

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

**A Year of Strengthening Local Governance, Driving Civic Action
and Fostering Continental Solidarity**

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Our Flagship Programs and Innovative Tech Tools



Reference Guide and Terminology

This reference index lists the core organizational acronyms, program names, and institutional bodies featured throughout our 2025 annual review. While every technical abbreviation is spelled out in full when it first appears in a chapter, this page serves as an immediate, centralized directory for the reader's convenience.

YAPD4Africa	Connected Youth for Accountability, Peace and Development Initiative.
CAL	Community Action-Led Initiative.
ROOSC	Reaching Out-of-School Children Project.
CITAD	Centre for Information Technology and Development.
AHVF	Advocacy for Human Value Foundation.
WYDE	Women and Youth in Democracy Initiative.
ALDA	European Association for Local Democracy.
WBS	Work Breakdown Structure.
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation.
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund.
LAF	Local Accountability Fellowship.
EPD	European Partnership for Democracy.
PHC	Primary Healthcare Centre.
WASH	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene.
NYFF	Nigeria Youth Futures Fund.
MDA	Ministries, Departments, and Agencies.
INEC	Independent National Electoral Commission.
LGA	Local Government Area.
LAW	Local Accountability Watch.
NAF	Naija Advocate Fellowship.
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Idris Bilyaminu Ndasadu'Lau
FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

“ THE GRASSROOTS IS THE HEART OF DEMOCRACY; IF IT STOPS BEATING, ANY NATION WILL DEFINITELY FAIL. TO KEEP THAT HEART ALIVE AND HOLD GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES TRULY ACCOUNTABLE, CITIZENS MUST BE ARMED WITH REAL-TIME, VERIFIABLE FACTS, NOT JUST COMPLAINTS. ”

When we first began our grassroots journey through the Community Action-Led Initiative (CAL Project), our goal was simple yet urgent: to work directly with community groups and teach them how to track public development budgets using digital platforms like FollowTheMoney and TrackaNigeria.

Those early days on the field taught us hard, invaluable lessons. Traveling through remote, insecure and underserved areas, we faced massive logistical hurdles, made mistakes, and even lost critical pieces of field data due to our lack of technical knowledge at the time. Yet, those exact challenges shaped our core conviction. We realized that public authorities can only be effectively engaged when communities present concrete, evidence-based data.

Today, YAPD4Africa has transformed from that raw grassroots movement into a structured, globally recognized civil society organization. We do this because the realities on the ground demand it. There is an urgent, undeniable need to dismantle marginalization, address decaying community school infrastructure, fix failing local healthcare conditions and establish transparent public resource tracking right at the subnational level.

Our grassroots field assessments revealed deep structural inequalities that we must urgently address. In evaluating our data from the 2024 Murya interventions, one concerning observation was a significant gender gap: only 5% of women participated in those vital community dialogues. Despite their invaluable contributions to the local economy, rural women's voices are systematically ignored, frequently only acknowledged when it is convenient for elected representatives during political campaigns. This low turnout highlights a persistent barrier to women's participation in decision-making at the local governance and community development levels. Furthermore, during our community interventions, I personally witnessed the severe struggles that women face in accessing basic maternal healthcare services across the villages we visited. This widespread exclusion of women from both healthcare access and public leadership spaces is heartbreaking, yet it strengthens our organizational resolve at YAPD4Africa. True local accountability cannot exist if half of the population is excluded.

Throughout 2025, our teams successfully turned advocacy into concrete, measurable field milestones across local governance, healthcare, and education:

Local Accountability Watch (LAW Project): Officially wrapped up on 28th November, 2025, alongside international partners including WYDE Civic Engagement, the European Commission, ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy, and other partners. We trained and deployed localized LAW Drivers and launched the Citizen Toolkit for Accountability and the Citizen Engagement and Sensitization manual to give rural populations the technical skills to audit public spending.

Healthcare accountability under Naija Advocate: Supported by the Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF), we executed critical state-level stakeholder engagements. In Kano State, we partnered with the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) and investigative journalists at PRNigeria to drive digital activism in primary healthcare. We carried these priorities directly to the floor of the 13th Kaduna State Council on Health, advocating for structural health policy reforms.

