



# SHARING CHALLENGES:

## COUNTRY REPORT

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**NIGERIA**

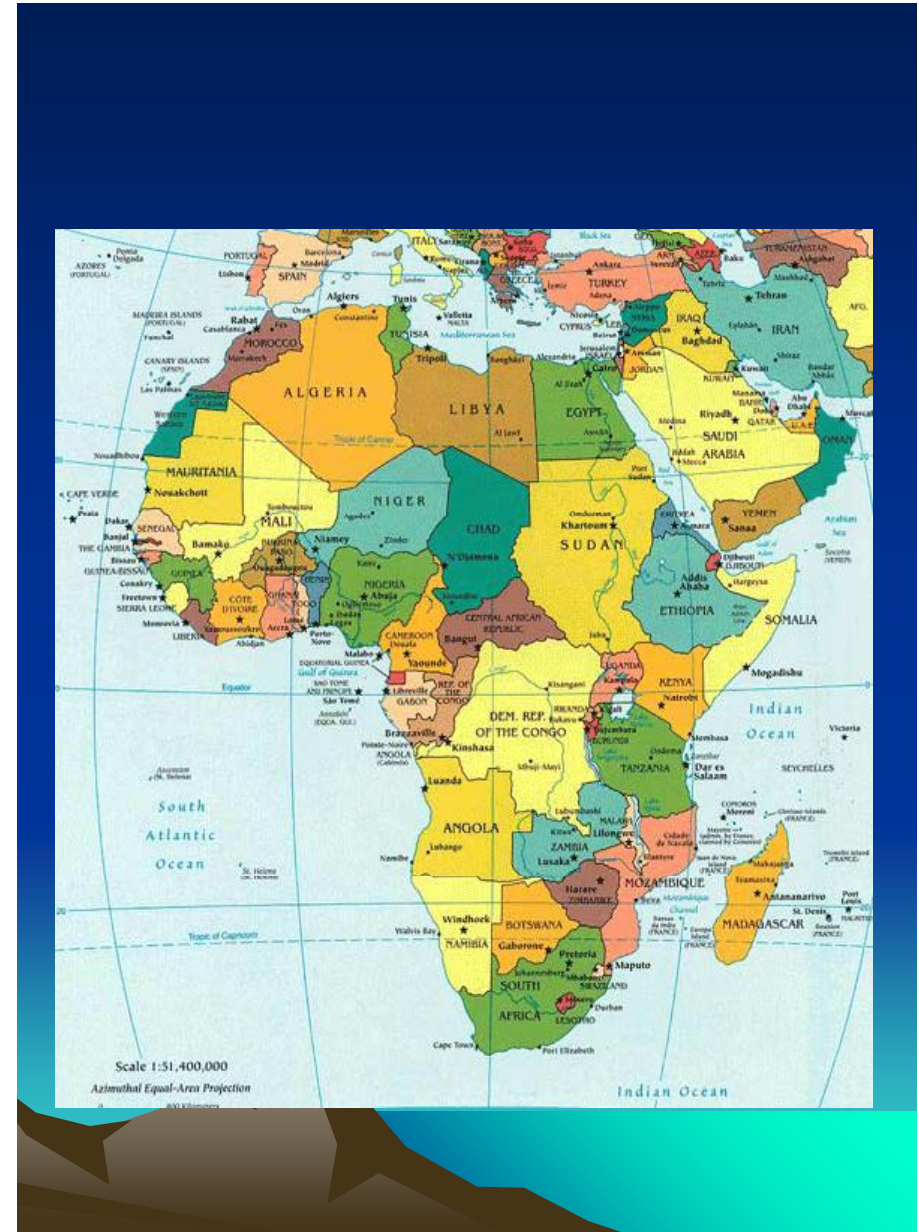
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# BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT NIGERIA

- Nigeria is situated in the West African
- African
- It has a landmass of 923,768 sq.Km
- It is bordered to the north by the Republics of Niger and Chad and to the west with the Republic of Benin
- About 800km of coastline confers on the country the potentials of a maritime power



## Nigerian Population

Nigeria has a rich diversity of culture, with more than 250 ethnic groups, and over 500 languages and dialects. It is the most populous country in Africa with a population estimated at 154,729,000 in 2009. An estimated 48% of the population is urbanised and 52% live in rural areas. Close to 60% of Nigerians work in agriculture.

