

Nigeria

This factsheet provides an overview of economic inclusion programs in Nigeria. Economic inclusion programs are a bundle of coordinated, multidimensional interventions that support individuals, households, and communities in raising their incomes and building their assets. The data used for this factsheet comes from the Partnership for Economic Inclusion's Landscape Survey 2023.

COUNTRY FACTS

Region	Population	Income Group	FCV country (WB FY24 list)
Sub-Saharan Africa	213.40 million	Lower middle income	Yes

Poverty Headcount (share of population below the poverty line)

National Poverty Line 40.10%	Multidimensional Poverty Index 46.42%	\$2.15/day (2017 PPP) 30.90%
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PROGRAMS

Number of economic inclusion programs

11

Institutional delivery (lead agency)



■ Nongovernment-led ■ Government-led

Geographic area



■ Rural only ■ Urban/peri ■ Mix (urban & rural)

PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants

1.26 million

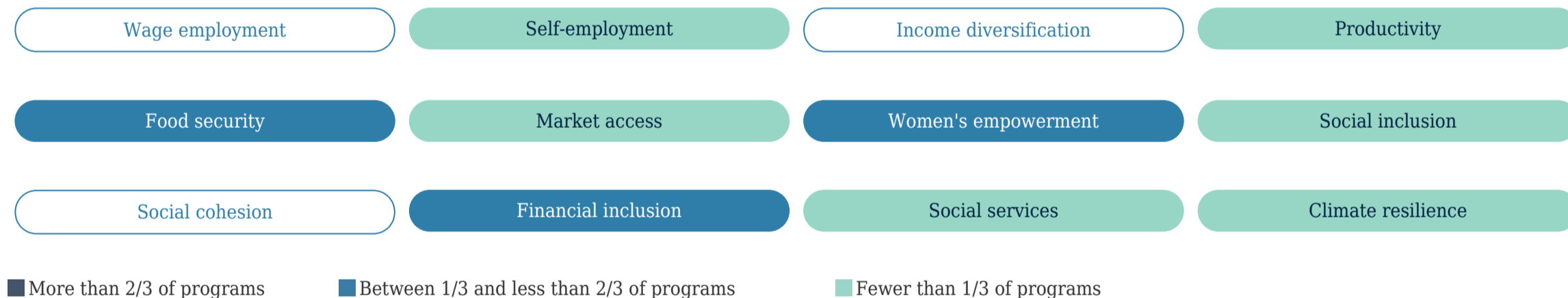
Number of people benefiting

6.2 million

Participants served by government-led programs (%)

