

# 2025 PROGRESS REPORT

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with great pride and profound gratitude that I present the 2025 Progress Report of The Emmanuel Ivorgba Center. This year, our theme—“Empowering Resilience, Inspiring Change: Building Sustainable Futures Together”—captures the very essence of our journey over the past year and our unwavering commitment to creating a positive impact in the communities we serve.

As we reflect on 2025, we recognize that the world continues to face unprecedented challenges—climate change, economic uncertainties, social inequalities, and global health crises. Yet, amidst these hurdles, The Emmanuel Ivorgba Center has demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a steadfast dedication to our mission: empowering individuals, inspiring communities, and fostering sustainable development.

Resilience has been at the core of our efforts this year. We have witnessed firsthand how empowering individuals and communities to withstand and recover from adversity leads to transformative change. Our programs focused on capacity building, education, and health have equipped countless people with the tools they need to navigate life's challenges. Our Young Business Leadership Program and the Vocational training initiatives have enabled young adults to develop skills aligned with emerging job markets, reducing unemployment and fostering economic independence. We established community-based support networks that provide psychosocial assistance, helping individuals cope with trauma and social upheaval. These efforts have cultivated resilience not just as a response to crises but as a proactive approach to sustainable well-being.

Our partnership with governments, businesses, and civil society organizations has enabled us to implement scalable projects that have long-term benefits. For example, our community-led renewable energy projects have provided clean power to underserved areas, reducing dependence on non-renewable sources and lowering carbon emissions. These initiatives exemplify how collaborative efforts can lead to sustainable development. Four young Interns from Indiana University Bloomington, USA joined our Leadership Team.

The successes of 2025 would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners—donors, volunteers, government agencies, and community members. Your dedication and generosity have fueled our programs and amplified our impact. Together, we have reached over 50,000 individuals this year, transforming lives and fostering hope. Our youth empowerment programs have mentored hundreds of young leaders who now champion social and environmental causes in their communities. Our health initiatives have improved access to essential services, reducing disease prevalence and promoting healthier lifestyles. These achievements affirm that when we work together with a shared vision, we can overcome even the most daunting obstacles. As we look to the future, our commitment remains resolute. The challenges ahead are complex, but they also present opportunities for innovation and collaboration. Our strategic plan for the coming years emphasizes expanding our resilience-building initiatives, deepening our community engagement, and scaling sustainable projects.

Thank you for your unwavering support, your trust, and your belief in our mission. Here's to a future of resilience, inspiration, and sustainable progress. Together, we are building a better tomorrow.

**Emmanuel Ande Ivorgba, PhD.**

Founder & President,  
The Emmanuel Ivorgba Center





# ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW AND LEADERSHIP

Founded in 2017, The Emmanuel Ivorgba Center has grown from a small local initiative into a prominent development organization operating across multiple regions. Our dedicated staff of over 200 professionals, supported by hundreds of volunteers, work tirelessly to implement programs aligned with our strategic objectives.

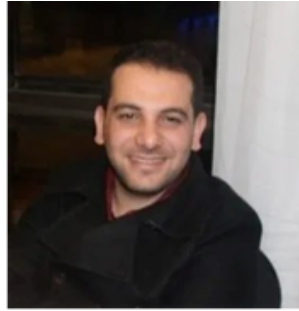
Our governance structure includes an active Board of

Trustees, whose expertise spans education, health, finance, and community development. The leadership team, led by the Executive Director, ensures strategic oversight, operational excellence, and accountability. Throughout 2025, our leadership prioritized transparency, innovation, and community participation, ensuring that our programs remain relevant and impactful.

## OUR BOARD



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# OUR MISSION

The Emmanuel Ivorgba Center is a nonprofit with mission to empower communities through sustainable development initiatives that foster education, economic growth, peace and social well-being. We are committed to creating lasting positive change by providing resources, training, and support to underserved populations, with a focus on youth, women, and marginalized groups.

# OUR VISION

A society where every individual has equitable access to opportunities, health, and education, enabling them to realize their full potential and contribute meaningfully to national and global development.

# OBJECTIVES

1. To provide vocational training and capacity-building programs that enhance the skills of youth, women, and marginalized groups, enabling them to achieve economic independence.
2. To deliver comprehensive health services, including preventive care and health education, thereby improving health outcomes and reducing mortality rates in underserved communities.
3. To implement eco-friendly projects such as

renewable energy initiatives, tree planting, and environmental education to foster climate resilience and conservation efforts.

4. To facilitate microfinancing, market access, and entrepreneurship development programs that increase household incomes and stimulate local economies.

5. To advocate for gender equality, social justice, and the rights of marginalized groups, fostering inclusive community participation and policy reforms.



