Nigeria

Helen Keller Intl has worked in Nigeria since 1999 to help communities overcome barriers to health and nutrition. Despite multifaceted insecurity challenges affecting some of the areas in which we work, Helen Keller reaches children and families where they are, working closely with the government, community members, women’s groups, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable persons, ensuring our leave-no-one behind legacy. By leveraging global best practices, our interventions address local problems on a large scale for the long term, improving the lives of millions of children and family members.

Challenges

84% of all Nigerians are infected by at least 1 neglected tropical disease, suffering disfigurement, cognitive issues, economic hardships, and social stigma.

Millions of children are not getting enough vitamin A, impacting their ability to see clearly, fight off disease, and live a healthy life.

Nearly 25 million Nigerians are at risk of facing hunger due to continued conflict, extreme weather, and rising costs of nutritious foods.

Where We Work

- Adamawa
- Akwa Ibom
- Bauchi
- Benue
- Borno
- Ebonyi
- Ekiti
- Federal Capital Territory
- Katsina
- Kebbi
- Nasarawa
- Sokoto
- Taraba
Helen Keller Intl partners with communities that are striving to overcome longstanding cycles of poverty. By delivering the essential building blocks of good health, sound nutrition, and clear vision, the organization helps millions of people create lasting change in their own lives. Working in 20 countries – across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States – and together with a global community of supporters, Helen Keller helps to ensure every person has the opportunity – as Helen did – to reach their true potential.

Our Solutions

- Work with the government to ensure people have access to essential care, including medication to prevent and treat diseases and corrective surgeries for trachoma and lymphatic filariasis infections.
- Partner with communities to ensure families have access to vitamin A and other essential nutrients needed to ensure good health and combat malnutrition.
- Train women in climate-smart agricultural practices, helping them to sustainably grow nutrient-rich foods despite extreme weather challenges.

Our Impact

- 3.1 million people treated for at least 1 neglected tropical disease, greatly contributing to national efforts toward their control and elimination.
- 6.3 million children under the age of 5 received 2 doses of vitamin A, protecting their vision and health.
- 244 women supported with training on climate-smart farming practices so they can grow nutritious foods and generate income.

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