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Support to Improving Social Cohesion through Community Development Planning (CDP) in 3 LGAs in North-East Nigeria

Strengthening Citizen-Led Governance, Inclusive Public Budgeting, and Peaceful Coexistence across Biu and Kwaya Kusar LGAs (Borno State) and Guyuk LGA (Adamawa State)

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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PROGRAMME	Strengthening the Economic and Social Participation of Returnees, IDPs and Vulnerable Members of Host Communities in a Gender-Responsive Manner in North-East Nigeria (SEPIN)
LOCATION AND COVERAGE	Biu LGA and Kwaya Kusar LGA in Borno State, and Guyuk LGA in Adamawa State.
DURATION	1 December 2024 – 30 November 2026 (24 Months)
FUNDING PARTNERS	BMZ and the European Union
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	Oxfam, GIZ, CRUDAN, CODERHI, and YWYEF

OUR BIG GOAL

To increase citizens' participation in local governance and strengthen social cohesion by promoting and institutionalizing inclusive, participatory Community Development Planning (CDP) across three LGAs in North-East Nigeria, while improving participatory engagement and planning between local communities and government stakeholders toward enhanced socio-economic outcomes, public service delivery, and the cooperative implementation and monitoring of development plans.

GEOGRAPHIC FOOTPRINT ACROSS BORNO & ADAMAWA STATES

11 WARDS — **Biu LGA,** STATE: BORNO
Commercial hub in southern Borno hosting displaced households from conflict-affected Mandara mountain areas; officially adopted its first CDP as a 2026 budgeting tool.

10 WARDS — **Kwaya Kusar LGA,** STATE: BORNO
Agrarian LGA bordering Biu and Gombe; site of historic peace reconciliation between Kubuku and Wawa wards after seven decades of land-related division.

10 WARDS — **Guyuk LGA,** STATE: ADAMAWA
Southern Senatorial District bordering Borno and Gombe; pioneered joint WDSC advocacy to 6 state MDAs and recorded a ₦1.41B gender responsive capital budget allocation.

COMMUNITY CONTEXT BEFORE INTERVENTION

Over a decade of insurgency, displacement, climate shocks, and macroeconomic inflation in North-East Nigeria left 7.8 million people in need across the BAY states and over 4.48 million IDPs and returnees straining host community infrastructure. Prior to the intervention, local governance and social relations faced three core barriers:

. Top-Down Budgeting & Exclusion: Only 10.7% of surveyed residents felt their opinions were considered in local decisions, while LGA budgets relied on repetitive "copy-and-paste" templates without citizen input.

. Marginalization of Women & Vulnerable Groups: Women, youth, IDPs, returnees, and persons with disabilities were largely excluded from traditional councils and ward-level resource allocation.

. Fractured Inter-Community Trust: Longstanding land and resource disputes—such as the 70-year rift between Kubuku and Wawa wards and inter-tribal tensions between Waja and Lunguda communities—blocked joint self-help action.

ACTIVITY MILESTONES & PROJECT REACH

3,537
Stakeholders directly engaged in CDP & cohesion platforms (1,899 W / 1,638 M)

366
Community priority needs identified across 31 validated ward CDPs

28 MDAs
State ministries & agencies linked directly to WDSC focal persons

27 Models
Budget transparency & citizen accountability initiatives established

KEY INTERVENTION STRATEGIES & DELIVERY MILESTONES

01 Ward Development Support Committees (WDSCs): Formed, trained, and mentored 31 registered WDSCs (11 in Biu, 10 in Kwaya Kusar, 10 in Guyuk) aligned with the Citizenship Engagement and Participatory Planning (CEPP) policy. All 31 WDSCs opened bank accounts, established sector sub-committees, and hold regular monthly town hall accountability meetings.

02 Participatory CDP Formulation & Validation: Conducted 29 stratified stakeholder dialogue workshops per LGA, SWOT/PEST and Political Economy Analyses, and 3-day validation workshops where legislative councils formally endorsed the CDPs as 5-year "People's Charters."

03 Public Financial Management & National Charter of Account (NCOA) Capacity Building: Trained 85 LGA Budget Directors, Planning Officers, and Finance Officers across Borno (all 27 LGAs) and Adamawa on the National Chart of Accounts (IPSAS), Excel budgeting, and gender-responsive budgeting—eliminating manual calculation errors.

04 WDSC Grant Competition & Peer Assessment: Implemented a two-stage (pilot and grand finale) grant competition across all 31 wards, evaluated independently by state MDA officials and LGA observers. Top-performing wards— Wada (Kwaya Kusar), Zarawuyaku (Biu), and Purokayo (Guyuk)—each received ₦1,000,000 grants to scale community initiatives.

