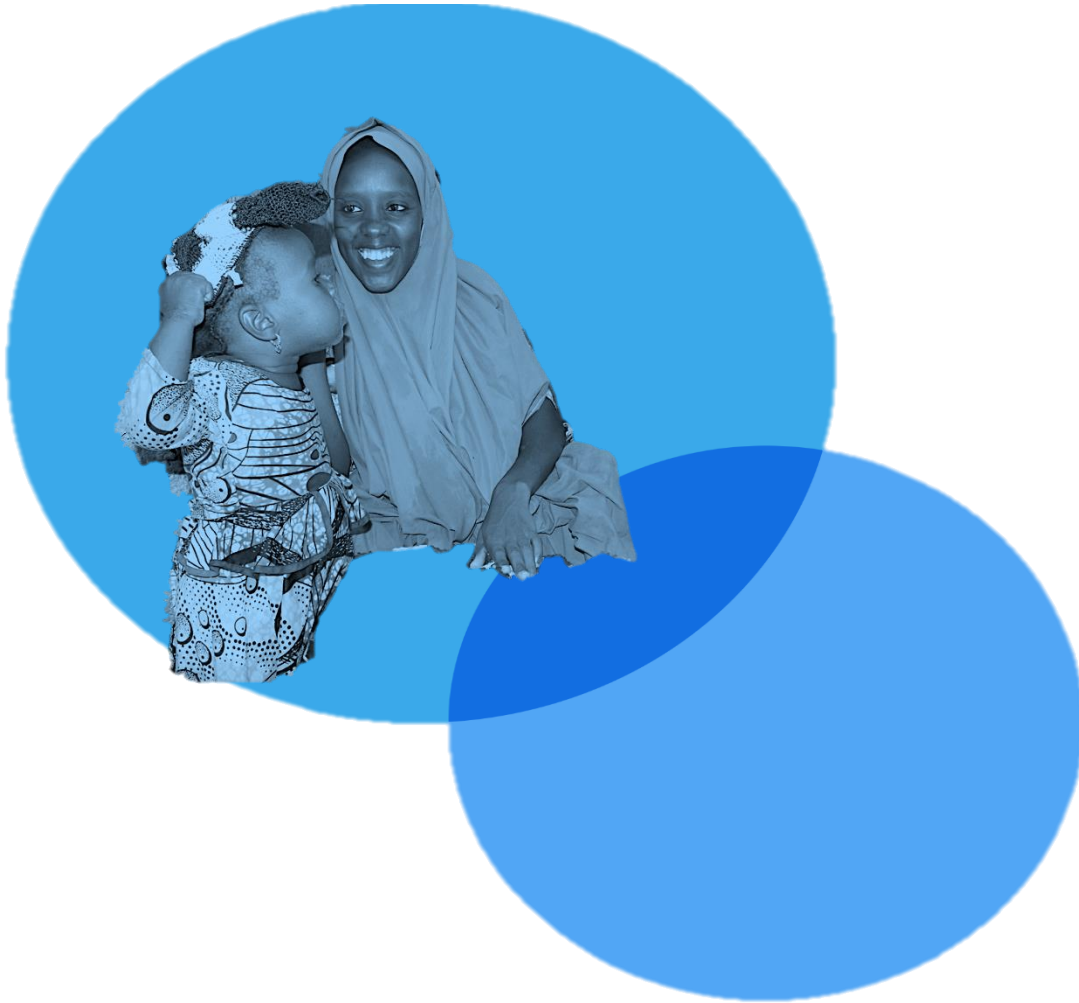




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# **About COWACDI**

**Concern for Women and Children Development Foundation (COWACDI) is a woman-led organization born out of a passion for the well-being of Women and Children in Nigeria. It has a special interest in mitigating the suffering of vulnerable persons (mostly Women and children) in times of crisis. Due to the decade-old crises, the organization has focused its attention on the northeast of Nigeria with special emphasis on Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa states (the BAY states).**

**COWACDI intervenes through a community-based approach in addressing gender-based violence prevention and response programmes, general protection, Non-food items (NFI), Housing land and property, peace-building programmes, and empowerment of youth and women. COWACDI operates with full respect for humanitarian law and works with concrete policies and principles of international standards such as humanity, impartiality, neutrality independence, and accountability to the affected population.**



## **Community**

COWACDI fosters vibrant community engagement through collaboration, empowerment, and inclusive initiatives.



## **Teamwork**

COWACDI thrives on teamwork, uniting diverse talents to achieve common goals and drive impactful change.



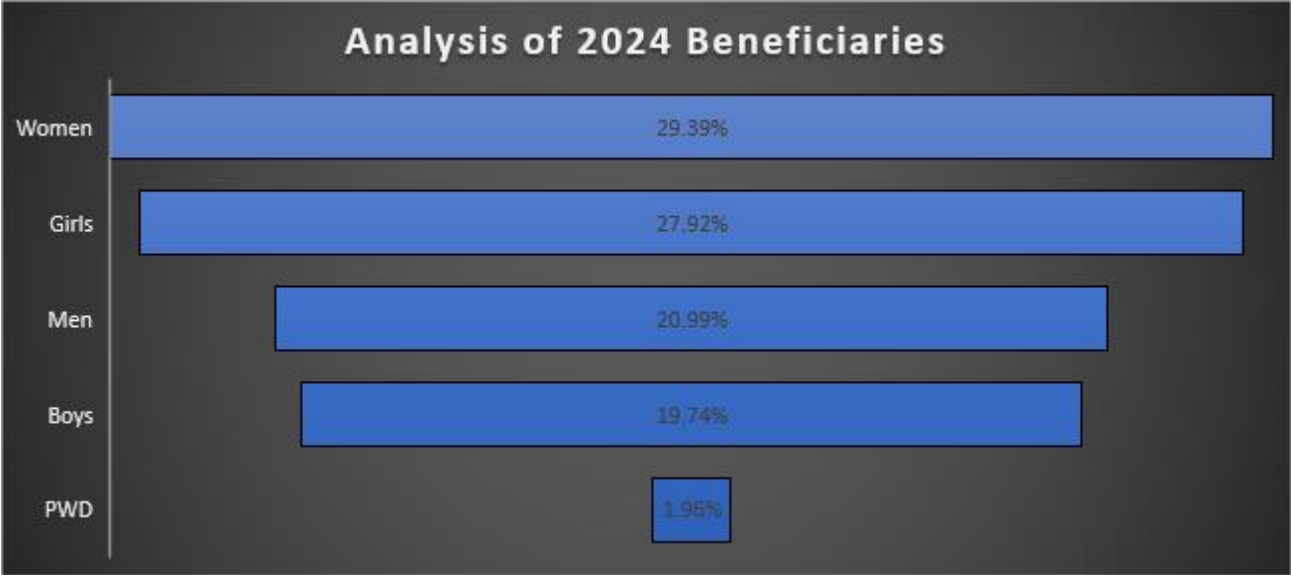
## **Support**

COWACDI is dedicated to community support, providing resources and assistance to uplift and empower local residents.

