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Lives Transformed: Stories of Impact



Beyond every statistic, every intervention, and every milestone lies a human story. This edition is dedicated to the individuals whose lives have been transformed through opportunity, inclusion, determination, and support. These are stories of resilience, courage, and possibility.

Across the pages of this series, you will encounter young people who refused to allow disability to define their future, women who turned challenges into opportunities, and communities that embraced inclusion as a pathway to progress. From Persons with Disabilities cultivating thriving farms and building sustainable livelihoods, to young beneficiaries overcoming barriers to education and participation, these stories demonstrate the life-changing impact that becomes possible when individuals are given the tools, support, and opportunity to succeed.

What makes these stories remarkable is not simply the support received, but the determination of the people behind them. They remind us that development is most meaningful when it restores dignity, unlocks potential, and creates pathways for people to become active contributors within their communities. The WOFAN-ICON2 Project, supported by the Mastercard Foundation, continues to champion a vision where no one is left behind. Through inclusive interventions that prioritize participation, accessibility, and empowerment, thousands of individuals are gaining renewed confidence, improved livelihoods, and greater opportunities to shape their own futures.

As you read these stories, we invite you to look beyond the outcomes and appreciate the journeys. Each testimony reflects the power of human resilience and the extraordinary results that emerge when communities, partners, and individuals work together toward a shared vision of inclusive growth and sustainable development.

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WOFAN-ICON2 Project Overview

WOFAN-ICON2 is a flagship project funded by the **Mastercard Foundation**, designed to empower smallholder farmers, especially women and youth, by enhancing agricultural productivity, financial inclusion, and market access. The initiative aligns with WOFAN's mission to strengthen rural economies and improve livelihoods through capacity building, technology adoption, and sustainable farming practices.

The Integrated Community-led Network of Hope Scale-up (ICON2) Project is a five-year initiative designed to create sustainable and decent employment opportunities for young Nigerians between the ages of 18 and 35. As part of the Mastercard Foundation's *Young Africa Works (YAW)* strategy, the project aims to empower youth through skill development, agribusiness support, and economic inclusion, ultimately improving their quality of life.

PROJECT DURATION:	START DATE:	END DATE:
5 YEARS	**NOVEMBER 1, 2022**	**OCTOBER 31, 2027**

ICON2 is being implemented across 9 Nigerian states, focusing on equipping young people with the necessary resources, training, and market access to build profitable careers in agriculture and related sectors. The project integrates digital financial tools, climate-smart farming practices, and mechanization support to enhance productivity and economic resilience.

Through strategic partnerships with cooperatives, private sector stakeholders, research institutions, and government agencies, ICON2 fosters an inclusive, community-driven approach to development. By strengthening entrepreneurial capacities and facilitating access to funding, the project ensures that youth beneficiaries can transition from subsistence livelihoods to sustainable enterprises.

ICON2 is committed to driving long-term transformation by empowering young Nigerians with the skills and opportunities needed to thrive in a competitive economy, ultimately contributing to national and regional development.

Objectives:

- To economically empower 1,914,000 (up from 675,000) youth aged 18–35 to engage in and benefit from decent and sustainable livelihoods
- To enhance 63,800 farmers groups and other value chains actors' associations to influence change processes supportive of economic advancement of youth
- To improve the performance and inclusiveness of selected market systems that are important for youth

Priority/Main Activities:

- Capacity Building – training, demonstration of technologies, coaching and mentoring
- Input Grant to support group production:
  - Improved Seeds
  - NPK Fertilizer
  - Urea
  - Pesticides
- Labor-saving equipment grant to support group production:
  - Hand-held tillers
  - Hand-held multi-crop harvesters
  - Hand-held transplanters/fertilizer broadcasters
  - Multi-crop shelling machines
  - Water/irrigation pumps
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Makeshift women processing and convergence centers for group processing, training and other group activities:
  - Wet/Dry Milling Machines
  - Rice Parboiling Equipment
  - Fabricated Stoves with Chimneys
  - Rice Milling Machines
  - Destoners
  - Hand-operated Briquette-making Machines with Carbonizers
  - 3-seater wooden benches
- Year 3 Highlights, Achievements, Successes
- (Youth in Work)

  Total Outreach – 1,046,294
  Outreach Female – 881,749
  Youth in Work (YIW) – 1,046,294
  Youth in Work Female – 881,749

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SUCCESS STORIES

From Extension Worker to Community Leader

Nabala Isahaku Honored as “Turakin-Nada” in Abaji Area Council, FCT



Nabala Isahaku honored for his service and dedication to the community.

