

## **Project One IDP at a Time**

Project One IDP at a Time is an initiative launched by Migration Moments with May aimed at supporting Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) through economic empowerment. The program focuses on providing IDPs with the tools, resources, and skills needed to rebuild their lives and achieve economic stability. By targeting one individual IDP at a time, the program ensures personalized support to foster long-term self-reliance, reduce dependency, and contribute to community rebuilding.

Launched with a vision of creating sustainable livelihoods for IDPs, the program provides economic empowerment through vocational training, financial support, and guidance in establishing small-scale businesses. The focus is on ensuring that women and young persons receive tailored assistance to help them navigate the transition from displacement to stability.

### **Key Objectives**

- **Economic Empowerment:** Provide IDPs with the necessary tools and skills to become self-sufficient and support their families through entrepreneurship.
- **Personalized Support:** Focus on the unique needs and aspirations of each IDP, ensuring they receive customized training, resources, and mentorship.
- **Community Rebuilding:** Empower IDPs to reintegrate into their communities as productive, contributing members, fostering a sense of belonging and stability.
- **Sustainability:** Equip IDPs with long-term skills and resources to ensure lasting success and independence.

### **Program Impact**

Since its inception in 2024, the Project One IDP at a Time Empowerment Program has supported 1 female resilient 29-year-old entrepreneur who was forcibly displaced from her community in Northeast Nigeria in 2014 due to insecurity. Migration Moments with May supported her business ventures. During an extensive conversation, she shared the daunting challenges faced by her community, particularly the struggle for access to quality education. Children must walk long distances to attend school, highlighting the urgent need for accessible educational resources.

### **Challenges**

- **Funding Limitations:** Scaling the program to reach more IDPs requires additional funding, particularly for business setup and sustainability support.
- **Psychosocial Barriers:** Many IDPs face psychological barriers due to their traumatic experiences, which sometimes impact their ability to fully engage in training or business development.

### **Future Plans**

Looking ahead, Migration Moments with May plans to

- **Expand Reach:** Increase the number of IDPs served by expanding the program to various IDP camps and increasing funding to support more individuals.
- **Increase Business Types:** Incorporate new vocational skills into the program to align with local market demands and emerging economic opportunities.
- **Long-Term Sustainability:** Develop a sustainable funding model to ensure the program's longevity, including partnerships with local businesses, government agencies, and international organizations.

Project One IDP at a Time has demonstrated the power of economic empowerment in transforming the lives of IDPs. By providing targeted support, training, and mentorship, the program has helped individuals regain their independence and dignity, making meaningful contributions to their communities. With continued support and resources, the program has the potential to scale up its impact and create lasting change for many more displaced individuals across Nigeria.