SDGs Regional Youth Dialogue 2019

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Executive Summary

2019 and 2020 provide an opportunity for advancing the historic agreement of the SDGs. It is, therefore, a strategic moment for a step change in youth mobilization and engagement. The implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals has so far been limited with stakeholders undermining efforts to reduce poverty, low investments in health and education, youth unemployment, disregarding the Paris agreement and closing the space for legitimate dialogue

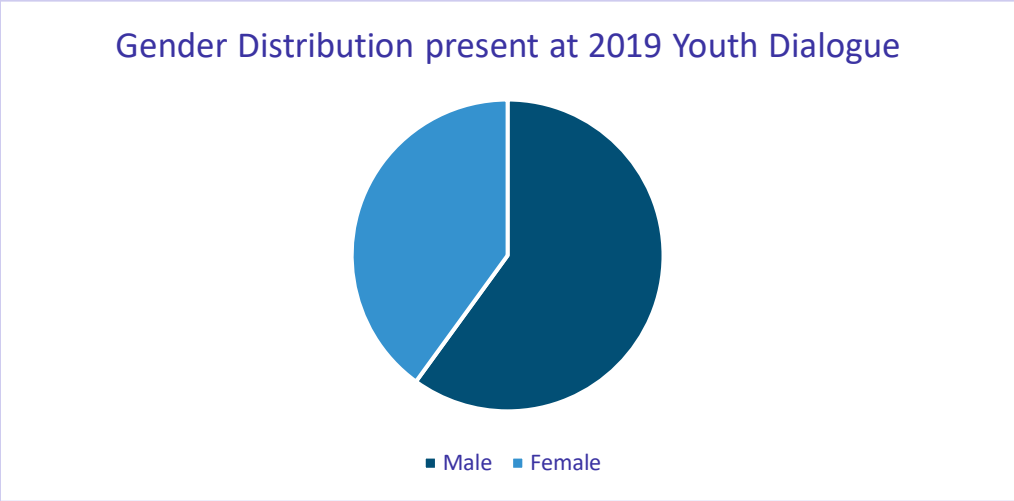
Young people are already suffering the impacts of climate change and low investment in human capacity and infrastructural development. There is an urgent need for youth power to add pressure on decision makers in politics and the economy. We need to strengthen and amplify the voices of youth who are ready to act, and demand for transformational change towards achieving the SDGs in Nigeria. This realization birthed the idea to bring youth together to a regional Youth Consultation to analyze how young people have improved the delivery of the Global Goals in Nigeria.

The Youth Dialogue is a youth consultation with 2,000 participants in 20 states across the 6 geopolitical zones of Nigeria that will amplify the demands of youth for immediate and concrete actions towards achieving the SDGs.

Oyo State	**South-West**
Ondo State	
Osun State	
Lagos State	
Anambra State	**South-East**
Imo State	
Enugu State	
Rivers State	**South-South**
Edo State	
Cross River State	
Delta State	
Nasarawa State	**North-Central**
Benue State	
Federal Capital Territory	
Kaduna State	**North-West**
Kano State	
Gombe State	**North-East**
Bauchi State	
Adamawa State	

Across the 20 states, 40 percent of the participating youth were females and there was deliberate effort to involve youth living with disability in order not to leave anyone

behind. The event which was held between August 9th- 16th 2019 had sixteen special youth living with disability.



The Dialogue was focused on six youth-centric sustainable goals. In each State, the participatory audience were grouped into six and were led to discuss key questions around each focused Goals.

Report Analysis: SDGs Awareness

Question: On a scale of 1-10, how many young people in your community know about the SDGs?

SDGs Awareness Across the 20 States

From the report, Kano State has the highest numbers which indicates that more youth in the state are aware of each of the SDGs though fewer people are aware of Goal 8- Decent Jobs and Economic Growth. Delta State has the least number with just 0.2 higher than Anambra State which indicates that fewer youth in the states are aware of the SDGs.

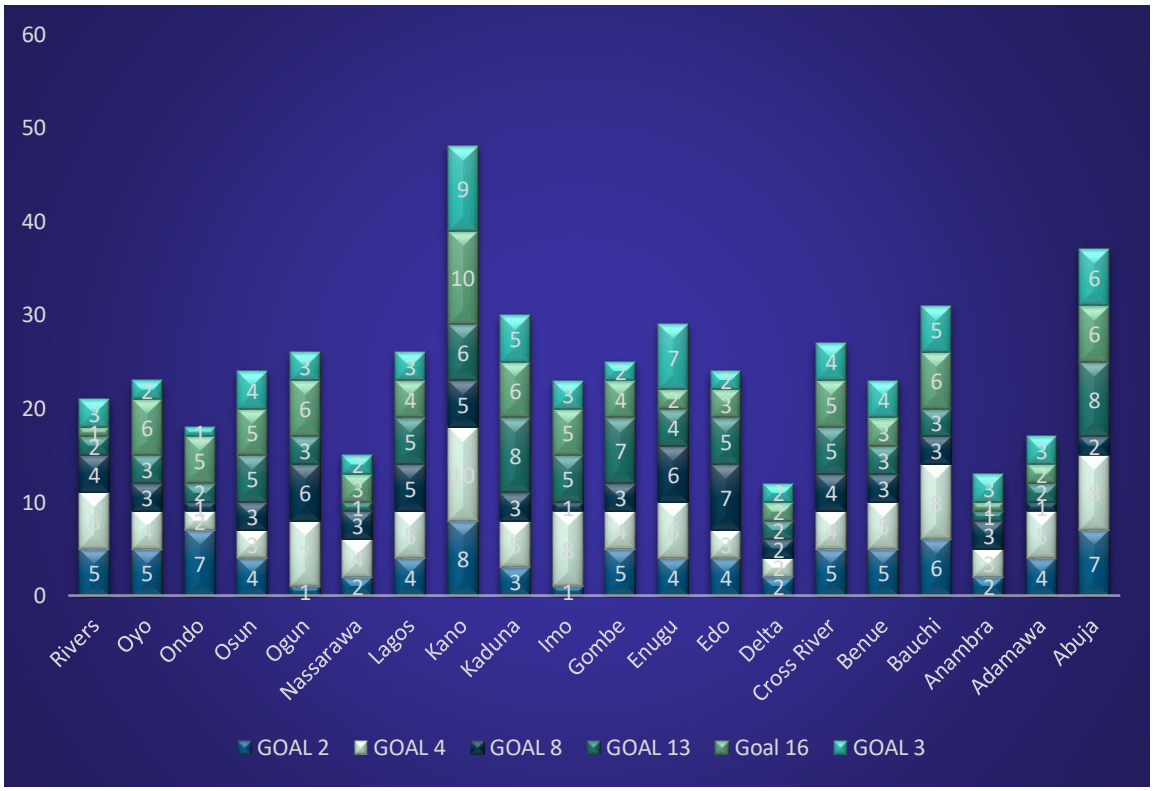


Chart 1: Shows the number young people who are aware of each of the six focused SDGs in an even decile distribution across twenty states.

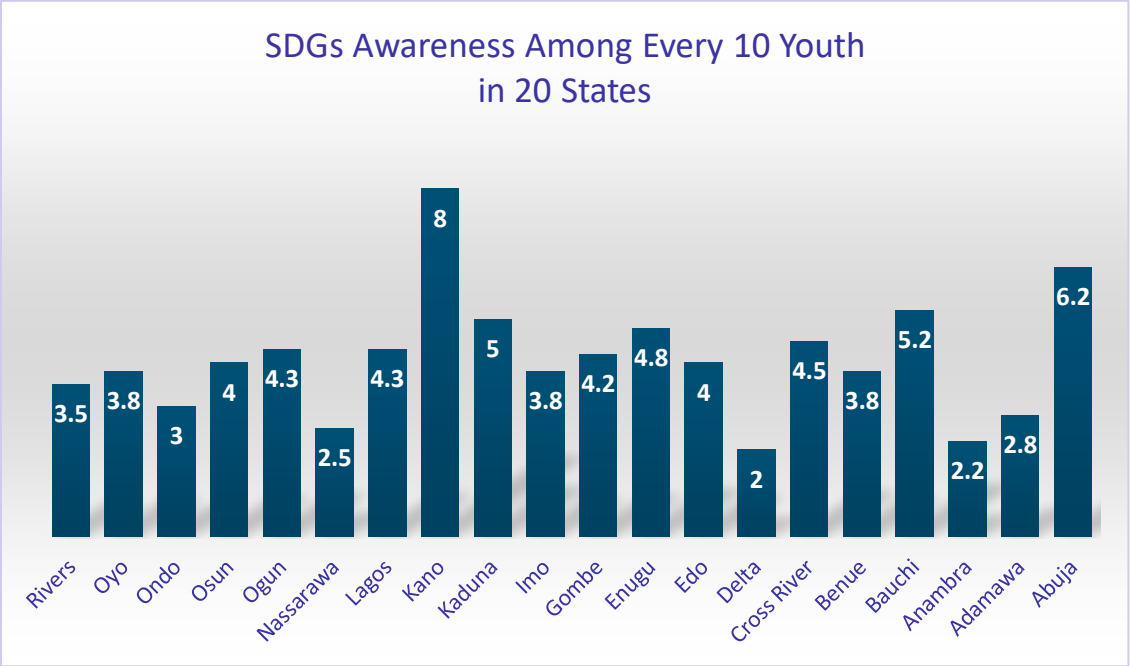


Chart 2: Shows the number young people who are aware of the Global Goals generally in an even decile distribution across twenty states.

Analysis of both charts also revealed more youth are aware of the SDGs in the North-West (Kaduna & Kano) compared to other regions while South South (Rivers, Edo, Cross River & Delta) has the least. (*See Table 1 below*). Though this might not be entirely correct because of the youth representation during the Dialogue but these insights show the need for strategic advocacy campaigns in some regions.