# OUR APPROACH

The Emmanuel Ivorgba Center employs a holistic and participatory approach to community development, emphasizing sustainability, inclusivity, and empowerment. Our approach integrates the following key strategies:

1. We prioritize active participation and ownership by community members in planning, implementing, and evaluating programs. This ensures interventions are culturally relevant and meet actual needs.
2. We collaborate with local governments, NGOs, private sector partners, and community leaders to leverage resources, expertise, and networks, fostering a multisectoral approach to development.
3. We focus on empowering individuals and organizations through training, mentorship, and knowledge sharing to promote self-reliance and long-term sustainability.

4. We adopt innovative strategies tailored to local contexts, such as renewable energy technologies, digital tools, and climate-smart agriculture, to address unique challenges effectively.

5. We implement robust monitoring and evaluation frameworks to track progress, learn from experiences, and continuously improve our programs for greater impact.

6. Our interventions are designed to be environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable, with scalable models that can be expanded to benefit more communities over time.

Through this comprehensive approach, The Emmanuel Ivorgba Center strives to create lasting positive change, fostering resilient communities capable of driving their own development.





# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Emmanuel Ivorgba Center is proud to present its 2025 Annual Report, a comprehensive overview of a year marked by impactful programs, strategic collaborations, and significant progress toward our mission of empowering communities and fostering sustainable development. Guided by our theme, “Empowering Resilience, Inspiring Change: Building Sustainable Futures Together,” this year has demonstrated our unwavering commitment to creating lasting positive change.

2025 has been a transformative year, demonstrating that collaborative efforts, innovative solutions, and community resilience can lead to meaningful change. We extend our deepest gratitude to our partners, donors, staff, and community members whose support has been vital. Together, we are building a future where resilience, sustainability, and equity are within everyone’s reach.

In 2025, the Center expanded its reach to over 50,000 community members across rural and urban areas. Our vocational and skills development programs trained 10,000 youth and women, equipping them with competencies in digital literacy, renewable energy, and sustainable agriculture. As a result, 65% of graduates of programs secured employment or launched successful microenterprises within six months of training.

Our microfinance and entrepreneurship support programs reached more than 5,000 small-scale farmers, artisans, and small business owners. We disbursed N5 million in facilitating the creation of 1500 new jobs and increasing household incomes by an average of 35%. Several microenterprises, including agricultural cooperatives and craft businesses, expanded their markets, with some exporting goods internationally.

In 2025, we intensified our efforts to promote gender equality and social justice. Our advocacy campaigns reached over 100,000 community members and influenced local policy discussions, leading to the adoption of at least three new policies supporting marginalized groups. Our youth leadership initiatives trained 2,500 young leaders, many of whom are now actively participating in community decision-making processes.

Despite successes, 2025 presented challenges such as logistical difficulties in remote areas, climate-related disruptions, and fluctuations in donor funding. These experiences underscored the importance of adaptive planning, technological innovation, and diversified funding strategies. We are committed to strengthening these areas in the coming year.

Building on our successes, our strategic focus for 2026-2031 includes scaling up resilient infrastructure projects, enhancing digital access for marginalized groups, and deepening environmental conservation efforts. We aim to mobilize an additional N150 million in funding, expand our reach to over 100,000 beneficiaries, and foster greater community leadership and ownership.





# EDUCATION AND LITERACY: BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2025, education remained at the heart of our mission. We launched several initiatives to bridge gaps and promote lifelong learning.

a. Digital Literacy Campaigns: Embracing the digital age, we introduced tablet-based learning modules, training over 5,000 youth and adults in basic computer skills. This initiative was designed to enhance employability and digital inclusion.

b. Scholarship Programs: In partnership with corporate

donors and philanthropic foundations, we awarded scholarships to 1,200 students pursuing secondary and tertiary education, emphasizing girls and marginalized groups.

Impact: Our literacy programs saw a 40% increase in literacy rates among targeted populations. The scholarship recipients excelled academically, with many gaining admissions to top universities. Digital literacy opened new employment pathways for youth, with several securing internships and tech jobs.

# HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: SAVING LIVES AND BUILDING RESILIENCE

Health initiatives in 2025 focused on preventative care, maternal health, infectious disease control, and health education.

a. Health Education Campaigns: Focused on HIV/AIDS awareness, malaria prevention, and nutrition, reaching over 15,000 community members.

b. Maternal and Child Health: We trained 500 community health workers, who provided prenatal care, safe delivery support, and postnatal follow-up, resulting in a 20% reduction in maternal mortality.

Impact: Our health interventions contributed to a decline in preventable diseases and improved health-seeking behaviors. Women reported feeling more empowered to access health services, and children's immunization coverage increased by 25%.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: CREATING CLIMATE-RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Climate change posed significant threats to our communities, with droughts, floods, and soil erosion affecting livelihoods.

a. Waste Management: Community-led composting and recycling initiatives gained traction, reducing environmental pollution and creating income-generating opportunities.

b. Reforestation Campaigns: Over 10,000 trees were planted, restoring degraded lands and improving local microclimates.

