

FULL LIFE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME



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THE LIVESTOCK REVOLUTION

INTRODUCTION

Livestock farming is vital to the economies of many developing countries such as Nigeria. Animals are a source of food, income, and employment for their owners. In many rural communities in Nigeria, owning livestock can be the difference between poverty and wealth, unemployment, and steady income for many people in rural areas. It is with this information in mind that FLEP has distributed thousands of goats to hundreds of participants in rural communities across Nigeria.

Since 2017, FLEP has been working with women, youths, and children in rural communities through livestock and livelihood projects to help our participants escape poverty by giving them livestock such as goats, chickens, and beehive equipment for beekeeping. We also provide both livestock and entrepreneurship training for our participants so that they can keep and grow their livestock farms as a business, source of income and platform for empowering others.

Not all our participants understand or accept our strategy because their mindset has been battered by the very difficult and unforgiving Nigerian environment. Many participants have a depressed mindset, low self-esteem, and a consumption mentality. Our understanding of this situation has made us include mentoring sessions in our projects to identify resident livestock farmers who can help our participants unleash their full potential. We also encourage our participants to meet regularly to fellowship and study the bible as a way of strengthening their spiritual and social capacities.

And it is with this in mind that I invite you to read our recent quarterly update that shed more light on our livestock project named OAK (Outstanding Ardent & Knowledgeable) a project funded by Children's Mission Sweden to help plant youths in Nigerian communities as OAK trees.

OAK PROJECT UPDATES

The distribution of livestock continued in Bauchi to 69 selected youths. This is besides from the 42 selected recipients in Ikare town making a total of 111 livestock recipients in the OAK project. With assistance from our field staff who are also livestock practitioners, we were able to secure reliable suppliers in the communities to supply us with goats at a favourable price.



We are happy with this new livestock partnership and plan to keep working with them as we kick off the OAK-2 project.

The last phase of the OAK project was the Entrepreneurship training held in May 2022 in Ikare and June 2022 in Bauchi with 16 and 42 participants respectively.

During this period, we visited the farms of 14 participants, documented their experiences, challenges and learnings so far and offered further encouragement to grow their farms.

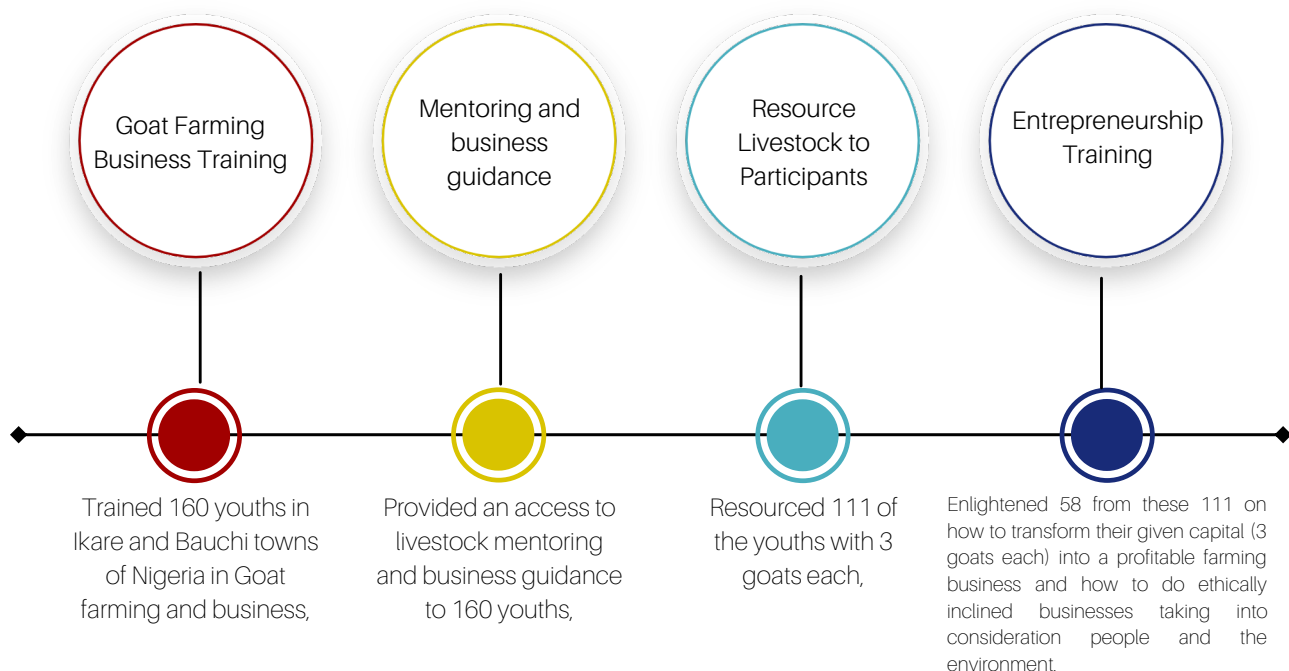
Among these 14 people, we met Ruth Ezekiel. She is a mother of two children and lives in one of the rural communities in Bauchi town. *"currently one of my goats is pregnant and within the next two years I am hoping to own a livestock farm with the goats I have received"* she narrated with excitement. We believe and see a livestock revolution within these communities to help them improve their livelihood, their families and the community.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

- The Navigators Nigeria
- Children's Mission Sweden
- Children's Mission Africa
- Individual supporters at home and abroad
- FLEP Volunteers

Timeline of activities and Outcomes from the OAK Project



Through diligence and our continuous mentoring, we hope to see these participants improve their livelihoods in the long run.