88.80%

MAIN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

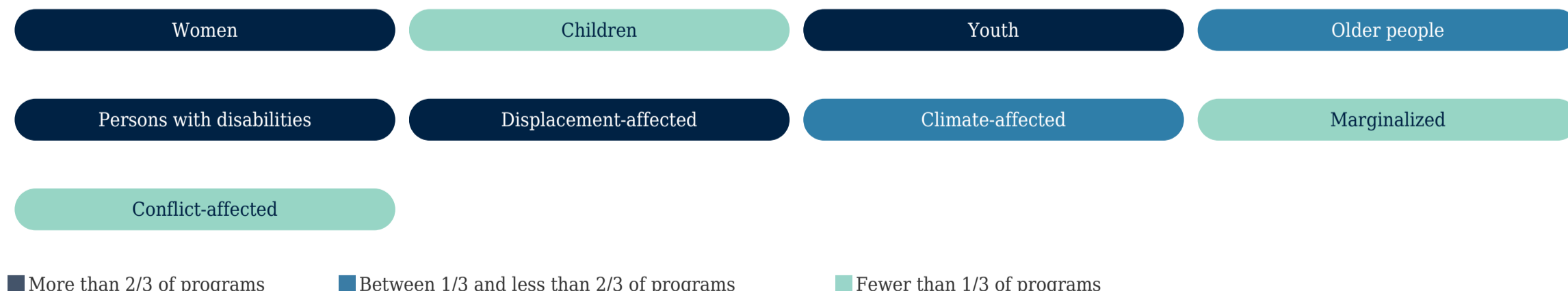


PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Targeted Poverty Segments



Targeted Population Groups



CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



TRANSFER



BUSINESS CAPITAL



WAGE EMPLOYMENT
FACILITATION



SKILLS TRAINING



COACHING



FINANCIAL SERVICES
FACILITATION



MARKET LINKS



CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUPPORT

ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS SURVEYED

Program Name	Year program began	Lead Agencies	Program Description	No. of Current Participants	% Female Participants	Poverty Targeting	Digital
Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes (ACReSAL) in Nigeria	2022	Federal Ministry of Environment, in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	The project aims to increase the implementation of sustainable landscape management practices in targeted watersheds in northern Nigeria and strengthen Nigeria's long-term enabling environment for integrated climate-resilient landscape management.			Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Agro-Processing, Productivity Enhancement and Livelihood Improvement Support (APEALS) Project	2017	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	The project aims to enhance agricultural productivity among small and medium-scale farmers, including women, youth, and persons with disabilities, by improving value addition along priority value chains.	55,864	26-50% of participants	Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Feed the Future Nigeria Rural Resilience Activity (FTF-RRA)	2019	Mercy Corps	The program facilitates economic recovery and growth in conflict-affected areas and shifts people out of chronic vulnerability and poverty.	133,029	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project	2022	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	The project improves livestock sector management to increase productivity, food and nutrition security, income growth, social cohesion between farmers and herders, and resilience to environmental degradation, climate change, and conflict, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to livestock.			Targets poor broadly	Yes
COVID-19 Action Recovery and Economic Stimulus Program	2021	Federal CARES Support Unit under the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning	The program aims to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on poor and vulnerable households, communities, and micro and small enterprises by expanding access to livelihood support, food security services, and grants.	173,415	26-50% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Nigeria For Women Project	2018	Ministry of Women Affairs (at federal and state levels)	The project aims to comprehensively address the key constraints and barriers faced by women in realizing their full potential by utilizing Women Affinity Groups as platforms to build women's human, financial, and social capital.	406,805	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets poor broadly	Yes
National Social Safety Net Project	2016	Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs Disaster Management and Social Development	The project aims to establish the foundation for a national social safety net system and provide access to targeted cash transfers under the expanded safety net system.			Targets poor broadly	Yes
Protection Safety Net for People of Concern in Northeast (BAY States)	2016	American University of Nigerian (AUN)	The project aims to improve the protection and assistance for targeted internally displaced persons, returnees, and host community members, restoring their human dignity and promoting avenues to end the plight of forcibly uprooted people through the provision of viable protection safety-nets.	1,200	51-75% of participants	Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Stronger Women Stronger Nations program	2002	Women for Women International	The program empowers ultra poor conflict-affected women through informational and vocational trainings, monthly cash stipends, resources, referrals, access to savings groups and connections to networks.	7,019	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets poor broadly	Yes

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UNCHR Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Project for the Cameroonian Refugee Operation in Nigeria	2023	Cuso International; Mediatrix Development Foundation; UNHCR	The project seeks to improve the productivity, incomes, and self-reliance of refugees and vulnerable host communities through trainings and productive assets to establish small businesses in technical, vocational education and training, micro, small and medium enterprises, or agricultural production in crops, livestock, poultry or fisheries.	450	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Youth Employment and Social Support Operations (YESSO) project	2013	Federal Operations Coordinating Unit supervised by the National Social Safety Net Coordinating Office (NASSCO) in the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development	The project adopts a system building approach that uses community-based targeting to clearly identify and document poor and vulnerable individuals that culminates in a single register and establishes an unambiguous mechanism for targeting.	486,904	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes

Only programs that have given their consent to share their program data are included in this table



The Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) is a global platform that unites non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, research institutions, funding partners, and the World Bank to support government adoption and scale up of economic inclusion programs that empower vulnerable people to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

DNA: Does Not Apply; FY: Fiscal Year; FCV: Fragility, Conflict, and Violence; MPI: Multidimensional Poverty Index; NPL: National Poverty Line; N/A: Not available; WB: World Bank