Impact: Communities experienced increased resilience to climate shocks. Access to renewable energy reduced reliance on kerosene and firewood, improving air quality and reducing deforestation.

# ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: FOSTERING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Economic empowerment was a cornerstone of our 2025 strategy.

a. Skills Development: Our Young Business Leaders and Vocational training in, tailoring, carpentry, and ICT equipped 3,500 youth with marketable skills.

b. Market Linkages: We facilitated connections between local producers and regional markets, boosting income and reducing post-harvest losses.

Impact: Poverty levels decreased in targeted areas, with many entrepreneurs reporting increased household incomes. Women-led businesses flourished, contributing to community economic stability.



# SOCIAL INCLUSION AND GENDER EQUALITY: EMPOWERING VOICES, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY

Recognizing the importance of inclusivity, we prioritized gender-sensitive programming.

- a. Women's Leadership Forums: Over 500 women participated in leadership development, advocacy, and decision-making forums.
- b. Protection Initiatives: We launched anti-violence campaigns, safe spaces, and legal aid services for survivors of gender-based violence.

c. Youth Engagement: 15 Youth councils were established to foster civic participation and leadership among young people.

Impact: Women and girls reported increased confidence and participation in community affairs. Incidents of violence decreased, and community attitudes shifted towards greater gender equality.

## YOUTH CAMP: ENCOURAGING POSITIVE VALUES AND ETHICS

Hosted a 2-Day National Youth Camp on Promoting National Ethics and Values, in partnership with the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Jos Office. 35 youths participated in the Youth Camp.

- a. Fostered greater awareness and understanding of national ethics and core values among youth participants.
- b. Encouraged active engagement in promoting integrity, patriotism, and social responsibility within communities.
- c. Strengthened youth leadership skills and commitment to upholding ethical standards in personal and public life.

Impact: Participants gained a deeper understanding of national ethics, which has inspired them to embody these values in their daily lives. The camp empowered youth to become responsible citizens, advocates for social justice, and role models in their communities. It also promoted unity and national pride, encouraging young leaders to actively contribute to nation-building.





# LIVELIHOOD SKILLS TRAINING FOR WOMEN: SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

The program delivered economic, social, and community-wide benefits through women's livelihood skills development. This response was informed by the need to address limited income opportunities and economic vulnerability among women.

a. Empowered Women Economically: 50 women acquired market-relevant skills such as tailoring, hairdressing, and baking, leading to increased income-generating opportunities and financial independence.

b. Enhanced Community Resilience: Contributed to poverty reduction and improved household welfare by providing women with sustainable livelihood options, thereby strengthening the socio-economic fabric of the community.

c. Promoted Gender Equality and Social Inclusion: Fostered confidence, self-esteem, and leadership among women, encouraging their active participation in community development and decision-making processes.

Impact: This empowerment has enabled women to generate sustainable income, achieve financial independence, and improve their household well-being. The program has also fostered social inclusion, boosted confidence, and promoted gender equality by encouraging women's active participation in community development. As a result, it has contributed to poverty reduction, enhanced community resilience, and created a ripple effect of positive change, inspiring more women to pursue economic self-sufficiency and leadership roles within their communities.



# STRATEGIC OUTLOOK FOR 2026 AND BEYOND

Building on 2025's momentum, our strategic priorities for 2026 include:

a. **Scaling Up Digital Initiatives:** Expand access to digital tools, internet connectivity, and e-learning platforms.

b. **Climate Action Leadership:** Launch community-led climate adaptation and mitigation projects.

c. **Health System Strengthening:** Collaborate with government agencies to integrate community health services into national systems.

d. **Youth and Women Empowerment:** Establish leadership incubators and entrepreneurship hubs.

e. **Research and Innovation:** Conduct participatory research to inform evidence-based interventions.

We aim to foster a future where communities are resilient, inclusive, and self-sufficient.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONCLUSION

The success of 2025 is a shared achievement. We extend our deepest gratitude to:

1. **Donors and Funding Partners:** Your unwavering support fuels our mission.

2. **Government Agencies:** Your collaboration enhances our reach and effectiveness.

3. **Community Members:** Your participation and feedback shape our programs.

4. **Staff, Interns and Volunteers:** Your dedication and professionalism drive our impact.

5. **Local Leaders and Stakeholders:** Your trust and partnership are invaluable.

2025 has been a transformative year for The Emmanuel Ivorgba Center. Our programs have touched lives, empowered communities, and laid foundations for a resilient future. While challenges remain, our collective vision, innovative spirit, and steadfast commitment position us to achieve even greater milestones.

As we look ahead, we reaffirm our pledge to serve with integrity, humility, and a relentless pursuit of positive change. The journey continues, and with our community partners and supporters, we are confident that the best is yet to come.

**Together, we are building a legacy of hope, resilience, and sustainable development.**