Geo-Political Zone	Average Awareness Distribution
North West	6.5 among 10 youth
North East	4.1 among 10 youth
North Central	4.2 among 10 youth
South West	3.9 among 10 youth
South East	3.6 among 10 youth
South South	3.5 among 10 youth

Table 1: The distribution of youth in decile who are aware of the SDGs across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria.

SDGs Awareness of Individual Goals

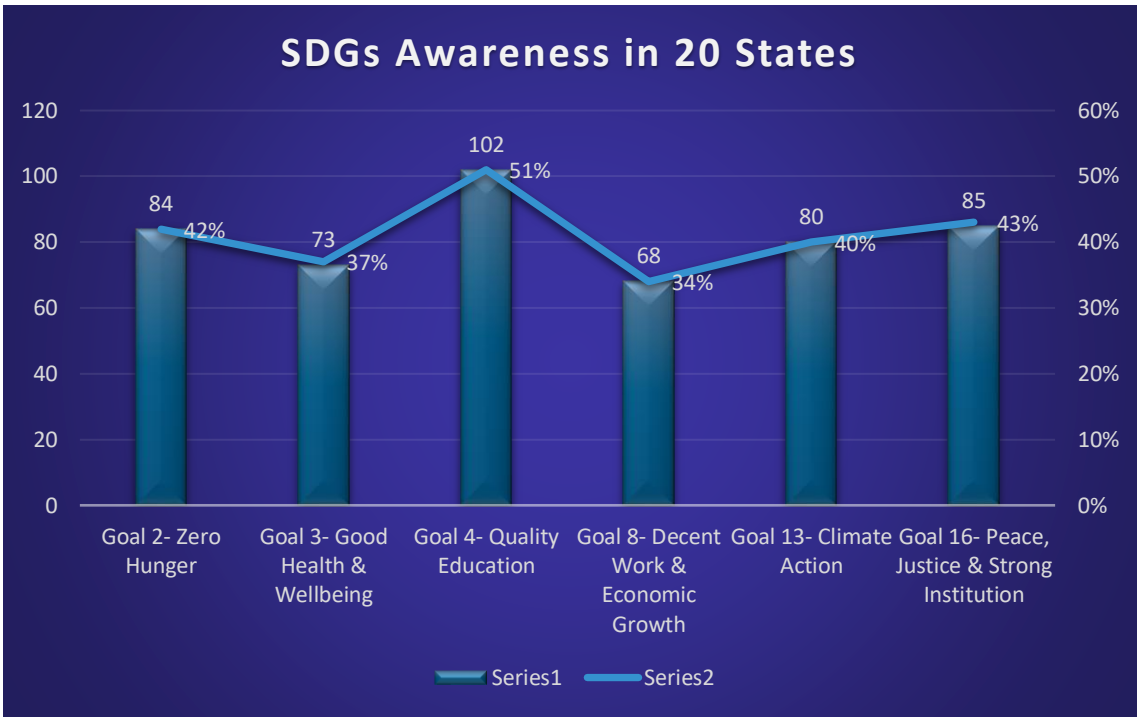


Chart 3: Shows the number young people who are aware of the Global Goals generally in an even percentile distribution across twenty states.

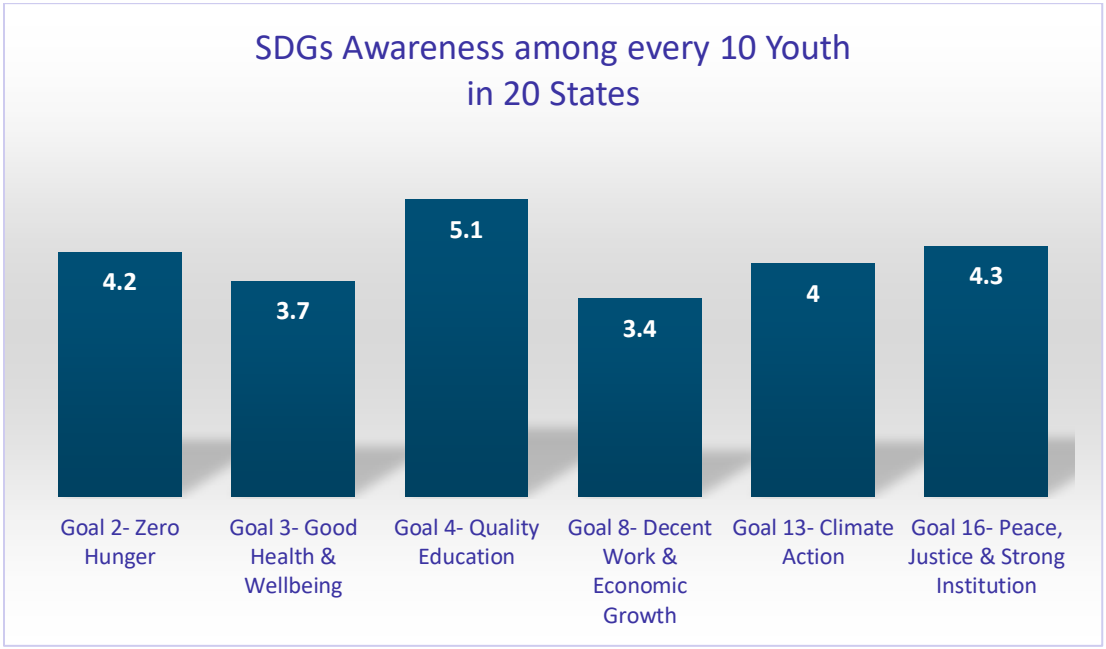


Chart 4: Shows the number young people who are aware of the Global Goals generally in an even decile distribution across twenty states.

In both the percentile (100) and decile (10) analysis, more youth are aware of Goal 4- Quality Education than the other five youth-centric SDGs. While fewer people (3.4 individuals among a population of 10 youth) are aware of Goal 8- Decent Work & Economic Growth.

This indicates the level of advocacy for Goal 4 across the geo-political zones in Nigeria compared to the other five goals.

Report Analysis: Best Practices in Actualizing SDGs in each State

Participants in each focused group analyzed best practices and innovative solutions developed by young people and youth-led organizations in actualizing the SDGs in each state. The tables below show details of their responses for each individual state.

Goal 2- No Hunger

Osun: Educational Campaigns streamlined at youth to encourage agricultural practices
Ogun: Building of better infrastructure for farming
Lagos: Increase in safe pesticides
Nasarawa: Home gardening as a means of survival campaigns
Kano: Youth involved in making policies
Kaduna: Street campaign & rallies
Gombe: Modern food preservation method; Encourage the use of organic manure
Cross River: Research on the best way to grow crops
Bauchi: Development of agricultural cooperative groups
Abuja: Social investment program on agriculture

Goal 3- Good Health & Wellbeing

Ondo: Peer to Peer Learning

Osun: Health outreaches and awareness campaign on public health

Nasarawa: Youth volunteering programs to promote health in rural communities.

Lagos: The Lagos State Health Emergency Initiative & many active youth-led organizations working actively (e.g The Neo Childcare Initiative, Love and Pint by Restructure Africa)

Kano: Free health care services

Kaduna: Youth organizing health forum and summits

Gombe: Taking health care education to the grassroots

Enugu: Outreach and sensitization programmes; Donation of drugs and relief materials to citizens

Delta: Health care apps; Health Insurance scheme

Bauchi: Youth initiatives to curtail drug abuse menace

Anambra: Advocacy on environmental sanitation

Rivers: Youth led NGO's focus on improving family planning services and eradication of malaria epidemics

Abuja: Health walks; Use of arts to carryout health advocacy; School campaigns; Ongoing 365days journey against drug abuse campaign; Cervical cancer screening for women at subsidize rate

Goal 4- Quality Education

Osun: Vigorous campaigns on social media which have driven active conversations

Nasarawa: Sensitization, incorporation of Hausa/ Arabic curriculum

Lagos: Incorporation of vocational training in education & many more educational campaigns

Kano: Free education

Kaduna: More Youth-led organizations e.g No box initiative, Girl child in ICT, The Almajirai initiative

Gombe: Free lessons and counselling for marginalized children

Enugu: Movements like that of The Revolutionaries Movement (TRM) which provided books to Obukpa secondary school, Nsukka; Provision of scholarships by some brands, individuals and institutions

Benue: Scholarship schemes

Anambra: Development of reading culture among youth

Bauchi: ICT based teaching to deliver curriculum of learning

Abuja: Debating and literacy skills; Back to school campaign; Community outreach and donations of books

Goal 8- Decent Jobs & Economic Growth

Ondo: More youth-led organizations focused on sustainable solutions (e.g Recycle garb, Aunty Lanre, FAME foundation)

Nasarawa: Free skill acquisition training

Kano: Youth wrote petition to the NASS

Gombe: Youth promoting entrepreneurial skills & development

Edo: The Edo Innovation Hub supporting entrepreneurship

Delta: Job creation hubs; Apps developed to trace available funds

Benue: Vocational skills training

Adamawa: Entrepreneurship program and capacity training programs

Bauchi: Bauchi Entrepreneurship Hub; Start up weekend.

Abuja: Young graduates organizing free JAMB lesson for rural communities

Goal 13- Climate Action

Oyo: New Clubs on Climate Actions

Ondo: Quality Research to Localize Solutions

Osun: More Youth-led organizations on climate actions

Ogun: Youth led organizations partnering with NYSC CDS

Nasarawa: Sensitization on uncontrolled grazing activities; Sensitization on effects of chemicals on crops and soil

Lagos: Involving youth in tree planting; Provision of waste bins; Proper recycling system

Kano: Tree planting exercises

Kaduna: Organizing seminars, street campaigns and advocacy

Imo: Campaigns to encourage students to plant trees and say no to deforestation

Gombe: Tree planting; Control of deforestation; Partnership with local community member

Enugu: Petition written to the government on climate action

Delta: Environmental clubs in schools

Cross River: Online and offline advocacy for the termination of plastic.