## DONORS AND PARTNERS



**COWACDI has served a total of 11,851 (Eleven thousand, Eight hundred and fifty-one) beneficiaries from January - December 2024**



## ACRONYMS

<b>LGAs</b> – Local Government Areas	Communications
<b>IDPs</b> – Internally Displaced Persons	<b>FGD</b> – Focus Group Discussion
<b>NFI</b> – Non-Food Items	<b>IPV</b> – Inmate Partner Violence
<b>HLP</b> – Housing Land and Property	<b>SEA</b> – Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
<b>ACS</b> – Acute Crisis Stream	<b>MMC</b> – Maiduguri Metropolitan Council
<b>AAP</b> – Accountability to Affected Population	<b>SGBV</b> – Sexual Gender-Based Violence
<b>CAID</b> – Christian Aid	<b>CFM</b> – Complaint and Feedback mechanism
<b>COWACDI</b> – Concern for Women and Children Development Foundation	<b>PSS</b> – Psycho-Social Support
<b>MPCA</b> – Multipurpose Cash Assistance	<b>PMC</b> – Project Management Committee
<b>UNFPA</b> – United Nations Population Funds	<b>MIYCN</b> – Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition
<b>AUN</b> – American University of Nigeria	<b>SBCC</b> – Social and Behavioral Change Communication
<b>HR</b> – Human Resource	<b>IYCF</b> – Infant and Young Child Feeding
<b>GBV</b> – Gender-Based Violence	<b>INGO's</b> – International non-Governmental Organizations
<b>PSEA</b> – Prevention Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse	<b>CNM</b> – Community Nutrition Mobilizers
<b>WASH</b> – Water Sanitation and Hygiene	<b>SNF</b> – Specialized Nutrition Food
<b>MEAL</b> – Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning	<b>MTMSG</b> – Mother To Mother Support Group
<b>PWD</b> – People with Disability	<b>OTP</b> – Outpatient Therapeutic Program
<b>MUAC</b> – Mid-Upper Arm Circumference	<b>TSFP</b> – Target Supplementary Feeding Programme
<b>ORS</b> – Oral Rehydration Salts	<b>PLWD</b> – People Living With Disability
<b>CHC</b> – Community Health Care	
<b>SAM</b> – Severe Acute Malnutrition	
<b>FLW</b> – Food Lost and Waste	
<b>MAM</b> – Moderate Acute Nutrition	
<b>PHC</b> – Primary Health Care	
<b>VAS</b> – Visual Analog Scale	
<b>SEMA</b> – State Emergency Management Agency	
<b>CSA</b> – Climate Smart Agriculture	
<b>SRH</b> – Sexual Reproduction and Health	
<b>IGA</b> – Income Generated Activity	
<b>IEC's</b> – Information, Education, and	

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## Country Director's Remark

*"Dear Partners, Donors, Volunteers, Staff, and Friends, as we close out 2024, we reflect on our progress, the challenges we've faced, and the meaningful impact we've had together in the communities we serve. This year has been a testament to the resilience, innovation, and dedication of everyone involved in COWACDI. I am proud and inspired by our collective efforts to advance our mission.*

*Despite the many challenges that continue to affect the northeast of Nigeria, 2024 has been a year of significant growth and achievement for COWACDI. We have reached new milestones, including extending our mandates into health programs. This year, we successfully launched the Child Health Campaign Programme, impacting 3,000 direct beneficiaries (children aged 0 to 4 years) by providing access to better healthcare services, thanks to Dimagi International and our donors. With your support, we have enrolled beneficiaries in our programs and distributed 547 units of hygiene kits in Mafa LGA, Borno State, along with assistance to 780 beneficiaries through multipurpose cash distribution, livelihood programs, GBV, general protection, non-food items, HLP, nutrition, and WASH.*

*We expanded our partnerships with organizations such as Dimagi International, AUN, UNFPA, NRC, governments, and community groups, allowing us to extend our reach and deepen our impact in Nigeria. Our success this year is a direct result of the commitment and dedication of our volunteers and the generous support from our donors and partners. Together, we have made tangible progress toward our shared vision of a just world where every vulnerable person attains protection and development.*

*This year has not been without its challenges, including political instability, funding constraints, and operational hurdles. However, these challenges have only strengthened our resolve to find innovative solutions and stay focused on our mission. Our adaptability and ability to pivot in the face of adversity have been key in ensuring that we continue to meet the needs of the communities we serve, with ongoing collaboration with our donors and partners sharpening our success story.*

*Looking forward to 2025, we remain committed to expanding our scope with effective and timely service delivery. We have ambitious plans to deepen our impact and build new partnerships that will further strengthen our work. Achieving these goals will require ongoing support from all of you—our partners, donors, volunteers, and supporters. Together, we can continue to create lasting change and build a better future for the communities we serve.*

*On behalf of the entire team at COWACDI, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and commitment. Because of you, we can make a real and lasting difference. As we enter 2025, I am filled with hope and optimism for the work we will do together. Let's continue to inspire, uplift, and empower those who need us the most. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey.*

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*Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyful end to 2024, and a hopeful beginning to 2025.  
With warmest regards.”*

-Dauda Saidu Balami, Country Director  
Concern for Women and Children Development Foundation (COWACDI)





## Head of Programs Remark

*“As we reflect on the achievements of 2024, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Dauda Balami the Country Director, and every member of the COWACDI family. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in reaching our goals and making a meaningful impact on the lives of women and children in our communities.*

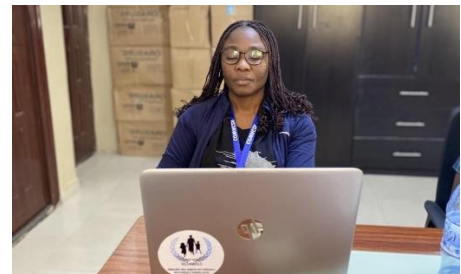
*To all program staff, operations (finance team, HR unit, logistics and procurement), and the MEAL team—thank you for your unwavering commitment and support. I would also like to recognize our incredible enumerators, drivers, security staff, janitors, community workers, and volunteers. Each one of you has played a vital role in our collective success.*

*As we look ahead to 2025, let us strive to deepen our collaboration and take a unified, systematic approach to our work. I encourage each of you to build on the strong partnerships we’ve developed and to contribute even more to our mission. Together, we can achieve even greater results.*

*Thank you once again for your hard work and dedication. Let’s continue to inspire and support one another as we pursue our goals in the coming year.”*

–Jummai Risku Zawaya, Head of Programs

Concern for Women and Children Development Foundation (COWACDI)



## HR/Admin Unit Remark

*“As we approach the conclusion of this year (2024), I would like to take a moment to reflect on the significant progress and milestones we have achieved together. This year has been one marked by challenges, adaptation, and growth. Our team’s dedication and unwavering commitment have played an essential role in maintaining a productive and supportive work environment.*

*Throughout the year, we prioritized initiatives that enhanced employee engagement, streamlined administrative processes, and fostered a culture of collaboration and inclusivity. We launched key programs that supported professional development and well-being, enabling our organization not only to meet but surpass our strategic goals.*

*Looking ahead, we remain committed to driving continuous improvement, innovation, and excellence in all aspects of HR administration. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each team member for their hard work and resilience, and I am confident that with the same spirit, we will navigate the coming year with even greater success.*

*Wishing you all a happy and fulfilling new year ahead.*

*Thank you.”*

–Nathan Abba Maina, HR/Admin Officer

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# PROGRAM REVIEW OF COWACDI'S INTERVENTIONS IN 2024

## MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE (MPCA)

The COWACDI team launched an MPCA project aimed at addressing the urgent needs of vulnerable individuals within the Zannari community, which was severely affected by devastating floods. The floods caused widespread destruction, displacing families, damaging homes, and disrupting livelihoods, leaving many residents needing immediate support.

To mitigate the impact of the disaster, the project focused on distributing cash assistance to the most vulnerable members of the community, including individuals with disabilities. This approach was chosen to empower beneficiaries with the flexibility to address their unique needs, whether for food, shelter, medical care, or other essentials.

The initiative represents a vital component of COWACDI's mission to enhance community resilience and promote recovery in the aftermath of natural disasters. By providing timely and direct financial support, the MPCA project seeks to alleviate suffering, restore dignity, and enable affected individuals to rebuild their lives.

### Specific Objective of the Property:

The Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) aims to improve the livelihoods of flood-affected populations, particularly the most vulnerable households, by providing them with cash assistance to meet their basic needs.

The COWACDI team conducted a physical verification exercise to identify selected participants for the Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) activity best on the registered list provided by the CAID partner.

### Targeted Population

The project has a target specifically the Zannari community, which is located within the Mafa Local Government Area (LGA). The primary goal of this initiative is to extend financial support to a total of 780 individuals, ensuring that each selected participant receives a wired transfer of ₦100,000 directly into their respective bank accounts. This financial assistance is intended to help improve the livelihoods of the recipients and assist them in addressing their immediate needs.

### Purpose of the Project

The purpose of this project is to support the Zannari community, which has been deeply impacted by

a devastating flood that led to the widespread destruction of buildings and businesses. The disaster has disrupted livelihoods, displaced families, and left many individuals in vulnerable situations. This initiative aims to provide much-needed assistance to those affected, focusing on empowering them to meet their immediate needs while contributing to their recovery and rebuilding efforts. By addressing these critical challenges, the project seeks to restore stability and resilience within the community.

