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# Editor's Note

## A Testament to Humanity: Highlights from the First Half of 2025

The first half of 2025 has been marked by decisive action, renewed visibility, and deepened community engagement across the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS). At the forefront was our swift and impactful response to the devastating floods in Mokwa and Maiduguri. Working closely with affected communities, NRCS mobilized volunteers to deliver emergency relief—including shelter kits, food supplies, and psychosocial support—while advocating for durable solutions for displaced families. This response reaffirmed our preparedness and relevance in times of national distress.

In May, branches nationwide came together to commemorate World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day under the theme “Keeping Humanity Alive.” The celebrations were vibrant and unified, showcasing the strength of our volunteers, staff, and partners in promoting humanitarian values and building community resilience.

Across the country, our teams have remained steadfast in delivering essential services—from epidemic preparedness and routine immunization to expanding mental health support and first aid training. Despite growing humanitarian needs, our commitment to excellence and compassion has never wavered.

This edition captures stories of impact, voices from the field, and our collective efforts to bring dignity and hope to the most vulnerable. I extend heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers, staff, and partners for their relentless dedication.

Together, we remain committed to saving lives and empowering communities—today and for the future.

*Manir H. Jega*  
CHIEF EDITOR



# Mokwa,

**The death toll from the Mokwa Floods in Nigeria, initially reported at 161, rose to 206 within a matter of days.**

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On May 29, 2025, torrential rains unleashed a devastating flood on the quiet communities of Tiffin Madza and Anguwan Hausawa in Mokwa Local Government Area, Niger State, Nigeria. The intense overnight rainfall triggered one of the most catastrophic flash floods in Nigeria's recent history, devastating Mokwa in Niger State. It quickly overwhelmed local infrastructures. The situation worsened when the railway embankment holding back the waters of River Dingi collapsed.

In minutes, water swept away over 265 homes, drowned livestock, and shattered livelihoods. Within a couple of days, the death toll rose to 153, with bodies still being recovered from the wreckage. More than 3,000 people were affected, and 1,590 were displaced—many left loved ones while taking refuge in nearby host communities.

Amid the shock and heartbreak, the village was visited by government officials and emergency agencies, including National Emergency Management Agency, Niger State Emergency Management Agency, International Office of Migration and the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), who pledged their support to the grieving families.



PHOTO: ROSELINE EKE/NRCS



A photograph of an elderly man with a mustache, wearing a white traditional Nigerian garment, sitting on the ground. He is surrounded by large, broken concrete blocks and debris, suggesting a destroyed building. The background shows more rubble and some wooden beams.

**"I Lost Everything in one day"**

PHOTO: ROSELINE EKE/NRCS

In partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies, (IFRC), the NRCS quickly mobilized a team of humanitarian workers to conduct a rapid needs assessments and register over 500 survivors for urgent relief. On May 31, the Red Cross and partner agencies distributed non-food items to affected households, including mats, blankets, buckets, jerrycans, aqua tabs, trampolines, and other essential supplies. Shelter expert Abubakar Yakubu, guided beneficiaries on how to use the items properly, while psychosocial support, WASH, and communication teams educated the victims on maintaining dignity, hygiene, and hope amidst the crisis.

**Aisha Yusuf (elderly), has moved in with a neighbour cooking whatever food items she managed to beg from people under the open night sky.**

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Mokwa:  
Muddled  
Memories  
of a Gloomy  
Bright  
Future



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**ABDULLAHI LOST HIS  
WIFE & 4 CHILDREN**

For Abdullahi, whose day began with prayer with his pregnant wife and four children, a few seconds later, they were gone. "I was too late..." he says, his voice hollow, eyes distant. He had rushed out to save his brother whom he got a call from that his house was flooded, but returned to find his entire family swallowed by the flood. Days later, his wife's lifeless body was recovered. His children are still missing, but not in his heart. **"I am waiting for their return,"** he whispers with quiet certainty, clinging to faith and a routine of dawn prayers to honor their memory.

Many others share his pain.

