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# Peace Corps Legacy

- My life's story began in Jada, Adamawa State but it might as well have begun in Washington DC, where the decision was made by the US government to establish the Peace Corps 55 years ago.



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- My encounter with Peace Corps teachers in the 1960s had a profound impact on my life. It helped to instill in me the virtues of hard work, critical thinking, and commitment to excellence. The teachers encouraged us to develop a “can-do” spirit and never to despair in order to bring out the best in us to enable us to succeed in life.



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UNIVERSITY  
OF NIGERIA**

- 2003: Founded by H.E. Alhaji Atiku Abubakar
- 2004: First class enters
- One of many international American universities
  - The only one in Sub-Saharan Africa
  - Member and Vice Presidency of AAICU

***We are Africa's Development University***

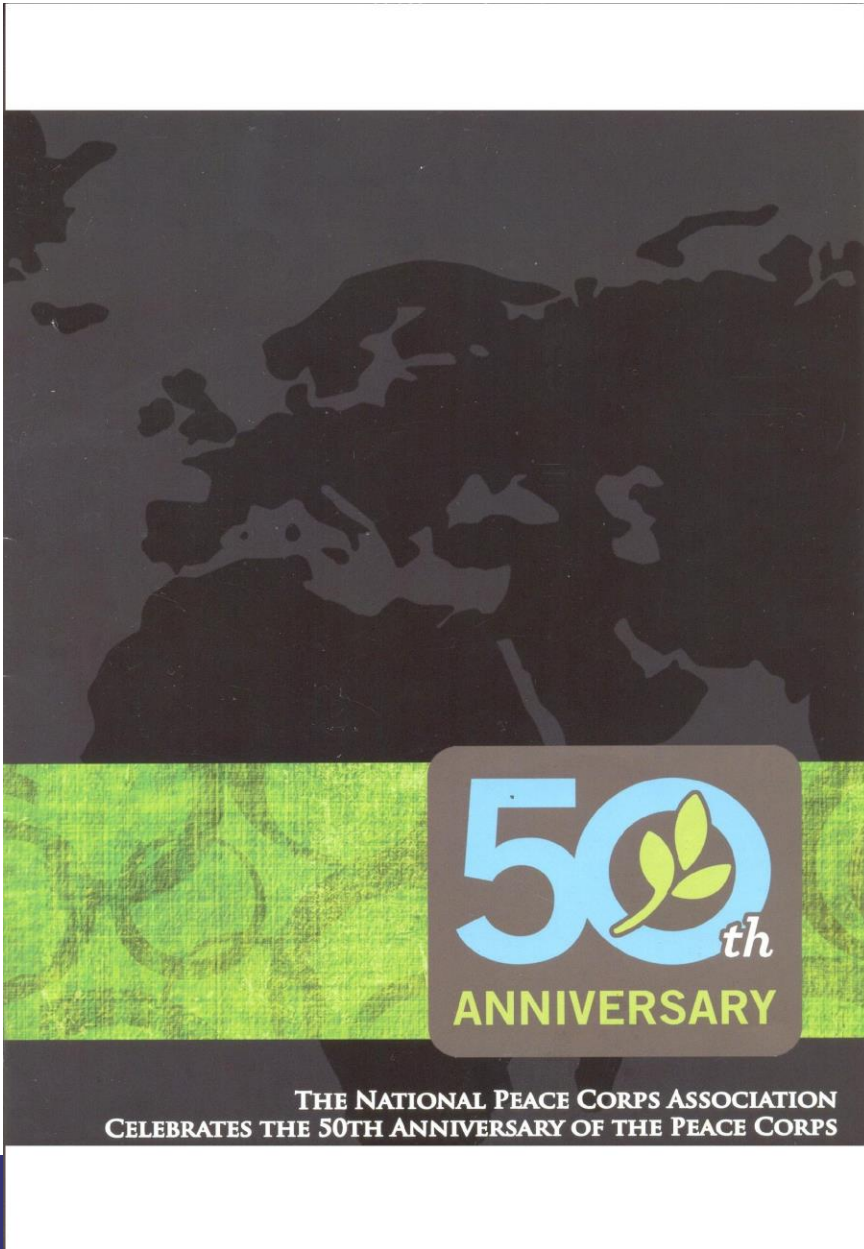


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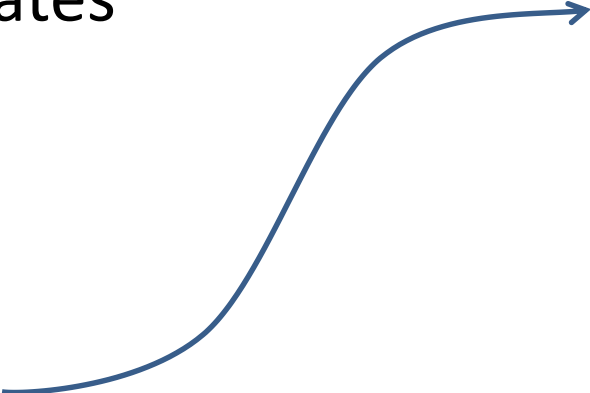
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2013

# Population

2050



1	China	1	India
2	India	2	China
3	United States	3	Nigeria
4	Indonesia	4	United States
5	Brazil	5	Indonesia
6	Pakistan	6	Pakistan
7	Nigeria	7	Brazil
8	Bangladesh	8	Bangladesh
9	Russia	9	Congo, Dem. Rep
10	Japan	10	Ethiopia

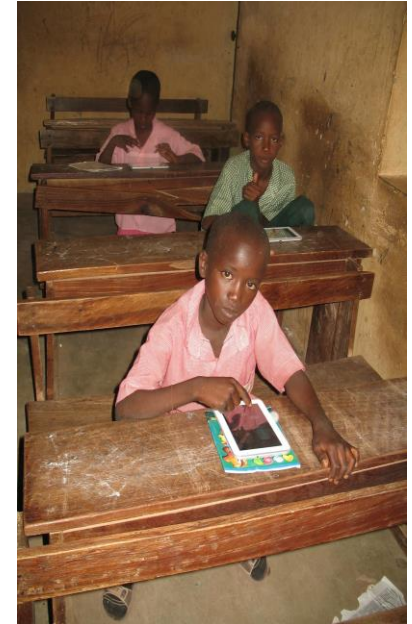
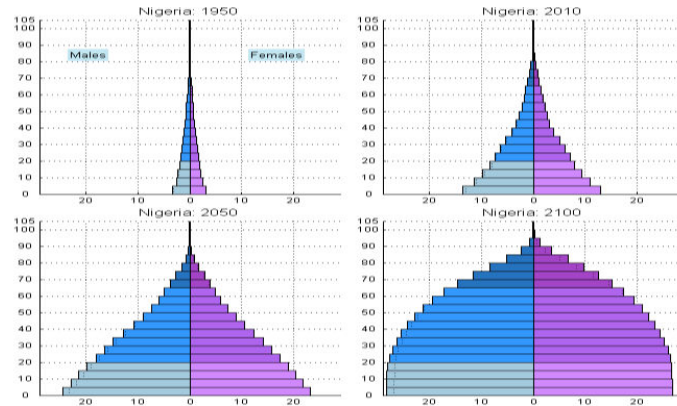


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# Nigeria-the Challenge of Youth