Benue: Advocacy to stop illegal dumping of refuses

Bauchi: Social media campaigns, Awareness creation through religious groups

Adamawa: Educative programs on global warming.

Rivers: Afforestation, Recycling of waste materials.

Abuja: Use of GIS for data collection and analysis; Renewable energy sources; Use of music and visuals for sensitization; Proper actualization of EIA on projects

Goal 16- Peace, Justice & Strong Institution

Oyo: Establishment of Peace Clubs

Osun: More civil society organizations

Ogun: Many online & offline campaigns e.g Not too young to run

Lagos: Teaching Peace Education from primary school

Kano: Town hall and lecture

Kaduna Running grassroots program.

Gombe: Innovative volunteerism

Enugu: Establishment of pressure groups/organizations

Anambra: Peace outreaches and campaigns

Adamawa: Human right movement and community sensitization programs

Report Analysis: Challenges of Implementing the SDGs

Participants identified key challenges youth face while implementing the six youth-centric SDGs. *Question: What are the main challenges youth face during the SDGs implementation in your State?*

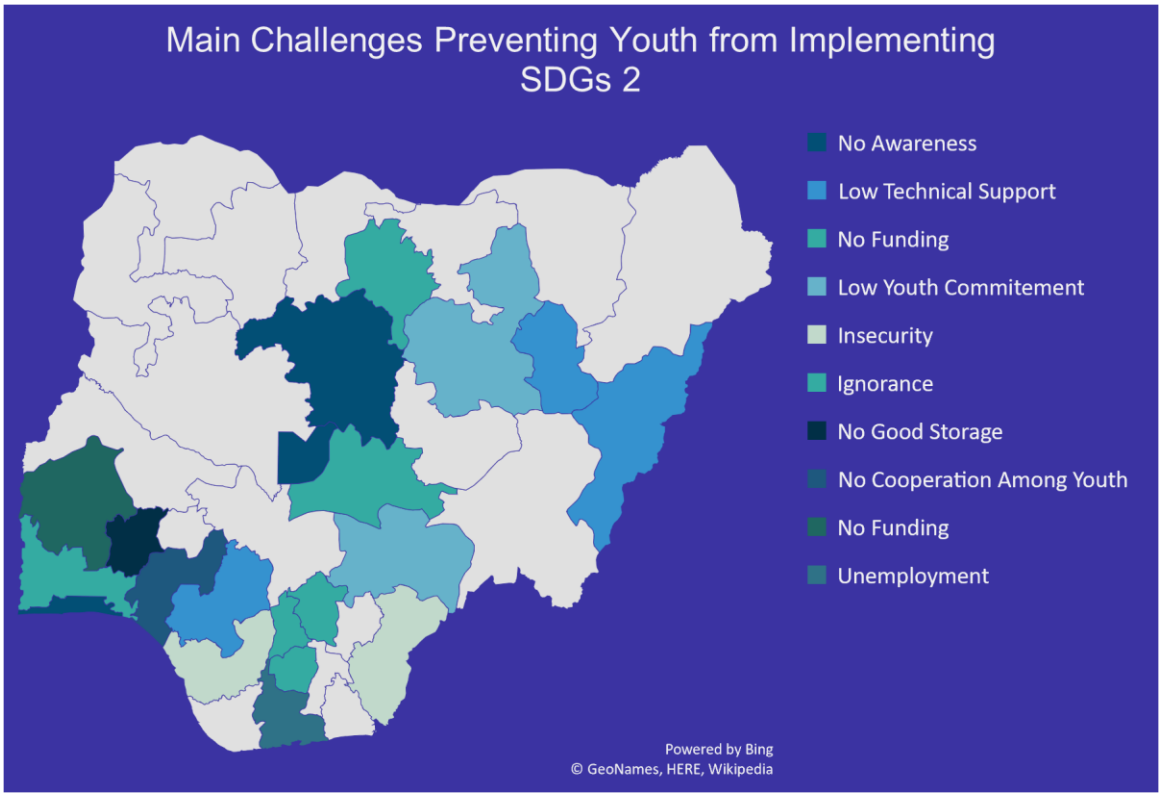


Chart 5: Main Challenges Preventing Youth from Implementing SDGs 2 in 20 states across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria.

Across all states, the most common challenges preventing the implementation of Goal 2 are; No access to funding for farmers and low youth commitment towards agriculture.

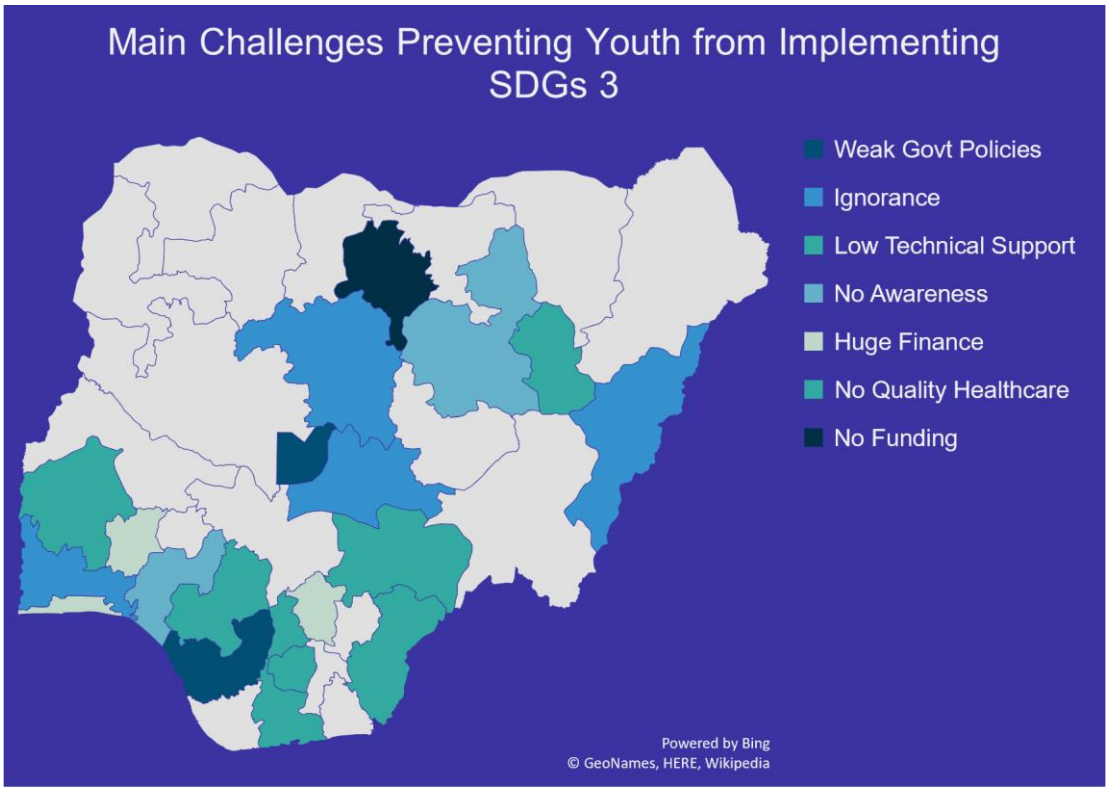


Chart 6: Main Challenges Preventing Youth from Implementing SDGs 3 in 20 states across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria

Ignorance and Low technical support/ No quality health care are the fundamental challenges commonly identified across all states to prevent youth from implementing SDGs 3.

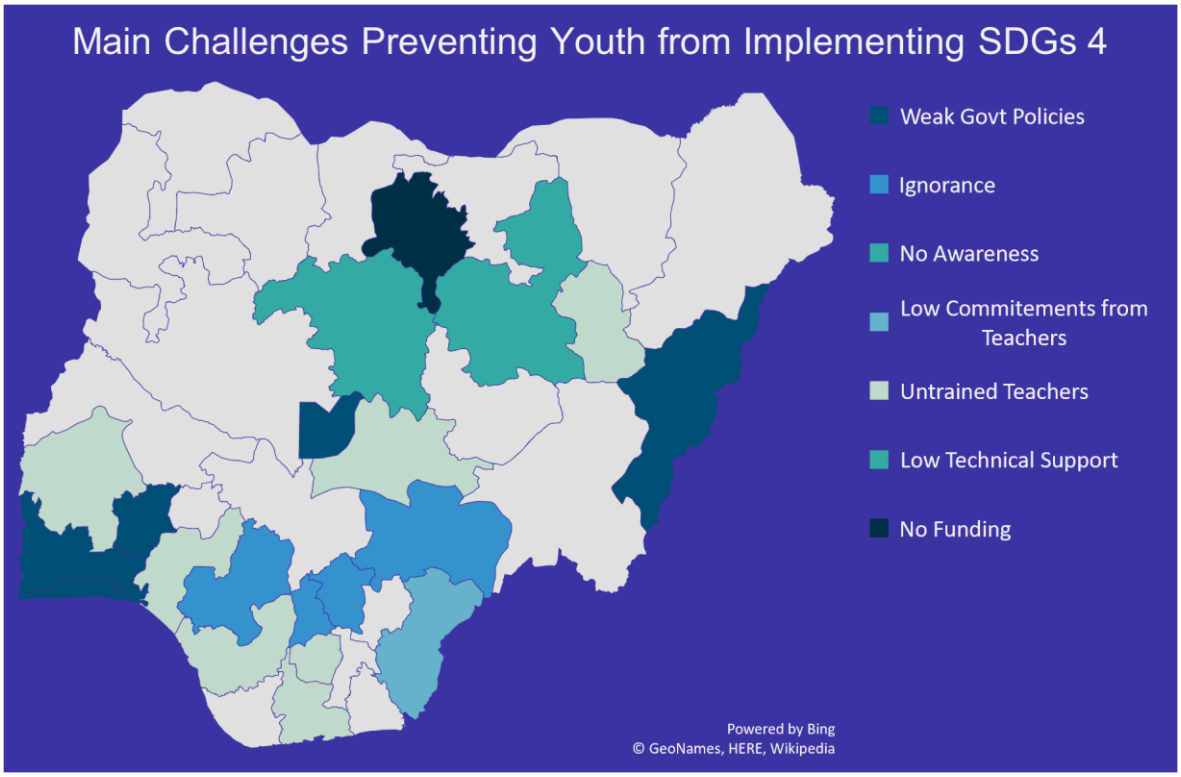


Chart 6: Main Challenges Preventing Youth from Implementing SDGs 4 in 20 states across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria

