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Welcome Address

Dear Friends,

As we step into the second quarter of 2026, we take a moment to reflect on the work we carried out in the first three months of the year and what a strong start it has been.

In Q1 2026, the Bet9ja Foundation continued to show up in communities across Nigeria. From expanding access to healthcare and improving community infrastructure, to creating opportunities for young people and strengthening grassroots sports, our focus has remained clear to deliver impact where it matters most.

This quarter also marks an important milestone for us. We have now reached all 36 states + FCT in Nigeria, expanding our footprint and deepening our connection with communities across the country.

In 2025, we delivered 107 projects across 5 pillars, reaching 89,760 beneficiaries in 27 states and the FCT. That progress has shaped the momentum we are building on in 2026.

Every project captured in this newsletter reflects a community that trusted us to show up and we did.

We remain committed to staying close to the people, listening, and acting in ways that create meaningful and lasting change.

To our partners, our team, and everyone who continues to support this work, thank you.

A portrait of Ernest Abanum, a Black man with a beard and mustache, wearing a blue collared shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background of the photo is a light, neutral color.

Ernest Abanum

Programme Manager, Bet9ja Foundation

2025 Impact Recap... Looking Back.



107
Projects



27
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5
Pillars





2026, First Quarter Initiatives & Impact



EDUCATION





What we did:

We awarded over 200 scholarships to undergraduate students in 300–400 level studying in government-owned universities across Nigeria, providing financial support to help them complete their education.

Why did we do it?

For many students, the biggest barrier to finishing university is not ability, but financial pressure. We wanted to ease that burden and give students the stability they need to focus on their education.

What it changed:

Over 200 students received support that directly impacted their ability to stay in school and complete their studies. Beyond financial relief, the scholarship gave them confidence that their education and their future are worth investing in.



SOKOTO

Life After School



What we did:

We organised an empowerment session at Pinnacle Hotel, Sokoto, designed to equip young people with the knowledge, skills, and mindset to navigate life and opportunity after graduation.

Why we did it:

Finishing school in Nigeria often raises more questions than it answers. Young people leave with qualifications but without a clear picture of what comes next. We wanted to change that conversation to replace uncertainty with direction.

What it changed:

Participants left with resources, mentorship connections, and a clearer path forward as young Nigerians ready to apply their knowledge meaningfully.

IMO

What Next Seminar (Imo State University)

What we did:

We hosted a hands-on seminar teaching undergraduates essential skills for career entry, entrepreneurship, and goal setting.

Why we did it:

The gap between school learning and real-world careers remains wide. This programme empowers youths to take their next step decisively.

What it changed:

Students found direction and determination to pursue opportunities proactively, bridging the often intimidating post-graduation transition.



HEALTHCARE DEVELOPMENT





KANO

Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness

What we did:

We conducted a sexual and reproductive health awareness programme in the Rangaza area, Ungogo Local Government, Kano, reaching community members with clear, factual health information.

Why we did it:

Access to reproductive health education remains critically limited in many parts of northern Nigeria. Where silence and misinformation dominates, we believe in having honest, practical conversations. Access to reliable, stigma-free information empowers individuals to make informed decisions.

What it changed:

Conversations that were once taboo became platforms for education. Participants gained understanding and with it, agency over their health choices.



LAGOS

Donation of Medical Equipment

What we did:

We donated medical equipment to the Ayobo-Ipeja LCDA Health Centre in Iyana Ipeja, Lagos, directly improving the facility's capacity to serve residents.



Why we did it:

A health centre without adequate equipment is a building, not a functioning facility. Communities like Ayobo-Ipeja deserve health infrastructure that actually works, and sometimes the most direct way to improve care is to put the right tools in the right hands.

What it changed:

500 residents now access a health centre that is better equipped to serve them. The donation brought immediate, tangible improvement to a facility that the community depends on daily.



LAGOS

Eye Outreach



What we did:

We ran a free eye outreach programme at Okeletu Ireakel along Ijede Road in Ikorodu, Lagos, providing screenings, consultations, and referrals to community members.

Why we did it:

Vision loss is one of the most preventable forms of disability in Nigeria, yet too many people lose their sight simply because no one ever checked. We went to Ikorodu to change that for as many people as we could reach in a single day.