Four children got swept away while sleeping in an Islamic school. The rest of them sleep outside at night on a cramped little mat on top of the rubles. Mohammed returned from morning prayers to a street of screams and rubble, all his family gone.

**Hassan Black**, once known for helping others, now lives in a doorless, mosquito-infested room. He finds momentary safety in the mosque during rainfall, terrified the flood could happen all again. "I used to help others... now I need help," he says, with a frail voice.

**"I used to help others,  
now I need help"  
- Hassan Black**



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**HASSAN BLACK**

For survivors like Mallam Yusuf Musa, who lost family members and his home, and Mallama Mamu Abdullahi, who beamed with gratitude as she received her relief items, the gesture brought a flicker of comfort in an otherwise dark moment. "I can now sleep again," Mallama Mamu said tearfully, clutching her new mattress. Their voices, full of pain and resilience, echoed the deep emotional scars left by the flood—but also the warmth that solidarity can bring.

During their short time in Mokwa, the Red Cross also trained local volunteers on emergency response principles—ensuring that even after they leave, the community remains equipped to face future disasters. As new discoveries of entombed bodies continue to surface and funeral prayers are offered at dawn, the Nigerian Red Cross and its partners reaffirm their commitment to stand by Mokwa—not just in this moment of disaster, but in the long road to recovery and healing.



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## MALNUTRITION FACTS IN NIGERIA YOU SHOULD KNOW



**Over 5.4 million children and 800,000 pregnant and lactating women**

are at risk of acute malnutrition in Nigeria's most affected states.

**Only 20% of children with severe acute malnutrition currently receive treatment** leaving millions unreached and at risk of death.



**Malnutrition is driven by multiple factors:**

food insecurity, poor infant feeding practices, unsafe water, inadequate health services, widespread disease, conflict, and climate-related shocks.

**Droughts, Rising food prices, fuel subsidy removal, and flooding** are worsening hunger and malnutrition across the country.



**The Nigerian Red Cross Society is scaling up efforts to reach 1 million + people** in 9 states with nutrition, health education, WASH, and mental health support.

Source: IFRC

# NRCS Kicks Off Intervention For Acute Malnutrition In Nigeria



By Khene Anani N.

Senior Communications & Advocacy Officer

The malnutrition crisis in Nigeria has reached alarming levels, with over 5.4 million children and 800,000 pregnant and lactating women at risk in the country's hardest-hit states. Malnutrition not only threatens lives—it disrupts physical and mental development, education, and future opportunities for millions. With only 20% of children receiving treatment for severe acute malnutrition, access challenges and limited resources continue to put vulnerable populations at grave risk.

To respond, the Nigerian Red Cross Society is scaling up its life-saving work to reach 1 million people across Adamawa, Benue, Borno, Katsina, Niger, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, and Zamfara. The Emergency Appeal will support expanded community screening and treatment, nutrition education via Mothers' and Papas' Clubs, water and sanitation promotion, and the integration of child protection and mental health services. Support from Nigerians is vital to help reverse this crisis and protect the future of countless families.







**VOLUNTEERS  
CHEERING UP A  
PATIENT AT NATIONAL  
ORTHOPAEDIC  
HOSPITAL, ANAMBRA,  
NIGERIA**

# RED CROSS CHEERS UP PATIENTS AT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL

By Joseph Obidigwe, Anambra Branch Comms Officer

On June 22, 2025, the Onitsha South Division of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Anambra State Branch, decided to visit recuperating patients at the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Enugu, with a view to cheering the up. As the team moved through various wards, they interacted with patients, offering words of encouragement and distributing essential food and non-food items such as toiletries and relief materials aimed at easing the burdens of those undergoing long-term treatment.

A significant part of the outreach were the psychosocial support sessions designed to uplift the emotional and mental well-being of patients.

This engagement was particularly welcome, as it comforted patients and gave them a renewed sense of hope. Particularly to those who had faced lengthy stays due to the nature of their illness.



