PROFILES OF SELECTED RURAL COMMUNITIES

JAMA'ARE BAUCHI STATE

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Organization and Location: Jama'are Traders Association: The Jama'are Traders association was established in 2001 and registered with the Bauchi State Ministry of Youth and Community Development to provide a platform for traders in Jamaare Local Government of the State. As of December 2020, it had 250 members. Members pay a flat rate of N200 per month as membership due

ITAS BAUCHI STATE

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Organization and Location: ItasYouth Association (IYA): Formed in 2015, with over 1000 members as of January 2021, it unites youth, both males and females from Itas town of Itas/Gadau Local Government of Bauchi State to engage in activities to promote youth development. Its focus is mainly in education, entrepreneurship and ICT. It is registered with the Social Development Department of the Local Government.

KAFANCHAN KADUNA STATE

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Organization and Location: Fantsuam Foundation is community based development civil society organization. Fantsuam Foundation is a rural-based non-governmental organisation that works with local communities to fight poverty and disadvantage through integrated

development programmes. Fantsuam Foundation was founded in 1996 to empower community members, particularly women, to find means of employment and income and meet their own development needs. Working in 53 communities across seven local government areas in Kaduna State, close to 15,000 individuals benefit from Fantsuam's services every year and it was estimated that by 2018 over 400,000 people have benefited either directly or indirectly from Fantsuam Foundation's activities. Its mission is to eliminate poverty and disadvantage in Kaduna State through integrated development programmes. Its vision is to be the most effective model of integrated rural development in West Africa. Fantsuam Foundation was one of the earliest promoters of ICT for development at a time when official recognition of ICTs was still lacking in northern Nigeria. More specifically, Fantsuam Foundation installed the first satellite internet service for rural northern Nigeria, in 1997, when the Broadband Global Area Network (BGAN) was the only available equipment for rural connectivity. Fantsuam Foundation was keen to ensure gender equity in access to ICT knowledge and skills, and its efforts earned it the first Hafkin Africa Prize in 2001. The CEO was also awarded First Woman ICT Entrepreneur in Nigeria. In 2005, Fantsuam Foundation was licensed to provide Cisco Networking Training and also provided a beginners' class of a five-week certificate course followed by a more detailed 12-week diploma training which qualifies the candidates to undertake the IT Essentials Course. Between 2005 and 2018, the Fantsuam computer training services had trained over 5,000 students. Most of the business centres in Kafanchan are owned or managed by students who graduated from the Fantsuam ZittNet Academy. ZittNet also offers ICT training and a Computer-Based Test Centre for the pre-university JAMB examinations and hosts the Kafanchan Google Developers Group and Kafanchan Co-Working Space. Fantsuam established the first community wireless network in northern Nigeria in May 2006. Community networks promote digital democracy in which ownership and control of local communication infrastructure resides in the community. Content is created by the people for the people. Fantsuam is also one of the lead organisations in the national advocacy for access to TV white space for affordable internet access for unserved and underserved rural communities.

ZARIA KADUNA STATE

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Organization and Location: Zaria Community Network: this is an initiative set up by the by the Nigerian chapter of the Internet Society and the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. The Nigerian chapter of the Internet Society is an inclusive national platform of internet users in the country. In this project is managed by the executive committee of the association alongside a Project Management Team. Unlike all the other micro organizations, its members are diverse from different parts of the country, of different educational and occupational backgrounds and involved in different work of lives. It is not a coherent group but is binded by the Constitution of the Association with clear structures and accountability mechanisms.

PSEPA FCT

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Organization and Location: Zoboda Women Traders Co-operative Society: this is a group of community women in Pasepa Community, Bwari Area of the Federal capital territory. Established in 5 April, 1998, it has about 150 members. Its key objective is to promote Community Development and Economic Empowerment with focus on helping women farmers. This is exclusively for women and women led.

LELEYI GWARI FCT

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Organization and Location: AYEBWAKA LELEYI GWARI ASSOCIATION, founded in 15-5-2012 and registered with the Local Government,

RURAL BWARI AREA COUNCIL FCT

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Organization and Location: Allah Ya Baku Group Farmers' Cooperative Society: Allah Ya Baku Group Farmers' Cooperative Society. Was established in 1996 as a platform for rural farmers in Bwari Area Council of FCT. It is registered with the area council. It has about 70 members as of January, 2021. Although theoretically women farmers are members, in practice often it is only the male members who are active in the affairs of the association.