What it changed:

700 community members received eye care they might never have otherwise sought out. Several were identified as needing specialist follow-up and were referred accordingly. For many, it was a first and it may have saved their sight.



OYO

Renovation of Maje Primary Health Centre



What we did:

We funded and carried out the renovation of the Maje Primary Health Centre, located at Jegede Compound, Oke Labo, Ibadan, Oyo State, restoring it to a standard that allows it to serve residents properly.

Why we did it:

Primary health centres are often the first point of contact for care in communities like this one. When these facilities fall into disrepair, it is the most vulnerable residents who pay the price. Ibadan's Oke Labo community deserved a health centre they could rely on.

What it changed:

1,000 residents now access a renovated facility that functions with dignity and purpose. The renovation restored not just the building, but the community's trust in what a public health centre can be.



What we did:

We organised a drug awareness and prevention campaign at the Blue Roof Chapel, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria Main Campus, Kaduna, reaching students with clear, practical information.

Why we did it:

University life comes with a lot of pressure and exposure, and for many young people, it can be their first encounter with substance use. We wanted to meet them at that point with honest conversations and the right information to help them make better choices.

What it changed:

Students left the event with a clearer understanding of the risks and were better equipped to make informed decisions. Peer-led conversations sparked at this kind of event continue long after the day is over, and that ripple effect is exactly what we are counting on.



CROSS-RIVER

Eye & Ear Medical Screening

What we did:

We ran a health awareness programme at Marian Market, Calabar Municipality, Cross River State, focused on eye and ear health, offering information, basic screenings, and guidance on accessing specialist care.

Why we did it:

Sensory health issues, particularly vision and hearing loss, are often left unaddressed in market and rural communities due to a lack of information and the perceived cost of care. Many people live with manageable conditions that could be treated if they knew where to start.

What it changed:

Community members at one of Calabar's busiest markets received health checks and left with actionable advice. For many, it was the first time anyone had taken a serious look at their sensory health, and several participants were referred for further support.



The background image shows a group of people, including a man in a white shirt, holding up a large red pipe. A sign attached to the pipe reads "Desha Foundation". In the background, there is a building with a sign that says "ISHAQ M. T. GOR" and two phone numbers: "08133413506" and "08172203".

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE



Seeds of Change



What we did:

We delivered the Seeds of Change agro-empowerment initiative in Afotamodi, Isara-Remo, Ogun State, providing farmers with essential farming tools and hands-on training through an agricultural workshop.

Why we did it:

Many small-scale farmers have the willingness to grow but lack access to the right tools and practical knowledge. We wanted to bridge that gap by equipping them with both resources and skills to improve their productivity.

What it changed:

Farmers left better equipped and more confident in their approach to farming. With improved tools and knowledge, they



IMO

Borehole Installation

What we did:

We installed a borehole at the Umuelele Village Square in Irete, Owerri West Local Government, Imo State, providing the community with a reliable, clean water source.

Why we did it:

Access to clean water is not a luxury, it is a foundation. Without it, communities spend hours and energy sourcing unsafe alternatives. The Umuelele community had waited long enough.

What it changed:

2,000 residents now have access to clean water at the heart of their community. The borehole removes a daily burden that affected health, productivity, and the quality of life for every household it serves. That kind of impact is difficult to overstate.





FOT (ABUJA)

Water for All (Borehole Installation)

What we did:

We built a solar-powered borehole to tackle chronic water shortage in the community.

Why we did it:

Water access is the foundation of development: health, education, and economy depend on it.

What it changed:

1,000 people now enjoy easier access to clean water, reducing disease and water-fetching stress.



JIGAWA

Light Up Hakim Road Community Project

What we did:

We installed solar-powered street lights along Hakim Street in Dutse, Jigawa State, bringing sustainable lighting to an area that had been navigating darkness after sunset.

Why we did it:

Darkness after dusk costs communities more than comfort, it costs them safety, economic activity, and freedom of movement. Hakim Road deserved better, and solar infrastructure makes that improvement permanent and self-sustaining.

What it changed:

2,000 residents now move through their community with confidence at night. Traders can stay open longer, families can move more freely, and the street has taken on new life after dark. Infrastructure this simple should never have taken this long.





