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**We are committed to creating a safe and respectful environment for everyone. We believe that all individuals have the right to work and live free from fear of sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment.**

**If you experience or witness any form of sexual misconduct, please report it immediately.**

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- Together, we can create a world where everyone is safe and respected.**



# ALIMAT CARE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



**D**istinguished Guests, Partners, donors and Friends, It is with immense pride and anticipation that I welcome you to the maiden edition of our foundation's newsletter. This marks a significant milestone in our journey to create a lasting impact on the lives of our people.

Alimat Care Foundation was born out of a deep-rooted conviction to improve the lives and future prospects of girls, particularly in regions where armed conflict and disaster has exacerbated existing cultural and socio-economic barriers hindering their progress. Recognizing the pressing challenges faced by women and girls, we embarked on this noble cause with the unwavering belief in the power of collective action. Our history is intertwined with the stories of countless individuals and communities who have been touched by adversity, and our vision is to build a future where girls, regardless of their socio-economic background, are valued, respected, empowered to dream, achieve, and contribute positively to the society.

At the heart of our mandate lies a commitment to advocate for the rights, welfare, and empowerment of girls. We are dedicated to addressing the critical issues of education & skills development, livelihood & economic empowerment, sexual and reproductive health right, protection and climate change. Our belief is that when girls are educated, protected, and empowered, they have the ability to positively transform their communities, break the cycle of poverty, and create a brighter future for themselves and others.

Over the past two years, we have made significant strides in achieving our goals. We have reached over

512 beneficiaries (Women and girls, boys and men) through different program interventions. From commemorating global moments and sensitizing communities on climate change impact and mitigation measures, to helping communities to develop a community risk register and building Knowledge and awareness of GBV and SRHR among adolescent school girls. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners, donors, and the tireless efforts of our dedicated team.

As we look ahead, we are excited to embark on new initiatives that will further our mission. We will prioritize education and skills development, ensuring a brighter future for girls. We will champion their economic empowerment, equipping them with the tools and resources to build and live fulfilling lives. We will fight tirelessly against all forms of gender-based violence, creating safe spaces and advocating for justice for victims. We will defend their sexual and reproductive health and rights, upholding their dignity and agency. And, as climate change casts its shadow, we will stand with women and girls on the frontlines, empowering them to adapt and build resilience in the face of adversity. We are confident that our five years strategic plan will serve as a compass, guiding and directing us to create an even greater impact and make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

This newsletter serves as a platform to share our journey, celebrate our successes, and invite you to be part of our mission. We believe in the power of transparency and accountability, and we are committed to keeping you informed about our work.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can build a brighter future for all girls.

I invite you to explore the pages of this newsletter and discover the stories of hope and resilience that inspire us.

Thank you.

**Ibrahim Bello**  
**Executive Director**

## GETTING TO KNOW US BETTER

Alimat Care Foundation (ACF) is a Youth-led, girls and women's right non-profit organization registered in June 2022. Driven by a mission to empower girls, particularly in conflict and disaster-affected areas of Nigeria, ACF envisions a future where girls can reach their full potential and contribute to stronger and more resilient families and communities.



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## Mission:

Our mission is to improve the lives and future prospects of girls in Nigeria. We believe that when girls are educated, protected, and empowered, they have the ability to positively transform their communities, break the cycle of poverty, and create a brighter future for themselves and others.

## Vision:

Our vision is a society where every girl, regardless of her socio-economic background, is valued, respected, empowered to dream, achieve, and contribute positively to society.

## Strategic Plan

This plan reflects a shared vision, born from careful reflection, rigorous discussion, and unwavering dedication to empowering girls in Nigeria. Based on ACF's vision, mission, the opportunities and threats in the current environment, the five-year strategic plan will be a time of assessing and deepening ACF's approaches to its work. The strategic objectives and goals included in the plan are ACF's response to its understanding of what beneficiaries and communities' value most, current opportunities and challenges for offering a high-quality system of support in the community for particularly the most vulnerable women and girls. In its quest to support and initiate girls' development processes, ACF will work with all stakeholders and other likeminded organizations in finding long-term sustainable and durable solutions to challenges facing girls in Nigeria.