05 Digitized Participatory Monitoring & Safeguarding: Trained mid-level government staff and youth WDSC monitors on KoboToolbox for real-time infrastructure tracking, alongside dedicated Safeguarding (2–3 March 2026) and Outcome Harvesting (4–7 March 2026) workshops for 32 core Oxfam and partner staff.

DIRECT PROJECT REACH & STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

Location / Category	Men	Women	Total	Reached Key Participation Highlights
Biu LGA (11 Wards)	632	595	1,227	113 priorities identified; 20 captured in 2026 LG budget; 93% reported improved social relations.
Guyuk LGA (10 Wards)	491	686	1,177	149 priorities identified; 31 captured in 2026 LG budget; 58% female participation rate.
Kwaya Kusar LGA (10 Wards)	515	618	1,133	104 priorities identified; 19 captured in 2026 LG budget; 55% female participation rate.
Total Direct Cohesion Reach	1,638 (46%)	**1,899 (54%)**	**3,537**	**Surpassed initial target of 3,000 direct participants across all 31 wards.**

2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET INTEGRATION OF CDP PRIORITIES

Local Government Area	CDP Items	Amount Budgeted to CDP	Total LGA Capital Budget	% Share to CDP
Biu LGA (Borno State)	17	₦1,235,000,000.00	₦2,805,000,000.00	44.02%
Guyuk LGA (Adamawa State)	31	₦1,406,604,000.00	₦3,037,000,000.00	46.32%
Kwaya Kusar LGA (Borno State)	19	₦675,144,006.01	₦2,176,502,564.00	31.02%
Grand Total (3 LGAs)	**67 Line Items**	**₦3,316,748,006.01**	**₦8,018,502,564.00**	**40.45%**

IMPACT FIGURES & TRANSFORMATIONAL OUTCOMES

88%	78%	₦80.9M	34 Items
Participants confirming improved social relations	Citizens confirming their views shape local decisions	Mobilized locally by WDSCs (€53,687.8) for 217 self-help projects	CDP priorities captured in 2026 Adamawa (20) & Borno (14) state budgets
(up from 61.6% baseline)	(up from 10.7%)		

COMMUNITY-LED SELF-HELP DELIVERY (120 ASSESSED PROJECTS)

Recognized locally as "masu kawo canji mai kyau, masu kapasiti" (agents of positive change with capacity), the 31 WDSCs mobilized community cash, diaspora donations, and voluntary labor valued at ₦1.86 million to deliver 217 total self-help projects (120 formally assessed by state teams by April 2026, directly supporting 91,338 residents):

Priority Sector	Assessed	Cash	People	Tangible Community Results
WASH & Environment	45	3,127,300	25,275	39 boreholes repaired/solarized; Peta Market latrine revived generating ₦6,500– ₦10,000/week.
Education	25	5,965,500	6,011	18 volunteer teachers recruited in Peta (enrolment rose 140 to 275); classrooms rebuilt in Wara & Gunda.
Physical Infrastructure	15	155,000	25,560	Gusi Bila raised ₦13.95M + ₦40M for culverts/roads; 17km road graded via Dangote Sugar CSR.
Health	14	655,600	25,228	Essential drugs donated to PHCs; Guyuk Cottage Hospital renovation captured in state budget.
Security, Gender & Other	21	234,300	9,264	Night patrol torches supplied; Bobini ward enacted girls' education bylaw; 4,705 tree seedlings planted.

LANDMARK SOCIAL COHESION & GOVERNANCE BREAKTHROUGHS

01

Ending a 70-Year Rift in Kwaya Kusar

Facilitated dialogue between Kubuku and Wawa wards ended decades of hostility, reopening a direct 5km road corridor (replacing a 50km detour), sparking joint youth security patrols, and leading to 7 inter-community marriages and 2 births.

02

Inter-Tribal Reconciliation in Guyuk

Waja and Lunguda communities in Dukul ward jointly molded 2,000 mud blocks to rebuild a primary school destroyed during 2022 clashes, allowing displaced children to return to classrooms by April 2026.

03

Institutionalizing Citizen Voice in State & LGA Budgets

Beyond ₦3.32B allocated across the 3 LGAs (including 27 gender and social protection line items), state budgets in Adamawa (₦7.38B across 20 items) and Borno (₦12.81B across 14 items) integrated CDP priorities—including the 2.5km Guyuk township road and 100+ planned Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RUWASSA) boreholes in Kwaya Kusar.

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