

## **IYV2001 NIGERIA**

### **Areas of Intervention**

**Health** because life expectancy in Nigeria is 47.5 years

**Education** because National Adult Literacy rate is 48.9%

**Environment** because % Change in forest land and woodland is -12%

**Food and Nutrition** because % of population with food insecurity is 40% and

**Income and Employment Generation** because GNP Per capita is US\$280 as against \$1000 in 1980.

But emphasis has been placed on health to mark the year.

### **Volunteer Medical Missions**

Nigeria offers a lot of challenges in the domain of health and related issues. This becomes more evident given that life expectancy in Nigeria: 47.5 years with infant mortality put at 105 per 1000 live births. Maternal mortality rate is estimated at 1000 per 100000 live births while less than 25% have access to basic health facilities.

IYV2001 get Volunteer Doctors and Paramedics from existing institutions (governmental, non governmental, individuals). Relevant logistics is also acquired from same institutions.

Drugs are imported with UNV/UNDP assistance. Consequently, drugs become cheaper. These drugs are sourced through IYV collaborating NGOs involved in medical missions. A good example is ANTOF Rural Resources. Drugs can come from any other sources. The ideal location is chosen with the help of a State IYV Focal point who is free to collaborate with any willing volunteer NGO. Altogether, there have been four such medical missions in different zones of Nigeria. Ex. See IYV2001 Web site for IYV Imo Long Health programme 26-28 June, 2001. Beneficiaries are mostly poor, sick and deprived people living in Nigeria's numerous communities.

**Networking.** IYV2001 Nigeria accomplished quite a lot in the area of networking given the size and complexities of the Nigerian Federation. Membership of the National Committee is drawn from the Government (Federal / State), the Legislative arm, Private Sector, Academia, Media, UN Agencies, NGO/CBOs, political class, Faith groups and Women and Youth groups.

**IYV Eminent Persons.** They are nominated due to their enormous facilitating potentials

List now includes the President of the Federation (IYV2001 Grand Patron), two Top Royal Fathers including Emir of Kano, three State Governors, 14 First Ladies (still growing), two Senators including chief whip of Nigerian Senate, two Honorable Members of Federal House of Representatives, and the Minister of Tourism and Culture

**IYV2001 First Ladies.** Many State First Ladies have helped IYV2001 in achieving its objectives in Nigeria. Notable among such First Ladies are Her Excellency, Mrs. Oluremi Tinubu (Lagos), H. E. Mrs. Owanari Duke (Cross River), H. E. Mrs. Ibori (Delta), H. E. Hajiya Abdulahi Adamu (Nassarawa), H. E. Deaconess A. Adefarati (Ondo), H. E. Mrs. Valentina Dariye (Plateau), Hajja Marian Bukar Abba Ibrahim (Yobe), H. E. Justice Mrs. Mary Odili (Rivers), H. E. Mrs. Eki Igbinedion (Edo), H. E. Mrs. Akume (Benue), H. E. Mrs. Orji Uzor Kalu (Abia), and H. E. Mrs. Jolly Nyame (Taraba)