



## Introduction

The Walwanne Foundation is the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of the Walwanne Group, one of Nigeria's leading agro-allied companies. Established by Dr. Abiso Kabir (FBSE), a seasoned entrepreneur and community leader, the foundation is committed to driving sustainable development and empowering communities in Nigeria. The Foundation aligns its initiatives with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure that its interventions are impactful, inclusive, and sustainable.

## Mission and Vision:

The Foundation's mission is to empower vulnerable populations by providing access to essential resources, enhancing educational opportunities, promoting health and well-being, and fostering economic independence. Guided by the values of compassion, integrity, and community service, the Walwanne Foundation envisions a Nigeria where every individual could have the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their socio-economic background.

## About the Founder:

**Dr. Abiso Kabir (FBSE)** is a visionary leader and accomplished professional with a deep commitment to excellence and a passion for creating a lasting positive impact. With over three decades of experience across diverse fields such as Information Technology, strategic management, and public service, Dr. Abiso has made significant contributions to the development and well-being of communities both within Nigeria and internationally.

Born in 1972, in Gamboru Ngala, Borno State, Dr. Abiso's journey of excellence began with his early education at Shokwari Primary School, followed by his secondary education at Government College Maiduguri. His academic achievements include a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Maiduguri, as well as a Masters in Information Communications Technology from the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN). Driven by a relentless pursuit of knowledge, he further earned a PhD in Entrepreneurship Management from Ballsbridge University.

Dr. Abiso's professional career is as diverse as it is impactful. He currently serves as the Chairman and CEO of Walwanne Groups, where he leads a conglomerate focused on various sectors, including agriculture, communications, and strategic business development. His leadership extends to several other key positions, including President

of the Association of Business Specialists and Entrepreneurs of Nigeria (ABSE) and Chairman of Finger Mobile Protocol Communication Company.

His commitment to public service is evident in his roles with various local government councils in Borno State, where he has held positions such as Treasurer and Deputy Director of Works and Housing. He has also played a pivotal role in political campaign organizations, including his recent position as the National Chairman of the Forum of Tinubu / Shettima Support Groups.

Throughout his career, Dr. Abiso has been recognized with numerous awards and honors, reflecting his dedication to excellence and service. His certifications from prestigious institutions, including Fellowships from the Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria and the Chartered Institute of Global Communication and Diplomacy, highlight his professional expertise and commitment to continuous learning.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Abiso is deeply involved in community service. He serves as the State Scout Commissioner for Borno State and has held various leadership positions in local development associations, demonstrating his dedication to the social and economic upliftment of his community.

Dr. Abiso Kabir's life and work are driven by a clear mission: to leverage his skills, creativity, and strategic insights to influence the livelihoods of Nigerian nationals positively, both at home and abroad. His leadership at the Walwanne Foundation embodies this mission, as the foundation continues to make significant strides in youth empowerment, agricultural development, and community health across Nigeria.

#### **About the Country Director:**

**Elizabeth Macleod LLB (Hons) LLM** (known as Sarauniya or Sultana in Nigeria) is an accomplished consultant and international advisor with a strong background in law enforcement and global security. She began her policing career in Scotland, United Kingdom and her final 2 years police service was in Sierra Leone as an Advisor to the Inspector General of Police. For the past 5 years she has worked extensively across Africa also serving as a Police Advisor in Nigeria, as well as a Director of an Obstetric Fistula clinic in Madagascar. In Borno, Nigeria she became well known for supporting survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and speaking at key events.

Elizabeth achieved both an honours law degree and a law masters whilst working in a demanding police command role and she is considering a PhD soon.

She is recognised for her intelligence, strength and ability in international affairs. She is known for uplifting others, being generous, fair and inspiring. Balancing a global career and a healthy lifestyle, her guiding values are captured within the 4 words of integrity, strength, honesty and inspire.