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# NRCS Branch Communications Officers Get Trained On Humanitarian Storytelling

By Danlami Iliyasu, BCO Niger Branch



*Anette Selmer-Andresen of the Norwegian Red Cross explains a point to Communication Officers of the Nigerian Red Cross at the Storytelling Training in Abuja, Nigeria*

In a bid to boost the capacity of Branch Communication Officers, the NRCS recently organized a two-day communication workshop in Abuja for Branch Communication Officers (BCOs) from seven states in Nigeria: Niger, Sokoto, Ogun, Anambra, Enugu, Akwa Ibom, and Ebonyi states. This workshop, the second of its kind this year, involved training of BCOs with modern communication tools and techniques to enhance their capacity to deliver quality content from the field.

Communication Delegate of the Norwegian Red Cross, Anette Selmer-Andresen, emphasized the importance of BCOs communicating with the National Headquarters. She noted that the workshop's objective was to strengthen state branches nationwide by building the capacity of their BCOs in the basics of storytelling.

*Stories Allow Others to View the World Through Our Perspective*





# Tiffany Circle

Tiffany Circle West Africa  
Welcomes new members in  
Lagos while advocating for  
Mother's Clubs

BY KHENE ANANI N.

PHOTOS: YEMI AWOLOKUN

# Tiffany Circle Welcomes new members, Raises funds to Curb Infant Malnutrition through NRCS Mothers' Clubs

On June 20, 2025, Tiffany Circle West Africa held the Partners' Exclusive Evening in Lagos—an inspiring gathering of women of influence from diverse industries. Organized in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), the event underscored the Circle's continued commitment to empowering women across West Africa.

The evening spotlighted the remarkable efforts of the Red Cross Mother's Clubs in the region and reaffirmed Tiffany Circle's mission to support women in these communities in providing nutritious meals for their families and building sustainable livelihoods.

In the lead-up to the event, a symbolic donation was made to the NRCS Lagos Branch Children's Home. The funds—raised during the earlier Tiffany Circle Launch in Abuja—were presented to Mr. Lasisi Olakunle, Secretary of the Lagos Branch.

In her address, Absa Kane passionately urged collective action to address the pressing issues affecting women in West Africa. She invited guests to join the Tiffany Circle, contributing to the Red Cross's work in strengthening community-based support for vulnerable mothers.

The event also featured remarks from Mr. Francis Salako, the IFRC Operations Coordinator and Acting Head of Delegation (IFRC Abuja), who emphasized IFRC's commitment to accountability, transparency, and the effective utilization of resources mobilized through Tiffany Circle West Africa.

The evening welcomed new members into the Tiffany Circle and raised crucial funds in support of the Mother's Clubs and other humanitarian initiatives led by NRCS.



*At Tiffany Circle West Africa, We believe in the power of community and collaboration to create meaningful change.*

PHOTO: KHENE ANANI | NRCS



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# FLOOD: RESPONSE RECOVERY RESILIENCE

*By Khene Anani Nnabugwu,  
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IN A BOLD MOVE TO STRENGTHEN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY, THE NIGERIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY HAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED THE RESPONSE RECOVERY RESILIENCE (RRR) PROJECT, AIMING TO SUPPORT OVER 400,000 HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS 12 FLOOD-PRONE STATES, INCLUDING EDO, GOMBE, ANAMBRA, BAYELSA, CROSS RIVER, ENUGU, BORNO, OGUN, SOKOTO, NIGER, AND LAGOS.





## RESPONSE RECOVERY RESILIENCE

A RED CROSS VOLUNTEER INSPECTS WATERPOINTS  
IN A COMMUNITY IN ENUGU STATE

# RED CROSS IS BOOSTING FLOOD RESILIENCE ACROSS NIGERIA

Backed by funding from the Italian government, the RRR initiative is designed to help communities respond to and recover from disasters more effectively. It will train local volunteers to act swiftly in emergencies, activate early warning systems to alert communities of potential flooding, rehabilitate critical water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure to reduce health risks, pre-position emergency shelter materials in high-risk areas, and conduct comprehensive needs assessments to ensure a targeted and efficient response.