The major challenge preventing youth from actualizing SDGs 4 commonly identified across most states is; Untrained Teachers

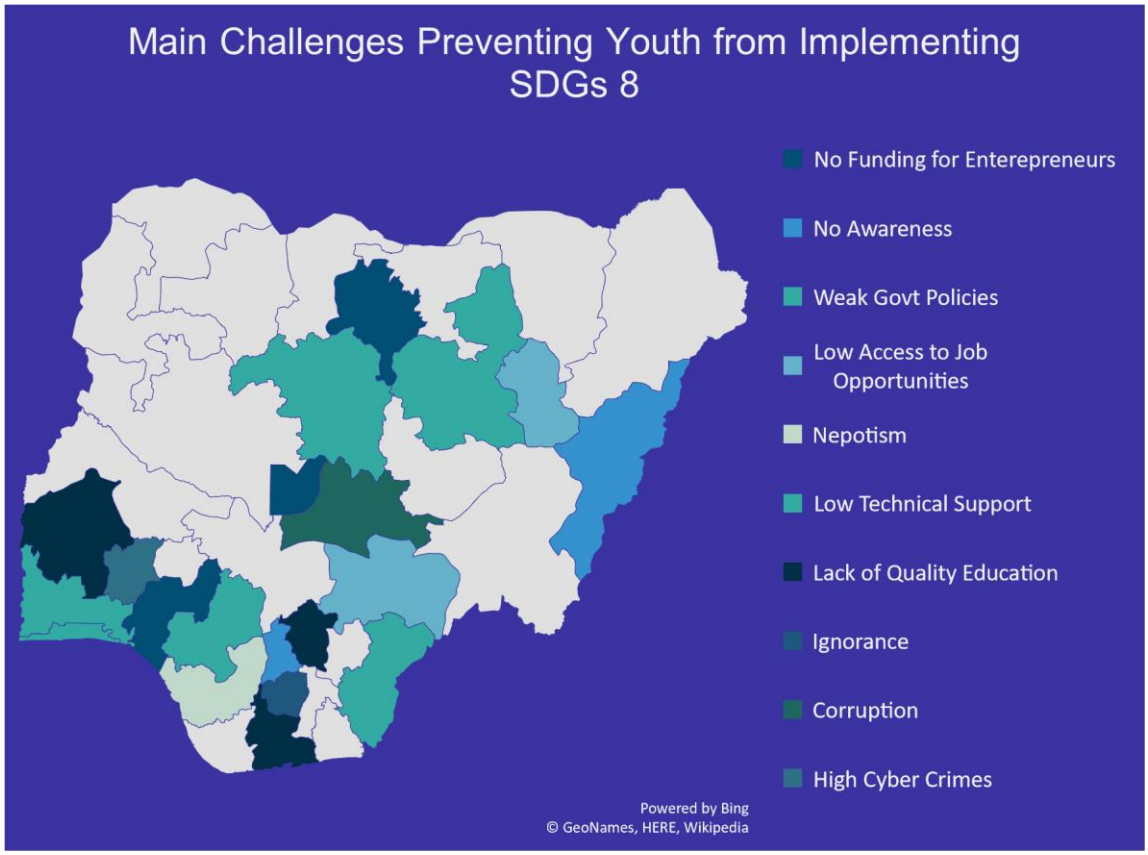


Chart 7: Main Challenges Preventing Youth from Implementing SDGs 8 in 20 states across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria

Weak government policies and low or no funding opportunities for entrepreneurs are key challenges preventing youth from achieving SDGs 8.

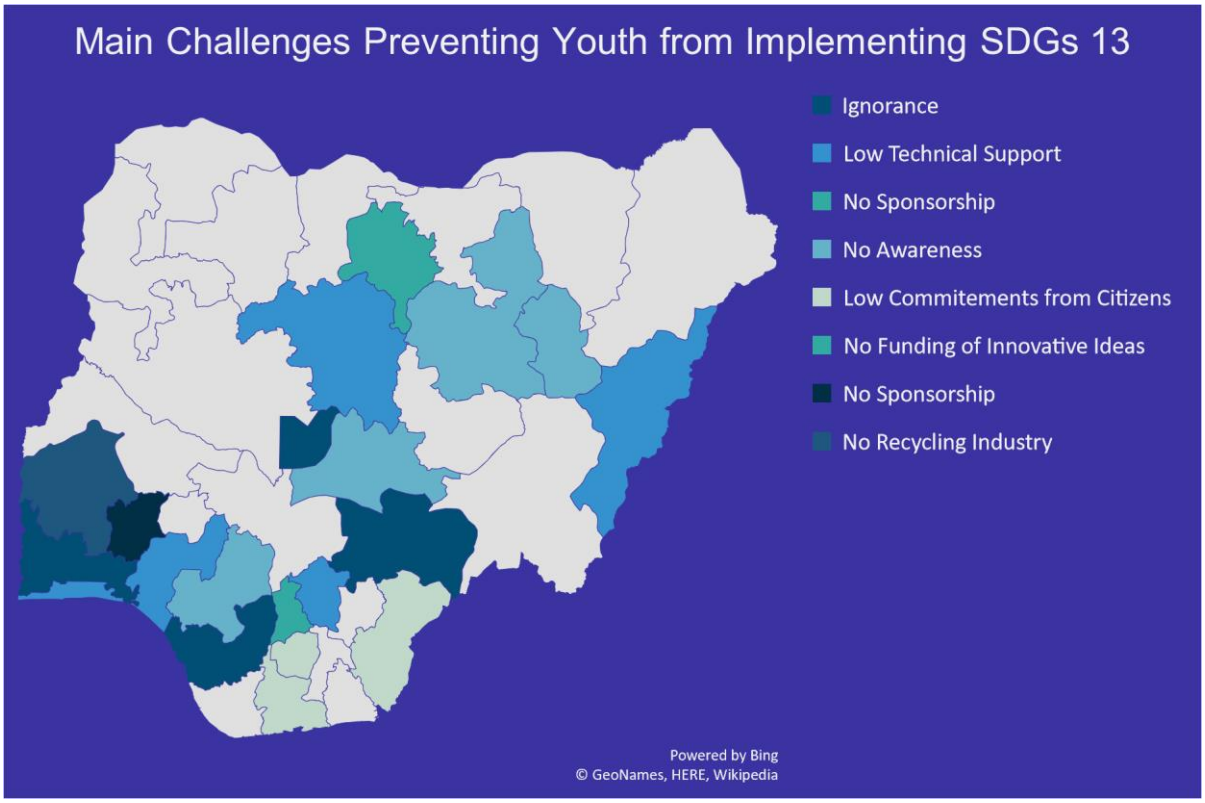


Chart 8: Main Challenges Preventing Youth from Implementing SDGs 13 in 20 states across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria

Ignorance is still a challenge preventing the actualization of SDGs 13 and some states believe awareness is very low and there is need for more sensitization.

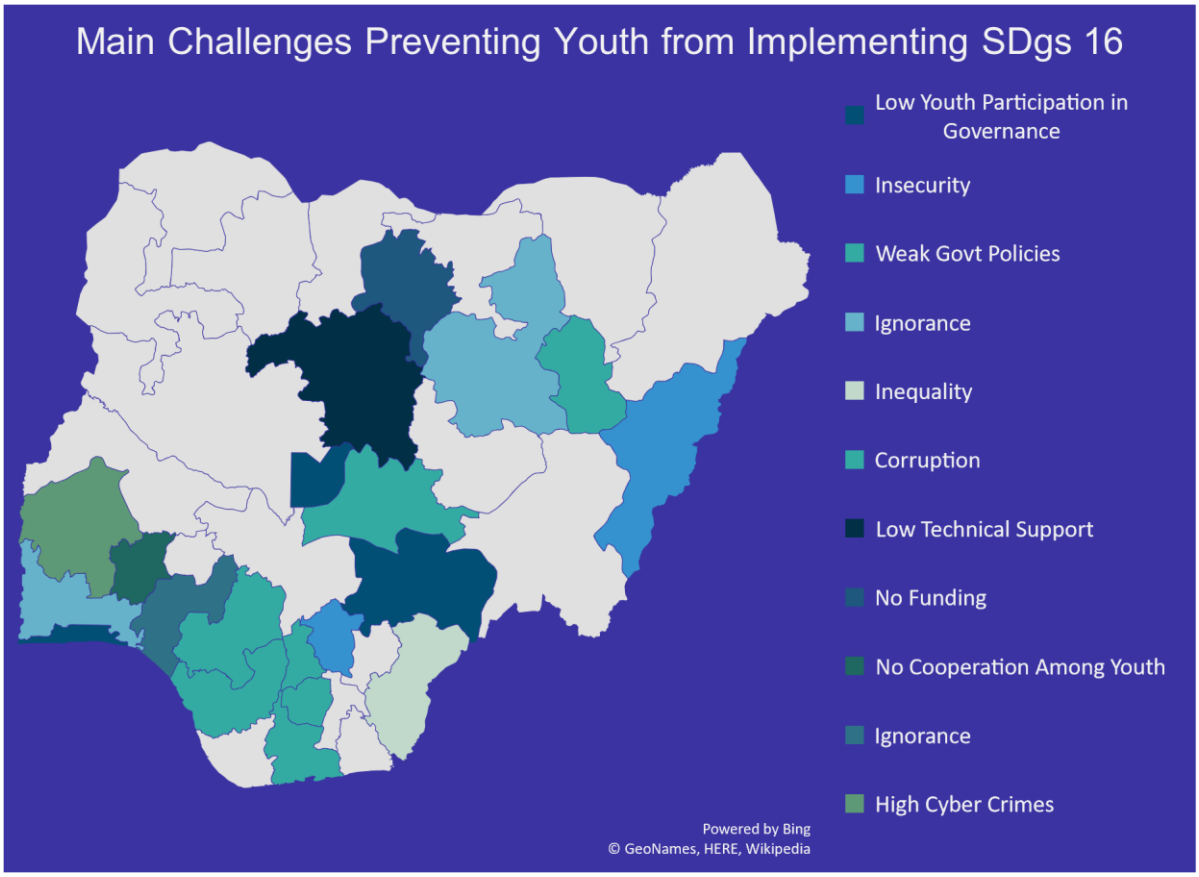


Chart 9: Main Challenges Preventing Youth from Implementing SDGs 16 in 20 states across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria

Nigerian youth believe that there is low youth participation in governance, and this most likely prevent the actualization of youth-friendly policies in the county which would improve peace and SDGs 16 generally.

