

Newsletter

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Executive Summary:



Dear Stakeholders and Partners,

As we reflect on a productive October, GOALPrime Organization Nigeria (GPON) remains committed to delivering impactful humanitarian and development interventions across Nigeria. In October, GOALPrime Organization Nigeria (GPON) continued to make significant strides in our mission to build resilient, safe communities across Nigeria. Through dedicated efforts in protection, education, WASH, MEAL, and logistics, our teams have delivered impactful humanitarian and development interventions in areas facing conflict, flooding, and other challenges.

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Our educational initiatives focused on creating safer, more resilient learning environments in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe (BAY) states. Joint monitoring visits assessed the needs of flood-affected schools and guided targeted responses to improve school safety and readiness. In Mafa, vocational start-up kits were distributed to empower graduates from recent skills programs, while additional teaching materials were provided to schools to support improved educational outcomes and student retention. Through a localization workshop, GPON also equipped local actors with emergency response skills to enhance their crisis readiness.

WASH interventions have been critical in meeting essential health and hygiene needs across BAY states. GPON trained WASH committee members to sustain hygiene practices, promoted health through community outreach reaching nearly 5,000 people, and ensured access to safe water by chlorinating over 2 million liters, benefitting more than 135,000 individuals. We improved sanitation by constructing and rehabilitating latrines and restoring boreholes to provide clean water in hard-to-reach areas, further enhancing the resilience of displaced and flood-affected communities.

This month, our MEAL team carried out a school safety survey in BAY states, capturing insights that will guide future safety initiatives. Through rigorous process monitoring and joint visits with educational authorities, we ensured quality and consistency in data collection and safety interventions in schools, reinforcing our commitment to safer learning environments.

Our logistics team played a pivotal role in supporting field operations. By facilitating the transportation of materials, distributing dignity kits, and maintaining security updates for staff across deep-field locations, GPON's logistics team helped ensure the smooth execution of our programs.

We express our deep gratitude to our donors, partners, and the communities we serve for their steadfast support, which enables us to continue building safer, more resilient futures across Nigeria.

With appreciation,

Professor Christopher Chinedumuije, Country Director, GOALPrime Organization Nigeria

Global SAG Meeting



Our Country Director participated in the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility Physical Strategic Advisory Group Meeting for 2024. The focus of the meeting was deliberate on global children protection concerns across different conflict and emergencies affected nations and also the finalization of the Global Child Protection Strategy and Workplan to be implemented over the period of 2024 - 2030.

Participants in the Global SAG Meetings are representatives from UNICEF, UNHCR, World Vision, Save the Children International, PLAN International, IRC amongst other members of the Global Strategic Advisory Group.

Protection



Building Resilience and Safety in Our Communities

At GOALPrime Organization Nigeria (GPON), our mission to create safe, resilient communities continues with recent protection activities supported by the SI CDCS-funded project in Monguno, Ngala, and Konduga. Here's a summary of our latest impact:

• Strengthening Community Dialogue

In Monguno and Konduga, we hosted a one-day community dialogue with 80 stakeholders, including government officials, security agencies, and community leaders. This session identified key issues like increased out-of-school children, child labor, and economic challenges, laying a foundation for targeted actions.

• Teacher Training for Safer Schools

GPON trained 30 teachers on child protection, GBV, and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) protocols. This training equips educators to recognize and report concerns while fostering a safe school environment.

Door-to-Door Awareness on Child Protection

Our outreach team engaged 50 households in awareness on child protection, GBV, and birth registration, promoting safer and informed communities.



• Leading Child Protection Coordination GPON coordinated a monthly Child Protection meeting in Konduga, collaborating with CP actors to improve interventions and strengthen support.

Case Management Services

To address critical needs, we provided case management to 80 beneficiaries in Konduga and Monguno, including dignity kits, food, and livelihood support.

• Providing Birth Certificates

Through collaboration with the National Population Commission, 300 children in Monguno and Ngala now have birth certificates, securing their access to essential services.

• Recreational Programs for Well-Being

In Monguno and Konduga, 2,000 children benefited from structured recreational activities. These safe spaces encourage learning, play, and emotional support, vital for healthy development.



Flood Response in Gubio IDP Camp

Our flood response includes protection monitoring, referrals, and psychosocial support, especially for children affected by displacement.

Together, these activities reflect our commitment to safeguarding vulnerable populations and building brighter futures across these communities.