With climate-induced disasters growing more frequent and intense, the RRR project is a vital intervention that aims to build resilience from the ground up. By empowering local populations and leveraging international support, this initiative promises not only to mitigate future risks but also to foster long-term recovery and self-reliance across vulnerable communities. Need this formatted for digital or print layout? Just say the word—I can make it shine.

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**RESPONSE  
RECOVERY  
RESILIENCE**

# FLOOD RESPONSE, RECOVERY & RESILIENCE – SOKOTO

By Anas Abubakar, Sokoto Branch Comms Officer

At the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Sokoto Branch, a Stakeholders Coordination Meeting on Flood Resilience was held. This is an Italian Red Cross-funded project aimed at strengthening flood preparedness and response in Sokoto North and Shagari LGAs. The meeting brought together key stakeholders from various agencies.

The objective is to foster collaboration, enhance flood preparedness, warning dissemination, and early action planning. This 8-month project aligns with the Society's commitment to building resilient communities.







# *NDLEA Partners NRCS to Combat Drug Abuse in Zamfara*

*The Nigerian Red Cross Society, Zamfara State Branch, in collaboration with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Zamfara Command, organized a sensitization and advocacy campaign to mark the United Nations International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.*

*The event featured a public awareness march, community talks, distribution of educational materials, and testimonies from recovering drug users- all aimed at raising awareness on the dangers of drug abuse and illicit trafficking. Through this partnership, both organizations seek to promote a drug-free society and mobilize community stakeholders to join the fight against substance abuse.*



*Say  
NO  
to  
DRUGS*

*By Bello Nura, Branch Comms Officer, Zamfara*

**Zamfara**



Ichwa IDP Camp, Makurdi, Nigeria

# ALIA GETS A CHANCE AT LIFE







**“He Was Always Sick & his body was not strong. But when Red Cross gave this Tom Brown and he drank, his body became strong and he gained much weight” - Alia’s Grandma**

**Alia Aondoasser (R), His Grandma (L)**

**Contributors:** Nguemo Agatha Hemba, NRCS Benue Mother’s Club Coordinator

Khene Anani N. Snr. Comms Officer NRCS

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## How Alia Aondoasser Is Fighting Malnutrition

In the heart of the Mega IDP camp in Mbayongo community, Makurdi, a small, determined soul named Alia Aondoaseer was fighting against the odds of life. Just 19 months old, Alia had already faced more challenges than many people encounter in a lifetime. Born in the Ichwa IDP camp, Makurdi, where his mother and grandmother sought refuge from the ravages of armed conflict, Alia's life took a tragic turn when his mother passed away shortly after giving birth due to complications.

Without the nourishment of breastmilk, Alia's grandmother couldn't afford artificial milk, leading to a diet of pap and family foods that were scarce and insufficient for his needs. As a result, Alia became malnourished, his tiny body bearing the brunt of displacement and poverty. At an age when most children are taking their first steps, Alia was still crawling, his development severely hindered by the lack of proper nutrition.

Supported by:  Norwegian Red Cross



*Alia, being examined for the first time by a volunteer from the mothers' club during a Mothers' Club meeting at the IDP camp. The MUAC tape indicated yellow, signaling MAM - Moderate Acute Malnutrition*

Fortunately, the Nigerian Red Cross Society Benue Branch Mothers' Club stepped in to provide support. They donated Tom Brown, a nutritional supplement, to Alia's caregiver. After starting on Tom Brown, Alia's health began to show signs of improvement. His head could now sit straight on his neck, his skin was gradually regaining its normal texture, and he was crawling faster than before. The Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) readings also showed improvement.

The turning point came when Alia's grandmother attended a Nigerian Red Cross Mothers Club meeting in the camp, where Alia was examined and identified as malnourished. The signs were stark: his head had grown too heavy for his neck, causing it to fall backwards when he sat, and his skin was abnormally skinny and smooth.

The NRCS Mothers' Club's intervention has brought a glimmer of hope to Alia and his grandmother, who were relocated to the Mega IDP camp by the government. As Alia continues on his journey towards recovery and growth, his story serves as a sign of hope for many others facing similar challenges. With continued support and care, perhaps one day Alia will not only walk but run, his spirit unbroken and his future bright.