Report Analysis: Recommended Solutions to Drive SDGs Actualization

Question: Kindly recommend solutions to improve the implementation of respective SDGs in your State.

After critical review of the problems and challenges preventing the actualization of the Global Goals across the 20 States, Nigerian youth have shared recommended solutions peculiar to the local problems to ensure the actualization of the individual Goals in their states.

Chart 10: The 3D Map available via the link below

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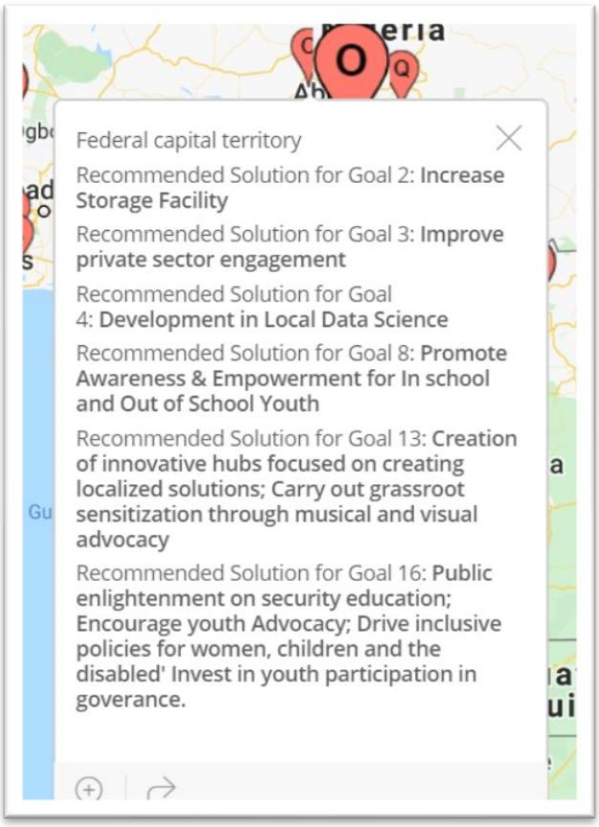
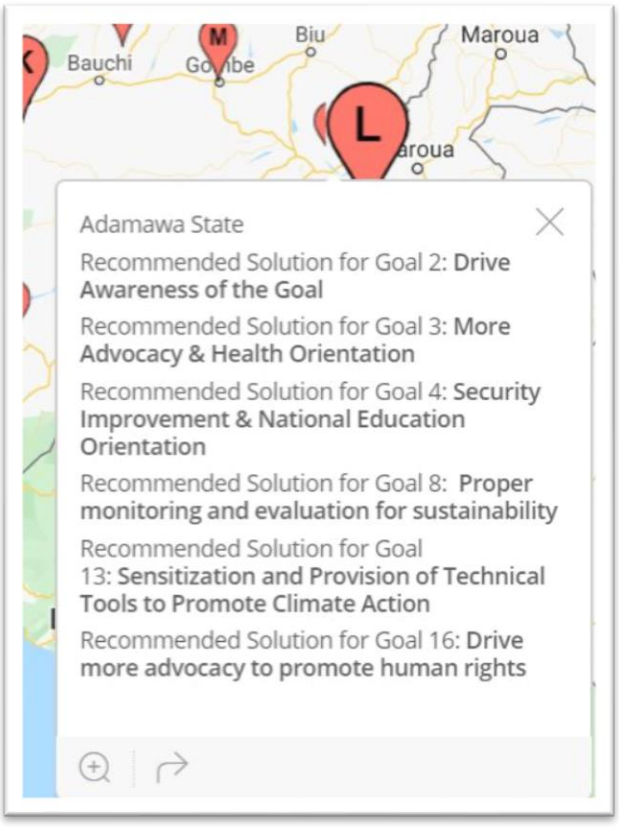
Below is the screenshot of each State's recommended solutions;