Enhancing School Safety and Crisis Response Capacity

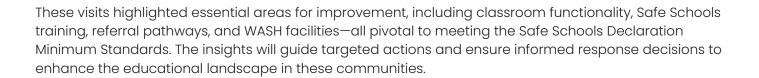


In the past month, GOALPrime Organization Nigeria (GPON) undertook significant educational initiatives to improve safety, quality, and readiness in schools across Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe (BAY) states. Here's a recap of our key activities:

• Joint Monitoring Visit for School Safety and Needs Assessment

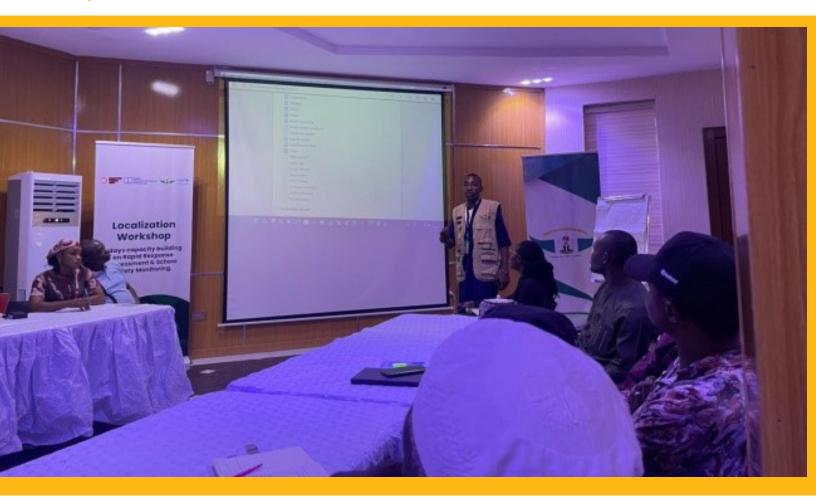
GPON, alongside key government representatives and the Education in Emergencies Working Group (EiEWG), conducted the final round of joint monitoring visits in 11 schools affected by flooding across the BAY states. The visits, involving the Ministry of Education, SUBEB, and Local Education Authorities, aimed to assess critical teaching and learning needs in Dikwa, Damboa, Jere MMC, Konduga, Damaturu, Gujba, Potiskum, Fika, and Bade LGAs.







Localization Workshop: Building Local Capacity for Rapid Response



As part of our commitment to Localization, GPON supported the EiEWG in organizing a two-day capacitybuilding workshop on Rapid Response Assessment (RRA) and School Safety Monitoring in Yola, Adamawa State. This workshop equipped representatives from Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe states with skills for effective emergency response in educational settings.

Participants trained on RRA tools and techniques developed mock response plans, preparing them to act as first responders during crises. The workshop empowered education stakeholders with practical knowledge, strengthening their ability to respond swiftly and efficiently to future emergencies.

Through these initiatives, GPON continues to foster a safer and more resilient educational environment, supporting both immediate needs and long-term community development across the BAY states.





Distribution of Vocational skill Start up Kits:

In partnership with SCoN, GPON organized a successful distribution of vocational start-up kits to empower 237 vocational skill learners who recently completed their training programs (July to September 2024) in skills such as Hair barbing, Local pasta production, Local perfume production, Knitting, Liquid soap making, Groundnut extraction kuli kuli, Make up and cap making. The distribution of the start-up kits was intended to help the vocational skill learners apply the skills they gained during their training by equipping them with the necessary resources to start small businesses.

This initiative seeks to promote self-reliance and entrepreneurship while also fostering sustainable economic growth within the community, These start-up kits were carefully curated to include all the essential tools and materials learners would need to begin offering services or producing goods in their respective skills within the community.

The event took place at Mafa community, a two (2) days event which was attended by several community stakeholders and Government representatives from Mafa LGA. The kits distributed were tailored to support various vocational skills, enabling the beneficiaries to transition smoothly into entrepreneurship.

The immediate impact of the distribution was commendable, as beneficiaries expressed excitement about starting their businesses, and eager to use the tools to provide services and products in their communities, such as barbing, soap making, and producing local perfumes. The initiative also sparked a sense of pride and ownership among the learners, as they now had the means to transform their vocational skills into income-generating activities.







Distribution of Top up Teaching and Learning materials for retention access and provision of quality education to learners

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve access to quality education and support student retention, GPON in partnership with SCoN successfully conducted the distribution of top-up teaching and learning materials to schools and learners in Mafa central primary school and Hausari primary school in Mafa LGA. The aim of this initiative was to provide essential resources to both teachers and students, helping to create a more conducive learning environment and promote better learning outcomes.

The distribution of top-up teaching and learning materials by GPON/SCoN was a vital step toward improving the quality of education in Mafa community. By providing these resources, we are helping to create a more supportive and inclusive learning environment for both learners and teachers, promoting better academic performance and retention rates. The Education secretary and the education board in Mafa expressed their gratitude to GPON and SCON





Promoting Health and Dignity through WASH Interventions

GOALPrime Organization Nigeria (GPON) continues to address critical water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs for flood, conflict, and crisis-affected communities across the BAY states, with projects supported by ECHO, CDCS, NHF, RRF, and RRM. Here's a snapshot of our recent achievements:

1. WASHCOM Training for Sustainability

We conducted capacity-building sessions for WASH committees in Borno State, training 59 members across Monguno, Mafa, and Kaga LGAs. These committees are now equipped with WASHCOM kits to handle minor repairs, operate and maintain WASH facilities, and ensure responsible use of resources.