*Prior to receiving Tom Brown, Alia's Grandmother often had to support his head from falling backwards because it was disproportionately bigger than the rest of his body.*



**Our dedicated volunteers rescued two individuals from an accident at Agbarigo-Onireke in Ibadan, Nigeria.**



## EFAT: Red Cross Volunteers care for accident victims in Oyo State

*By Gladys Oluwafemi, Oyo Branch Comms Officer*

On Tuesday, 10th June, we got a distress call about a serious accident at Agbarigo Onireke in Ibadan, Nigeria. Without hesitation, our dedicated team of volunteers sprang into action. Led by Trainer Makinde Akinyemi, and assisted by Falana Kayode, Adeeso Comfort, Soremi Omotolani, and Adewumi Esther, we rushed to the scene to provide critical support.

Upon arrival, our team found three casualties, and thankfully, two lives were saved and rushed to the hospital for immediate medical attention. Despite the best efforts of our team, one person unfortunately did not survive. We transported the injured to University College Hospital (UCH) for further treatment, thanks to the rapid response efforts of our team.

Our quick intervention shows the power of volunteering with the Red Cross. Our volunteers' selfless actions saved lives and provided critical support to those in need. We appreciate the bravery and quick thinking of our team members, the Oyo State Road Traffic Agency and everyone who showed up to help. Your actions embody the spirit of humanity and compassion that defines the Red Cross. Thank you for being beacons of hope in times of crisis!





# Kano First Aid Simulation

Ibrahim Gidado  
Kano Branch Communications Officer



# Kano Branch Concludes First Aid Training for Nasarawa Division

The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), Kano Branch, recently conducted a first aid simulation exercise to wrap up a 3-day emergency first aid training for the Nasarawa Division. This training is part of a collaborative effort with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to enhance the capacity of volunteers responding to emergencies. It aims to equip volunteers with essential first aid skills, ultimately improving emergency response in the community.



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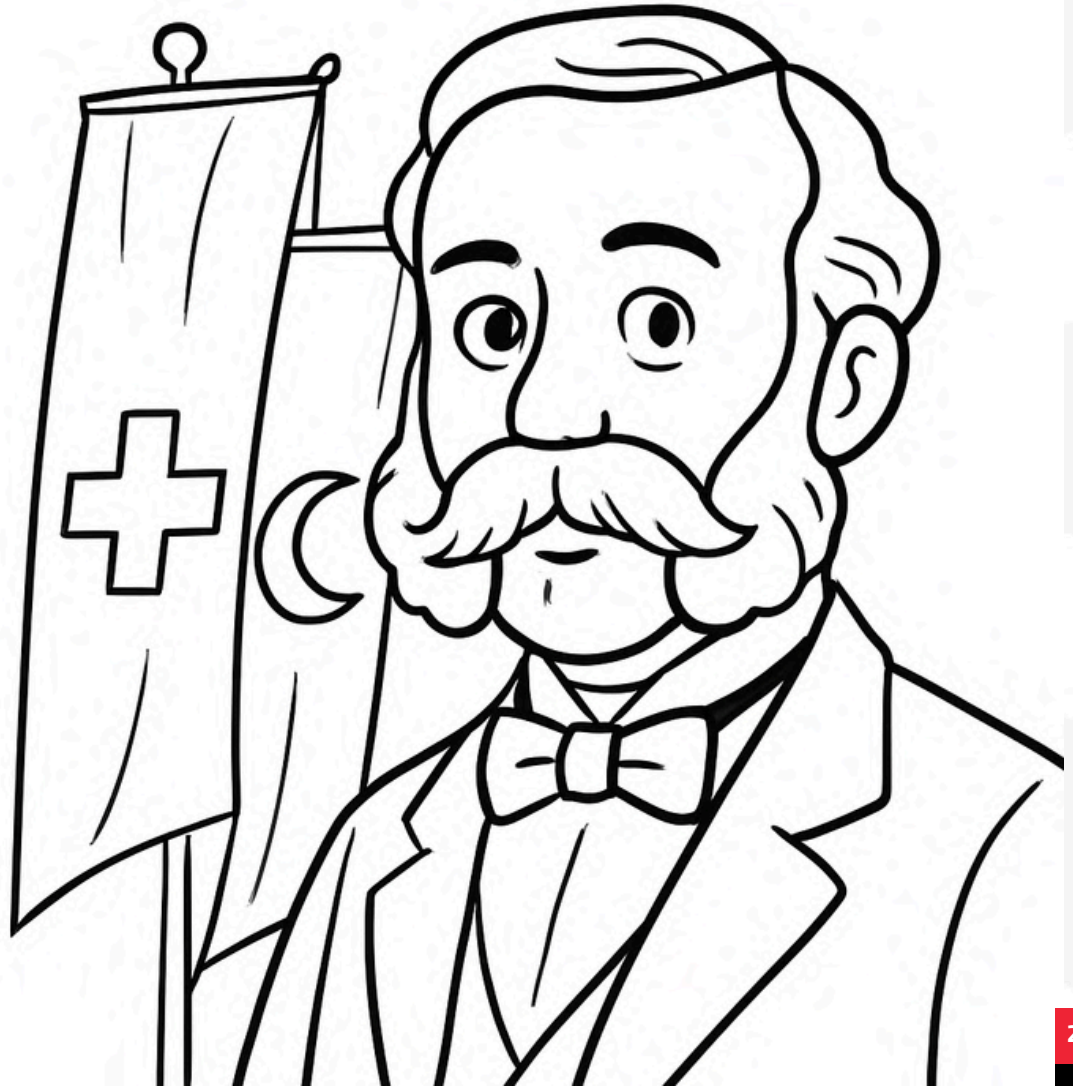
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## OZIOMA'S STORY