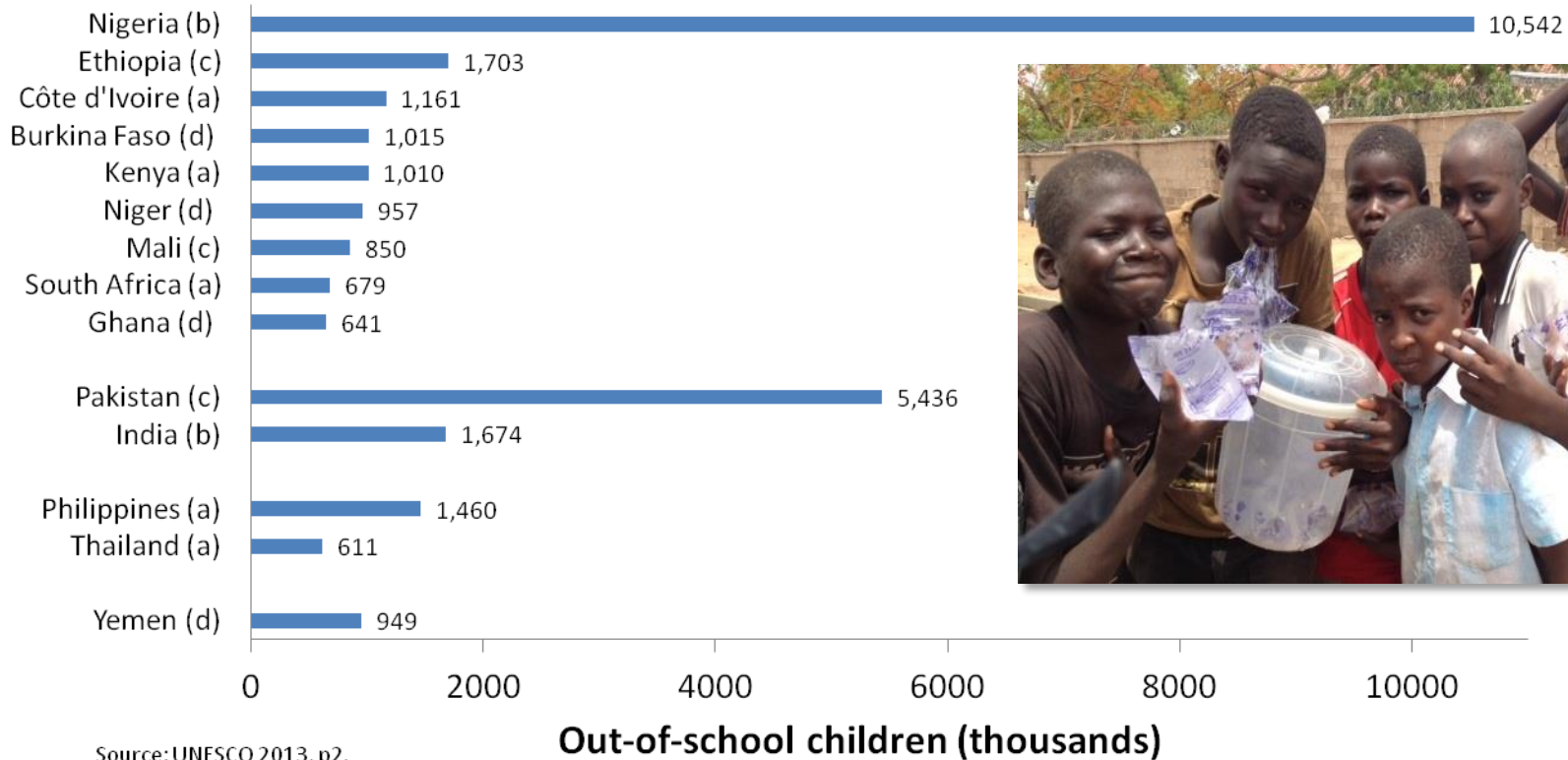


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# Context: Number of Out of School Children 2009-2012



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# Development Indicators

- ✓ **ILLITERACY-70-80% in the Northeast**
- ✓ **Infant, child and maternal mortality. 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the highest in the world 10% of all Global maternal deaths**
- ✓ **“Nigeria has some of the worst education indicators globally.” The primary net-enrollment ratio fell from 61% in 1999 to 58% in 2010, while the regional average increased from 58% to 76% over the same period**
- ✓ **Nigeria accounts for almost one out of five out-of-school children worldwide (UNESCO Institute for Statistics 2013)**



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# Current Status

## June-July 2016

- **USAID gives us seeds to distribute to 50,000**
- **His Excellency Atiku Abubakar gives us seeds for 20,000**
- **Distributed using our expanded peace network in Borno.**

## September, 2016

- **Widespread, credible reports of famine.**
- **3 million more out of school children**