Elizabeth relentlessly seizes opportunity to help the less privileged which was shown when she Initiated and organized the collation and transportation of donated mortuary equipment from Police Scotland, United Kingdom to Sierra Leone, to be utilised by a poorly equipped Pathology Department (2020). She also progressed and arranged two 40 feet containers of donated hospital equipment for the Sierra Leone Police Hospital, along with donated uniforms for the National Fire Force in Sierra Leone. The Fire Chief there refers to her as the 'Iron Lady'. Also included in this container was donated football strips from Ross County Football Club, in Scotland, UK for a local football club in Sierra Leone (2021). In 2023 she prepared arrangements for a container of donated equipment from the International Fire and Rescue Association (IFRA), Scotland, UK for the National Fire Force in Sierra Leone, to increase their capability for fire and flood response and travelled as the volunteer coordinator for training of the Sierra Leone National Fire Force with the IFRA (2023).

During her travels in Africa, Elizabeth has seen the passion and commitment in communities in coming together to play / watch football and got involved herself in Maiduguri, Borno. In 2025 she was awarded a merit award in recognition for dedication, services and support towards sports development in Borno State, Nigeria.

## Background

The **Walwanne Foundation** was established with a deep commitment to fostering sustainable development and improving the quality of life for communities across Nigeria, particularly in the northeastern region. Founded by Dr. Abiso Kabir in response to the pressing socio-economic challenges facing Nigeria, the Foundation operates with the core belief that meaningful and lasting change is achieved through targeted interventions in critical areas such as education, healthcare, agriculture, and community development.

## Strategic Focus:

The Walwanne Foundation's strategic initiatives are closely aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These initiatives focus on:

1. **Education and Youth Empowerment:** Enhancing educational access and quality for underprivileged children and youths, including orphans and internally displaced persons (IDPs). The Foundation has provided scholarships, organized career readiness seminars, and facilitated computer training programs to equip young people with the skills they need for a brighter future.
2. **Health and Well-being:** Improving community health through initiatives including Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) programs, free veterinary services, environmental cleaning. The Foundation has also been active in providing relief during health crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. **Agricultural and Economic Development:** Supporting farmers and small-scale traders, particularly women, through the provision of agricultural inputs, training, and business resources. The Foundation's Anchor Borrowers Program and poultry farming empowerment initiatives are designed to boost agricultural productivity and promote financial inclusion.
4. **Community Development and Social Welfare:** Addressing critical community needs such as access to clean water, disaster relief, and poverty alleviation. The Foundation has constructed boreholes, provided flood relief, and distributed food to vulnerable populations, particularly in conflict-affected areas.

## Impact and Reach:

Since its inception, the Walwanne Foundation has made a significant impact in various communities, particularly in Borno, Gombe, Yobe, Lagos and Katsina States. By focusing on the most vulnerable and underserved populations, the Foundation has successfully implemented programs that have improved livelihoods, enhanced educational outcomes, and strengthened community resilience.

# Walwanne Foundation: Comprehensive Project Overview

## 1. Youth Empowerment Initiatives

- **Poultry Farming Empowerment:**
  - **Description:** Distributed 6,000 broilers and 4,000 layers to 100 youths to promote sustainable poultry farming (2021).
  - **Impact:** Empowered young people with practical skills in poultry farming, creating avenues for self-employment and income generation. In Borno State, where youth unemployment is a significant challenge, the Wal-Wanne Foundation's poultry farming initiative has provided a sustainable livelihood for 100 young people. These youths have not only gained valuable skills in poultry farming but have also become economically independent, contributing to their families and communities.
  - **Location:** Various communities across Borno State.
- **Career Readiness Training Seminar:**
  - **Description:** Organized a seminar aimed at equipping youths with career readiness skills (2024).
  - **Impact:** Enhanced the employability of participants, enabling them to navigate the job market more effectively.
  - **Location:** Inter-Continental Hotel, Lagos.
  - **Partners:** Hosted in collaboration with SliceAce Ltd.