In the Nada community of Abaji Area Council, hard work, integrity, and service have earned a new name and title. WOFAN-ICON2 Extension Worker, Nabala Isahaku, was recently honored by the Nada Emirate Council with the prestigious traditional title of “Turakin-Nada”, a recognition reserved for individuals who have demonstrated uncommon dedication to the growth and well-being of the community.

For Nabala, the honor was not the result of status or influence, but the reward of months of tireless grassroots engagement, transparency, and unwavering commitment to ensuring that community members fully benefitted from WOFAN-ICON2 interventions.

Working closely with women groups, youth clusters, and community stakeholders, he became more than an Extension Worker. He became a trusted bridge between the project and the people, someone communities could rely on for guidance, fairness, and consistent support.

The recognition reflects the growing trust WOFAN-ICON2 has built within local communities through field teams whose work continues to create visible and lasting impact at the grassroots level.

Beyond his daily responsibilities, Nabala became known for his calm leadership style, accessibility, and willingness to go the extra mile to support beneficiaries. Community members describe him as someone who listens patiently, follows through on commitments, and treats every beneficiary with dignity and fairness. These qualities strengthened not only participation in project activities, but also the relationship between the community and WOFAN-ICON2 as a whole.

The traditional title has also become a source of pride for many young people within the community who now see service, honesty, and dedication as qualities worthy of recognition and leadership. For community members, Nabala's recognition demonstrates that impactful grassroots work can earn the respect of both the people and traditional institutions when carried out with sincerity and commitment.

The honor further highlights the important role Extension Workers continue to play in driving the success of the WOFAN-ICON2 Project at the community level. Through consistent engagement, problem-solving, and close interaction with beneficiaries, field teams like Nabala's are helping transform development interventions into trusted community partnerships capable of creating long-term social and economic impact.

The Trust Behind the Title



A title earned through commitment to grassroots impact.

The title “Turakin-Nada,” often interpreted as a community warrior or trusted leader, represents responsibility, courage, and service to the people, qualities the Emirate Council recognized in Nabala Isahaku’s work within the community.

According to community leaders, his commitment to transparency and accountability distinguished him among many development actors working within the area. He ensured that project opportunities, trainings, and support reached the intended beneficiaries fairly and effectively, strengthening confidence in the WOFAN-ICON2 Project.

Beyond technical implementation, he invested time in building relationships, listening to community concerns, and supporting beneficiaries through challenges. Over time, this consistency transformed professional engagement into deep community trust. For the people of Nada, the title was not simply ceremonial. It was a public acknowledgement that leadership is earned through service.

Community elders also noted that Nabala’s dedication encouraged stronger community participation in project activities, particularly among women and youth groups who increasingly became more engaged and confident through his guidance. His recognition serves as an example of how grassroots leadership and integrity can inspire lasting community cooperation and ownership.

A Symbol of Sustainable Community Ownership

The turbaning ceremony, witnessed by members of the the WOFAN FCT team, carried significance far beyond personal recognition.

It symbolized the deep integration of the WOFAN-ICON2 Project into the social and traditional fabric of the Nada community. When an Extension Worker becomes embraced by traditional institutions, it reflects a level of ownership and trust capable of sustaining project impact long after implementation phases are completed.

Nabala Isahaku's elevation as Turakin-Nada demonstrates how community-driven development thrives when local leadership, transparency, and grassroots engagement work together.

His story is a reminder that the true success of development interventions is measured not only by activities completed, but by the trust built within the communities they serve.

The ceremony also became a proud moment for the wider WOFAN-ICON2 team, reinforcing the value of community-centered implementation approaches that prioritize relationships, accountability, and human connection alongside technical support. It highlighted how development work becomes more impactful when communities genuinely see project teams as partners in progress rather than external actors.