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# Conclusions—the Peace Corps Legacy

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# Award-Winning Library



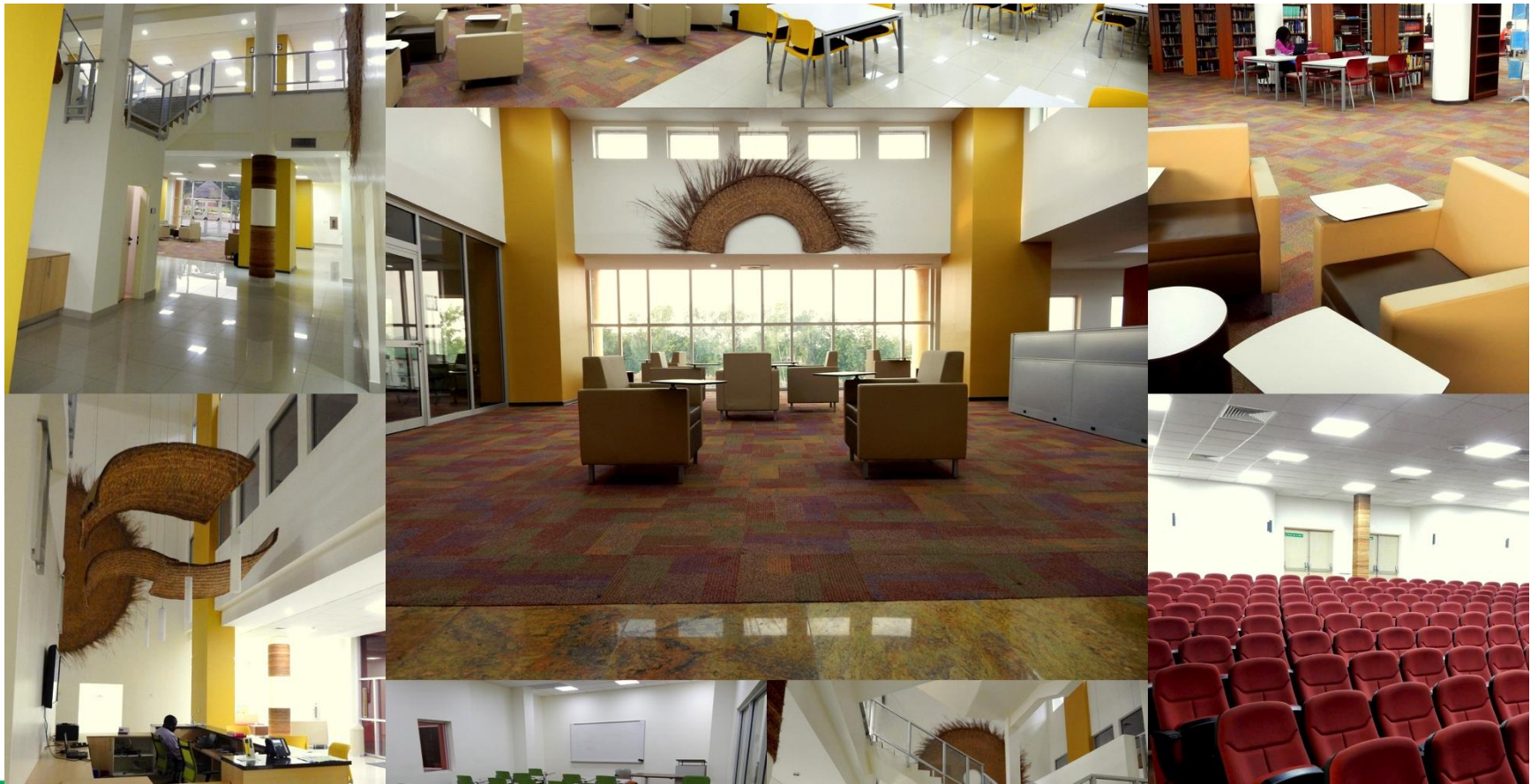
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# Robert Pastor Library and E-Learning Center



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# This is AUN

## Faculty and Staff from 37 Countries



- School of Business and Entrepreneurship
- School of Information Technology & Computing
- School of Art and Sciences
- Graduate School
- School of Law
  - Just Opened!
  - focus on Gender, Humanitarian and Environmental Law



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# AUN Students



- Come from every region of Nigeria
- On scholarship from:
  - South Africa, Rwanda, Uganda and Cameroon
- Nigerian-American students from the U.S.