## 2. Educational Empowerment

- **Scholarships for Higher Education:**
  - **Description:** Provided scholarships to 500 students annually from Borno State for tertiary education (2018 – 2019).
  - **Impact:** Facilitated access to higher education for over 3,000 students, fostering academic excellence and future leadership. The Foundation's scholarship program has been a lifeline for over 3,000 students from Borno State. For many, this support meant the difference between dropping out and completing their education. Students like Amina, an orphan from Maiduguri, have gone on to pursue higher education, thanks to the Foundation's unwavering commitment to education.
  - **Location:** Borno State.
- **Support for Orphans and Displaced Persons:**
  - **Description:** Sponsored the education of 500 orphans and displaced persons, ensuring access to education (2018 – 2019).
  - **Impact:** Provided vulnerable children with opportunities for a better future.
  - **Location:** Borno State.



- **Educational Support for Vulnerable Children:**
  - **Description:** Sponsored 1,500 less privileged children to access quality education (2018 – 2019).
  - **Impact:** Improved educational opportunities and outcomes for underprivileged children.
  - **Location:** Borno State
- **Computer Training for Secondary School Students:**
  - **Description:** Partnered with Dwil Computers Maiduguri to offer computer training to students (2018).
  - **Impact:** Equipped 60 students with essential digital skills, enhancing their competitiveness in the digital economy.
  - **Location:** Custom Area, Maiduguri, Borno State.

### 3. Agricultural Support and Development

- **Capacity Building Training**
  - **Description:** Good Agronomy Practice (GAP) training, benefited 9,000 farmers under the ABP to promote agricultural growth and financial inclusion (2018).
  - **Impact:** Boosted agricultural productivity and enhanced farmers' access to financial resources.
  - **Location:** Borno State.
- **Comprehensive Agricultural Input Support:**
  - **Description:** Distributed fertilizers, chemicals, improved seeds, and provided tractor services to 13,000 farmers (2018).
  - **Impact:** Enhanced agricultural productivity and food security across the region.
  - **Location:** Borno, Gombe, and Yobe States.
- **Support for Women Farmers:**
  - **Description:** Assisted 2,000 women farmers with agricultural resources to improve their farming activities (2019).
  - **Impact:** Empowered women in agriculture, contributing to economic stability and food security. In the face of adversity, women farmers in Borno, Gombe, and Yobe States have found a reliable partner in the Wal-Wanne Foundation. By providing essential agricultural resources, the Foundation has enabled these women to increase their farm yields, support their families, and become pillars of their communities.
  - **Location:** Borno, Gombe, and Yobe States.

#### 4. Water Resource Development

- **Construction of Motorized Boreholes:**
  - **Description:** Constructed motorized boreholes in 20 communities to provide clean and safe water (2018 – 2019).
  - **Impact:** Improved access to potable water, reducing water-borne diseases and enhancing quality of life.
  - **Location:** Various communities across Borno State.
- **Installation of Hand Pumps:**
  - **Description:** Installed hand pumps in 15 communities to address water scarcity (2018 – 2019).
  - **Impact:** Ensured consistent water supply in water-scarce areas.
  - **Location:** Various communities across Borno State.

#### 5. Health and Environmental Initiatives

- **Environmental Cleaning and WASH Initiatives:**
  - **Description:** Initiated environmental cleaning and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) activities (2023 – 2024).
  - **Impact:** Promoted healthier and cleaner communities, reducing the prevalence of disease.
  - **Location:** Jere LGA, Borno State, and Katsina LGA, Katsina State.
- **Veterinary Services for Livestock Health:**
  - **Description:** Provided free vaccination for livestock to enhance animal health and productivity (2019).
  - **Impact:** Improved livestock health, boosting agricultural productivity and economic stability.
  - **Location:** Borno State.

#### 6. Women's Empowerment

- **Business Support for Female Traders:**
  - **Description:** Empowered 1,000 female groundnut oil extractors and marketers with essential business resources (2018).
  - **Impact:** Enhanced economic independence and entrepreneurship among women.
  - **Location:** Borno State.