The recognition also sends a strong message about the power of collaboration between development initiatives and traditional institutions in driving sustainable change. By embracing individuals who demonstrate integrity and commitment to community welfare, local leadership structures help strengthen continuity, encourage participation, and deepen the long-term impact of grassroots interventions. In many ways, Nabala's story reflects the kind of trust-based partnership that allows development efforts to take root and flourish within communities.

When Sound Returned, Hope Returned
Aminu Muhammad's Journey From Struggle to Confidence



Aminu Muhammad's story reflects the power of inclusive support.

For years, Aminu Muhammad, a young maize-flour trader in Ikara, struggled silently with hearing loss, a challenge that affected almost every aspect of his daily life and business.

Simple conversations became difficult. Negotiating prices with customers was frustrating. Responding confidently during transactions felt almost impossible. Over time, the communication barrier began affecting his confidence, customer relationships, and daily income.

For a young trader depending on interaction and trust to grow his business, the challenge became more than a health condition, it became a limitation on opportunity.

But through WOFAN-ICON2's intervention supporting Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), Aminu received a hearing aid that would begin to change his life in ways far beyond sound.

Before receiving support, Aminu often withdrew from conversations and avoided situations that required prolonged interaction with customers because he feared misunderstanding people or responding incorrectly. The frustration of struggling to hear gradually affected his confidence and made everyday business activities emotionally exhausting.

A Small Device, A Life-Changing Transformation

The hearing aid restored more than Aminu's ability to hear clearly. It restored confidence, dignity, and possibility.

With improved hearing, Aminu can now communicate more effectively with customers, negotiate prices confidently, respond faster during transactions, and serve more buyers without fear or hesitation.

The improvement in communication has directly strengthened his business performance and increased his daily income, helping him engage more actively within the marketplace and his community.

For Aminu, the intervention represents more than medical support. It is a reminder that inclusion creates opportunity, and that small interventions can unlock life-changing transformation for individuals often excluded by circumstance.

Today, customers interact with him more easily, and his confidence in managing his business has grown significantly. Family members and community members have also noticed positive changes in his social interactions, communication, and overall outlook on life since receiving the hearing aid support.

An ICON2 Diamond Emerges in Gombe

Sadiya Adamu Honored as Lu'u-lu'un Deba — "The Diamond of Deba Women"



Community leadership celebrates Sadiya Adamu's grassroots impact.

In Yamaltu Deba Local Government Area of Gombe State, the impact of dedication, compassion, and community service has earned WOFAN-ICON2 Year 3 Extension Worker, Sadiya Adamu, one of the highest forms of traditional recognition.

The Emirate Council honored her with the prestigious title of **"Lu'u-lu'un Deba,"** meaning *"The Diamond of Deba Women."* The title celebrates her tireless commitment to supporting women agro-produce marketers and strengthening the lives of community partners through the WOFAN-ICON2 Project.

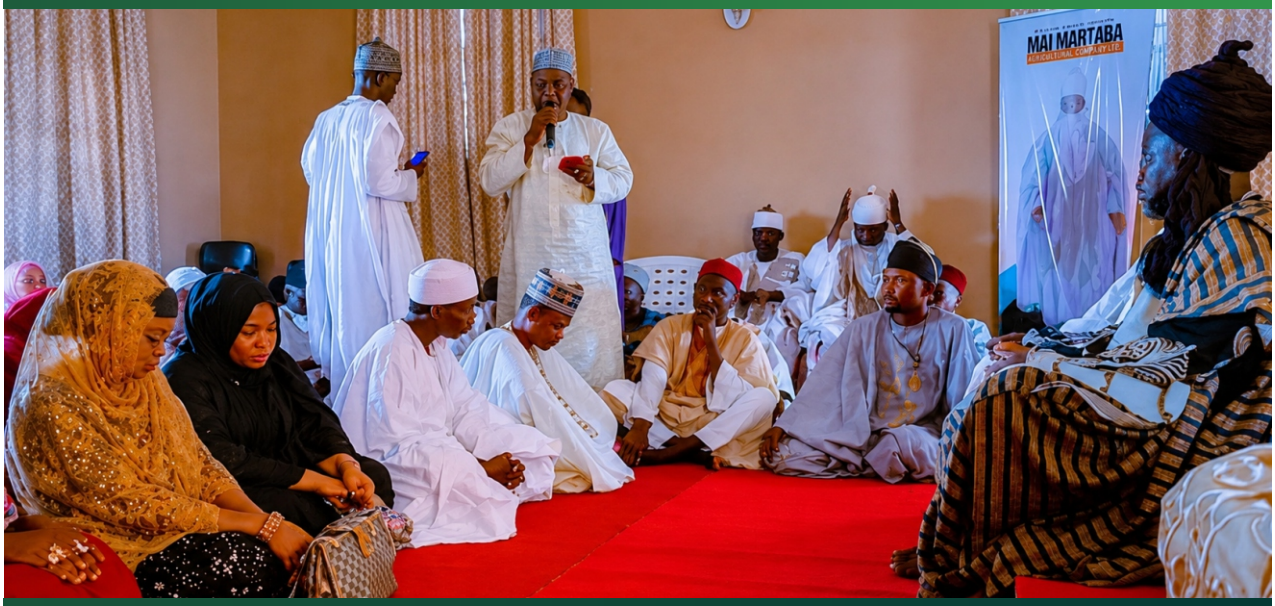
For many women within the community, Sadiya became more than an Extension Worker. She became a mentor, mobilizer, motivator, and trusted advocate whose work helped women gain confidence, strengthen their businesses, and participate more actively in community and economic activities.