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# AUN School of Law



A world-class institution dedicated to advancing human dignity and social justice. First in Nigeria to focus on gender, environment and humanitarian law.

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# AUN Academic Programs

## School of Arts and Sciences

- B.Sc. Natural and Environmental Sciences
- B.Sc. Petroleum Chemistry
- B.Sc. Communications and Multimedia Design
  - Concentrations: Public Relations & Advertising, Journalism, Radio/TV/Film, Multimedia Design
- B.A. Economics
- B.A. English Literature and Language
- B.A. International and Comparative Politics



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# AUN Academic Programs

## School of Business and Entrepreneurship

- B.Sc. Accounting
- B.Sc. Business Administration
- B.Sc. Management/ Entrepreneurship
- B.Sc. Marketing
- B.Sc. Finance



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# AUN Academic Programs: Graduate

## School of Business and Entrepreneurship

- Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- M.Sc. in Business Administration
- Ph.D. in Business Administration



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# AUN Academic Programs

## School of Information Technology and Telecommunications

- B.Sc. Software Engineering
- B.Sc. Telecommunications and Wireless Technologies
- B.Sc. Computer Science
- B.Sc. Information Systems
  - Concentrations: Applied Networking, Database and Web Database, Information Security and Assurance, Information Systems, Management Information Systems, Software Applications Development



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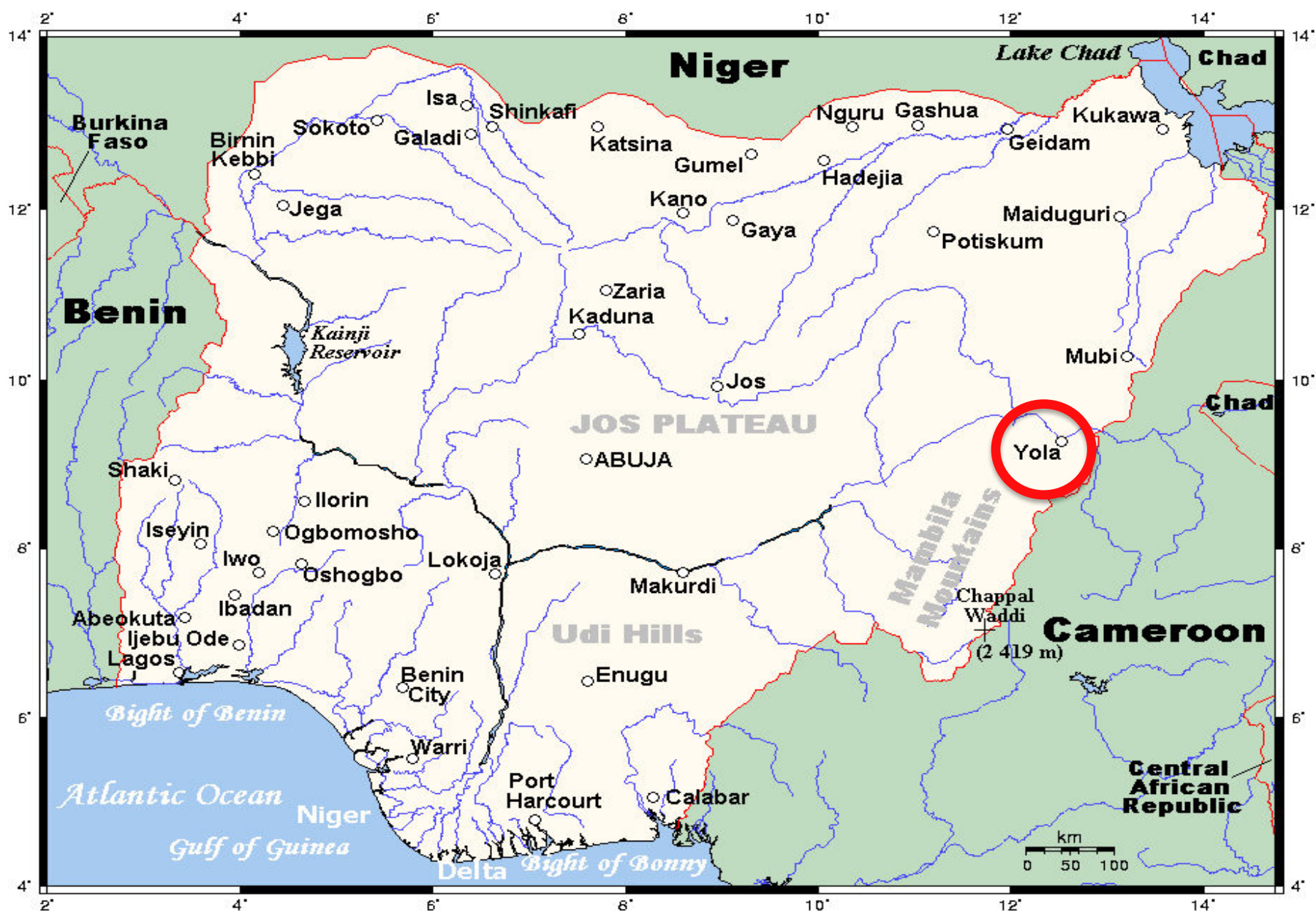
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# The AUN Model

