



# Victims to Victors

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## BETWEEN THE REALITY AND THE OPTICS: A DILEMMA

Dear Readers, it is with great delight that I introduce our latest Newsletter, *Victims to Victors*, to you today. As I-VEED continues to grow stronger in terms of reach, impact, and financial stability, we sincerely appreciate your financial contributions, moral support, and goodwill.



In Germany, I am sometimes invited to churches and organizations to speak about Nigeria and to introduce the work of I-VEED. The picture of me and my wife on the left side was taken after one of such presentations. Two major factors have contributed to the increased interest in Nigeria in the Western world, especially in Europe and the USA. First, the World Day of Prayer 2026 has selected Nigeria as its prayer focus. Second, Nigeria has received heightened global media attention in the wake of the genocide and no-genocide claims. Whenever I give a report on Nigeria, three things become clear.

First, many Germans have little knowledge of or contact with Nigeria. For example, people are often surprised to learn that Nigeria has a population of about 230 million, roughly three times that of Germany. This limited awareness may be linked to colonial history. Since Nigeria was never a German colony, unlike countries such as Namibia or parts of Togo, its presence is not strongly embedded in the German psyche. Second, the little that is reported about Nigeria in the media is largely negative. As a result, when I speak about Nigeria's rich culture, peace initiatives, beautiful tourism destinations, and the achievements of Nigeria and Nigerians in global politics, science, sports, movies and music, many listeners are genuinely surprised. Third, it becomes evident that many Germans feel a deep sense of responsibility for other parts of the world and are eager to support local initiatives that are making real impact on the ground.

However, I often struggle with a dilemma when presenting such reports: should I focus on the *reality* or on the *optics (image)*? Should I fully outline the harsh realities of terrorism, ethno-religious conflicts, and poverty or should I emphasize the positives in order to present a better image of my country? Should I highlight troubling statistics and stories of our beneficiaries, or focus on Nigeria's immense beauty and potential?

In my attempt to resolve this dilemma, I have come to the conclusion that both the REALITY and the IMAGE are part of the Nigerian story, and of every country. Therefore, I try to present both, reasonably. I begin with hope, speak honestly about the challenges, and conclude with a vision of a better Nigeria, a future for which I-VEED actively works. Nigeria is simultaneously a nation burdened by serious problems and a nation filled with extraordinary potential.

As a Pastor, I always end with hope, drawing my hope for Nigeria from three sources: God, Nigerians, and history. God, because He is still at work in Nigeria. Nigerians, because we are resilient and have not given up. And History, because many nations we now consider 'developed' once faced similar struggles and found a way forward.

For me as a Christian, hope is not an option among many, but the only option. We are a people of hope - a living hope (1 Pet. 1:3). Therefore, "do not throw away your confidence, which will be greatly rewarded" (Hebr. 11:26).

We invite you to join I-VEED's noble course. Fill our Membership/Donor forms on our website (<https://www.i-veed.org/membership-donors-form/>). You could be a member, volunteer, or just sign up to stay updated on I-VEED's progress. You could also donate once, monthly, yearly, or occasionally.

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

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## 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.

## From some beneficiaries...



**Ladi John**

Ladi's father was killed when Boko Haram attacked their community in Goza, Borno State. The mother is left with seven children to take care of. Almost all of them are out of school. Ladi was about dropping out of school for her mother's inability to pay her school fees and other school needs, until I-VEED intervened. Ladi and her mother feel greatly relieved that she can continue her education without having to worry about costs.