In line with ACF's vision and mission, the strategic plan focuses on five strategic objectives as follows;

Objective 1: Strengthen the organization for effective program delivery

Objective 2: Enhance program and interventions to meet the priority needs of target beneficiaries

Objective 3: Expand reach and geographical reach of program interventions

Objective 4: Build strategic and lasting partnerships

Objective 5: Ensure community ownership and sustainability of all interventions.



These values guide our actions, decisions, and interactions as we work towards our mission of empowering the girls in Nigeria.

## THEMATIC AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- Education and Skills Development
- Livelihood and Economic Empowerment
- Protection (Gender-Based violence)
- Sexual Reproductive Health and Right
- Climate Change



## Looking Ahead

ACF's future looks promising, building upon its successes in promoting girls and women's right and gender equality, inclusivity, and community-led sustainable development. To further expand its impact, ACF will explore scaling up interventions to new regions and partnering with other organizations. Additionally, ACF will deepen its program impact by refining existing programs and developing new initiatives.

To enhance its advocacy and policy engagement, ACF will advocate for policy changes and build partnerships with policymakers. Strengthening organizational capacity through staff development, financial sustainability, and technology adoption is also a priority area. By focusing on these areas, ACF will contribute to positive social change.

## ACF Team Spotlight

### Meet the Team Behind the Mission



Alimat Care Foundation (ACF) is driven by a dedicated team of staff passionate about creating positive change. Our team comprises individuals from diverse backgrounds, each contributing their unique skills and expertise to achieve our shared vision of a sustainable and equitable society.



# RESULTS



# 60

**ADOLESCENT  
SCHOOL GIRLS**  
trained on Sexual  
Reproductivehealth Rights &  
Gender based Violence



# 122 Women

Sensitized on the dangers of  
Misinformation & equipped with  
skills to fact-check & combat.

# 30

School Boys and Girls Sensitized on  
the role of Education in sustainable peace.

# 40

secondary school students (boys and girls)  
sensitized climate change impact,  
adaptation and mitigation strategies and  
encouraged to be good environmental stewards.

## ACF Marks International Day for Education



The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 24 January every year as International Day of Education, in celebration of the role of education for peace and development. To commemorate the International Day for Education 2024, ACF team engaged students of Government Girls Secondary School Ladi Atiku, on 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024. During the activity the students were sensitized on the role of education in sustainable peace, while also emphasizing the important role an educated girl child plays in bringing about lasting peace. The activity empowered girls with critical thinking skills to discern facts from fiction, challenge biases and navigate stereotype with empathy and respect thereby cultivating understanding and tolerance by fostering appreciation for diverse cultures, perspectives and experiences.

## ACF Empowers Women and Girls in Namtari Community to Combat Misinformation

On February 23, 2024, Alimat Care Foundation (ACF) with funding support from Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative, held a community sensitization workshop to empower women and girls in Namtari community of Yola South LGA to identify and combat misinformation. The event, which took place at a local community center, attracted over 110 participants.

ACF team provided a comprehensive overview of the dangers of misinformation, highlighting how it can lead to negative consequences for individuals and communities. They taught participants how to identify misinformation, critically evaluate information, and use fact-checking tools. Through interactive discussions and personal anecdotes, participants shared their experiences with misinformation and learned practical strategies to protect themselves from its harmful effects.

The sensitization workshop successfully increased awareness among the beneficiaries about the different types of misinformation and provided them with the tools to identify and verify information. The participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn these valuable skills and pledged to use them to promote critical thinking and informed decision-making within their community.



## ACF Marks World Environmental Day

On June 7, 2024, Alimat Care Foundation (ACF) commemorated World Environment Day with a significant event at Government Day Secondary School Bekaji. The event focused on educating students about land restoration and building climate change resilience, highlighting the importance of community collaboration in addressing environmental challenges and emphasizing ACF's mission to improve the lives and future prospects of girls.

The event featured presentations on land restoration, climate change, and the role of trees in the school environment. Mr. Atiku Jatau led a practical tree-planting exercise, demonstrating sustainable environmental practices.