The recognition reflects the visible transformation communities have witnessed through her work, from stronger women's groups and improved enterprise coordination to increased participation and ownership among beneficiaries.

Community members described her as someone who worked consistently with humility, patience, and determination, helping women navigate challenges while ensuring that project interventions reached those who needed them most. More importantly, the title symbolizes a community's gratitude toward a woman whose efforts helped others discover their own strength, potential, and voice.

A Second Crown Reflects a Deeper Legacy of Impact

Kwadon Emirate Honors Sadiya Adamu with Jakadiyar Kwadon



A second traditional title celebrates Sadiya Adamu's lasting impact.

Remarkably, the recognition did not end with a single title. In another powerful acknowledgement of her impact, the Kwadon Emirate Council within Yamaltu Deba also conferred upon Sadiya Adamu the prestigious traditional title of "Jakadiyar Kwadon."

Receiving two respected traditional titles within the same period reflects the extraordinary level of trust, admiration, and appreciation she has earned across communities through her work with WOFAN-ICON2.

Traditional leaders particularly praised her exceptional ability to mobilize women agro-produce marketers, strengthen participation within clusters, and ensure that women fully benefitted from project opportunities and interventions.

Her dedication to community engagement helped many women move from hesitation to active participation, creating stronger women-led groups capable of sustaining enterprise activities and collective growth.

For the women of Yamaltu Deba and Kwadon, the titles represent more than ceremonial honors, they are symbols of appreciation for a woman whose service created visible change in people's lives.

Traditional Institutions Recognize the Impact of WOFAN-ICON2

Emir of Kwadon Describes the Project as "Timely and Life-Changing"



The Emir of Kwadon praises WOFAN-ICON2 for transforming communities.

The significance of Sadiya Adamu's recognition was further reinforced by the public remarks of His Royal Highness, Emir of Kwadon, Alhaji Al-Hassan Abubakar Aliyu, who openly praised the WOFAN-ICON2 Project for its transformational impact within the community.

According to the Emir, the intervention has been "timely and life-changing," particularly in the lives of women who now have greater access to economic opportunities, support systems, and community participation through the project.

His endorsement reflects the growing confidence traditional institutions have placed in WOFAN-ICON2's grassroots-driven approach to empowerment, inclusion, and sustainable development.

The Emir also acknowledged the visible improvements in women's livelihoods, enterprise activities, and community participation resulting from the interventions facilitated by project teams and Extension Workers like Sadiya Adamu.

For many beneficiaries, the support provided through the project has created opportunities that once seemed beyond reach, opportunities to build businesses, strengthen household income, and participate actively within local economic systems.

Sadiya Adamu's double honor therefore represents more than personal recognition. It tells the story of a project that empowers women, builds trust within communities, and earns the respect of traditional institutions through genuine, measurable impact.

