Murtala Muhammed Foundation

OUR HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PROGRAM

Empowering the Future, Lives Transforming
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The Murtala Muhammed Foundation (MMF) is a non-profit organization, founded on the ideals of the Late Gen. Murtala Muhammed, a former Head of State of Nigeria (1975-76).

The MMF has over 16 years experience in implementing development projects and programs in Nigeria. The Foundation was inaugurated in 2001 and launched on the 13th of February 2002, a day that coincided with the 26th anniversary of General Murtala Muhammed’s assassination.

Our Vision
'To be an institution that transcends all boundaries, dedicated to the socio-economic development of Africa.'

Our Mission
'To improve the living conditions of Africans by contributing to reduction of poverty and limitation of conflict, while "promoting self-reliance and self-fulfilment.'

The MMF demonstrates innovative community strategies to improve program outcomes, addressing economic, cultural and social barriers, sensitizing communities, providing empowerment, social solutions, mentorship, humanitarian response, education and leadership and good governance.

The Foundation has demonstrated national leadership and has successfully advocated for policy reviews and formulation.
The MMF pays particular attention to initiatives that build and strengthen social capital, considering their impacts on the development of both smaller and greater communities of citizens.

Humanitarian challenges facing the country require key attention to addressing or ameliorating them. The country has been experiencing both natural and human caused humanitarian challenges that require urgent and concerted efforts and actions.

The objective of the disaster management program is to provide short, medium and long term supports to communities affected by disaster. The MMF illustrates the importance of comprehensive disaster management and emergence preparedness and training to all first respondents, including trained personnel and the members of the emergence services as well as support to affected communities.

The outcomes of the Murtala Muhammed Memorial Conferences have resulted in constructive engagement and reforms geared towards sustainable change, with the Foundation also promoting legislation in vital sectors of the polity.

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Reliefs assistance are provided to victims and families affected by disasters. Relief materials (food and non food items – NFIs) are distributed in the emergence response phase. Relief materials were distributed to victims of disasters in some States in northeast northwest, north central. The MMF partnered with Cadbury Nigeria to distribute truck load of food and NFIs to affected communities in Borno State.

The impacts of disaster on affected communities require urgent attention to return the local economy to some sense of normalcy (in physical, environmental, economic and social) where they can start their lives again, thus Post-Disaster Economic Recovery Plan/Interventions.

The recovery involves short-term phase that typically lasts from six months to at least one year and require delivering of immediate services to businesses and families. The long-term phase, which can range up to decades, requires thoughtful strategic planning and action to address more serious or enduring impacts of a disaster. It demands range of public and private resources to enable long-term economic recover.

The MMF supports families, communities, internally displaced persons (IDPs). Our intervention covers increasing school enrolment through scholarship support besides ensuring safe schools for children to learning and placement programme for girls at high-risk communities in northeast Nigeria to safer schools. Others are likelihoods support, trainings for community leaders, provision of support for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), database management. We are creating conditions for men and women to help them rebuild their lives.
Over the years, the MMF has reached well over 2 million Nigerians in the wake of various crises. We partner with stakeholders and local communities to intervene on disaster.

In 2014, the MMF opened its first Crisis and Trauma Counseling Centre in Kano State, Nigeria to care for the growing number of people in need of post-trauma care, as a result of the insurgency in Northern Nigeria. Public enlightenment communication materials in English and hausa on identification and management of PTSD and sub clinical reactions to trauma are distributed to communities. We are extending the translation to other indigenous tribes in Nigeria.
Humanitarian Intervention

The MMF is contributing to policies direction required to strengthen disaster management and humanitarian support in the country. In 2006 the annual Murtala Muhammed Memorial Lecture and conference brought together experts, both local and foreign to contribute to the discourse on global perspectives on disaster management. The discourse aimed to enhance Nigeria’s preparedness and response, considering the rising cases of natural human caused disasters as well as the increasing terror of terrorist in the world.

In 2007, the MMF presented a draft Disaster Management Act to the National Assemble. This provided a medium of regulation for on-the-scene and post disaster recovery & rehabilitation. In 2012, partnering with the Aart of Life Foundation, Department of Behavioural Medicine, Lagos State University Teaching hospital (LASUTH), Aminu Kano Teaching hospital and Jos University Teaching hospital organized a Greif and Trauma Training and Counseling programme.

In 2017, the annual Murtala Muhammed Memorial Lecture hosted the Executive Governor of Borno State as Keynote Speaker and the Vice President as the Special Guest, to discuss he role of leaders in humanitarian crisis and response in a plural society with the aim improving and finding lasting solutions to the problem.
Disaster Relief

The Murtala Muhammed Foundation monitors disasters as they occur and assess their impact and the needs of the victims in order to determine how they can be appropriately addressed to provide relief and seek solutions in forestalling such disasters from recurring. MMF is addressing disasters in partnership with organizations with specialized skills and interest which meet the peculiar needs of the vulnerable population.

Disaster Management Act

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NEED Training

The NEED Training Course [Nigeria Emergency Enhancement and Disaster Management Training Course] illustrates the importance of comprehensive disaster management and emergency preparedness and training to all first responders including trained personnel and the members of the emergency services.

Grief and Trauma Training and Counselling Programme

The objective of this training is to enable program participants acquire the knowledge and skills to manage the Grief and Trauma and support those going through the cycle of mourning and bereavement of loss and trauma.