## 7. Humanitarian and Relief Efforts

- **Flood Relief Efforts:**

- **Description:** Provided support to flood victims in Jere and Dikwa LGAs, assisting them in rebuilding their lives (2024).
- **Impact:** Helped communities recover and rebuild after devastating floods. The devastating floods in Jere and Dikwa LGAs left many families homeless and destitute. The Walwanne Foundation stepped in, providing immediate relief and long-term support to help these communities rebuild their lives. The Foundation's efforts have restored hope and dignity to those affected by the disaster.
- **Location:** Jere and Dikwa LGAs, Borno State.

- **Fighting Hunger**

- **Description:** Distributed food and non-food items to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Gamboru Ngala (2021 – 2023).
- **Impact:** Alleviated hunger and improved living conditions for displaced individuals.
- **Location:** Gamboru Ngala, Borno State.

- **COVID-19 Relief Support**

- **Description:** Provided essential support to less privileged individuals and IDPs during the COVID-19 pandemic (2020).
- **Impact:** Eased the hardships faced by vulnerable populations during the pandemic.
- **Location:** Maiduguri, Borno State.

- **Food Distribution in Katsina and Maiduguri:**

- **Description:** Distributed food to 1,000 displaced persons in Katsina and Maiduguri (2023 – 2024).
- **Impact:** Supported the nutritional needs and overall well-being of displaced persons.
- **Location:** Katsina, Katsina State, and Maiduguri, Borno State.

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## United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The projects undertaken by the Walwanne Foundation align with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations. Here's a breakdown of the projects in line with specific SDGs:

### 1. SDG 1: No Poverty

- **Flood Relief Efforts:**
  - **Description:** Provided support to flood victims in Jere and Dikwa LGAs, assisting them in rebuilding their lives.
  - **Impact:** Helped alleviate the effects of poverty exacerbated by natural disasters.
  - **Location:** Jere and Dikwa LGAs, Borno State.
- **Fighting Hunger:**
  - **Description:** Distributed food and non-food items to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Gamboru Ngala.
  - **Impact:** Provided essential support to those living in extreme poverty.
  - **Location:** Gamboru Ngala, Borno State.
- **COVID-19 Relief Support:**
  - **Description:** Provided food and monetary assistance to less privileged individuals and IDPs during the pandemic.
  - **Impact:** Eased financial hardships and prevented deeper poverty.
  - **Location:** Maiduguri, Borno State.

### 2. SDG 2: Zero Hunger

- **Poultry Farming Empowerment:**
  - **Description:** Distributed 6,000 broilers and 4,000 layers to 100 youths.
  - **Impact:** Promoted food security and sustainable livelihoods.
  - **Location:** Borno State.
- **Agricultural Input Support:**
  - **Description:** Supported 13,000 farmers with fertilizers, seeds, and tractor services.
  - **Impact:** Enhanced food production and agricultural productivity.
  - **Location:** Borno, Gombe, and Yobe States.
- **Support for Women Farmers:**
  - **Description:** Assisted 2,000 women farmers with agricultural resources.
  - **Impact:** Improved food security and income for women farmers.
  - **Location:** Borno, Gombe, and Yobe States.

- **Capacity Building Training:**
  - **Description:** Benefited 9,000 farmers to boost agricultural growth.
  - **Impact:** Contributed to national food security and financial inclusion.
  - **Location:** Borno State.

### 3. SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being

- **Environmental Cleaning and WASH Initiatives:**
  - **Description:** Launched environmental cleaning and WASH activities.
  - **Impact:** Improved public health through better sanitation.
  - **Location:** Jere LGA, Borno State, and Katsina LGA, Katsina State.
- **Veterinary Services for Livestock Health**
  - **Description:** Provided free vaccination for livestock.
  - **Impact:** Improved livestock health and productivity, contributing to better nutrition.
  - **Location:** Borno State.