**Zakiya Idris**

Her father was a bread distributor. He supplied the product to various locations around Jos. While on one of such assignments, he went to Miango, and unaware, he ran into a crisis situation and the company supply vehicle with the contents were burnt to ashes. He narrowly escaped with his life. He was later sacked from his job, leaving him with 6 children to carter for. Zakiya and her siblings had to drop out of school. I-VEED enrolled Zakiya back in school, for which she is very excited and motivated.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

**ADDITIONAL STATE & NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES:** Having become financially more stable, thanks to your continuous support, I-VEED is glad to inform the public that Benue State will be added to its already existing five pilot states to make it six, in line with our strategic plan. Benue state has one of the largest numbers of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and out-of-school children in Nigeria currently, due to increased cases of terrorism and ethno-religious crises there. The verification processes of beneficiaries with the highest need are ongoing, and the beneficiaries will be enrolled in schools in 2026. With this, the number of our beneficiaries increases to 200 yearly, as we replace those who complete school with new ones.

**NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBER FOR BOGORO AND TAFAWA BALEWA AXIS:** As a replacement of the late Counselor Silas, the I-VEED Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Pastor Jason John as Volunteer Management Team Member coordinating I-VEED's work around Bogoro and Tafawa Balewa axis. Jason brings in his passion for the vulnerable, his experience and new perspectives into the team.

**TEAM TRAINING:** As part of our strategic plan and further development of our team, the I-VEED Management Team was trained on Financial Best Practices as well as Measurement and Evaluation in the context of development work such as I-VEED's. The two-days training took place in August 2025 in Jos, Nigeria. It was an intensive further training on financial budgeting, documentation, transparency, measurement and evaluation of impact. Beyond its direct relevance for I-VEED's work, the workshop counts for the overall further development of our team members.



**The Management Team members who attended the training on Financial Best Practices**

**DEMISE OF A BENEFICIARY:** We are sad to announce the demise of Mr. Dhntuyi Habila, one of our new beneficiaries in Tafawa Balewa LGA. Dhntuyi's father, a commercial motorcyclist (popularly known as Okada), was killed in July 2025 by unknown people who equally took away his motorcycle. At the risk of dropping out of school, I-VEED stepped in and took up sponsorship of Dhntuyi's education, for which he was very happy. Sadly, he died as a result of a brief illness on 23.10.2025. I-VEED grieves with his family and those related to him. *(See picture on the lower right of page 4)*

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

Financial report is available on request. This is how we continue to use the funds we have received from our generous donors in Germany, Nigeria, and other parts of the world. In the 2025/2026 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 mount 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 there is a high number of child-victims of terrorism and ethno-religious crises whose guardians/parents could not afford to send them to school. We are enrolling 200 students for the 2025/2026 academic year with both Christians and Muslims 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 risked the danger of dropping out due to their current situation and lack of financial backing. For all our beneficiaries, 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. Based on individual situations and prospects, we do enroll some of our beneficiaries in boarding schools, if we consider it best suitable to their situation. Moreover, to ensure that the funds are used for its purpose, I-VEED pays the school fees and some school materials directly to the schools. Furthermore, we keep track of their all-round progress through their schoolteachers, I-VEED's volunteer representatives in the area, or leaders in the locality.

### I-VEED on Trauma Healing

Beyond paying for school fees and learning materials, I-VEED provides psychological and emotional support to her beneficiaries through trauma healing workshops and follow ups. 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. Hinging on that, on the 7 February 2025, we concluded the series of our 2024/2025 trauma healing workshops. It was an interactive session with the beneficiaries. The workshop was held in Gombi LGA of Adamawa state. Beneficiaries of Borno/Adamawa states were conveyed to the workshop. Our workshops focused on 4 areas: (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.

Facilitators for the workshops are experts in their respective fields serving as volunteer Management Team members of I-VEED or external experts, as the need arises.

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

Worth noting is that, Prof. Yohanna Shaibu Mamza (Member, I-VEED Board of Trustee) was at the Adamawa and Borno Trauma Healing workshop throughout, to have a first-hand experience of what the Management Team is doing. During the workshop, he handed over our beneficiaries to the new Management Team Member representing Adamawa and Borno. He was impressed by what the management team is doing. He encouraged the students to study well and value the sacrifices of I-VEED toward them.

## Pictorial News



Our beneficiaries from the Government Girls' Secondary School (GGSS) Gombi with some of their teachers and I-VEED Management staff during disbursement.



