

RURCON News Letter

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Thematic Area

- Peace building and conflict resolution
- Livelihood Development and Economic Empowerment
- Food Security and Creation Care
- Governance
- Partnership and Networking
- Capacity building
- Wholistic Development Education

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About RURCON

RURCON (Rural and Urban Resource Counselling Outreach and Network) Nigeria, a Pan-African Network team of Christian facilitators, was founded in 1971 and aims to provide Christian holistic development service transforming African

We are a dedicated team of Christian facilitators committed to spreading our faith and contributing to the development of communities throughout Africa. Our mission is rooted in the principles of love, service, and empowerment, guided by the teachings of Christ.

MISSION

To provide service for wholistic development of people through Christian churches, organizations and direct engagement with communities in Africa.

VISION

African Communities Transformed as God intends.

Bridging the gap of divide across conflicting Communities in Plateau and Kaduna States

Communities in Northern Nigeria have suffered decades of religious and ethno cultural conflicts that left many dead and properties destroyed. This decades of conflict continue to divide groups and community, constant damage of farmlands leading to low economic activities in these regions. RURCON in partnership with Tearfund are training community leaders in Zangon Kataf and Jema'a LGAs in Kaduna, Bassa and Jos

North LGAs in Plateau State on conflict resolution through the JISRA project by empowering them with skills on ADR. Community leaders now engage in dialogue to resolve communal conflict and improve the relationship amongst conflicting groups.



Empowering Widows and Youth

RURCON is working with (WE-EMBRACE FOUNDATION) as a local partner (L.P) to implement a two-year project themed "Livelihood Economic Empowerment Project" with project focus on vulnerable women (widows and those abandoned by spouses) who lack the economic power to adequately meet their needs for food, clothing, shelter and education for their children. This project is aimed at supporting vulnerable families through women and youths to be able to get some level of

economic power and strengthen their livelihoods, which will restore dignity to their lives. RURCON and the WE-EMBRACE FOUNDATION are paving the way for positive change and sustainable development in Jos North and Jos South LGAs of Plateau State which are the project locations.



*Women through
their peacebuilding
initiatives can
transform conflict
in their
communities*

Women Promoting Peace in their Communities

The JISRA project through its initiative in Kaduna and Plateau States have strengthened the capacity of women to challenge harmful cultural practices against them and also address these issues. Women in these communities have been for years treated like second class citizens with their voices muted. But the JISRA project have created a platform to identify

these issues and take initiatives to address them. The women are also confident to champion peace activities in their community. They understand that in conflict situations they are most vulnerable and their children in danger of survival. Women when given an opportunity can transform their communities for the better.



Trust Building Activities

RURCON through the JISRA project come up with initiatives to further strengthen the relationship between faiths in a community. The project focuses on youth empowerment to Champion the course of Freedom of Religion or Belief. Youths in the community, if not properly enlightened can be catalyst in a conflict situation. RURCON through this project are leveraging on the strength and number of the

youths in these communities to promote peaceful coexistence. The youth in Bassa LGA of Plateau State through their community initiative organized a Unity Football Match with the Christian and Muslim youth to foster harmony and social cohesion.



Constructed 2 primary health centres for 2 communities to enhance health care



In a significant move to improve access to healthcare in Kaduna State, the **Rural Development Counsellors for Christian Churches in Africa (RURCON)**, supported by the Barnabas Foundation, has donated two equipped clinics to the Zaman Awon and Baban Gida communities. These facilities, located in

Zangon Kataf and Lere Local Government Areas, aim to address the pressing health needs of these underserved rural populations.

During the official handover ceremonies, RURCON's Executive Director, Dinatu Ayinzat, emphasized the organization's commit-

ment to holistic community development. "Our mission began with introducing climate-smart agricultural practices to enhance food security. Recognizing the critical need for healthcare, we sought support to establish these clinics," Ayinzat stated. She highlighted that the clinics would serve both

physical health needs and offer spiritual guidance, reflecting RURCON's comprehensive approach to well-being.