Recycle Right

What we did:

Introduced a community recycling campaign to promote waste segregation and sustainability. We ran a community infrastructure and environmental initiative at Ishaga Abosule Market, Agbado Crossing, Ogun State, introducing structured waste management and recycling practices to the market community.

Why we did it:

Markets generate significant waste, and without proper systems, that waste becomes a health and environmental burden that falls hardest on the traders and residents nearby. We went in to build better habits and better systems at the same time.

What it changed:

100 traders and community members now operate in a cleaner, better-managed market environment. Behaviour change is never instant, but the groundwork for a healthier, more organised space has been firmly laid.



LAGOS

ONDO

ANAMBRA

EBONYI

PLATEAU

Love on the Street 3 (Valentine Outreach)



What we did:

We carried out the 3rd edition of Love on the Street across Lagos, Ondo, Anambra, Ebonyi, and Plateau States, marking Valentine's Day by reaching people directly on the streets with gifts and financial support.

Why we did it:

Valentine's Day is often centred around celebration, but for many people, especially those on the margins, it can pass like any other day. We wanted to take that moment and turn it into something meaningful meeting people where they are and showing that they are seen and valued.

What it changed:

The outreach brought unexpected moments of relief, joy, and human connection to people who needed it. Beyond the gifts, it was the act of showing up that mattered reminding people that kindness can reach them, even in the most ordinary places.



LAGOS

Small World Event (IWOC Nigeria)

What we did:

We supported the Small World event by IWOC at Federal Palace Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos an initiative that brought together and supported 74 charities across Nigeria.

Why we did it:

No single organisation can meet every need. Supporting platforms like Small World allows us to extend our impact by strengthening other charities doing important work across different communities.

What it changed:

Through this partnership, 74 charities received support that enabled them to continue and expand their work. By backing a collective effort, the impact goes beyond one project it multiplies across communities nationwide.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ALL TOURNAMENT

SPORT DEVELOPMENT





What we did:

We partnered with FAME Foundation to host a women's football tournament celebrating inclusion and empowerment through sport.

Why we did it:

Sports can amplify gender equality—showing that opportunity and achievement belong to everyone.

What it changed:

2,500 female athletes and community spectators shared a stage that celebrated ability, teamwork, and progress.

A photograph of two men shaking hands. The man on the left is wearing a light blue polo shirt. The man on the right is wearing a white traditional Nigerian agbada and a black fila. In the background, there is a large poster for BET 91.1 featuring a colorful sunset scene. Studio lights are visible at the top of the frame.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT





OGUN

Skills Training and Empowerment Program

What we did:

We funded a skills training and empowerment programme in Sagamu, Ogun State equipping 100 young people with vocational and entrepreneurship skills in a structured environment that gave them both practical training and the confidence to apply what they learned.

Why we did it:

Youth unemployment in Ogun State, as across Nigeria, is not primarily a shortage of ambition. It is a shortage of access and structured training. This programme was designed to bridge that gap reaching young people in Sagamu with hands-on skills they can convert into income and self-sufficiency.

What it changed:

100 young people completed the programme with new skills and renewed direction. For participants who had been struggling to find a productive pathway, the training provided both practical tools and the confidence to use them.





Skills Acquisition and Business Setup for Youth

What we did:

We funded a skills acquisition and business setup workshop for young people in Umuhia, Abia State, a practical, hands-on programme equipping 100 participants with the business knowledge, startup tools, and entrepreneurial confidence to begin building something of their own.



Why we did it:

This is our second investment in youth business development in Abia, because the first reminded us how ready young people in this state are. Ideas are not the shortage in Umuhia. Structured support, mentorship, and business fundamentals are. This programme provides exactly those things.

What it changed:

Young people completed the programme with more than a certificate – they completed it with a plan. Business ideas that had been sitting dormant were given shape and direction. Participants left with a clearer understanding of how to start, fund, and sustain a business. That clarity is how ambition becomes action.

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Looking Ahead: What's Next?

There is more good to come, and we are already planning for it. Going into 2026, our focus will stay on:

- 💡 Skills and empowerment for young people who are ready to build something.
- 🏥 Healthcare access for communities that are still being left behind.
- 🏃 Sports and wellness programmes that bring people together and give youth a purpose.
- 🔌 Infrastructure projects like boreholes and solar lighting that changes how communities live day to day.

We look forward to what lies ahead, and we are grateful you are on this journey with us.

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