**Total Impact**

The multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) to address the most pressing needs of the flood-affected population, prioritizing the most vulnerable populations total number of persons reach seven hundred eighty (780) in the targeted community of Zannari.

**Achieved Outcome of MPCA beneficiaries**

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Men	Estimated Total Population
1.	Zannari	584	196	780



*Fig.1 Zanari community entrance meeting with stakeholders, fostering collaboration and shared vision for a brighter future.*

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*Fig.2 An MPCA beneficiary stands before her damaged building, highlighting the urgent need for cash assistance in Zannari.*

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*Fig.3 An MPCA beneficiary proudly showing his renovated latrine, restored after the floods, thanks to cash assistance in Zannari.*

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*Fig.4 An MPCA beneficiary proudly showcases her small business, a testament to the support received from cash assistance in Zannari.*

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## **Hygiene Kits Distribution Project (WASH)**

The project's primary aim was to enhance hygiene practices and improve access to clean water within the Malakyariri community. This was accomplished by training hygiene promoters who would act as local advocates for improved health practices. Additionally, the project involved the distribution of hygiene kits to community members, aimed at providing essential items necessary for maintaining personal and environmental sanitation. Efforts were also made to rehabilitate existing boreholes to ensure a consistent supply of safe and clean drinking water. Complementing these initiatives, various sensitization activities were organized to increase awareness regarding the importance of hygiene and to foster community engagement in the maintenance of these enhanced practices for sustainable long-term benefits.

### **Specific Objective of the Property:**

- Increase awareness among community members about the importance of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) practices to prevent disease and promote overall health.
- To reduce the spread of waterborne diseases, proper hygiene behaviors, such as regular handwashing with soap, safe water handling, and sanitation practices are essential.
- Encourage community engagement in adopting and sustaining WASH practices, including the use of safe latrines and appropriate waste disposal, by emphasizing the health and environmental benefits.
- Strengthen participants' knowledge of personal and environmental hygiene to improve their quality of life and foster healthier, more resilient communities.



## Results Achievements

Hygiene promoter's training: The training successfully equipped hygiene promoters with knowledge and skills to inspire better hygiene practices in the Malakyariri community. Tangible results included:

- Increased adoption of hand washing, safe water handling, and sanitation practices.
- Improved hygiene awareness across the community, with a focus on preventing waterborne diseases.

## Hygiene Kits Distribution

- **Verification and Token Distribution:** A transparent process ensured that only verified beneficiaries received hygiene kits, with unique tokens issued to prevent duplication.
- **Prioritization:** Vulnerable groups, including 130 persons with disabilities, pregnant women, and mothers with babies, were prioritized to avoid unnecessary strain during the distribution.
- **Impact:** A total of 547 beneficiaries (336 females, 81 males, and 130 PWDs) received hygiene kits, improving access to essential hygiene supplies.

## Borehole Rehabilitation

- The borehole was rehabilitated, ensuring sustainable access to clean water, and benefiting the entire Malakyariri community.
- Key improvements included the replacement of solar panels, pumps, pipes, and tap heads, and the implementation of anti-vandalism measures.
- Malakyariri community leaders were involved in the handover ceremony and trained on maintenance practices to ensure long-term functionality.

## Sensitization Activities

Over two months, the WASH officer and hygiene promoters conducted hygiene sensitization in the Malakyariri community on:

1. **Hand Washing:** Promoting proper techniques to prevent disease transmission.
2. **Open Defecation Awareness:** Advocating for latrine use to enhance sanitation.
3. **Environmental Hygiene:** Encouraging proper waste disposal and clean surroundings.
4. **Safe Water Chain:** Educating on water storage and handling to prevent contamination.
5. **Cholera Prevention:** Raising awareness of cholera symptoms, causes, and prevention.
6. **Food Hygiene:** Promoting safe food handling and preparation.

- ORS Preparation:** Teaching how to prepare Oral Rehydration Solution for diarrhea treatment.

Impact on Women, Men, Boys, Girls, and Vulnerable Groups

- **Women and Girls:** The project prioritized pregnant women and mothers with babies during hygiene kit distribution, ensuring their specific needs were met. They also benefited from improved water access, reducing the burden of fetching water.
- **Men and Boys:** Male participants actively engaged in borehole maintenance training and hygiene awareness, fostering inclusive community ownership.
- **Persons with Disabilities (PWDs):** Special consideration during kit distribution and borehole access ensured their inclusion and safety.

#### Achieved Outcome of Hygiene Promotion Beneficiaries

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Girls	Total Men	Total Boys	Total
1.	Malakyariri	850	150	400	100	1500

#### Achieved Outcome of Hygiene Kit Distribution Beneficiaries

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Men	Total PWD	Total
1.	Malakyariri	336	81	130	547



*Fig.5 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING IN MALAKYRIRI COMMUNITY, FOSTERING COLLABORATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.*

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*FIG.6 MALAKYRIRI COMMUNITY MEMBERS FETCHING WATER FROM THE REHABILITATED WATERHEAD, ENSURING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER FOR ALL.*

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*FIG. 7 HYGIENE PROMOTION SESSION FOR YOUNG BOYS IN MALAKYRIRI COMMUNITY, EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION WITH ESSENTIAL HEALTH KNOWLEDGE.*

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*FIG. 8 BENEFICIARY RECEIVING HER HYGIENE KIT AT THE DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN MALAKYRIRI COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLBEING FOR ALL.*

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## DIMAGI NUTRITION ACTIVITY

COWACDI led a Child Health Campaign care implementation in Maiduguri, Borno state, and organized door-to-door campaigns in which Field Level Workers Administered Vitamin A to all eligible children (up to 3,000) in the range of 6-59 months, Hand over 2 co-packs of ORS/Zinc for each eligible child in the range of 0-59 months, Screen for malnutrition (Mid-upper arm circumference-MUAC screening or a regionally contextualized measure) and record the data in the CommCare CHC App along with a photograph of the MUAC reading and handover of ORS co-packs, Collect data on the child's vaccination status and coverage, and promote missing vaccinations and Collect household phone number within Maiduguri.

### Specific Objective of the Property:

COWACDI led a Child Health Campaign scale implementation in Maiduguri, Borno State, and has organized door-to-door campaigns in which workers:

- Administer Vitamin A to all eligible children (up to 3,000) in the range of 6-59 months
- Hand over 2 co-packs of ORS/Zinc for each eligible child in the range of 0-59 months
- Screen for malnutrition (Mid-upper arm circumference-MUAC screening or a regionally contextualized measure) and record data in the COMM Care CHC App along with a photograph of the MUAC reading and handover of ORS co-packs
- Collect data on the child's vaccination status and coverage, and promote missing vaccinations.
- Collect household phone numbers.

### The Activity of the Project

**Community Entrance:** The nutrition team from COWACDI carried out a community entrance meeting on 8-10-2024 engaging with four stakeholders and one community leader in Modusulmri on the implementation of the nutrition component of the project within their community. During the meeting, the stakeholders and community leader were informed of the following activities to be carried out as itemized below:

- **MUAC (Mid-Upper Arm Circumference) Measurement:** The MUAC screening involves measuring the circumference of the child's upper arm using a color-coded tape. The measurement provides a quick and reliable indicator of malnutrition. The color codes (green, yellow, red) indicate the nutritional status.
- **COWACDI FLW Visits each Household:** They explain the process to the caregivers and seek consent.

- **Administration of ORS/Zinc:** Manage and prevent dehydration and diarrhea in children. The FLW targeted Children aged 0-59 months within the community.
- The front-line workers educate caregivers on the importance of ORS and Zinc, and they demonstrate how to prepare and administer ORS.
- **Vitamin A Supplementation:** Enhance the immune system and prevent Vitamin A deficiency. The frontlines workers consider Children aged 6-59 months.

The Community leaders were impressed with the nutrition intervention in their community and also gained more knowledge of the key nutrition messages for a healthy child across the Modusulmri community. They assured to give their maximum support during the project's implementation.