Clinic in zaman-Awon Zango Kataf LGA



Clinic in Baban Gida communities lere LGA

RURCO Disburses N12.5m to 25 Cooperative Groups in Kaduna



RURCON, disbursed N12.5 million to 25 Cooperative Groups in Ikara, Soba and Makarfi Local Governments Areas of Kaduna towards

reducing poverty, unemployment and strengthening food security. Mrs. Dinatu Ayinzatu, the Executive Director (ED) of Rural Development Counsellors for Christian Churches in Africa (RURCON) made the disbursement in Zaria on Tuesday, 29th October 2024.

She said the initiative was conducted with support from Bread for the World,

Germany and other partners towards strengthening food security and poverty eradication.

The ED added that the initiative was aimed at sustaining the gains of the trainings and support programmes to the groups on modern agronomic practices and animal husbandry.

Earlier, Mr Iliya Meshak, Acting Food Security

Project Officer, RURCON reiterated that the initiative was meant to support the target group with finance to strengthen their agricultural business. He added that each group has over 20 members, therefore, the money would reach about 500 beneficiaries from the rural communities of the three LGAs. Meshak said the money would be deposited into the cooperative accounts for

accountability. He therefore, tasked the beneficiaries to ensure effective and judicious use of the money as there would be monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure sustainability of the programme. Presenting a keynote address, Dr. Yusuf Shehu of the Department of Soil Science, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria, said the stipends was not a 'national cake'. He

explained that the initiative was designed to compliment the efforts of government in reducing poverty, while urging the group leaders to ensure honesty and transparency. Mr Nuhu Yohanna, a beneficiary, from Unguwar Danladi-Ricifa, Soba LGA commended RURCON for the initiative on behalf of all beneficiaries. He reiterated that the faithbased group has trained them on several

modern agronomic practices, animal husbandry and supported them on wet and dry season farming. Yohanna said youths and women groups were now being empowered with funds for business and described the initiative as highly commendable. He appealed

to other NGOs to replicate the initiative to enable more people benefit from it. News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) recalls that the six-year RURCON food security project had earlier distributed 40 water pumping machines to 20 cooperative societies across

Makarfi, Ikara and Soba LGAs. (NAN).

STARTER PACKS DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY TO BENEFICIARIES

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The project locations are Jos



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Transformation through RURCON's food security's Training



Bread for the World Project: capacity building of

ness. Collaborating with other youths in Taba, we bought grains during the dry season when prices were low and sold them during the rainy season when de-

small-scale farmers to enhance food security in Kaduna State, North-West Region, Nigeria. (Phase II). Implementers: Rural Development Councillors (RURCON) Abba's Transformation

The training revolutionized my approach to poultry

mand was high. This strategy significantly boosted our profits

farming. I learned the importance of creating a proper housing space for my chickens and maintaining detailed records. With these new skills, I improved my poultry farm and started a grain-selling busi-

IMPACT

- Trained 72 girls and 50 boys in skills acquisition and given start up packs.
- Trained 51 widow and vulnerable women on entrepreneurship and supported them with startup packs for businesses.
- Facilitated peacebuilding in 8 conflicting communities through JISRA project
- Women are recognized and given a voice through JISRA project
- Women are given slot in the traditional council through JISRA project
- Women and girls are now given inheritance in our peace project communities through JISRA project.
- 2,501 small scale farmers trained and supported on agro ecological farming methods and 400 youths trained on agriculture as a business
- 1,380 households supported with lifesaving relief materials such as food, WASH and cash transfer as a result of the crisis in Plateau State.
- Constructed 2 primary health centres for 2 communities to enhance health care .
- Run two wholistic Development courses yearly for 2 weeks each (IDMC and WDE)

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Faith Base Organisations

Vision:

- African Communities Transformed as God Intends

Demonstration of relevance

- Project impact on individuals and communities
- Success stories from communities
- Alignment of project to SDGs and National goals

Credibility

- Adherence to standard procurement processes
- Project Reporting
- External audit



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Peace building and Conflict resolution



capacity building and project implementation.



Livelihood Development and Economic empowerment



Governance



Food security, creation care



partnership and networking



wholistic development education



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