# A New Life After the Storm

By Amoma Mofe Terah

In the community of Isuajo Karama, Rivers State, Ozioma Ejima was expecting her baby when disaster struck.

Heavily pregnant, she faced the terrifying force of floodwaters that swept through her community. Within hours, her sense of safety was gone. She and her family escaped with nothing but their lives.

Vulnerable

Rivers

“

**“Thank You for showing Up when we needed you the most” ~ Ozioma**

”

Ozioma had no idea how she would protect her unborn child. The fear, hunger, and stress weighed heavily on her. Yet, in the midst of it all, she clung to hope while praying for her baby's survival.

“When the flood came, I was heavily pregnant. It was one of the scariest times of my life. The water rushed into our home late at night. we barely escaped with the clothes. Everything we had was gone in a matter of hours. I had no idea how i would stay safe for the sake of my unborn child but I kept praying that my baby would survive”

## **Then Came the help she desperately needed**

The Red Cross with support from ECOWAS and Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs arrived, bringing food and cash support. For Ozioma, it was more than just aid, it was a lifeline. The smile of Ozioma holding her baby after receiving the aid, tells a story of gratitude and a renewed hope to face the future.

“Thank you for showing up when we needed you the most,” she says

*Ozioma Ejima and her baby at the ECOWAS Flood Distribution in Rivers State*





“The deceased deserve dignity and grieving families deserve closure.”

# My Journey into Safe & Dignified Death Care

**Contributors: Queen Onita - Communication Officer, Rivers Branch & Ebegbuna Joachim**

At just 24, I lost my mother—the heartbreak shook me to the core. But what hurt most wasn't just her death; it was the lack of dignity I felt she received in death. Seeing her in the morgue, I made a silent vow: I would become an embalmer so that no other family would have to endure the added pain of seeing their loved one treated without care or respect.

Though I was scared—never having imagined a life working with the dead—my resolve was stronger. I believed then, as I still do, that the deceased deserve dignity and that grieving families deserve closure. This belief led me to decide to volunteer with the Nigerian Red Cross and get formal training in dead body management through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and eventually become the Dead Body Management Coordinator for the Rivers State Branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society.