### **Advocacy Visit to Sulumri Health Facility**

COWACDI Nutrition team on the same 8-10-2024 went on an advocacy visit to the Sulumri health facility. The team met with the in charge of the PHC and discussed the activities to be carried out in the Sulumri community under the nutrition unit. Discussion on collaboration and support needed from Sulumri Primary Health Care on the referral pathway for all children identified with SAM and MAM cases across the location. The in-charge gave us assurance on working together as a team to identify all children with SAM across Sulumri and ensured to give any support needed toward our activities, she also encouraged us that the door is open for any clarification needed for the facility so we can meet her directly.

### **Activity Report from October to December 2024**

COWACDI FLW conducted a house-to-house child health campaign in Maisandari Ward, reaching 3000 children aged 0-59 months. They provided Vitamin A supplementation, ORS/Zinc distribution, and MUAC screening. The campaign identified 125 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 55 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) from October to December 2024. These children were referred to Sulumri Primary Health Care for further treatment. Field-level workers visited households directly to ensure full coverage and engagement. Essential interventions included boosting immune function with Vitamin A, preventing dehydration with ORS/Zinc, and detecting malnutrition using MUAC screening. The campaign aimed to improve child health and address malnutrition. By reaching a large number of children, the campaign ensured widespread health benefits. The direct household visits enhanced the effectiveness of the interventions. Overall, the campaign made significant strides in improving child health in Maisandari Ward.

## Methodologies

- **MUAC Screening:** The FLW Measured the mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) of children aged 0-59 months to identify malnutrition levels. FLWs used color-coded MUAC tapes to classify nutritional status (green for healthy, yellow for moderate acute malnutrition, and red for severe acute malnutrition).
- **Administration of ORS/Zinc:** The FLWs administer Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) and Zinc supplements to children with signs of diarrhea to prevent dehydration and promote recovery.
- **Vitamin A Supplementation:** Vitamin A capsules were also administered to children from 6-59 months to boost immunity and reduce the risk of infections and blindness.
- **House-to-House Visits Coverage:** Systematic visits to households in Maisandari Ward to ensure comprehensive coverage and to reach all children within the target age group. Recording the health status, MUAC measurements, and interventions provided for each child to maintain accurate records and monitor progress.
- **Referral System:** Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) during MUAC screening were identified and referred to Health Facilities: Sulumri Primary Health for further assessment and appropriate medical treatment.

### Active Case Finding from October to December 2024

The active case finding was carried out across the Modusulmri community and a house-to-house MUAC Screening for all children from 0-59 months of age was conducted.

	GREEN	YELLOW	RED	Total
	2820	125	55	3000

### Purpose of Activities:

The campaign addressed critical areas of child nutrition and health, focusing on MUAC screening, administering ORS/Zinc, and providing Vitamin A supplementation to children from 0-59 months within Maiduguri, Borno state.

### Challenges

- Screening for malnutrition using Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) and administering drugs to children during school hours is challenging. This limits access to children during the day, making it difficult to achieve the coverage needed for effective intervention.

- Parents' absence during home visits hinders the ability to conduct interviews and provide necessary health interventions and education.
- Some of the households are resisting the administration of vitamin A, the reason is lack of knowledge of VAS and its benefit to the child. Most of the households needed malaria medication instead of the ORS and Zinc Tablet.
- The shortage of healthcare services in the Sulumri community has resulted in limited access to essential medical care, inadequate child health services, and insufficient disease prevention measures.



*Fig.9 COWACDI-trained Nutrition actor administering Vaccination Awareness Sessions (VAS) to a 0-59 months old child in Modusulumri community.*

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*Fig.10 COWACDI-trained Nutrition actor Carrying out MUAC Screening on a 0-59 months old child In Maisandari Ward in Modusulumri community.*

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*Fig.11 COWACDI-trained Nutrition actor explaining the use of ORS/Zinc, and providing Vitamin A supplementation to children from 0-59 months in Maisandari Ward.*

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*Fig.12 COWACDI-trained Nutrition actor administering Vaccination Awareness Sessions (VAS) to a Female child in Maisandari ward.*

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## Climate Smart Agriculture Project

The project began with stakeholder mapping and familiarization visits to the Malakyariri community. It focused on identifying and engaging key stakeholders such as the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Women Affairs, and community representatives. These efforts aimed to inform stakeholders about the project's objectives and activities, foster collaboration, and lay the groundwork for effective implementation. The familiarization visits also emphasized the importance of community participation to ensure the project's success.

An introductory meeting brought together stakeholders and COWACDI staff to build relationships and establish a shared understanding of the project's goals. The meeting outlined the scope of activities, the target population, implementation strategies, and project duration. Stakeholders' mandates were considered while respecting privacy and cultural norms. The discussion reinforced the importance of active community involvement, aligning the project with the needs and aspirations of stakeholders and beneficiaries.

Capacity-building initiatives were a significant component of the project. Staff and community workers (Climate actors) received training to enhance their ability to implement climate-smart solutions. Beneficiaries were trained in Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices and Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). These efforts aimed to equip participants with the

knowledge and skills necessary to adopt sustainable livelihoods and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Monitoring and evaluation activities ensured the project stayed on track, and stakeholder review meetings assessed progress and identified areas for improvement. Additionally, in-kind support was distributed to verified beneficiaries, addressing immediate needs and supporting the transition to climate-smart practices.

### **Target Area & Beneficiaries:**

The target area is Malakyariri Host Community Tamsum –Ngamdua ward in Mafa LGA of Borno State. 2050 beneficiaries were targeted for CSA sensitization, 1,191 households were identified, and 50 (35 female-headed and 15 male-headed) were verified and enrolled to benefit from climate-smart agricultural practices and income-generating activities. Seven (7) individuals with disabilities (five males and two females) were identified and included.

### **Objectives**

- Promote Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices
- Enhance Community Knowledge and Resilience
- Strengthen Protection and Awareness Mechanisms

### **Capacity Building Training on Climate Smart Agriculture**

A two-day capacity-building training on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) was conducted for 50 participants, including seven individuals with disabilities. The training focused on adaptive techniques like rainwater harvesting, drip irrigation, and crop diversification to combat climate change impacts and enhance livelihoods. Participants also learned financial strategies and methods to improve agricultural resilience.

Given the community's reliance on natural resources and vulnerability to climate change, the program emphasized reducing risks through practices like mulching, mixed cropping, and avoiding deforestation. It highlighted the need for sustainable land use and strategies to address challenges like droughts and altered rainfall patterns.

The training improved participants' understanding of climate change, empowered them to adopt sustainable practices, and established a knowledge-sharing system to promote CSA, enhancing resilience and food security within the community.

## **Sensitization on CSA and Awareness Session on GBV/PSEA and Protection Monitoring**

The Livelihood team conducted a community-wide sensitization in Malakyariri, reaching 2,050 individuals (974 females, 974 males, including 102 persons with disabilities) to promote climate-smart agriculture. Using group discussions, they emphasized strategies like mulching, drip irrigation, and rainwater harvesting to conserve resources and improve soil and crop productivity. The sessions aimed to enhance community understanding of global climate change and encourage adopting sustainable farming practices to improve livelihoods and resilience.

Additionally, the protection team conducted awareness sessions on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), reaching 430 participants (290 females, 140 males, including 26 persons with disabilities). These sessions highlighted key PSEA principles, reporting channels, and support services for survivors while promoting dignity, safety, and cultural respect. Protection monitoring activities involving 88 participants (60 females, 28 males) ensured adherence to humanitarian principles, identifying risks and gathering community feedback to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable.

## **Distribution of in-kind Support to Project Participants**

The project team organized a sensitization session before distributing in-kind support to beneficiaries, focusing on items needed to enhance farming activities in the face of climate change. During discussions, participants identified essential tools and inputs, including cowpeas, groundnuts, pesticides, herbicides, sprayers, and farming tools like hoes. Beneficiaries had already prepared their farmlands, ready to begin planting during the rainy season.

Each beneficiary received 10kg of cowpea and groundnut seeds (climate-smart, short-maturing varieties), a 15-liter sprayer, 3 liters each of pesticides and herbicides, a long hoe, and two short hoes. These items are designed to support climate-smart agriculture by improving productivity and ecological safety. A total of 50 households (31 females, 11 males, including 7 individuals with disabilities) benefited, marking a significant step toward sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience.