## Media Appearance

On 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 our Executive Director, Ibrahim Bello featured as a radio guest at Fombina FM, Yola to sensitize the public on the role of bystander intervention in the fight against GBV.

During the Live show, he emphasized that by-stander intervention plays a crucial role in the fight to end gender-based violence (GBV) for several reasons and explained that bystander intervention can take many forms, from directly confronting the abuser to discreetly reporting the incident or offering support to the victim. The program provided an opportunity for thousands of listeners to understand the role of by-stander in the fight against SGBV.





In commemoration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, our Executive Director was featured on a radio program to discuss the gender gaps that exist between men and boys and women and girls in the STeM field.



### Adamawa CS-SUNN Champions Nutrition Advocacy: Increased Budget, Extended Maternity Leave, and Collaboration Highlighted

On 29th June 2024, the Adamawa State Chapter of the Civil Society Scaling Up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN), concluded a series of successful advocacy meetings with key government officials. These meetings aimed to address critical nutrition challenges in the state.

The CS-SUNN delegation, comprised of representatives from eleven NGOs led by the state coordinator Mr. Ibrahim Bello (Executive Director ACF), met with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Budget and Planning, and the Head of Civil Service. Their advocacy focused on three key areas:

- **Increased Budgetary Allocation:** CS-SUNN called for a significant increase in the state budget allocated to nutrition programs. They emphasized the long-term benefits of investing in nutrition for child development, public health, and overall economic prosperity.
- **Extended Paid Maternity Leave:** The delegation advocated for extending paid maternity leave for female civil servants from 3 months to 6 months. This change according to the advocates would promote maternal and infant health by allowing more time for recovery and fostering optimal breastfeeding practices.
- **Enhanced Collaboration:** CS-SUNN underscored the importance of stronger collaboration between government agencies, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to develop a more holistic and effective approach to tackling malnutrition in Adamawa State.



### Towards Integrating Gender and Nutrition into Climate Change policies

On 13th February, 2024 ACF team participated in a workshop organized by IFPRI under the GCAN project at AUN Hotel in Yola. The workshop aimed at identifying and mapping key stakeholders responsible for climate change policy development and implementation in the state. This is the first step towards ensuring that gender and nutrition are mainstreamed into all climate change policies in the state and nation at large.



### ACF Conducts Community Entry Visit in Yolde Pate

On June 8, 2024, the Alimat Care Foundation (ACF) conducted a community entry visit to Yolde Pate. The team, led by the Executive Director Mr. Ibrahim Bello, met with community leader to discuss ACF's new climate resilience and adaptation project.

During the meeting, the ACF team emphasized the importance of involving women in climate change initiatives. They requested the community leaders to identify and map out 20 women who would benefit directly from the project.

The community head expressed full support for the project and offered his home as a venue for future activities.



### Climat Change Advocacy and Influencing Actions



On 13th February 2024, ACF joined other Climate Justice Activists in Adamawa State to present a draft policy on climate change to the House Committee on Environment in the Adamawa State House of Assembly for their consideration. This is a result of several months of lobbying both at the state and national level for a legal framework that addresses climate change and its devastating impacts.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* ACF is launching a new self-funded project titled “**Strengthening Community resilience and adaptation to climate change in Adamawa State**” The project seek to empower Women as active agents of change and enhance their capacity to lead community-based climate change adaptation and Mitigation in their communities.

**Project objective:**

1. Empower 30 women of Yolde-Parte Community to become leaders in building resilience against climate change by October 2024
2. Enhance food security by empowering 30 women of yolde-parte community with the skill and knowledge to aid agricultural practice.
3. Promote Gender Equality by increasing access to resources and decision making power for 30 women of Yolde-Parte Community by 2024

- \* **A**CF is launching a new teacher development training project titled “Scaling Up Gender-Responsive Pedagogy in Adamawa State”. The new project seeks to scale up gender-responsive pedagogy (GRP) in secondary schools across Adamawa State. Building upon a successful training of trainers (ToT) program, ACF aims to equip school heads with the knowledge, skills, and tools to implement GRP effectively in their classrooms. By enhancing gender-sensitivity and inclusivity in education, the project seeks to improve learning outcomes for all students, particularly girls.