Our beneficiaries from SUBEB Wamdeu and I-VEED staff during disbursement.



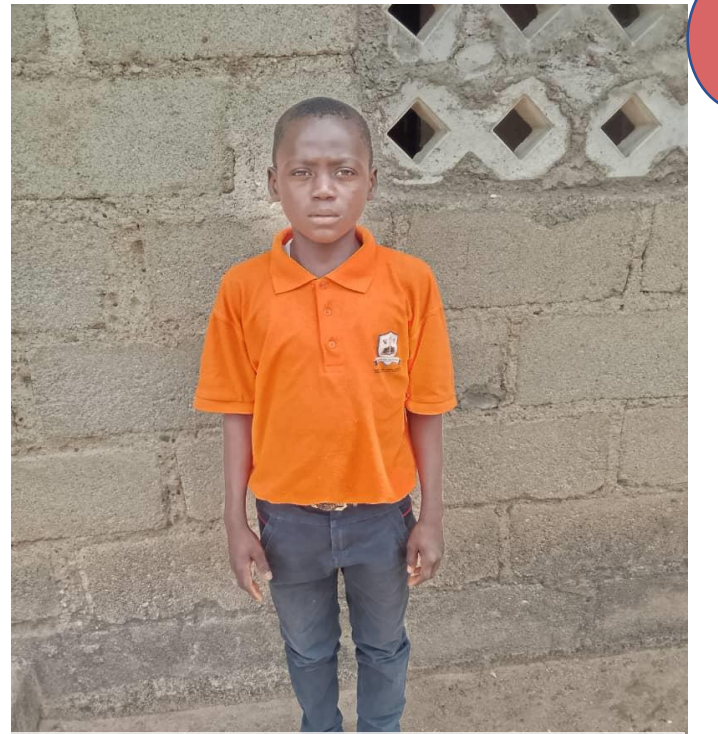
Our beneficiaries from Government Secondary School (GSS) Garkida with their teachers.



I-VEED beneficiaries at St. Paul Academy Tafawa Balewa, Bauchi state. Those with green and red Barretts are prefects, a testament to their educational, moral and leadership qualities.



A beneficiary from COCIN Metropolitan Tafawa Balewa, Bauchi State with Pastor Jason, the new member of the I-VEED Management Team.



Late Mr. Dhntuyi Habila – a beneficiary from Vun-Tongha Royal Academy Tafawa Balewa, Bauchi State, whom we lost to the cold hands of death on 23 October 2025.

## Pictorial News



Beneficiaries from Government Secondary School (GSS) Mista Ali during the disbursement exercise in September 2025



I-VEED Team with staff and students from Government Secondary School (GSS) Garkida at the workshop in Gombi



I-VEED Team, staff and students of schools in attendance at the Trauma Healing workshop in Gombi



Board of Trustee member (L in the front row), Management Team, and representatives of schools at the workshop in Gombi.



Management staff presenting learning materials to a beneficiary at GJSS Gital, Tafawa Balewa LGA, Bauchi State



Good to go – An I-VEED beneficiary ready for school

*The 2025/2026 school year was another busy period for the I-VEED team in the states that we cover. New beneficiaries were identified, selected and required fees paid for, alongside the continuing students. Reading materials and uniforms were also provided. Workshop was held in Adamawa for beneficiaries. These pictures show some team members with beneficiaries and their school head.*

## Pictorial News contd.



A Management staff with beneficiaries and staff at GJSS Gital, Tafawa Balewa, Bauchi State during the 2025/2026 disbursement



I-VEED Team with staff and students from Government Girls' Secondary School (GGSS) Gombi at the workshop in Gombi.



I-VEED's Admin. Secretary with a beneficiary and staff at Gido Secondary School, Bukuru during the 2025/2026 disbursement.



I-VEED Team with staff and students of SUBEB Wamdeo at the workshop in Gombi.

## Staff and educational



### 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 the restoration of peace and stability in Northern Nigeria.
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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