## **Challenges**

- High expectations from community members to be selected as beneficiaries, resulted in threats to interrupt the continuation of the project.
- Increased complaints and grievances concerning the limited number of target beneficiaries for the allocated support as many households continue to struggle with livelihood insecurity and limited access to resources for resilience building.



- Community members were mostly away for farming activities being that farming season has commenced. This resulted in low attendance and increased follow-up to boost the participation of community members.
- Some of the community members refused to participate in the sensitization because they were not selected for the capacity-building training and its complementing support.



*Fig.13 COWACDI's Country Director and Donors (CAID) presenting a project to participant with in kind support at distribution point in Malakyariri community.*

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*Fig.14 COWACDI Staffs organizing items to be distributed at distribution site in Malakyariri Community.*

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*Fig.15 Capacity building training on climate smart agriculture organized by Cowacdi with project participant from Malakyariri community.*

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*Fig.16 COWACDI Staff taking participant data during registration in Malakyariri Community.*

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## **UNFPA-AUN Project.**

The project highlights the key activities carried out by COWACDI staff to support community development and address critical issues related to gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual and reproductive health (SRH). These activities were implemented in alignment with the organization's work plan and aimed at fostering sustainable impact within the target community of Zannari, Mafa LGA, Maiduguri, Borno state.

### **1. Introductory Meeting / Community Entry:**

This initial engagement provided a platform to introduce the project to community stakeholders, establish relationships, and create a foundation for trust and collaboration.

### **2. Recruitment of Community Volunteers:**

Community members were identified and trained as volunteers to act as key agents for mobilization, implementation, and sustainability of project activities.

### **3. Sensitization and Awareness Raising on GBV and SRH:**

Public awareness campaigns were conducted to educate the community about GBV prevention and the importance of SRH, emphasizing access to resources and support mechanisms.

### **4. Training of Beneficiaries on Livelihood Income-Generating Activities (IGA):**

Beneficiaries were equipped with practical skills to engage in sustainable income-generating activities, enhancing economic empowerment and resilience.

### **5. SPSS Sessions on SRH for 30 Women and Girls:**

Targeted sessions were held for women and girls to provide them with in-depth knowledge of SRH, fostering informed decision-making and health-seeking behavior.

## **Specific Objective:**

- To enlighten the community leadership on the project implementation activity.
- To screen for suitable community enumerators for the implementation of the project activity.
- To Train five Community volunteers and capacity building to staff.
- To increase community sensitization and awareness about GBV and SRH and community sensitization by distributing IECs.
- To inform participants on how to manage, expand, and legalize their business.
- Profiling and verification of the selected beneficiaries for payment by the finance team.

### **Key messages discussed during the meeting include:**

**Sensitization and Awareness Raising GBV:** The programs team in collaboration with the community Enumerators continued with the sensitization on gender-based violence (GBV) and Sexual Reproduction and Health (SRH) as a significant protection concern facing women and girls in northeast Nigeria. This sensitization helped to increase awareness and gain a deep understanding of the different forms of GBV, SRH, its causes, and consequences, as well as the intersectionality of gender and protection concerns within the community. Also, mainstreaming skills and practical strategies to integrate GBV, SRH, and protection considerations into programs, from design and implementation to monitoring and evaluation. During the sensitization, the community members were educated on the dangers of violence against women and girls, genital mutilation, forced marriage, sexual violence, and early marriage.

**Training for the Community Volunteers** participating in the Gender-Based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights project. The training aims to equip volunteers with essential knowledge, skills, and resources to effectively contribute to these critical areas and was successfully conducted at the COWACDI conference Hall. The team was also trained on ways to facilitate the FGD sessions with the project participants, they were equally informed about the code of conduct while on the field. The training program has the following key objectives:

- **Project Understanding:** Provide volunteers with a comprehensive understanding of the GBVIE and SRHIE project goals, scope, and impact.
- **Gender Sensitivity:** Foster awareness and sensitivity toward gender-related issues, emphasizing respect, inclusivity, and empathy.
- **Health Literacy:** Educate volunteers on sexual and reproductive health, including family planning, safe practices, and disease prevention.
- **Community Engagement:** Equip volunteers with communication, outreach, and community mobilization skills

### **Beneficiary Selection for IGA Support.**

To have a transparent and participatory process a standard selection criterion was used to achieve this, the selection process was done using the Kobo Collect tool. It is worth noting that the selection process was conducted while taking into consideration the cultural norms and values of the people of the community. A total number of 50 individuals were registered of which 30 were finally selected, this comprises 20 Women and 10 Male Youth involved in any Income Generating Activity (IGA).

## Training of Participants for Financial Support

Participants with existing businesses selected who are going to be supported financially to boost and enhance their businesses for maximum profit converged at COWACDI they have been trained in business skills and management. The training was done in two sessions given the number of participants and for the finance team to be able to regulate and profile the participants who will be financially supported after the training. The training started with understanding the participants' knowledge of what business is; business skills; how to manage their business, income, and expenses including profits; how to expand their business, and legalization of it. The business owners were trained on ways to handle and manage people, customers, their workers, and other business owners. They were informed and encouraged to save up and have their businesses registered to aspire and plan for a better return.

### Challenges:

- The community was expecting packages from the organization, hence the low turnout of participants.
- Raining season, the community goes to the farm resulting in low turnout.

### WP Indicators for this Activity/ Values Contributed

Number of participants selected	20 women and 10 youth on IGA
Number of participants trained to adequately respond to GBV in Emergencies	1,903
The proportion of female participants	N/A for the stakeholder meeting, 66.67% female for IGA, while 93% of total participants are female.
Proportion of male participants	33.33% Male for IGA, while 7% of the total participants are male.
The proportion of participants from women-led organizations trained	N/A

### Age Group

- Number of participants in the 18-25 age group – 398
- Number of participants in the 25-35 age group – 1058
- Number of participants over 35 years old – 447



*Fig.17 COWACDI GBV Actors Carrying out FDG sessions for women and girls in Zannari community.*

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*Fig.18 Photo session after training of project participant on financial support*

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## **GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) AND PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (PSEA).**

GBV is a significant protection concern facing IDPs, refugees, women, girls, boys, men, and even host communities in the North-Eastern part of Nigeria. The protracted nature of the conflict and natural disaster continues to displace millions of people, the majority of whom are women, girls, and children who are the most vulnerable. They often find themselves trapped in a vicious cycle of violence, GBV incidents especially intimate partner violence (IPV), early and forced marriage, harmful gender norms, SGBV by pre-existing gender inequalities, including SEA by humanitarian aid workers involving sexual violence continue to be underreported. The vast majority affected are women and girls, though many boys are also victims of sexual violence, leading to an increase in negative coping mechanisms like child labor, transactional sex, child marriage, forced marriage, domestic violence, drug abuse, etc.

SEA is one of the basic failures of accountability to the people whom the aid system is supposed to protect (beneficiaries and staff). Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) is a core priority area in humanitarian response and therefore a responsibility for all.

The project specifically focuses on awareness raising through sensitization/Psychosocial support activities which provided an overarching framework for coordinated activities across various subsectors that promote capacity building, educational empowerment, and case management

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services available to survivors of GBV/PSEA and mitigating measures against the spread of GBV /PSEA in the society and communities at large.

### **Target Area & Beneficiaries:**

The target areas are Modusulumri host community Maisandari ward, MMC LGA, and Malakyariri Host Community Tamsam –Ngamdua ward in Mafa LGA of Borno State. These locations comprised displaced persons from various LGAs including Bama, Konduga, Damboa, Gwoza, Kaga, Mafa, Gamboru, Ngala, and Marte respectively. The project is designed for 1000 beneficiaries (350 women, 170 men, 300 adolescent girls, and 180 boys) for sensitization and awareness raising on GBV risks, causes, reporting, and consequences as well as to attend to 50 survivors-assessing various case management needs and making referrals to relevant service providers (i.e. health, empowerment, legal aid) as well as provide psychosocial support.

