) in the areas of education, skill acquisition, and personnel exchange. Two fruitful meetings to this effect have already taken place (see pictures below), with hopes that some formal processes will follow to actualize the partnership.



I-VEED's Founder/CEO with the Chairperson of Almuhibba Foundation (Nigeria)



The I-VEED Team with members of Almuhibba Foundation (Nigeria)

IMPORTANT UPDATES contd.

I-VEED Friends, Germany:

On 13th July 2024, a group of I-VEED's friends and supporters gathered at the Evangelische Auferstehungsgemeinde in the city of Mainz, Germany, to discuss the various options of organizing a formal structure that will coordinate and facilitate the activities of I-VEED's friends, donors, and supporters in Germany. After weighing various options, considering their merits and demerits, the attendees unanimously agreed to set up an I-VEED Freundeskreis (I-VEED Friends) in Germany, and went further to appoint four people who volunteered to serve as the Organizational Team that would coordinate the meetings and

activities of the Freundeskreis. This is an important step forward, as it helps to have a formal structure of support from Germany.

Check our website to see the names and profile of the Organizational Team of I-VEED Freundeskreis Germany.



Some attendees at the Freundeskreis meeting in Mainz

I-VEED Mourns....

I-VEED regrets to announce the demise of one of its most dedicated volunteer Management Team members in person of Counselor Silas Manomi. The sad event occurred on 9th December 2024 at the Federal Medical Center, Azare, Bauchi state (Nigeria), after a brief illness. The funeral took place on Saturday, 14th December 2024 at Tafawa Balewa town in Bauchi state, after which he was buried. Silas was a professional counselor who used his expertise and experience to provide continuous counselling and follow-up to I-VEED's beneficiaries, especially those who struggle with trauma and related problems. Silas will be greatly missed by the beneficiaries, Management Team, and BoT members for his proactiveness, dedication, jovial nature, wisdom, and active participation in all I-VEED's programs.



Late Mr. Silas Manomi at an I-VEED workshop in October 2024

Funds, Disbursement, and Enrollment of Child-Victims in Schools

This is how we have used part of the funds we have received from our generous donors in Germany, Nigeria, and other parts of the world. In the 2024/2025 academic year starting from September when schools opened, we budgeted ₦40,000 (forty thousand naira) for each student for three terms of the academic year, in addition to WAEC/NECO fees for the final year students. This amount reflects the current general inflation rate that has affected the cost of school items and school fees. We maintained the five pilot states (Borno, Adamawa, Bauchi, Plateau and Nasarawa States). We focused on the areas, towns, and villages that are most affected and where we have a high number of child-victims of terrorism and ethno-religious crises whose guardians/parents could not afford to send them to school. We have maintained 150 students for the 2024/2025 academic year with both Muslims and Christians benefitting from the support.

As more beneficiaries graduate, they are replaced with new ones. Some of the beneficiaries of I-VEED's support were totally out of school because they could not afford it, others were in school but risking the danger of dropping out due to their current situation and lack of financial backing. For this category of students, we normally search for a good school in their neighborhood and enroll them and pay for their school fees, uniforms, books, and other learning materials. We keep track of their all-round progress through their school teachers, I-VEED's volunteer representatives in the area, or leaders in the locality.

I-VEED on Trauma Healing

I-VEED's trauma healing workshops are mainly to provide psychological support to our beneficiaries who are mostly child-victims of ethno-religious violence and terrorism, through which we equip them with life skills and coping strategies. In this way, I-VEED facilitates the processes of healing, reconciliation, peacebuilding, and trust in the future generation. In 2024, our workshops focused on 4 topics, namely: (1) Trauma Healing, Coping Strategies, and Building Resilience; (2) Handling Sexual & other forms of Abuse (3) Conflict Management at Home, School and the Society; (4) Academic Excellence & Self-Development.

The workshops were held in 3 centers: Gurku center for beneficiaries in Nasarawa State, Jos center for beneficiaries in Plateau State, and Lere center for the beneficiaries in Bauchi State.

Facilitators for the workshops are experts in their respective fields serving as volunteer Manage Team members of I-VEED. Their expertise and passion for helping such child-victims were some of the reasons for them becoming I-VEED's Management Team members.

At the workshops, I-VEED invites some teachers from various schools I-VEED beneficiaries attend, to understand what we do and help in following up with our beneficiaries in their respective schools. Many of such teachers expressed deep appreciation for the wholistic approach of I-VEED.

Also worth mentioning is that the Chairperson of I-VEED's Board of Trustees, Dr. Mrs. Justina Karimu Damap, was at the Jos trauma healing workshop throughout to see for herself what the Management Team is doing. She was very impressed with the topics and depths covered in the workshop, and gave words of encouragement to the Management Team and the beneficiaries as well. Her presence was a boost to us all. She encouraged the beneficiaries to remain focused so that they will become great in life and be celebrated as they key into their various professions in life.



Mrs. Chaimang, one of our facilitators at a workshop held in Gurku, Nasarawa state (2024)



A cross-section of participants at one of our trauma healing workshops



A cross-section of beneficiaries/participants



A cross-section of beneficiaries/participants



Comr. Esam Muhammad MIS, 2024 Workshop Team Coordinator



More Picture News



BoT Chair & one of our beneficiaries



Mrs. Chaimang facilitating a session



Dr. Justina K. Damap,
I-VEED BoT Chair



Some beneficiaries look on during one of our workshops



Two beneficiaries building relationship....



I-VEED's BoT and Management Team with some beneficiaries



Beneficiaries during one of our workshops



Our trauma healing facilitator with a beneficiary/participant during the workshop (interactive session)



Our Management Team & some volunteers at I-VEED's workshop in Lere, Bauchi state



I-VEED's CEO & some Management Team members during their parley with Almuhibba Foundation (Nigeria) Team

The year 2024 has been an eventful year for I-VEED, with lots of joyful memories as well as sad ones. In all of these, we give God the glory and thank Him for all the lives I-VEED impacted this year. On behalf of the entire I-VEED Board of Trustees, Management Team, volunteers, and beneficiaries, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, supporters, and well-wishers for your generous support in the year 2024. As we continue with this noble task in 2025, we pray God to keep you, bless you, and continue to provide for us all.

Wishing you a prosperous New Year in 2025

Staff and educational materials



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Prayer Points

1. Pray for some of our beneficiaries who have serious trauma issues, for quick healing and stability.
2. Pray for God to continue to provide funds and capacity for I-VEED to continue the good work.
3. Pray for God's comfort over the family of late Silas and all of us at I-VEED.
4. Pray for God to provide for some of our beneficiaries who struggle hard to even feed.
5. Pray for God to continue to provide for our donors and to bless the sources of their income as they continue to support I-VEED's very important work for the future of Nigeria.
6. Pray for I-VEED's Board of Trustees, Management Team, and other volunteers, for God to bless them and give them more motivation, strength, wisdom, and time to do the work despite their busy schedule at their main places of work.

We are happy to hear from you and to answer any questions you may have.

YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AND SUPPORT IS CHANGING THE LIVES OF MANY CHILDREN IN NORTHERN NIGERIA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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