## *My journey into dignified death care*

With my team, I've led dignified responses to tragedies, including the collapse of a 7-storey building in Port Harcourt. In each case, our mission was clear: recover, identify, document, and transport the deceased with honour. Every action we take serves a deeper purpose—recognizing the humanity of each person, even in death.

Now a certified embalmer, I've fully embraced my calling. My work is not just about physical care but about helping families begin to heal. I offer them the comfort of seeing their loved ones at peace, treated with grace. This journey began with a promise to my late mother—and it has become the purpose that defines my life today

*~ Ebegbuna O. Joachim*

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## Hafsat's Journey of Survival:

# From Captivity to Care

By Ibrahim Muhammad,  
PMEAL Officer Borno Branch

During the Emergency Household Items (EHI) Physical Verification at the NRCS Antenna Camp in Bama, I had the opportunity to meet Hafsat (Alias), a 15-year-old girl whose journey embodies the strength and resilience found in many children affected by conflict. This verification took place one week after the EHI distribution, aimed at confirming beneficiaries eligible for cash assistance through the collaboration between NRCS and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Hafsat lived in a bush area under the control of Armed Opposition Groups with her parents and siblings. They faced restrictions that prevented them from leaving.

However, as time passed, her mother concluded that they needed to escape. One day, Hafsat, her mother, and two of her siblings bravely made a daring escape, leaving behind her father, who chose to stay behind.

Their journey concluded with military personnel who rescued them and transported them to Bama. Upon reaching the IDP Camp, officials from the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) welcomed them, and they were subsequently registered at the NRCS Antenna IDP Camp, where they commenced receiving humanitarian aid.



*15-year-old Hafsat verified for cash support at Antenna Camp, Bama, after escaping a conflict zone with her mother and siblings.*



Hafsat was one of the individuals who received Emergency Household Items during the recent distribution. Following a verification process, she was confirmed as eligible for unconditional cash support to assist in rebuilding her life. Currently, she participates in psychosocial support activities within the camp.

Thanks to the prompt assistance from NRCS and ICRC, families like hers are not only receiving care but are also discovering a renewed sense of dignity and hope for a fresh start.



# SAVING LIVES & LIVELIHOODS

By Chima Nwankwo,  
Coordinator, Communications & Advocacy

**A**nd just like that!  
We're about to embark on Phase 2  
of the Saving Lives and Livelihoods  
Program in partnership with the  
Mastercard Foundation.

Seems just like yesterday that we executed  
Phase 1 in 2022. The SLL Initiative is  
supervised across the continent by the  
Africa Centres for Disease Prevention and  
Control (AFCDC). couple of weeks ago, the  
AFCDC Team at our offices in Abuja and we  
had a good time going over the lessons  
learnt from Phase 1 as we prepare for  
Phase 2.

A couple of weeks ago, the  
AFCDC Team at our offices in  
Abuja and we had a good time  
going over the lessons learnt  
from Phase 1 as we prepare for  
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Inception meeting & training of data collectors



# ICRC and NRCS Conduct Hygiene Promotion & Sensitization in Yobe State

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*Environmental sanitation exercise being carried out by NRCS volunteers and community members in Yobe*

In July 2025, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in partnership with the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), conducted a hygiene campaign across Bade, Damaturu, Geidam, and Gujba LGAs in Yobe State. The initiative focused on cleaning exercises, hygiene promotion, and sensitization to prevent cholera and improve menstrual hygiene awareness.

Over 1,500 individuals and 709 households were reached through community outreach. In Filin Kurma and Shuwari, household visits engaged families with key hygiene messages, while in Tsangaya and Sunomari, house-to-house sensitization accommodated farming schedules, reaching 108 households. At TA'ALAWA, 702 individuals participated in targeted sessions.



*Hygiene promotion in secondary school*

School-based activities at Kafela Primary School, Government Girls Day Junior Secondary School Kafela, and others reached over 2,050 students with lessons on cholera prevention, personal hygiene, and menstrual health.

The campaign delivered inclusive, localized health messaging across formal and informal settings. Support from community and school authorities enabled broad participation and strengthened public awareness of preventable diseases.





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