### **Problem:**

Violation of fundamental human rights of an individual, and GBV undermines a human's sense of self-respect, worth, and freedom. It affects a person's entire system i.e. physical health, mental health, and psychological well-being which if not managed properly results in anxiety, social isolation, hallucination, depression, reduced self-esteem, and suicidal thoughts. In responding to preventing such from occurring intervening through educating people on the need to speak up and the consequences of same as a mitigating measure, reporting channels, and available services to the survivors is paramount.

### **Specific Objective:**

The project specifically focuses on awareness raising and sensitization/Psychosocial support activities which will provide an overarching framework for coordinated activities across various subsectors that promote gender equality, capacity building, creating a culture of zero tolerance for violence, educational empowerment, case management services available to survivors of GBV/PSEA and mitigating measures and reporting channels against the spread of same.

### **Objectives of the Projects**

- To strengthen communication with the target community (leaders and members) on GBV/PSEA and to address the needs and vulnerability of persons at high risk of GBV/SEA.
- Increased awareness of GBV/PSEA forms and consequences.
- Encourage reporting and seeking help through reporting channels.
- Increased access to needs and services through a referral pathway.

- Promote gender equality and empowerment.
- Break social and cultural norms condoning violence.

### The Key Activities are:

- Grant opening meeting
- Advocacy and stakeholder engagement in the community.
- Training on GBV/PSEA, Safeguarding, and SGBV.
- Sensitizations and awareness sessions on GBV/PSEA.
- Psychosocial Support activities.

### Purpose of Activities:

#### Sensitization and Awareness/PSS Activities

The purpose of the activities generally is to scale up knowledge of the affected population, particularly to prevent the adverse effect of GBV/PSEA from reaching a population of women, girls, boys, and men through sensitization and awareness sessions who are at risk of GBV/PSEA. The activity sought to sensitize the affected population with relevant knowledge of GBV/PSEA which included discussions on root Causes, types, Consequences, prevention, responding, mitigating measures, and reporting channels of same and understanding of women's rights in the community. Also, to increase awareness and educate women and girls who are mostly at risk of various forms of GBV, SEA, and CFM. The activity also sought to empower the affected population with relevant knowledge of Preventing Sexual exploitation and Abuse committed by Humanitarian Aid Workers while discharging their duties to the affected populace and the six (6) core principles of PSEA while also building their capacity on the processes of reporting such cases.

In line with the above objective, COWACDI conducted sensitization and awareness sessions and psychosocial support activities in Modusulumri and Malakyariri respectively throughout the year. Below is the description of the persons reached in each location.

#### Planned Sensitization/Awareness and Psychosocial Support Activities

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Girls	Total Men	Total Boys	Estimated Total Population
1.	Modusulumri community	150	150	100	100	500
2.	Malakyariri Host community	200	150	70	80	500

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## Progress:

As planned the sensitization and Awareness exercise aims at enlightening participants on GBV/PSEA. Also, Psychosocial Support (PSS) Activities which aimed at helping participants overcome their psychological distress and strengthen their resilience in stressful situations. Indicators of the target in the table below:

### Achieved Outcome of Community Sensitization/PSS Activities Captured

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Girls	Total Men	Total Boys	Total for each Ward	Estimated Total Population
1.	Modusulumri	125	76	50	45	296	683
3.	Malakyariri	182	95	45	65	387	



*Fig.19 COWACDI GBV Actor carrying out FDG session with women and girls on prevention against Sexual Exploitation and abuse in Modusulumri Community*

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*Fig.20 COWACDI GBV Actor carrying out FDG session with Boys on prevention against Sexual Exploitation and abuse in Modusulumri Community*

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*Fig.21 COWACDI GBV Actor carrying out FDG session with girls on prevention against Sexual Exploitation and abuse in Modusulumri Community*

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*Fig.22 COWACDI GBV Actors carrying out FDG session with women on prevention against Sexual Exploitation and abuse in Modusulumri Community*

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## General Protection

General Protection aims to take measures to safeguard the well-being, safety of individuals, and dignity of the community and population affected by crises, conflicts, or disasters.

Protection is central to all humanitarian action, it aims to help people avoid or recover from violence, coercion, and deliberate deprivation. COWACDI General Protection Team was in the Zannari community to administer a questionnaire used in collecting protection monitoring data. The monitoring tool covers a wide range of protection-related concerns, including safety and security access to basic needs and services, etc.

The team conducted household assessment (HHA) within the community administering a protection incident reporting questionnaire to sample opinions regarding general protection accountability to affected population and community engagement, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, priority needs, and access to service. However, about 95% of respondents wanted information about what services are available, where services are available, and who is eligible for the services. No sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) cases were reported during the exercise so no referral was made. Additionally, the assessment conducted involves ten (10) households weekly consisting of both men and women both community members Host community, and IDPs. The project also focuses on protection Monitoring through Household questionnaire and protection Incident Reporting.

### Target Area & Beneficiaries:

The target area is the Zannari host community, Tamsum –Ngamdua ward in Mafa LGA of Borno State. These locations comprised of displaced persons from various LGAs including Bama, Konduga, Damboa, Gwoza, Kaga, Mafa, Gamboru, Ngala, and Marte respectively. The project is designed for Household questionnaire and sensitization and awareness raising on General Protection risks, causes, reporting, and consequences as well as to educate the community on their rights and dignity.

### Specific Objectives of the Project:

- Prevent or mitigate protection risk through advocacy, capacity building, and community
- Promote respect for human rights and dignity.
- Improve access to protection services and support.
- To strengthen the protection capacities of local authorities, partners, and communities.

### Purpose of Activities:

#### Protection Monitoring

The purpose of the activities generally is to detect and report protection incident concerns. Particularly to analyze trends and patterns of protection concerns.

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## Planned Protection Monitoring Activities

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Men	Estimated Total Population
1.	Zannari community	300	180	480

## Achieved outcome of Protection Monitoring Captured

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Men	Estimated Total Population
1.	Zannari community	190	10	200



Fig.23 COWACDI Protection Actors administering protection monitoring household questionnaires to the target household of the host community members of the Zannari community

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## ***LIVELIHOOD PROJECT***

The COWACDI livelihood team seeks to contribute to the reduction and mitigation of community-level conflict and insecurity by investing in initiatives that address key drivers of conflict and insecurity. Using the community security and social cohesion approach, the awareness raising will empower the Zannari community to identify in an inclusive and participatory manner, the drivers of conflicts in their community, and using an integrated and gender-sensitive approach, support the community to effectively prevent, and manage and resolve conflict in a non-violent manner. At the same time, the awareness raising will also strengthen community relationships by identifying and strengthening cultural, social, and economic connectors that make the community reliant in times of peace and conflict, across the sex and age divide. COWACDI livelihood team will work with community stakeholders to support initiatives that reinforce economic interdependencies and indirectly provide women and youth with alternative livelihood opportunities, instigating positive behavioral change in members of the targeted community, through dialogue and reconciliation.

### **Target Area & Beneficiaries:**

The target location is Zannari host community Tamsu Ngamdua ward, Mafa LGA, Borno State. The activity targeted 700 participants, 409 females and 291 males comprising community members, traditional leaders, religious leaders, informal security personnel, youth leaders, and other prominent members of the community.

### **Objectives of the Project:**

These are the objectives for the community project self-funded focusing on peacebuilding, social cohesion, and livelihood enhancement:

#### **Social Cohesion and Peacebuilding Objectives:**

- Strengthen community capacity for social cohesion and peacebuilding through focus group discussion.
- Enhance community security to watch groups on conflict resolution and early warning systems.
- Conduct peace dialogue sessions, engaging community members in livelihood initiatives and business opportunities.
- Strengthening the community to promote peace, social cohesion, and sustainable livelihoods, improving the quality of life for the community members.

### **Purpose of Activities:**

- Sensitization and awareness sessions on dialogue and reconciliation processes

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- Setting up a steering committee for dialogue resolution
- Citizen-driven initiatives and networks strengthened to promote social cohesion and reconciliation across divided community people.
- Information sharing on how to generate income as a small-scale business and other livelihood activities.

In line with the above objective, COWACDI Livelihood conducted sensitization and awareness sessions in a focus group discussion in the Zannari community for a year. Below is the description of the person reaching the target location.