- Engage students to be leaders by exposing them to hard challenges and assisting them to find solutions
- Embed technology in all aspects of the university and all AUN development projects.
- Ensure AUN faculty are committed to interdisciplinary work and finding development solutions
- Adapt and apply the best knowledge and practices from around the world, and send students out to study in the world and solve problems



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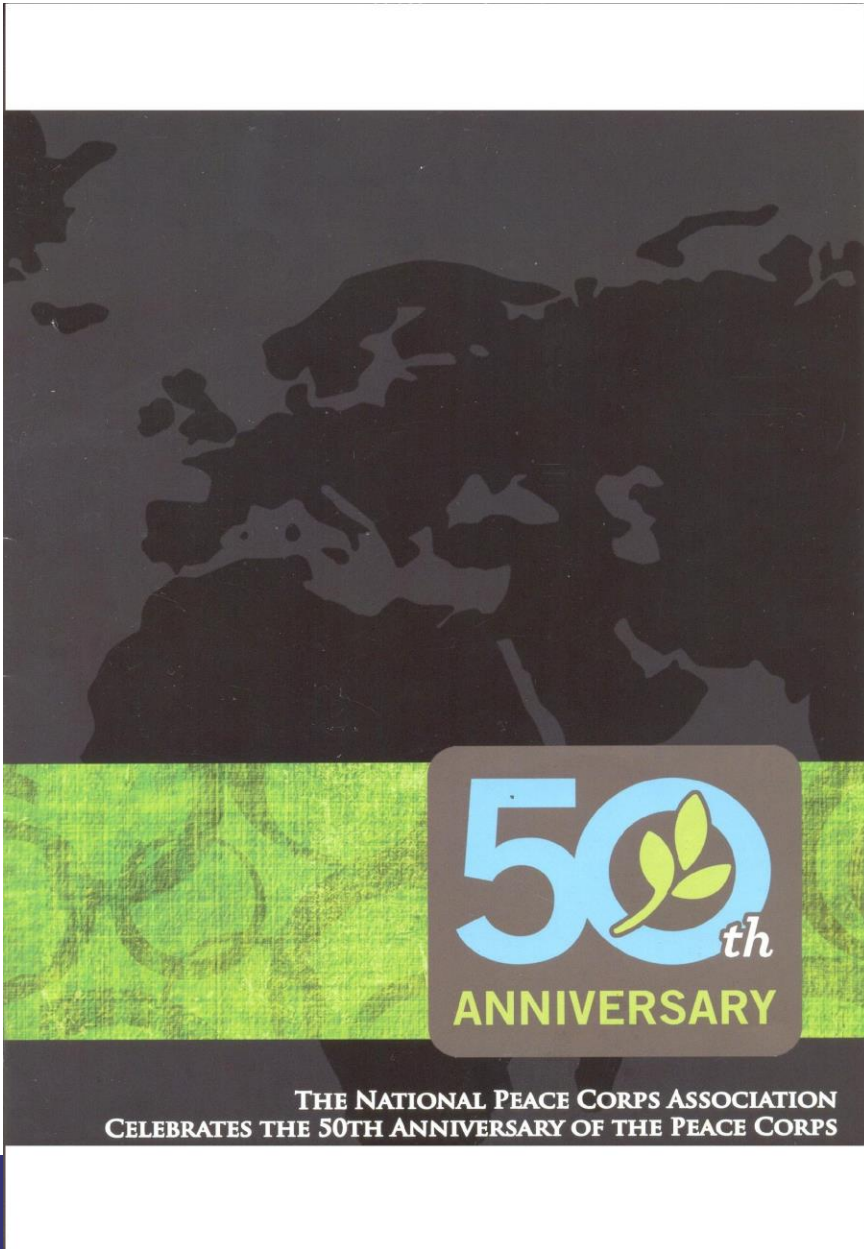
- **Technologically intensive university**
- Digital library awarded ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects . **Ahead of Oxford and Cambridge in digital holdings**
- First to have a wireless campus with 24/7 power and internet access
- First university in Africa to start an e-book initiative
- First to introduce advanced technology in community