Federal capital territory
Recommended Solution for Goal 2: Increase Storage Facility
Recommended Solution for Goal 3: Improve private sector engagement
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Development in Local Data Science
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: Promote Awareness & Empowerment for In school and Out of School Youth
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Creation of innovative hubs focused on creating localized solutions; Carry out grassroot sensitization through musical and visual advocacy
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Public enlightenment on security education; Encourage youth Advocacy; Drive inclusive policies for women, children and the disabled' Invest in youth participation in goverance.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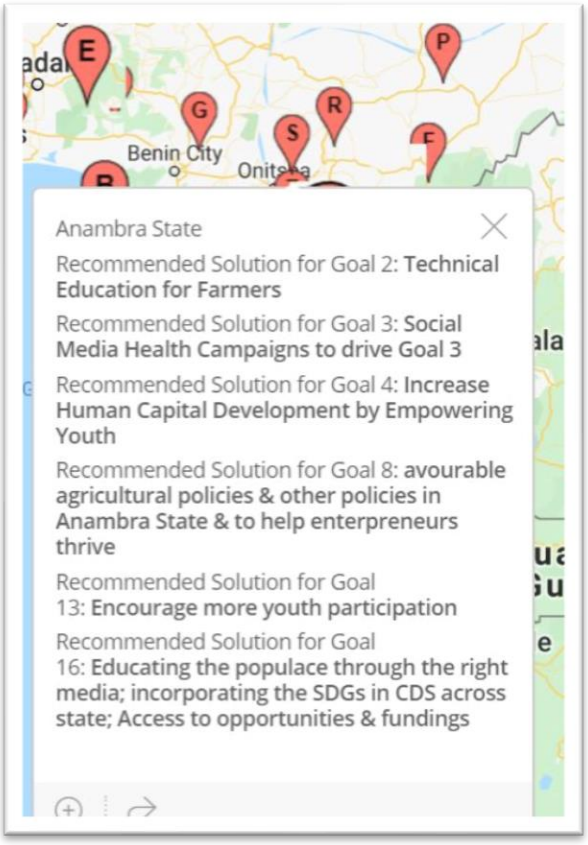
Biu
Maroua
Adamawa State
Recommended Solution for Goal 2: Drive Awareness of the Goal
Recommended Solution for Goal 3: More Advocacy & Health Orientation
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Security Improvement & National Education Orientation
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: Proper monitoring and evaluation for sustainability
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Sensitization and Provision of Technical Tools to Promote Climate Action
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Drive more advocacy to promote human rights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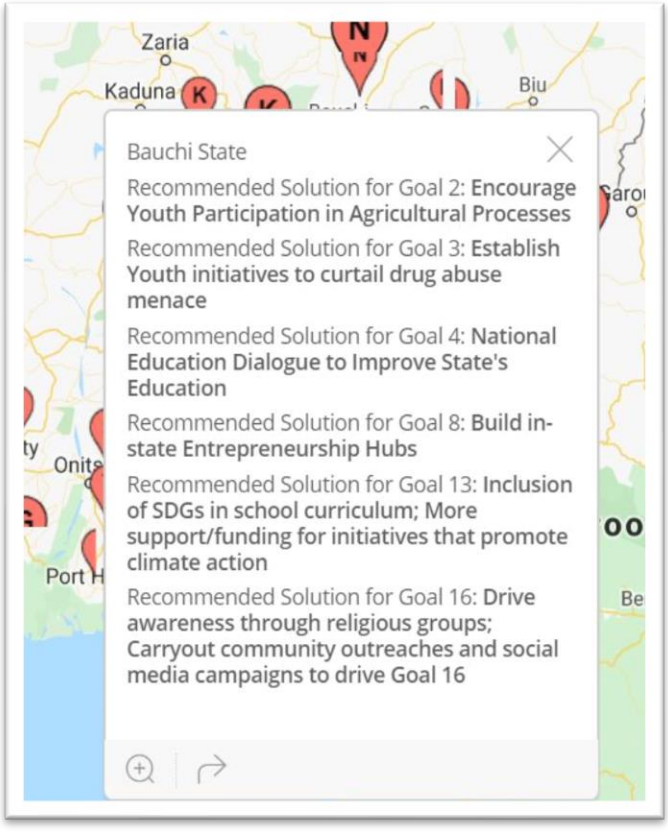
Recommended Solution for Goal 2: Technical Education for Farmers
Recommended Solution for Goal 3: Social Media Health Campaigns to drive Goal 3
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Increase Human Capital Development by Empowering Youth
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: avourable agricultural policies & other policies in Anambra State & to help enterpreneurs thrive
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Encourage more youth participation
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Educating the populace through the right media; incorporating the SDGs in CDS across state; Access to opportunities & fundings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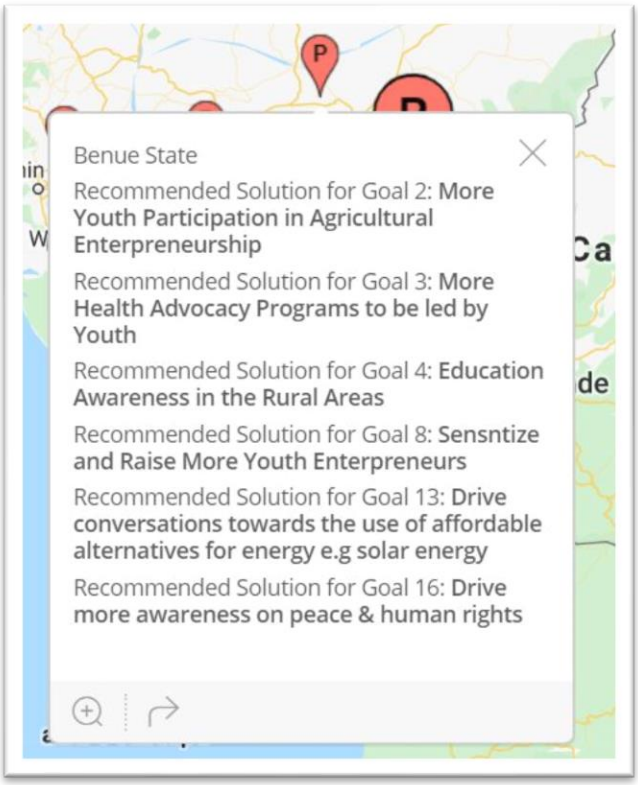
Bauchi State
Recommended Solution for Goal 2: Encourage Youth Participation in Agricultural Processes
Recommended Solution for Goal 3: Establish Youth initiatives to curtail drug abuse menace
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: National Education Dialogue to Improve State's Education
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: Build in-state Entrepreneurship Hubs
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Inclusion of SDGs in school curriculum; More support/funding for initiatives that promote climate action
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Drive awareness through religious groups; Carryout community outreaches and social media campaigns to drive Goal 16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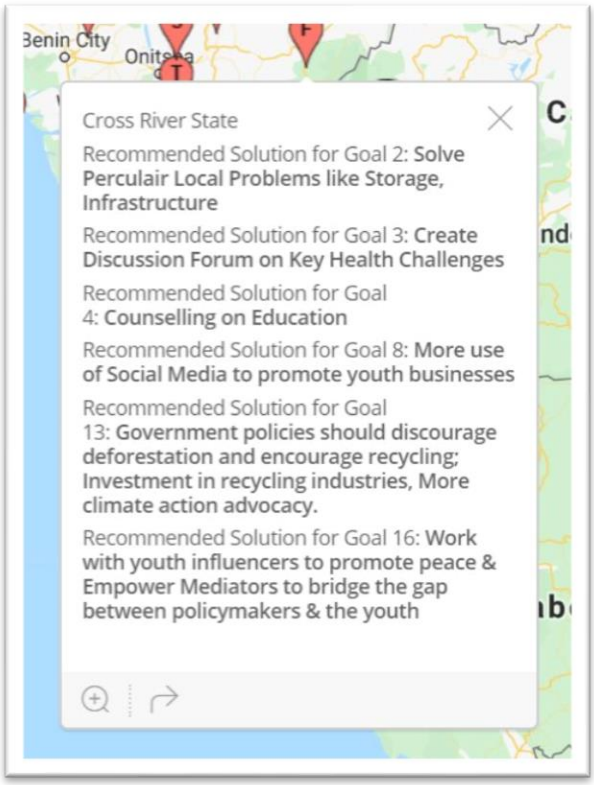
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Education Awareness in the Rural Areas
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: Sensntize and Raise More Youth Enterpreneurs
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Drive conversations towards the use of affordable alternatives for energy e.g solar energy
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Drive more awareness on peace & human rights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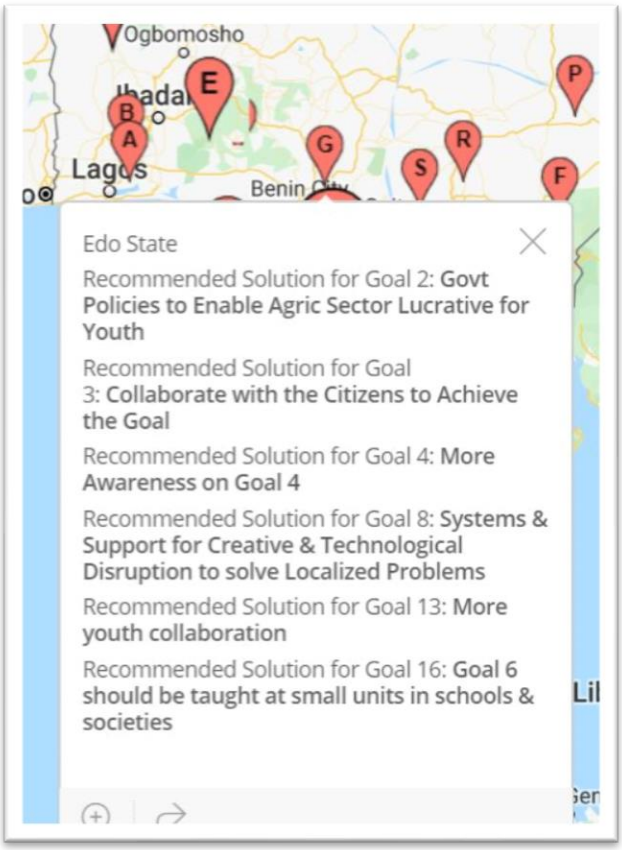
Recommended Solution for Goal 2: Solve Perculair Local Problems like Storage, Infrastructure
Recommended Solution for Goal 3: Create Discussion Forum on Key Health Challenges
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Counselling on Education
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: More use of Social Media to promote youth businesses
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Government policies should discourage deforestation and encourage recycling; Investment in recycling industries, More climate action advocacy.
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Work with youth influencers to promote peace & Empower Mediators to bridge the gap between policymakers & the youth