Her story stands as a powerful reminder that when communities are supported with commitment, consistency, and inclusion, transformation becomes visible not only in statistics, but in the lives and voices of the people themselves.

They Process. They Package. They Deliver. Sara's Women Are Owning Every Link in the Value Chain



Sara women leading processing, packaging, and market delivery with confidence.

In Jigawa State, the Sara WOFAN Marketing Hub is becoming a powerful symbol of what happens when women are equipped not only with support, but with ownership, structure, and opportunity.

At the hub, women have taken full control of processing, packaging, and marketing high-quality processed rice to off-takers within and beyond their communities. What was once viewed as small-scale local produce has now evolved into a product associated with quality, consistency, and professionalism.

Their rice is no longer confined to nearby markets. It is now transported across state lines, reaching wider customers and building a growing reputation for excellence. Through discipline, coordination, and attention to quality standards, the women of Sara have transformed a simple agricultural product into a trusted and marketable brand.

The success of the marketing hub reflects more than economic activity. It represents confidence, organization, and the emergence of women as active owners and drivers within the agricultural value chain.

For many of the women involved, the hub has become a space of empowerment where enterprise, leadership, and collaboration meet to create sustainable livelihood opportunities for families and communities alike.

The women have also demonstrated remarkable commitment to maintaining product quality and customer trust, understanding that consistency is essential for long-term business growth. Through careful processing, proper packaging, and coordinated marketing systems, they are building a reputation that continues to attract buyers from different locations. Their growing success is inspiring other women groups within surrounding communities to see agriculture and value addition as viable pathways to economic independence.

Beyond the business achievements, the Sara Marketing Hub represents a shift in mindset and opportunity for women who were once limited to informal and low-income trading activities. Today, many of them are actively participating in decision-making, managing enterprise operations, and contributing more confidently to household and community development. Their story reflects the broader vision of WOFAN-ICON2, creating systems where women are not only participants in economic activities, but leaders and owners within thriving value chains.

Women Leading Modern Enterprise Systems
Youth Participation and Digital Tools Strengthen the Hub



Modern systems supporting efficient and transparent enterprise operations.

What makes the Sara WOFAN Marketing Hub especially remarkable is the way women and youth are working together to operate a modern, integrated business system rooted in innovation and accountability.

The hub combines women-led micro-produce marketing activities with the energy and coordination of dedicated youth groups who support sales, payment processing, and customer engagement activities.

To strengthen efficiency and transparency, the hub also operates with a Point of Sale (POS) system that enables cashless transactions and organized record keeping. This digital approach has helped eliminate unnecessary delays, improve accountability, and build stronger trust with buyers and off-takers.



Youth participation helping women-led businesses grow stronger.

The use of digital payment systems has also increased the confidence of customers who now interact with a structured and professionally managed enterprise environment.

This is not simply a traditional marketplace. It is a modern, youth-inclusive, digitally enabled business ecosystem led by women determined to move beyond limitations and compete confidently within larger markets.

The success of the hub demonstrates how access to tools, organization, and innovation can transform grassroots enterprises into sustainable community-driven businesses capable of creating long-term economic impact.

From Processing to Delivery: Women Own the Full Enterprise Chain

Logistics Riders Help Move Products From Hub to Market



Logistics riders helping women businesses reach more customers.

Beyond processing and marketing, the women of Sara have successfully integrated logistics and last-mile delivery into their growing enterprise ecosystem through the support of WOFAN-ICON2 logistics riders.

The logistics service providers now play a vital role in transporting processed rice from the hub directly to customers, markets, and off-takers, ensuring faster delivery and improved market access for the women's products.

This integration means the women are no longer dependent on external transport systems that often reduce profits and delay deliveries. Instead, they now benefit from a more coordinated and efficient value chain where processing, packaging, transportation, and delivery work together seamlessly.

The logistics riders themselves have also become active contributors to enterprise growth, creating a strong partnership between women marketers and youth-led transportation clusters within the community.

What is unfolding in Sara is more than a marketing success story. It is a practical example of the WOFAN-ICON2 vision in action, a system where women and youth are not positioned as laborers at the margins of commerce, but as owners, operators, and leaders across every stage of the enterprise chain.

Processing, quality control, digital payments, marketing, and home delivery are all being driven collectively by empowered women and youth determined to shape their own economic future.