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# Library on a Flash (LOAF)



- Sharing IT resources with the community
- 53 libraries created in the region, including:
  - MAUTECH
  - Adamawa State
  - School of Nursing
  - Red Cross (during IDP crisis)



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# AUN-API: **Peace** and Development

AUN-Adamawa Peace Initiative (AUN-API):

Established in **January 2012** to ensure that our city and region live in peace and harmony

- Focus: Vulnerable youth
- **Members: Prominent Christian and Muslim leaders, community and NGO leaders**
- Peacemakers spread peace, prevention and development



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# AUN-API: Pathways to Peace through Education



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# AUN-API Working Assumptions



- Religion is an instrument of peace
- Youth must be positively engaged
- Education is the foundation of a society
- Women are the center of development



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# Students Teaching Students



## **BOOKS WRITTEN BY AUN STUDENTS**

### **Printed, E and Soon M**

- 29 Hausa
- 17 Fulfulde
- 4 Igbo
- 11 Yoruba
- 9 French
- 11 Zulu



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# API Member Chief Abdulmumuni



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# Muslim Council



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# St. Theresa's Catholic Cathedral



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## October, 2014



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# Cathedral-October, 2015



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# AUN-API Relief Efforts: October, 2015

Organisation	Contact Person		IDPs	Rice (25Kg)	Maize (20Kg)	Noodles	Mats	V. Oil	Salt	Sugar	Soap
	Name	Mobile No									
Red Cross	Mohammad Bello	08169099669	15,000	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	180
Catholic Church	Bishop Mamza Stephen	08036601446	29,106	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	340
Kinjir Foundation	Joseph Zira Lawu	08085910300	2,276	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	50
Iliya Adamu Developers (IAD)	Iliya Adamu Usman	08037371234	2,548	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	60
New Gospel Life centre	Bishop Ransom Stephen	08035478288	3,000	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	40
Assemblies of God	Rev Thomas Taru	08059824691	1,201	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	40
Centre for women & adolescent empowerment	Hajia Turai Kadir	08065933866	1,000	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	30
Jama'atu Izalatul Bidia wa Igamatis Sunnah (JIBWIS)	Hamidu Usman Arabo	07032103136	4,000	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	40
Upper Room Chapel	Bishop Peter Makanto	08051041927	10,000	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	120
Bole community	Chief Abdul-Mumini	08053470930	5,000	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	30
Elkizya Yaruwa A. Najeriya (EYN) Jimeta	Umar John Barka	07034581532	1,356	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	40
International Rescue Commission (IRC) State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)	Abubakar Bala	07031649462	6,111	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	90
American University of Nigeria (AUN)	Nourah Bamalli	08159692469	2,166	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	120
Higgi People Initiative (HPI) in Yola	Bar David Barau	08033113943	6,163	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	80
Other Adamawa PeaceMakers Initiatives (API)	Abdullahi Bello	08057033158	491	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20
Printing Press	Gabriel Fuster	08058219272	345	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	40
Jama'atu Nasril Islam	Alhaji Gambo Jika	08036076665	21,000	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	260
Muslim Council	Imam Dauda Bello	07066926786	40,000	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	120
Margi Community	Noel Birdling	08034907199	5,500	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	80
New Arrivals Across the Bridge (EYN)	Rev Dr Peter Bartimawus	08065648770	50,000	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	440