Ogbomosho
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Edo State
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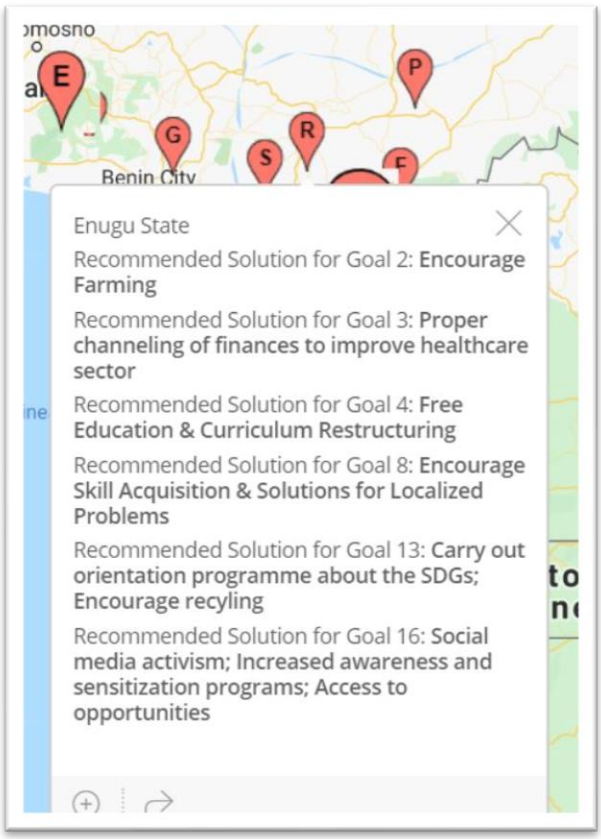
Recommended Solution for Goal 3: Collaborate with the Citizens to Achieve the Goal
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: More Awareness on Goal 4
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: Systems & Support for Creative & Technological Disruption to solve Localized Problems
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: More youth collaboration
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Goal 6 should be taught at small units in schools & societies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Recommended Solution for Goal 3: Proper channeling of finances to improve healthcare sector
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Recommended Solution for Goal 8: Encourage Skill Acquisition & Solutions for Localized Problems
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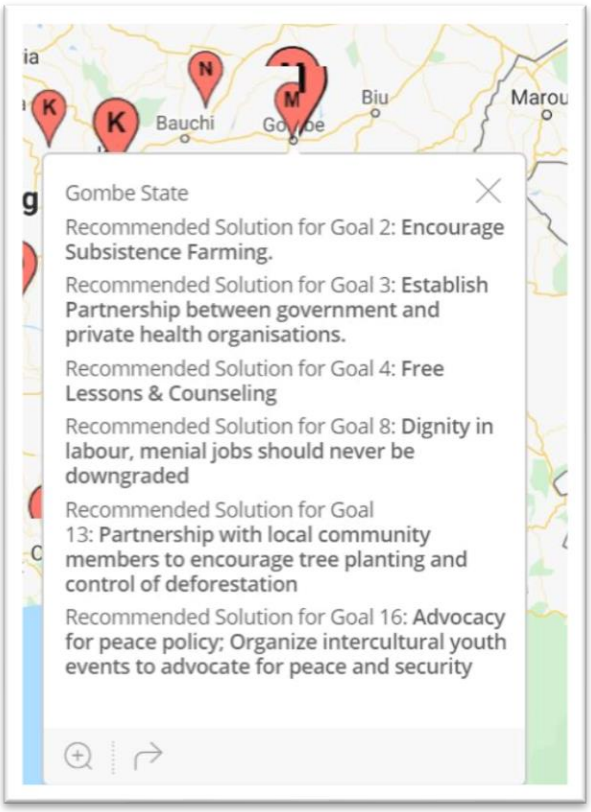
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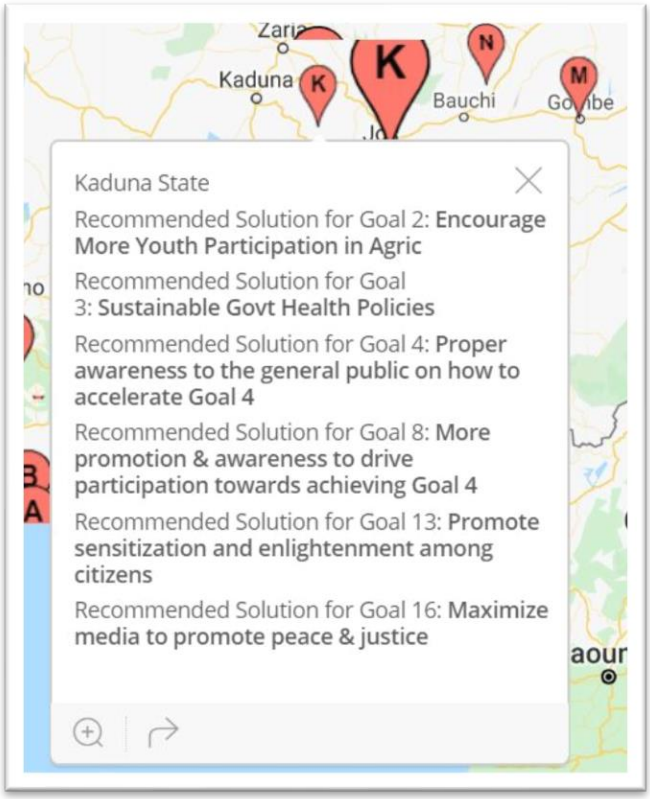
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Free Lessons & Counseling
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: Dignity in labour, menial jobs should never be downgraded
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Partnership with local community members to encourage tree planting and control of deforestation
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Advocacy for peace policy; Organize intercultural youth events to advocate for peace and security
Bauchi
Biu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Recommended Solution for Goal 3: Sustainable Govt Health Policies
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Proper awareness to the general public on how to accelerate Goal 4
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: More promotion & awareness to drive participation towards achieving Goal 4
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Promote sensitization and enlightenment among citizens
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Maximize media to promote peace & justice
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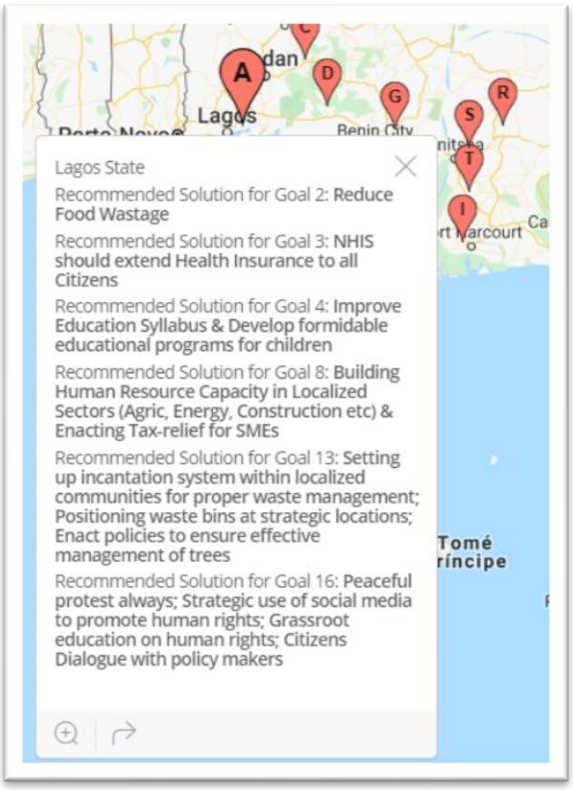
Lagos State
Recommended Solution for Goal 2: Reduce Food Wastage
Recommended Solution for Goal 3: NHIS should extend Health Insurance to all Citizens
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Improve Education Syllabus & Develop formidable educational programs for children
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: Building Human Resource Capacity in Localized Sectors (Agric, Energy, Construction etc) & Enacting Tax-relief for SMEs
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Setting up incantation system within localized communities for proper waste management; Positioning waste bins at strategic locations; Enact policies to ensure effective management of trees
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Peaceful protest always; Strategic use of social media to promote human rights; Grassroot education on human rights; Citizens Dialogue with policy makers
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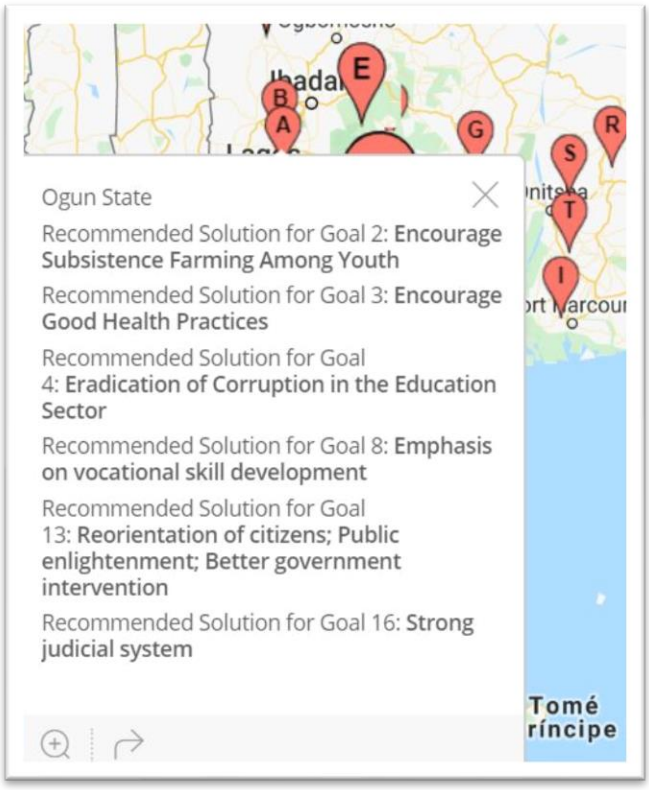
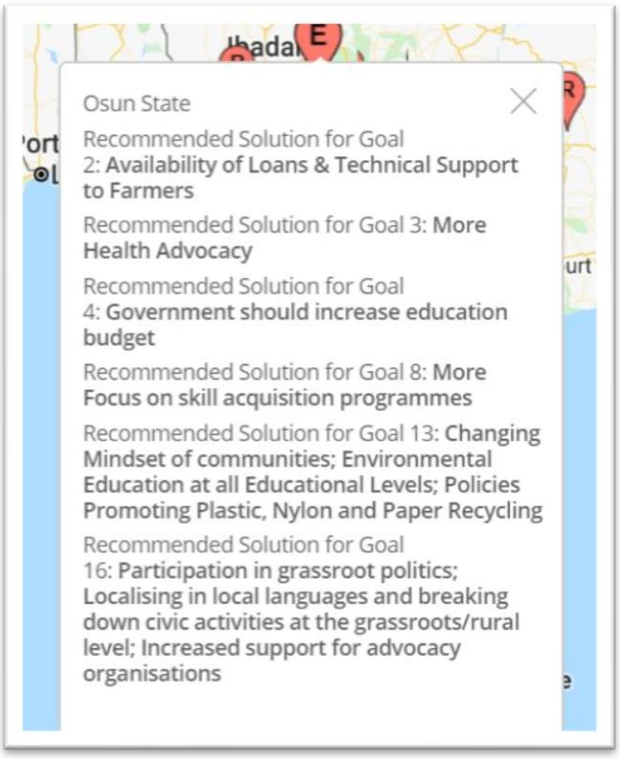
Benin City