### Planned Sensitization/Awareness Activities

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Girls	Total Men	Total Boys	Estimated Total Population
1.	Zannari community	250	159	185	106	700

### Achieved Outcome of Community Sensitization and Awareness on Social Cohesion

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Girls	Total Men	Total Boys	Estimated Total Population
1.	Zannari community	250	159	185	106	700



Fig.24 COWACDI Livelihood team conducting sensitization for men and women on social cohesion





Fig.25 COWACDI Livelihood team conducting sensitization for men and boys on social cohesion

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*Fig.26 COWACDI Livelihood team conducting sensitization for men and women on social cohesion and peace building in zannari community of Mafa LGA*

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## Nutrition Activities

### Community Sensitization

The nutrition team from COWACDI carried out a community sensitization meeting with fourteen project management committees (PMC) (7 males and 7 females) and one community leader in Zannari/Modusullumri on the implementation of the nutrition component of the project within their community. During the meeting, the PMCs and community leader were informed of the following activities to be carried out as itemized below:

- Active case finding and follow-up with the identified SAM and MAM cases.
- Maternal infant and young child nutrition (MIYCN) through mother-to-mother support group meetings.
- Social and behavioral change communication (SBCC) session.
- Child Health campaign

The project management committee were impressed with the integration of nutrition into the current project because this will help the community members to have more knowledge on the key nutrition messages to have a healthy child across the Modusulumri/Zannari community. They assured to would give their maximum support during the implementation of the project.

### Objectives of the Project:

1. To identify and treat children with SAM and MAM.

2. To promote maternal, infant, and young child nutrition through support groups.
3. To implement social and behavioral change communication to improve community health practices.
4. To conduct child health campaigns to enhance awareness and participation in nutrition programs.

### **Purpose**

1. Enhance community knowledge of nutrition.
2. Provide support and follow-up for malnourished children.
3. Encourage healthy feeding practices among mothers and caregivers.
4. Strengthen community engagement in health and nutrition initiatives.

### **Target Area & Beneficiaries:**

The target areas are Modusulumri host community Maisandari ward, MMC LGA, and Zannari Host Community Tamsam –Ngamdua ward in Mafa LGA of Borno State. These locations comprised of displaced persons from various LGAs including Bama, Konduga, Damboa, Gwoza, Kaga, Mafa, Gamboru, Ngala, and Marte respectively. The project is designed for 2,150 beneficiaries (500 PLW women, 1500 girls, and 150 boys) for sensitization and awareness, MTMSG, MUAC Screening, Referral to OTP/PHC, and SBCC.

### **Meetings Attended from January to December 2024.**

#### **Advocacy Visit to Zannari Health Facility**

COWACDI Nutrition team went out for an advocacy visit to the Zannari health facility, the team met with Hajiya Amina Waziri, and the nutrition team discussed the activities to be carried out in the Zannari community under the nutrition unit which includes active case-finding, and follow-up cooking demonstration, IYCF mother to mother support group meeting, and SBCC session. A discussion on collaboration and support needed from Zannari Primary Health Care on the referral part-way for all children identified with SAM and MAM cases across the location was carried out the activities. The in-charge gave us assurance on working together as a team to identify all children with SAM across Zannari and she was ensured to give any support needed toward our activities she also encouraged us that the door is open for any clarification needed for the facility so we can meet her directly.

#### **The Flag-Off World Breastfeeding Week 2024.**

The COWACDI nutrition team actively took part in the inauguration of World Breastfeeding Week on

August 1, 2024. The event was graciously initiated by Her Excellency Dr Falmata Babagana Umara Zulum, the First Lady of Borno State, at the State Specialist Hospital in Maiduguri, Borno State. The activities are set to span until August 7, 2023, encompassing all 26 Local Government Areas (LGAs) within Borno State. Noteworthy UN agencies, international nongovernmental organizations (INGOs), and national organizations joined in the occasion.

**Quarterly Refresher Training of Community Nutrition Mobilizers (CNMS).**

In the Zannari community, a successful quarterly refresher training session was held for five (5) CNMs all females, orchestrated by the nutrition team. This training was meticulously designed to enhance the capabilities of the community nutrition mobilizers (CNMs), equipping them with a deeper understanding of key nutrition interventions. The training encompassed various essential topics, including comprehensive guidance on measuring Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) using specialized MUAC tapes with color coding.

**Training of Trainers on Family/Mother MUAC and Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program Using Blended Flour (Such as Tom Brown)**

During the reporting month (MAY 2024), the nutrition team attended a training organized by the nutrition sector in collaboration with other partner organizations to improve their capacity on the use of blended flour such as Tom Brown in the Targeted Supplementary feeding program, to educate them on the recommended way to implement and monitor the mother/family MUAC approach and to improve the warehousing of specialized nutrition foods (SNF) used for the prevention and treatment of wasting.

**Active Case finding from January to December 2024.**

The active case finding was carried out across the Modusulumri/Zannari community and a house-to-house MUAC Screening for all children from 6-59 months of age was conducted.

S/N	GREEN		YELLOW		RED		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Jan-Dec	819	809	41	34	6	6	1715

**IYCF Support Group Meeting from January to December 2024.**

Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), Mother-To-Mother Support Group (MTMSG) beneficiaries' selection and grouping.

The Infant and young child feeding, mother-to-mother support group (IYCF, MTMSG) beneficiaries' selection and grouping activity was successfully conducted. The team was able to select a total of 181 individuals from the beneficiaries of which eighty-two (82) are pregnant and lactating mothers while

ninety-nine (99) are caregivers of children between the ages of 6 and -23 months across the 2000 beneficiaries targeted.

A total of twelve (12) IYCF support groups have so far been formed comprising 15 individuals per group who are either pregnant and lactating women or caregivers of children between the ages of 6-23 months.

A total of 1045 participants attended the meeting across the 12 mother-to-mother support group meetings.

COWACDI MTMSG TEMPLATE								
S/N	Name of the groups	Pregnant women	Lactating women	Mothers with children from 6-24 months	Women of childbearing	Elderly men	Elderly women	Total
1	HADIN KAI	28	7	49	0	0	0	
2	ALHERI	22	12	52	0	0	0	
3	NASARA	29	8	47	0	0	0	
4	NI'IMA	24	18	45	0	0	0	
5	LUMANA	42	30	20	0	0	0	
6	ZUMUNCI	27	23	31	0	0	0	
7	FARIN WATA	39	6	42	0	0	0	
8	GODIYA	41	10	34	0	0	0	
9	TAURARUWA	22	22	41	0	0	0	
10	ZAMAN LAFIYA	34	6	42	0	0	0	
11	ADALCHI	30	11	42	0	0	0	
12	GASKIYA	18	25	42	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>356</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>489</b>				<b>1045</b>

### Follow up with Children Identified with SAM & MAM from January to December 2024.

In a dedicated pursuit to combat severe acute malnutrition within the Zannari community, our nutrition team orchestrated a meticulous follow-up initiative. This integral endeavor seamlessly brought together the adept Community Nutrition Mobilizers (CNM), harmoniously supported by the

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expertise of our COWACDI nutrition team members. The core objective was to conduct diligent house-to-house follow-ups, extending unwavering attention to previously identified children grappling with severe acute malnutrition, monitoring their progress, and facilitating their journey to recovery.

From January to December, all 12 children identified with severe acute malnutrition and 74 children identified with moderate acute malnutrition were visited during the active follow-up, and the children received deworming micronutrient powder to recover completely from their illness across the outpatient therapeutic program and targeted supplementary feeding program in Zannari primary health care.

A total of 86 children are currently admitted to OTP & TSFP sites in Zannari Primary Health Care, and 111 children who have nutritional alright have been discharged.

S/N	Cases	Total on Admission	Recovery and discharge	Currently in the Program
1	SAM	12	12	0
2	MAM	74	74	0

**ACTIVITY REPORT:** SBCC session for January to December 2024.

During the monthly reporting review, an impactful Social and Behavioral Change Session (SBCC) took place in the Zannari community. The SBCC session drew the participation of 5200 individuals, comprising 3800 women, 700 men, 400 girls, and 300 boys

Month	Name of Community	Number of SBCC held	Segregated by Sex				Total
			Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
January to December	Zannari	34	700	3800	300	400	5200

**Challenges**

- Limited resources and funding to support extensive community outreach.
- Cultural barriers affecting participation in nutrition programs.
- Logistical difficulties in reaching remote areas for active case finding and follow-ups.