Building a Model for Community-Led Prosperity

The Sara WOFAN Marketing Hub is gradually becoming a model of community-led economic transformation that other groups can learn from and replicate.

Its success shows that when women receive the right support systems, including training, market access, logistics support, digital tools, and community coordination, they are capable of building enterprises that are not only profitable, but sustainable and scalable.

The women of Sara are no longer simply participating in local commerce; they are redefining it.

Their story is a powerful reminder that empowering women within agricultural value chains creates ripple effects that strengthen households, inspire younger generations, and contribute meaningfully to local economic development.

From Inputs Grant to a Savings Revolution
Kumo Young Women Are Rewriting Their Economic Story



Kumo women building stronger futures through savings and teamwork.

In Gombe State, the Kumo WOFAN Women Cluster is proving that when young women are trusted with opportunity, they can transform small beginnings into powerful movements of economic independence and collective growth.

What started as an initial support grant through WOFAN-ICON2 could have remained a one-time intervention. Instead, these young women chose to build something bigger.

Rather than spending the support individually, they organized themselves, revolved the grant strategically, and created a crowd savings system rooted in discipline, accountability, and cooperation. Little by little, contributions grew. Confidence grew. Trust among members deepened.

Soon, scenes that once seemed impossible became reality, young women lining up at banks to deposit savings earned through their own coordinated efforts and enterprise activities.



Young women rewriting their economic story through cooperation and discipline.

They were no longer approaching financial institutions as passive beneficiaries or struggling villagers. They arrived as organized, financially conscious entrepreneurs with a growing understanding of savings culture, investment, and long-term planning.

The transformation within the Kumo Cluster demonstrates that empowerment becomes truly sustainable when communities move beyond receiving support to building systems that multiply opportunity for themselves and others.

This is more than financial support. It is the awakening of confidence, ownership, and possibility.

Financial Inclusion Opened the Door to Bigger Possibilities

From Savings Discipline to Tricycle Ownership



From financial inclusion to tricycle ownership and business growth.

The consistency and discipline demonstrated by the Kumo women did not go unnoticed. Their organized savings culture and commitment to collective growth attracted the attention of the WOFAN Multipurpose Cooperative Scheme, creating an opportunity for them to access an even greater level of financial inclusion and enterprise support.

By qualifying and joining the cooperative structure, the women unlocked new pathways for economic participation and asset ownership. Through the WOFAN Revolving Scheme, the cluster successfully acquired a tricycle, a milestone that symbolized much more than transportation. For women who once struggled to move produce to markets or depended heavily on external transportation systems, the tricycle became a powerful symbol of mobility, independence, and enterprise growth.

The tricycle has strengthened their ability to transport products efficiently, reduce business losses, expand market reach, and improve daily income generation. It has also reinforced a deeper message within the community: young women are capable of managing assets, sustaining businesses, and building economic systems that uplift entire households. What once looked like a simple support intervention has evolved into a story of ownership, resilience, and self-driven transformation.

“WOFAN-ICON2 Showed Us That We Can” Young Women Turn Processing and Value Addition Into Prosperity



WOFAN-ICON2 helping women discover their strength and potential.

Today, the Kumo Cluster has evolved into a thriving women-led enterprise group actively engaged in processing, value addition, savings activities, and coordinated market operations.

The women now process raw agricultural produce into more profitable products, increasing product value while strengthening income opportunities for members. Their tricycle supports transportation and market access, helping move goods efficiently while reducing delays and post-harvest losses.

As their businesses continue to grow, so does their confidence in what they can achieve together. Members of the cluster expressed deep gratitude to WOFAN and the Mastercard Foundation for creating opportunities that allowed them to discover their own strength and potential. Beyond gratitude lies a bigger story, one of young women saving together, investing together, owning productive assets, and building sustainable livelihoods through cooperation and discipline.

Images of crowded savings meetings, women proudly banking their earnings, and tricycles transporting products to markets now tell a powerful story: WOFAN-ICON2 is helping communities build systems capable of generating lasting prosperity. The Kumo women continue to prove that when women are empowered with opportunity, trust, and structure, they do not merely survive, they lead, build, and inspire others to rise with them.

