

THE LONG JOURNEY HOME – PLANTING HOPE

NIGERIA CRISIS REPORT 2019

Farmers find hope and an answer to prayer in a field of growing crops. Most EYN members are farming families. Some have returned home to rebuild and plant crops, others are still displaced and have planted on rented land near their temporary homes and many more remain in large camps without access to land. The Nigeria Crisis Response is planting hope for all these families through agricultural programs, food distributions, medical care, peace building, trauma recovery, education, and livelihood training.

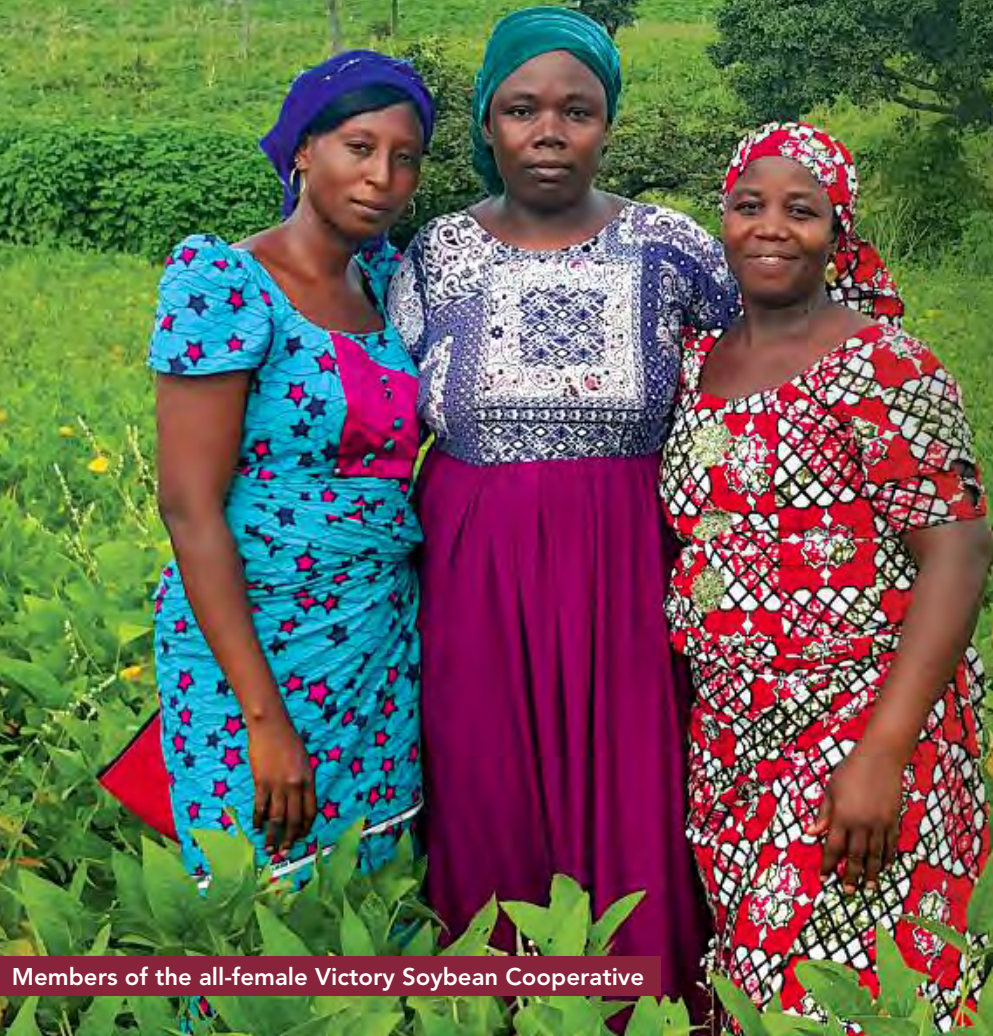
The Nigeria crisis erupted in 2009 when Boko Haram burned 59 churches in Maiduguri, including the largest church of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). By 2014 seventy percent of EYN's members were among the millions of people displaced by the escalating crisis. In 2019 Nigerian Christians continue to face extreme persecution. Boko Haram still occupies areas near the Nigeria-Cameroon border and continues its attacks in Northeast Nigeria, where 1.9 million displaced people struggle to survive. Life remains precarious in many areas where EYN members and their neighbors live, with some families even afraid to sleep in their houses at night. Violence has spread further south and west toward the middle part of Nigeria where Fulani herdsman have attacked and burned whole towns, killing thousands. Amid this unstable reality, families still strive to rebuild their lives and support themselves.



New community water source



Home rebuilding



Members of the all-female Victory Soybean Cooperative



EYN Women's Ministry sewing class



Orphans received educational scholarships

Nigeria Crisis Financial Activity and Budget

Areas of Ministry/Relief Activity	Activity 2014-2018	2019 Budget*
Rebuilding Homes, Water & Sanitation	\$1,246,497	\$99,139
Peace Building & Trauma Recovery	\$301,906	\$39,912
Agriculture & Livelihood	\$1,032,877	\$125,451
Education (children, including orphans)	\$377,951	\$28,571
Food, Medical & Home Supplies	\$1,208,191	\$110,745
EYN Church Recovery & Capacity Building	\$744,712	\$106,182
U.S. Volunteers, Staff Travel, Miscellaneous	\$468,801	\$45,000
Total	\$5,380,935	\$555,000

*Priorities for 2019 include the Soybean Initiative, agriculture, rebuilding homes, livelihood training, disaster response trainings at the district level, and a security wall around the EYN headquarters and Kulp Theological Seminary. In this vital work, EYN continues to be the largest partner with smaller grants given for the work of Center for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiative (CCEPI), Favored Sisters Christian Fellowship, and Lifeline Compassionate Global Initiative.

CELEBRATE

Since 2014 the Nigeria Crisis Response has helped thousands of people, saved lives and rebuilt homes.

2018 highlights include:

- Livelihood skills training: 330 women are now more self-reliant
- Soybean project: helping farmers develop new skills; developing a new market for soybeans
- Seeds and fertilizer: distributed to 2,500 families in crisis
- Food: 19 distributions supported IDPs (internally displaced persons) still living in camps
- Shelter: 169 homes repaired or rebuilt in the burned villages
- Water: 11 communities provided new water sources benefiting all, regardless of faith
- Peace Building and Trauma Healing: ongoing, with addition of trained volunteer listening companions
- Peace conference held in May with Christian and Muslim participants
- Education: 1,000 orphans and widows sponsored
- Medical: More than 6,000 people vaccinated against Hepatitis B
- EYN Disaster Team provided capacity building in districts, including disaster preparedness and training exercises

Despite the challenges, EYN continues to follow God and grow. New churches are being planted where EYN members are now located. The COB Church Rebuilding Fund has contributed \$60,000 to help build or rebuild churches. EYN has built and dedicated a new office building at the headquarters.

PRAY

- For the 1.9 million IDPs in northeastern Nigeria, some of whom were displaced in 2014, returned home to rebuild their lives and are now displaced again
- For the widows and orphans
- For families still displaced in Cameroon, who long to return home
- For EYN leadership in this incredibly difficult time
- For the new churches that they may flourish

JOIN THE RESPONSE

The journey to recovery and hope is long and the needs are great. Thank you for your support of the Nigeria Crisis Response through prayers and donations.



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