



1. Background & Context

North West Nigeria is home to over 35 million people and represents one of the most educationally and infrastructurally underserved regions in sub-Saharan Africa. The region faces a convergence of challenges including some of the highest rates of out-of-school children on the continent, acute water scarcity in rural communities, limited access to digital technology and skills, insecurity driven by poverty and lack of economic opportunity, and a significant gender gap in educational access and economic participation.

Despite these challenges, the region's predominantly Muslim population, deep community structures, and growing appetite for change create fertile ground for sustainable, community-rooted development programming. Nur Springs Initiative is an independent, board-governed NGO built specifically to deliver in this environment, pairing humanitarian programming with a dedicated in-house Technology & Innovation Programme.

2. Problem Statement

- Over 10 million children are out of school in North West Nigeria, with girls disproportionately excluded
- Access to digital skills and technology education is virtually non-existent in rural LGAs
- More than 60% of rural communities in the region lack access to clean, safe drinking water
- Water-borne diseases remain a leading cause of child mortality in the zone
- Existing NGO programming often lacks the technology infrastructure for transparent donor accountability

3. Proposed Solution

Nur Springs Initiative proposes a dual-pillar intervention combining education & digital literacy with clean water access — both enhanced and monitored by technology:

Pillar 1: EduTech for All

- Establish and equip solar-powered community learning centres in rural LGAs
- Integrate modern, accredited curriculum with existing Islamic education structures
- Provide digital skills training for youth, women, and teachers
- Develop and deploy a custom, offline-capable Learning Management System
- Award girls-only scholarships in partnership with community leaders

Pillar 2: Clean Water Initiative

- Drill and rehabilitate boreholes in communities with no clean water access
- Install IoT-enabled water level sensors for real-time remote monitoring
- Deploy solar-powered water pumps for energy-independent, reliable water supply
- Conduct community hygiene and sanitation education programs
- Name water infrastructure after donor families or organisations, per NSI's naming policy

4. Technology & Accountability

NSI's Technology & Innovation Programme delivers and oversees NSI's technology infrastructure, procuring vetted vendors under the Due Diligence and Risk Monitoring SOP and reporting through NSI's Financial Policy and M&E Framework. This includes:

- A real-time impact dashboard accessible by donors online, showing IoT sensor data, GPS project locations, photos, and beneficiary statistics
- Solar energy systems for all project facilities
- Software applications for program management and donor reporting
- Site monitoring protocols for security and remote verification, consistent with NSI's safeguarding standards

This creates a strong standard of transparency: donors can log in from anywhere in the world and see where their support is working, in near real time, within a governance structure that keeps oversight independent of any single vendor.

5. Target Beneficiaries

Beneficiary Group	Number (Year 1)	Program
Out-of-school children (boys)	1,000	Learning Centres

Beneficiary Group	Number (Year 1)	Program
Girls (scholarship & education)	500	Girls Education Program
Youth digital skills trainees	300	ICT Training
Rural community members (water)	10,000+	Clean Water Initiative
Teachers trained	100	Capacity Building
Community women (adult literacy)	200	Literacy Program

6. Expected Outcomes

- 10+ solar-powered community learning centres established across 7 states
- 20+ boreholes drilled or rehabilitated providing clean water to 10,000+ people
- 2,000+ children enrolled in structured learning programs annually
- 500+ girls receiving education scholarships
- Real-time donor dashboard operational from Day 1 of implementation

7. Organisational Capacity

Nur Springs Initiative is built on a foundation of independent governance and direct technical delivery capability:

- Independent Board of Trustees providing fiduciary and strategic oversight
- A dedicated Technology & Innovation Programme covering solar energy, IoT monitoring, and software development
- A complete governance and compliance policy suite — Anti-Bribery, Sanctions, Safeguarding, Financial, Conflict of Interest, and M&E — adopted from inception
- Board members with deep, direct community ties across North West Nigeria
- A standard operating procedure for project implementation and risk monitoring, ensuring consistent delivery quality

8. Budget Summary

Budget Line	Year 1 (USD)	Year 2 (USD)	Year 3 (USD)
Learning Centre Construction/Renovation	\$80,000	\$60,000	\$40,000
Solar Energy Systems (Facilities)	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Tablets & Learning Equipment	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Borehole Drilling & Rehabilitation	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$40,000
IoT Sensors & Monitoring Systems	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Impact Dashboard Development	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Program Staff & Community Mobilisers	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Training, Scholarships & Materials	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total	\$310,000	\$233,000	\$193,000

9. Call to Action

We invite your esteemed organisation to partner with Nur Springs Initiative in transforming the lives of thousands of families across North West Nigeria. Your investment will be visible, verifiable, and lasting — through the children educated, the wells bearing your name, and the communities that will carry your legacy for generations.

We welcome the opportunity to present this concept in greater detail and to discuss how we can tailor our programming to align with your organisation's specific funding priorities and impact requirements.

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