Ogun State
Recommended Solution for Goal 2: Encourage Subsistence Farming Among Youth
Recommended Solution for Goal 3: Encourage Good Health Practices
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Eradication of Corruption in the Education Sector
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: Emphasis on vocational skill development
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Reorientation of citizens; Public enlightenment; Better government intervention
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Strong judicial system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Recommended Solution for Goal 3: More Health Advocacy
Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Government should increase education budget
Recommended Solution for Goal 8: More Focus on skill acquisition programmes
Recommended Solution for Goal 13: Changing Mindset of communities; Environmental Education at all Educational Levels; Policies Promoting Plastic, Nylon and Paper Recycling
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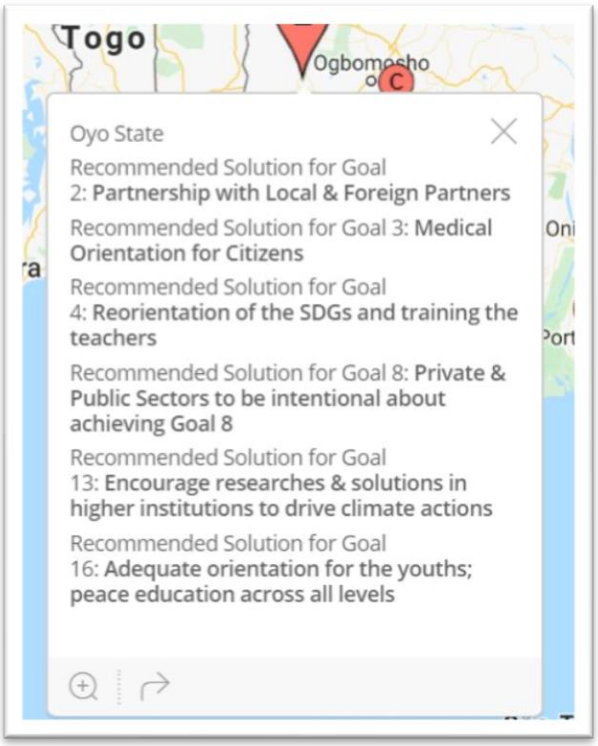
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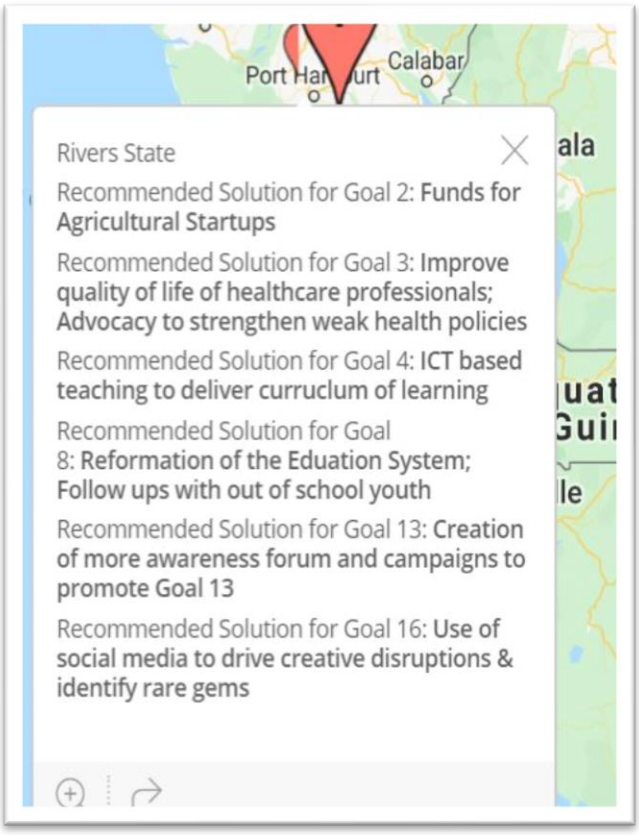
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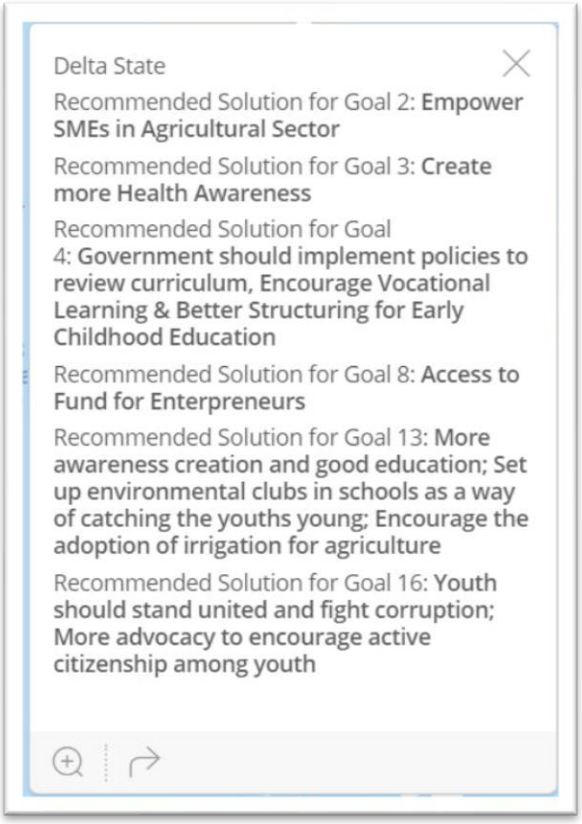
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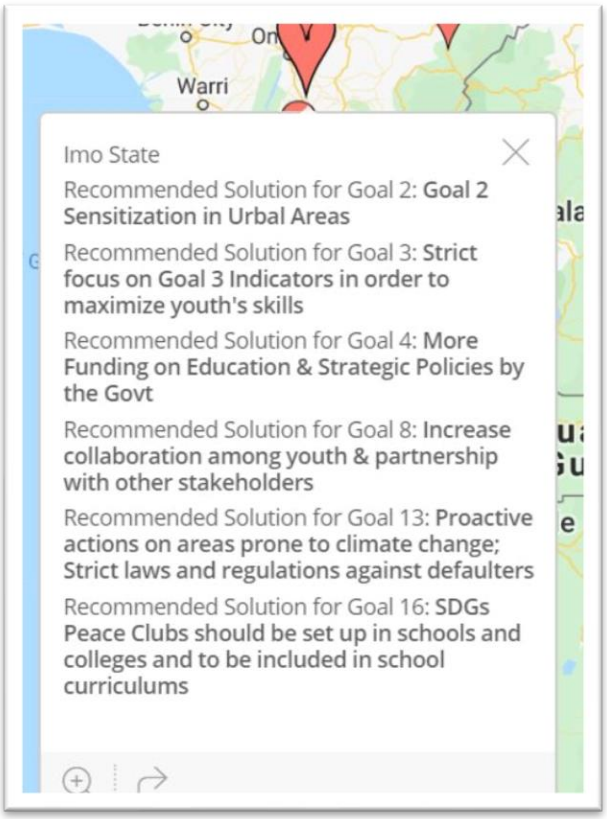
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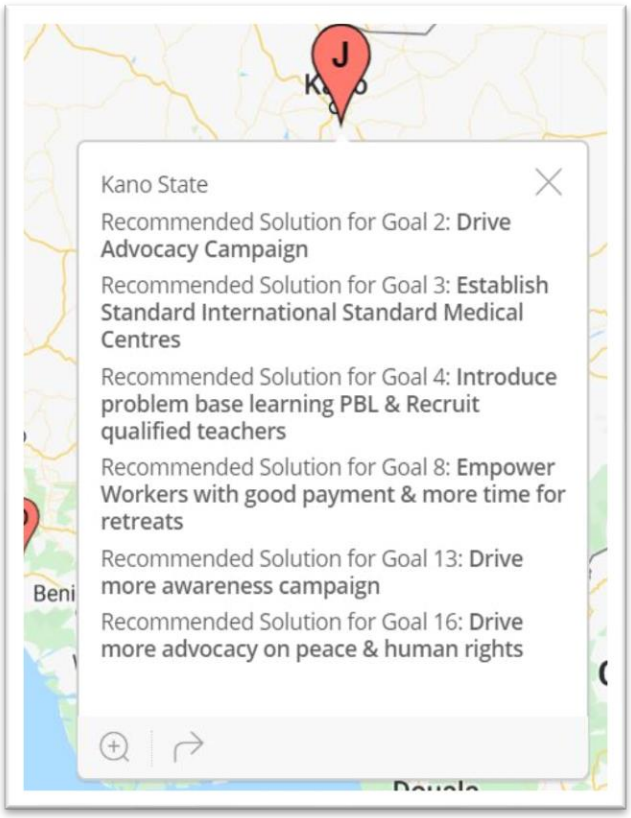
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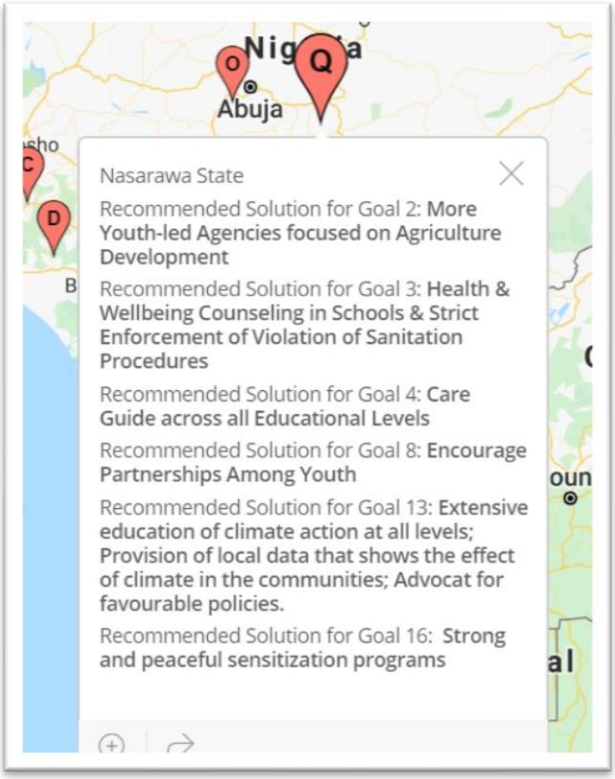
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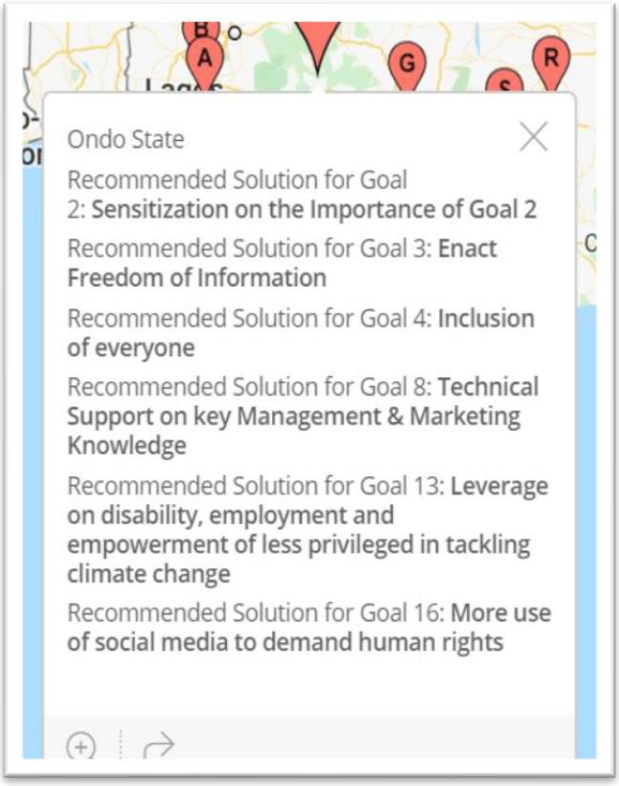
Recommended Solution for Goal 16: Strong and peaceful sensitization programs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Recommended Solution for Goal 4: Inclusion of everyone
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