



**NGYouthSDGs**

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## ORGANISATION PROFILE

### Why We Exist

Nigeria has a 65 percent youth population under 30 years old. Young people are disproportionately affected by the country's problems, such as poverty, poor health, and economic opportunities. They are consistently excluded from important decision-making processes that affect them.

The Network of Youth for Sustainable Initiative (NGYouthSDGs) believes that young people have the energy, creativity, and will to do things differently in their lifetime. They are an asset to the development of their countries and communities and with the right guidance and support can become influential leaders of positive change.



## Our Values

Passion



Speaking Up



Creativity & Innovation



Collaboration



## About Us

NGYouthSDGs registered as Network of Youth for Sustainable Initiative is a youth-led and youth-serving civil society organization working with youth leaders and youth groups to localize the Sustainable Development Goals in their communities.

NGYouthSDGs focus on policies and programs that will enable young people to lead and thrive.

NGYouthSDGs works with youth groups, youth stakeholders like the government, international and national development partners, the private sector, academia and the press to amplify the voices of youth and facilitate their meaningful participation in the developmental agenda of their country.



## Our Focus Areas

**Education and Leadership Development:** Investing in the human capacity development of the younger population is pivotal to creating a nation with a shared purpose that inspires sustainable development. NGYouthSDGs' tailored-made programs for youth champions and volunteers across Nigeria help build a network of socially conscious leaders willing to work across tribal and religious divides for the betterment of their communities, states, and the nation.

**Livelihoods and Employment:** Young people and women are taking up productive livelihoods and employment opportunities that contribute to their household income and the economies of their communities. We identify policies that will enable the labour market participation of youth and work with government and youth stakeholders for their implementation.

**Civic Participation:** Access to decision-makers and engaging in active citizenship is for young people to develop their personal and collective leadership and participate in nation-building. NGYouthSDGs believes that the participation of young people in civic duties creates national pride and is the bedrock for engagement in active citizenship. We provide opportunities for young people to interact with decision-makers in their communities, states, and the nation on issues that are important to youth.

## **Our Work**

### **A. Youth Driving Policy**

#### **Nigeria Youth Employment Action Plan**

Following the impact of the COVID19, NGYouthSDGs with funding from the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs worked with the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports, the International Labour Organization, and the United Nations Children's Fund via the UReport platform to understand the decent work aspirations of young Nigerians and how they want policymakers in Nigeria to support them. 212,000 young people under 29 over 6 weeks responded to a survey disseminated in person targeting youth in rural communities and online sharing their decent work aspirations. This was followed by a youth validation lab across 36 states and the FCT with 850 youth organizations present. The feedback from the survey and the youth lab is a key component of the Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan launched in September 2021.

[www.decentwork.ng](http://www.decentwork.ng)

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/02/over-800-youths-give-conditions-ahead-of-nyeap-launch-implementation/>

#### **Young Women Economic Empowerment**

The labour market participation of young women in Nigeria is essential to us as they battle more with multidimensional poverty. Ahead of International Women's Day 2022, NGYouthSDGs published a factsheet on Young Women's Economic Empowerment with advocacy visits to relevant government agencies advocating for more funding for businesses by young women from vulnerable and marginalized backgrounds and proper monitoring of initiatives by the government targeted at them.

<https://thenationonlineng.net/more-women-participation-will-enhance-nigerias-economic-growth/>

## **B. Leadership**

### **SDGs Playbook**

As part of NGYouthSDGs' goal of inspiring youth engagement in the attainment of the SDGs, she launched the SDGs Playbook, a resource material with exemplary action that young people can take towards the 2030 Agenda.

<https://nigeria.un.org/en/160676-unic-youth-network-launch-sdgs-playbook>

### **COVID-Positive Stories**

Following the impact of COVID19, NGYouthSDGs launched the COVID Positive Stories to showcase examples of how young Nigerians are taking actions in their communities to end the pandemic. The compendium served as an inspiration for many young people to embrace volunteering and support the efforts of healthcare workers in a bid to flatten the curve.

<https://nigerianyouthsdgs.org/covid19-positive-stories-a-compendium/>

## **C. Active Citizenship**

### **Speak Up Stand Out**

Young Nigerians are passionate about contributing to the development of their communities but often lack mentoring and finance to carry out impact projects. The Speak Up Stand Out is NGYouthSDGs' drive to resource grassroots and unregistered youth groups to advocate for issues that are important to them with emphasis on education, entrepreneurship, civic participation, peace and security.

<https://www.legit.ng/nigeria/1444450-20-young-activists-selected-to-make-great-change-nigeria/>

### **Community Campaigns Against COVID19 in 25 communities across 10 states**

We led strategic community campaigns against COVID19 across 25 communities in 10 states where we distributed over 15,000 reusable nose masks and face shields with support from Mastercard Foundation. We offered safety tips to members of the communities we visited in partnership with the Ministry of Health in the states. The intervention was carried out in Kaduna, Cross River, Enugu, Abuja, Kwara, Ondo, Adamawa, Imo, Lagos, and Nassarawa states.

<https://punchng.com/mastercard-foundation-others-raise-covid-19-safety-awareness/>



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## Our Partners



NGYouthSDGs has been recognized by the United Nations for her Good Practices, Success Stories, and Lessons Learned in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

<https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/amplifying-youth-voices-sustainable-community-development>

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