The last population census in 2001 indicates a population of 51% male and 49% female.

## ➤ Nigerian Map



## ➤ Overview of Nigerian Economy

Nigeria has a dual economy with a modern segment dependent on oil earnings, overlaid by a traditional agricultural and trading economy

### - Nigerian Currency



(THE NAIRA)



## Nigerian Government

- Nigeria is a Federal Republic
- that operates a presidential system of government .It comprises 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory(FCT),Abuja.The states form the second tier of government and are further sub divided into 774 local government areas(LGAs),which constitute the third tier of government.Nigeria has an area of 923,769sq km(909,890sqkm of land and 13,879sqkm of water.
- The Federal Govt.is comprised of an executive president as head and a legislature&judiciary.

## Nigerian President



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
Federal Republic of Nigeria



## THREE MAJOR ISSUES IN MAINSTREAMING GENDER

- Discrimination in political participation, representation and governance.
- Violence against women.
- Empowerment (economic, political and social).



# MY JOB DESCRIPTION.

- - basically working towards achieving my organisation's set mandates which includes amongst others
  - - empowerment of women through training and development of capacities to enable them earn income
  - - conduct gender research and to document,store and distribute the data and general findings to govt ministries
  - - departments&agencies to be used as justifications&tools for effective mainstreaming of gender in their respective MDAs.
- - Establish and maintain a gender disaggregated data bank,and to also conduct training in gender and ICT.





## ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN MAINSTREAMING GENDER.

Empowerment of rural women to set up small businesses and form co-operatives to enable them earn income



# JUSTIFICATION FOR CHOOSING ABOVE

The existence of high level inequality in Nigeria, which reflects widening gaps in income and gender access to economic and social opportunities between and within rural and urban populations.



## USEFUL KNOWLEDGE GAINED THROUGH THIS PROGRAMME IN ORDER TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE ISSUE ABOVE

Knowledge gained in the programme that points to strategic efforts being put in place by the Japanese government to address different forms of discriminations that are seen as obstacles towards its achieving a gender equality in sectors that range from employment and labour to education etc

I noted with envy the political will of the Japanese govt to effect change in its society and I am convinced that with necessary inputs in policy formulation by my organisation to govt and with strategic trainings & capacity build up, we will be able to create the right attitudes & atmosphere to narrow the inequality gaps, promote & achieve full gender equality, promote & reduce poverty in

# ON PLAN ON MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN NIGERIA.

PROJECT TITLE: Rural Women  
Empowerment Programme  
PROJECT PERIOD: 3 Years (2011-  
2013)

TARGET AREA: 4 Local  
Government Areas In Kaduna  
State, NIGERIA

TARGET  
BENEFICIARY(ies): Female  
Members Of Target  
Communities, Ages 18 and  
above (singles, married, divorced

5. IMPLEMENTING  
AGENCY: National Centre For  
Women  
Development, Abuja, Nigeria.

6. OVERALL GOAL: Poverty  
Reduction In Rural  
Communities & Promotion of  
Sustainable Human  
Development

7. PROJECT PURPOSE: Women  
start up Business and form co-  
operatives to earn income

## OUTPUTS:

Women members of WDCs empowered to set up businesses.

Women are trained and their capacities built up to enable them access loans to establish businesses.

Revolving loans schemes

Women to access loans is established

## 9.ACTIVITIES:

0.To hold sensitisation meeting

0-1. To sensitise

husbands,religious&traditional Idrs on GM

0.2-To advocate&seek support &co-operation of

husbands,religious/traditional Idrs for the project

-To train Women acquire vocational&Literacy skills.

- To train Women to develop business plans,feasibility studies,simple accounting books Keeping/financial plans and to form co-operatives.

- To organise Women to form co-operatives.

-To establish a revolving loan scheme.