### 4. SDG 4: Quality Education

- **Scholarships for Higher Education:**
  - **Description:** Provided scholarships to 500 students annually from Borno State.
  - **Impact:** Enabled over 3,000 students to access higher education.
  - **Location:** Borno State.
- **Support for Orphans and Displaced Persons:**
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  - **Location:** Borno State.
- **Computer Training for Secondary School Students:**
  - **Description:** Provided computer training to secondary school students.
  - **Impact:** Enhanced digital literacy among students.
  - **Location:** Custom Area, Maiduguri, Borno State.

## 5. SDG 5: Gender Equality

- **Business Support for Female Traders:**
  - **Description:** Empowered 1,000 female groundnut oil extractors and marketers.
  - **Impact:** Promoted economic independence and entrepreneurship among women.
  - **Location:** Borno State.
- **Support for Women Farmers:**
  - **Description:** Provided resources to 2,000 women farmers to improve agricultural activities.
  - **Impact:** Strengthened women's roles in agriculture and economic development.
  - **Location:** Borno, Gombe, and Yobe States.

## 6. SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

- **Construction of Motorized Boreholes:**
  - **Description:** Constructed motorized boreholes in 20 communities.
  - **Impact:** Provided access to clean and safe water, reducing water-borne diseases.
  - **Location:** Various communities in Borno State.
- **Installation of Hand Pumps:**
  - **Description:** Installed hand pumps in 15 communities.
  - **Impact:** Ensured consistent water supply in areas facing water scarcity.
  - **Location:** Various communities in Borno State.
- **Environmental Cleaning and WASH Initiatives:**
  - **Description:** Promoted water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) practices.
  - **Impact:** Reduced the spread of diseases and improved overall community health.
  - **Location:** Jere LGA, Borno State, and Katsina LGA, Katsina State.

## 7. SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth

- **Poultry Farming Empowerment:**
  - **Description:** Empowered youths through poultry farming.
  - **Impact:** Created jobs and sustainable livelihoods for young people.
  - **Location:** Borno State.

- **Business Support for Female Traders:**

- **Description:** Provided business resources to female groundnut oil extractors and marketers.
- **Impact:** Supported women in growing their businesses and improving their economic status.
- **Location:** Borno State.

## 8. SDG 13: Climate Action

- **Environmental Cleaning and WASH Initiatives:**

- **Description:** Conducted environmental cleaning campaigns.
- **Impact:** Mitigated environmental degradation and promoted sustainable practices.
- **Location:** Jere LGA, Borno State, and Katsina LGA, Katsina State.

## 9. SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

- **Career Readiness Training Seminar:**

- **Description:** Organized a seminar in collaboration with SliceAce Ltd.
- **Impact:** Strengthened partnerships with the private sector to enhance youth employability.
- **Location:** Lagos State.

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## Summary

The Walwanne Foundation's projects demonstrate a strong commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in areas related to poverty alleviation, food security, health, education, gender equality, clean water, and economic growth. Through its targeted interventions, the Foundation has made a substantial impact on improving the lives of vulnerable populations in Nigeria.

## Looking Ahead:

The Walwanne Foundation remains dedicated to expanding its reach and deepening its impact. As it continues to work towards achieving the SDGs, the Foundation is committed to building partnerships, leveraging innovation, and mobilizing resources to create a sustainable future for all Nigerians. Through its unwavering commitment to social justice and community empowerment, the Walwanne Foundation strives to be a catalyst for positive change in Nigeria and beyond.

## Leadership:

Under the visionary leadership of Dr. Abiso Kabir, a seasoned strategist and Information Technology expert with a passion for community development, the Walwanne Foundation has grown into a respected organization known for its integrity, effectiveness, and commitment to social change. Dr. Kabir's extensive experience in both the public and private sectors, coupled with his deep understanding of the socio-economic challenges in Nigeria, has been instrumental in shaping the Foundation's strategic direction and ensuring the success of its initiatives.

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