

2. Sustainable Agriculture and WASH

Aiming at sustainable livelihoods in rural places, we cooperate with partners within the Southwest and in the Northern regions who support groups and organizations of small and medium scale farmers. Agricultural capacity strengthening is key.

MISEREOR partners implement numerous WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) programs.



About Misereor

We support people in need, regardless of their ethnicity, nationality, sex or religion. **MISEREOR's** partners are mainly Catholic Dioceses and faith-based or civil society organisations. MISEREOR pursues only developmental and humanitarian aims and refrains from all missionary activity. All MISEREOR work is based on the principle of helping people help themselves, enabling individuals, groups and communities to liberate themselves from poverty and injustice. If aid is provided in a way that promotes local self-reliance and ownership, the poor will not become dependent on foreign assistance.

The support we provide to our overseas partners is made possible by the financial resources made available to us. Our development cooperation activities are financed chiefly by

- the annual MISEREOR Lenten Campaign,

- contributions from the dioceses of the Catholic Church in Germany,
- public funds of the Federal Republic of Germany,
- direct donations from individuals in Germany.

MISEREOR understands development as a process of mutual learning. In this regard, we see ourselves as partners who not only provide financial assistance, but also provide consultancy services and promote networking.

MISEREOR is committed to helping overcome not only the impacts of an unfair distribution of goods and opportunities, but also its underlying root causes. As part of the global community and civil society, MISEREOR and its partners seek to promote sustainable solutions to problems of worldwide concern through appropriate lobbying and advocacy work at local, national and international levels.

Accountability

For **MISEREOR**, the developmental content of a project and its financial administration are two sides of the same coin. In our view, a sustainable partnership is characterised by both an efficient use of resources and transparency. MISEREOR uses its means in a responsible, economical and efficient way and regularly informs donors about the development of these means. We in turn expect the same of our project partners. This is why our partners are required to submit financial and narrative reports on a regular basis. We also attach great importance to the monitoring of effects so that corrective action can be taken where necessary and what we have learned can be channeled into future projects.

Similarly, appropriate programme or project evaluations are useful tools in the mutual learning process.

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MISEREOR cooperates with its partner organizations mainly in the following two areas:

1. Good Governance, Human Rights and Peace Building

Many of our partners are pro-active in the promotion and protection of human rights, especially of vulnerable groups; women, poor and illiterate people, minorities or prisoners. For many years, there has been a focus on the ongoing criminal justice reform in Nigeria.

Access to justice is a major concern; instruments like paralegal assistance or Alternative Conflict Resolution (ACR) play a crucial role in numerous contexts.

At local level, citizens' participation in municipal or communal politics is facilitated by different programs, but also at state level. People-oriented governance is promoted, for example in areas of basic health services, education or development projects.

Our partners' engagement in peace building by interventions for conflict transformation is most visible in contexts of the herder-farmer-conflict.



The key roles of MISEREOR DPS Nigeria

1. Facilitation of dialogue between MISEREOR head office in Germany and the Nigerian partner organizations.
2. Consultancy for MISEREOR partners and new (potential) partners on funding policies, procedures, policy issues by capacity building measures.
3. Maintaining good relations to resource persons and organizations.
4. Representation of MISEREOR in various dialogue mechanisms and cooperation with national and International organizations, exchange with other CIDSE agencies and like-minded partners.
5. Support to missions by other MISEREOR representatives, consultants etc.

MISEREOR Dialogue and Partnership Service (DPS) Nigeria is one of the seven MISEREOR liaison posts in Africa and facilitates dialogue between partners and head office in Germany.

Our mission is also to provide services in enhancing the quality of cooperation with partners and prospective partner organizations in Nigeria, for instance by organizing exchange meetings or trainings as well as strategy workshops.

Since March 2010 MISEREOR DPS Nigeria is based in Jabi, Abuja, and works under the legal holdship of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria (CSN).