2. Hygiene Promotion and Awareness

Our community hygiene promoters delivered essential

hygiene messages to 4,864 individuals across six LGAs in Borno State, using IEC materials in door-to-door campaigns and mass awareness activities. This initiative supports behavior change and promotes hygiene practices that help prevent disease.

3. Water Quality Testing and Chlorination

To guarantee safe drinking water, GPON completed seven water quality tests for potential contamination, meeting WASH sector standards. Additionally, we chlorinated over 2 million liters of water, providing potable water to 135,342 individuals and enhancing community health.

4. Latrine Construction and Rehabilitation GPON constructed 10 blocks of latrines in Kaga LGA and began the rehabilitation of 100 latrines in Kala-Balge, significantly

Through these ongoing efforts, GPON reinforces its commitment to health, safety, and the dignity of vulnerable populations, building stronger, more resilient communities in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe. improving sanitation facilities and hygiene practices in these areas.

5. Borehole Rehabilitation

In Mafa LGA, we rehabilitated three boreholes that will produce 75,000 liters of water daily, serving 5,000 individuals. We also coordinated the transport of materials to support water facility rehabilitation in hard-to-reach areas like Kala-Balge.

6. Distribution of Non-Food Items (NFI)

In Kala-Balge, GGASS Camp Mafa, and other BAY communities, GPON distributed cholera and hygiene kits, alongside RDT kits for WASH partners. This distribution enhances community resilience by fostering good hygiene practices and addressing immediate needs.













In October, the MEAL team undertook a series of activities focused on enhancing school safety and monitoring educational initiatives across Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe (BAY) states. Key highlights include:

- Enumerators Training for School Safety: Two days (one physical, one virtual) Training sessions for enumerators across the BAY states, equipping them with essential skills and knowledge to carry out the School Safety and Use of School Survey effectively.
- School Safety and Use of School Survey: The survey, conducted across BAY states, assessed various aspects of school safety and usage, providing valuable insights to guide future safety interventions.
- Process Monitoring by the MEAL Team: Our team actively monitored the survey process across all states, and in key LGAs with to ensure quality and consistency in data collection.
- Joint Monitoring Visits with SUBEB and MOE: In collaboration with the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) and the Ministry of Education (MOE), we conducted joint monitoring visits to key schools in several Local Government Areas (LGAs) across Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe. These visits aimed to observe and assess the implementation of school safety measures firsthand.

The MEAL team also conducted an assessment for the Rapid Response Fund (RRF) in Mafa and kaga, supporting the evaluation and improvement of emergency response initiatives.

Logistics & Security



Operational update

GOALPrime Organization Nigeria through its Logistics and security department has continued to support her staff across the Northeast region (Abuja, Borno, Adamawa, Katsina, Zamfara and Yobe) to facilitate effective and smooth movements including transportations, ensuring humanitarians access the deep field locations.

Common Pipeline Highlight

The warehouse received 15,000 plastics jerrycan, 15,000 plastic cups, 50 cartons of Aquatabs, 58,081 pcs of water guard, 220 cartons of P&G purifier, 160 flash drive prepositioned for distribution to beneficiaries at implementing location.

A temporary toilet and bathroom were successfully rehabilitated for the comfort of our staff and the security personnels stationed to guard the MSU.







Archievements

Successfully supported staff for their movements to deep fields. All staff were duly updated with security update in various implementing LGAs. Successfully distributed UNICEF dignity kits at the GPON warehouse to partner upon approval of their request, successfully packaged the ECW UNICEF contingency kit for distribution. Successfully transported learners' materials for streetchild from Maiduguri to MAFA LGA. Successfully supported staff with the joint monitoring visit across Borno LGAs.

Success Stories

Vocational Startup Kits Beneficiary



"My name is Bakura Chulli, and I live in Mafa community in Maiduguri. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to GOALPrime Organization Nigeria for the incredible impact they've made in my life. As a participant in their vocational startup program, I had the opportunity to learn barbing skills, and today, I received a complete barbing startup kit. This support not only empowers me to earn a living and provide for my family but also enables me to share my skills with others in my community who are eager to learn. Thank you, GOALPrime, for this life-changing opportunity!"

WASH NFI, Hygiene Kit beneficiary



Fatima Beneficiary, Mafa LGA.

My name is Fatima, and I live in Mafa IDP Camp in Mafa LGA, Maiduguri. I want to sincerely thank GOALPrime Organization Nigeria for providing us with hygiene kits, which include a bucket, jerry can, and bathing and washing soap. These supplies are a great relief after the recent floods that affected us. Now, I can store clean water and take better care of my hygiene. Thank you, GOALPrime, for supporting us in this challenging time!"



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