A Movement Beyond One Community

What is happening in Kumo is gradually becoming a model of community-led transformation capable of inspiring other women clusters across project states.

The women's journey from small grants to savings mobilization, cooperative participation, asset ownership, and enterprise expansion reflects the long-term vision of WOFAN-ICON2, creating empowered communities that can sustain growth beyond the lifespan of direct interventions.

Their success demonstrates that real empowerment is not measured only by what people receive, but by what they are able to build afterward.

And in Kumo, these women are building far more than businesses. They are building confidence, financial independence, leadership, and a future driven by collective possibility.

From Dry Dreams to Year-Round Harvests

How One Cooperative Turned a Grant Into Solar-Powered Prosperity



Solar-powered support helping farmers achieve year-round production.

In Yola, where Farm Innovation is implementing the WOFAN-ICON2 Project, members of the Dakanta Successor Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society are rewriting the story of small-scale farming through innovation, discipline, and collective vision.

Through the WOFAN Revolving Scheme, the cooperative qualified for and accessed a grant support of ₦1,050,000.00, an opportunity they used not for short-term consumption, but for long-term agricultural transformation.

A Movement Beyond One Community

With careful planning and a shared commitment to growth, the cooperative invested every naira into productive agricultural assets that would permanently improve their farming capacity and resilience.

Their purchases included:

- **2 Solar Water Pumps**
- **1 Fuel Water Pump**
- **4 Solar Panels**
- **Irrigation Hoses and Accessories**

For the cooperative members, these were not just equipment purchases. They were investments in stability, productivity, and a future no longer controlled entirely by unpredictable rainfall patterns.

The intervention marked a major turning point for the group, shifting them from vulnerable seasonal farmers into producers capable of sustaining agricultural activities throughout the year.

Farming Without Seasons

Solar Technology Opens the Door to Continuous Production



Solar technology helping farmers grow beyond seasonal limits.

Before the intervention, farming activities within the community were heavily dependent on seasonal rainfall, limiting productivity and exposing farmers to climate uncertainty and income instability.

Today, the story is different.

With the introduction of solar-powered irrigation systems and fuel backup support, the Dakanta cooperative now farms through both dry and rainy seasons, ensuring continuous cultivation even when surrounding farmlands begin to dry up.

The solar pumps provide reliable access to water while reducing dependence on expensive fuel-powered irrigation alone. Combined with the backup fuel pump system, the cooperative has created a more stable and resilient farming structure capable of supporting year-round production.

The results are already becoming visible:

- Increased crop yields
- Improved food security
- Reduced farming interruptions
- Better household income stability
- Greater resilience against climate challenges

For the members, the solar panels installed across their farmland symbolize much more than technology. They represent freedom from seasonal limitations and the beginning of a more secure agricultural future.

What once seemed impossible, farming consistently across seasons, is now becoming a sustainable reality.



Solar-powered irrigation supporting year-round agricultural production.

A New Sense of Control and Possibility

"God Bless WOFAN-ICON2" — Members Celebrate Transformation

The excitement among members of the Dakanta Successor Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society goes far beyond gratitude for receiving support. What they celebrate most is the transformation in their confidence, productivity, and outlook on the future.

For years, many farmers operated with uncertainty, waiting anxiously for rainfall before making planting decisions. Poor rainfall often meant lower harvests, financial pressure, and disrupted livelihoods.

Now, with irrigation systems in place, the cooperative members no longer feel powerless against changing weather conditions. They are able to plan farming activities more strategically, manage water supply independently, and maintain production cycles with greater confidence and stability.

Their words of appreciation to Mastercard Foundation, WOFAN, Farm Innovation, and the ICON2 Project team reflect not only gratitude, but relief, relief that farming no longer has to stop when the rains disappear.

The members proudly describe themselves as people who are no longer waiting for seasons to determine their survival. Instead, they have become active managers of their own agricultural calendar and productivity.

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Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN) was established in June 1993 and was incorporated with the Kano State Government as a Community Development Association in 1995 with 28 community members.

The organization was later registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission in 2004 as WOFAN Associates and WOFAN Enterprise to engage in capacity development, consultancy and provision of corporate services and to develop the entrepreneurial skills and economic inclusion of the rural farming and processing communities, respectively.

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