*Fig.27 COWACDI Nutrition team conducting a refresher training for CNM/SBC session in zannari community of Mafa LGA*

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*Fig.28 COWACDI Nutrition team carrying out MUAC screening for children of 0-59 months, and conducting a MTMSG session for women in zannari community of Mafa LGA*

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## **NON-FOOD-ITEM (NFI) ACTIVITY**

The non-food items (NFI) COWACDI team executed a project operates on a self-funding model, ensuring sustainability and community empowerment, the program that plays a crucial role in

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humanitarian assistance, emphasizing the delivery of essential supplies that address the fundamental needs of impacted populations. These items typically include household goods such as blankets, cooking utensils, hygiene kits, and shelter materials, ensuring the dignity, health, and well-being of the vulnerable community. This program is implemented in response to natural disasters, conflicts, or displacement scenarios, where people lose access to basic resources. The effectiveness of this NFI distribution requires meticulous planning to ensure timely delivery and equitable access. Additionally, sustainability considerations are increasingly integrated into NFI work, emphasizing the use of environmentally friendly and reusable materials to minimize waste and long-term environmental impact within the community. By addressing immediate needs while incorporating sustainable solutions, NFI interventions play a critical role in restoring normalcy and resilience within affected communities.

### **Objectives of the Projects**

- Provide durable shelter materials for vulnerable families.
- Distribute comprehensive hygiene kits and promote better sanitation.
- Supply basic household items for immediate needs.
- Implement skill development and vocational training.
- Integrate projects for economic stability and self-reliance.
- Establish and support community-led initiatives for long-term project management.

### **Purpose of Activities**

- To provide essential household items such as blankets, cooking utensils, and hygiene kits, ensuring the survival, dignity, and well-being of vulnerable populations during emergencies or displacement.
- To reduce health risks and enhance personal safety by supplying items like mosquito nets, soap, and shelter materials, mitigating exposure to diseases, and improving living conditions.

### **Target Area & Beneficiaries:**

The target area is Zannari and Malakyariri host community, Tamsum–Ngamdua ward which is located in Mafa LGA, Borno State, and comprised of displaced persons from different LGAs, amongst these are: Bama, Konduga, Damboa, Gwoza, Kaga, and Marte. The NFI team targeted 267 Households (HH) (1,380 individuals), with the inclusion of men, women, boys, girls, and PLWD, which involves 293 men, 581 women, 185 boys, and 311 girls including PLWD across the two communities i.e. Zannari and Malakyari communities.

## Achievement

- The assessment was successfully conducted to know and understand the NFI needs of the conflict-affected populations.
- COWACDI field staff, profiled and conducted the distribution of non-food items in the Zannari community.
- The NFI team successfully carried out environmental sensitization related to rainy season preparedness across the two locations: Zannari and Malakyariri communities.

## Tables for the 2024 Achievement

### Planned Activities

S/No	Ward	Total Men	Total Women	Total Boys	Total Girls	Estimated Total Population
1.	Zannari host community	271	572	190	298	1331
2.	Malakyariri Host community	22	9	5	13	49

### Achieved Outcome Activities.

S/No	Ward	Total Men	Total Women	Total Boys	Total Girls	Estimated Total Population	Estimated Total Population
1.	Zannari host community	91	317	54	71	533	564
3.	Malakyariri	11	8	3	9	31	

## Challenges:

1. Insufficient funds to reach out to the needs of the populated Zannari and Malakyariri communities.
2. Fluctuating costs and a devalued currency (Naira), are major factors.
3. High expectations of shelter/ NFI from participants.
4. There are Huge NFI gaps at the two locations (Zannari and Malakyariri communities).



## **Housing Land And Property (HLP) Activity**

Housing, Land, and Property (HLP) rights encompass the basic human rights to adequate housing, secure land tenure, and property ownership. These rights are essential for personal dignity, economic stability, and social development. The HLP issues often arise in conflict, displacement, natural disasters, and urbanization, where access to these resources is disrupted.

COWACDI HLP team ensures that HLP rights are vital for sustainable development, social justice, and community peacebuilding within the vulnerable community. It requires addressing legal frameworks, resolving disputes, and protecting vulnerable persons, including women, children, and displaced persons from their rights. Effective HLP governance supports equitable access to resources, minimizes forced evictions, and enables post-crisis recovery and resilience.

### **Specific Objective:**

- Raise awareness: Enhance public understanding of HLP rights, especially among vulnerable communities.
- Promote equitable access: Advocate for fair and inclusive policies that address gender and cultural disparities.
- Facilitate conflict resolution: Establish mechanisms to resolve HLP disputes through dialogue and community involvement.

### **Purpose of Activities:**

#### **Sensitization and Awareness**

The purpose of the Housing, Land, and Property (HLP) activities is to educate and enlighten communities about the nature and impacts of HLP disputes during and after conflicts, and the activities aim to address the root causes of disputes, such as fraudulent property sales, and evictions which if left unresolved, hinder peace, social cohesion, and societal development. By promoting practical strategies like documenting tenancy agreements, registering property, and engaging traditional and religious leaders in dispute resolution, the activities equip communities with effective tools to manage conflicts. Additionally, the COWACDI HLP team advocates for the abolition of discriminatory practices that limit equal access to HLP, particularly for women and displaced persons. Furthermore, the activities strengthen community structures by enhancing traditional dispute resolution mechanisms, fostering a sustainable approach to managing and resolving conflicts, and contributing to lasting peace and development in conflict-affected areas.

### **Target Area & Beneficiaries:**

This initiative focuses on the Maisandari ward within the Modusulumri host community, MMC Borno State, Nigeria. This region hosts internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities from various local government areas (LGAs), such as Konduga, Damboa, and Gwoza, displaced by the

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crises.

The team is targeting 100 beneficiaries to enhance their awareness and understanding of issues related to housing, land, and property (HLP) rights, and we have reached 32 beneficiaries so far.

**Problem:**

Implementation of Housing, Land, and Property (HLP) projects, particularly sensitization and advocacy initiatives, often face challenges such as:

- Cultural and gender norms: Discriminatory practices often exclude women, minorities, and displaced persons from HLP rights.
- Conflict and disputes: Land ownership conflicts and competing claims disrupt access and create tension among stakeholders.
- Resource constraints: Financial and human resource limitations reduce the effectiveness of sensitization campaigns and advocacy efforts.

**Causes of HLP Disputes During and After Conflict:**

- Fraudulent sales of properties.
- Evictions due to unpaid rent.
- Disputes from secondary occupants.
- Boundary disputes involving plots or community land.

**Strategies to Manage HLP Disputes:**

- Document tenancy agreements and register all property.
- Recover lost property documents.
- Report disputes to traditional and religious leaders for resolution.
- Eliminate discriminatory practices affecting HLP access.
- Avoid confrontations over properties; seek traditional authorities' intervention.

**Key achievement**

- **Durable Solutions:** Support conflict-affected populations in Northeast Nigeria by resolving HLP disputes.
- **Strengthened Traditional Methods:** Empower communities by reinforcing traditional dispute resolution mechanisms, reducing societal conflicts, and promoting sustainable peace and development.

**Planned Sensitization and Advocacy Activities**

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Girls	Total Men	Total Boys	Estimated Total Population
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1.	Modusulumri host community	50	20	20	10	100
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### Progress

The HLP sensitization and advocacy activities have been designed to inform participants about effective dispute and conflict resolution strategies, to assist the community in effectively addressing all HLP disputes. Below is a table that outlines the relevant indicators for the targeted outcomes.

#### Achieved Outcome of Community Sensitization and Advocacy Activities Captured

S/No	Ward	Total Women	Total Girls	Total Men	Total Boys	Total for each Ward	Estimated Total Population
1.	Modusulumri	20	0	12	0	32	32



*Fig.31 COWACDI HLP Team carrying out housing land and property sensitization and awareness in Modusulumri community.*

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