New Arrivals Jimeta	Nuhu Kem/Alhaji Gambo	07080792555	30,000	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	320
New Arrivals Yola	Muawiyah Abba Zumo	08036095158	30,000	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	320
New Arrivals Individuals	Abba Tahir	08036200067	10,000	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	140
<b>Total</b>			<b>276,263</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>



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# AUN Students—Bright Lights



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# ***Community as Partner and Protector***

- ✓ 36,000 vulnerable youth trained through AUN-API
  - ✓ Peace through Sports for youth (male and female)
  - ✓ Feed and Read for Almajiri children
  - ✓ Waste to Wealth income generating project for women
  - ✓ Creating with Threads
  - ✓ WhizKid Club STEM competitions for secondary students
  - ✓ Free eight week ICT training for local youth
- ✓ TV show called the Peacemakers given immediate access
- ✓ Ensuring teachers have training in information literacy
- ✓ Two major peace conferences
- ✓ **Seed Distributions-reaching 75,000 July 2016**
- ✓ **Peace network for food distribution and reconciliation**



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# Peace Through Sports

- 184 football and volleyball teams
- 26 participants have returned to school
  - 14 in secondary
  - 12 in Federal College of Education
- 3 playing football for state teams
- 43 coaches trained at AUN ICT Center



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# Peace Through Sports

“It’s either you or Boko Haram.  
There’s nothing else here for us.”



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# Feed and Read-May 2015



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# Feed and Read-April, 2016



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# Feed and Read for Girls: Literacy classes and a daily meal for at-risk girls



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# Technology Enhanced Learning for All



- 20,000 listening to radio show written and produced by AUN faculty members and students
- 2,000 learning on tablet computers with Apps in Hausa and Fulfulde written by AUN students
- Funded by USAID



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# So Eager to Learn



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# Waste to Wealth-Creating with Threads

## 850 Women Earning an Income



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# Reconciliation: AUN-API running reconciliation programs in NE Nigeria



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# Bazza



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# Bridge from Michika to Madagali



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# August, 2015

## Rescued Women and Children



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# AUN-API Model

1. **Built on trust and respect, accountability and transparency**
2. **Committed** local organization with common goals, and proven **results**, working together to solve local problems
3. **Educational institution** with an academic community, advanced technological resources and student/staff volunteers, feeding hundreds of thousands of IDPs
4. **Expanding** our AUN-API model and programs that are contributing to prevention, peace and development and implement reconstruction projects in NE Nigeria



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# Conclusions

- AUN-API is a local effort that effectively managed and protected 95% of IDPs in our area.
- International response arrived late, was inadequate and incorrectly targeted
- IDPs in Yola are still in great need. Those who returned home need food, medicine and housing.
- According to API members, ***not one child joined Boko Haram from Yola***



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# Boko Haram AND CHIBOK

- Opposed to education
- 276 girls kidnapped on April 14, 2014
- 58 escaped. The sister of one of our guards escaped.
- Chibok school set up a register of who was kidnapped, and who escaped. We drove and brought 11 in August, 2014.
- **24 Students from Chibok are excelling at AUN**



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**“ Education gives me the wings to fly, the power to fight and the voice to speak.”**



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