Marginalized education partnerships: Collaboration visit to Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) Project in Kaduna State. Our focus remains on securing policy reforms, protection and learning access for children with in hard-to-reach areas.

Pan-African Humanitarian Solidarity: We teamed up with the Advocacy for Human Value Foundation to launch the Nigeria-Sudan Relief Mission. We supported the mobilization of urgent resources and funding to assist innocent families and children facing acute starvation in displacement camps across Al-Fashir, North Darfur.

As we look toward 2026 and 2027, our strategic roadmap focuses on scaling our operational reach and preparing our communities for upcoming civic milestones. We are actively expanding both the Naija Advocate project and the Local Accountability Watch Project into completely new regional clusters. A core focus of this expansion will be implementing structured civic inclusion frameworks that actively track, protect and amplify the voices of rural women, ensuring they are recognized as permanent stakeholders in community development long after election cycles end.

Looking further ahead to the upcoming 2027 General Elections, our technical teams are already laying the groundwork for Kuri'a, our upcoming digital platform designed specifically to institutionalize grassroots voter education, protect electoral integrity, and provide a secure, tech-driven channel for rural communities to monitor democratic processes in real time.

Real, lasting change happens when grassroots initiatives successfully change the national standard. I am deeply grateful to our team, our Board of Trustees, our funding partners, and the everyday volunteers who keep our vision moving forward.

Thank you for walking this transformative journey with us!

With Hope and Grace,



Bili.

Our Board of Trustees: A Dynamic Coalition for Change

While our trusted board members have reliably steered YAPD4Africa since 2021, the expanding operational realities of 2025 demanded a deliberate institutional finalization. For a youth-driven entity, moving from localized grassroots activism to a formalized, multi-tiered institutional governance framework is a critical leap. This milestone solidifies our long-term institutional credibility, fiscal sustainability, and operational accountability on both local and international stages.

To match our growing regional footprint, this newly finalized Board of Trustees comprises a diverse group of highly accomplished experts drawn from across Nigeria's geopolitical zones and the wider African continent. Their collective backgrounds bridge multiple critical sectors, providing the organization with an unyielding foundation for strategic development. This governing body is intentionally structured to drive sustainable innovation across our core pillars: the civic space, civic technology, localized service delivery and grassroots community engagement.

Furthermore, their combined expertise in youth development, public policy, strategic advocacy, and democratic governance gives YAPD4Africa the systemic leverage required to safely navigate complex operational environments where civic education gaps and human rights vulnerabilities intersect. Their mandate is not restricted to standard administrative oversight; they provide direct mentorship to our young executive leadership team and protect our data safeguarding protocols. By collaborating closely with this trusted board, our executive team continues to gain valuable, seasoned insights that directly shape our organizational policies, scale our transparency metrics, and ensure perfect alignment with global best practices.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we extend our deepest gratitude to our funding partners, civil society allies and grassroots networks that have trusted our vision. We remain entirely committed to advancing our regional mission with integrity, excellence, and localized impact in the years ahead.



Fatima Mohammed Habib
Board Chair



Idris Bilyaminu Ndasadu' Lau
Board Secretary



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Board Secretary II



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Board Member



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Board Member



Zainab Suleiman Ajuma
Board Member



Ayomide Ladipo Yetunde
Board Member



Aisha Dabo
Board Member

A Remark from the Chair

It is with great pride and gratitude that I reflect on a year of purpose, progress and collective action at YAPD4Africa. The theme of this year's report, “A Year of Strengthening Local Governance, Driving Civic Action and Fostering Continental Solidarity,” speaks directly to our commitment to building communities where citizens are not merely beneficiaries of development, but active participants in shaping the systems, decisions and futures that affect their lives.

Throughout 2025, YAPD4Africa continued to demonstrate that meaningful change begins at the local level. By strengthening civic participation, supporting accountable governance, amplifying community voices and creating spaces for young people and citizens to engage, we have contributed to a more informed, inclusive and responsive society.

Beyond our immediate communities, we have remained deeply committed to the idea of an Africa that works together. Continental solidarity is not simply about responding to challenges collectively; it is about recognising our shared aspirations and building partnerships that transcend borders, identities and institutions.

I am particularly inspired by the dedication of our team, partners, volunteers and the communities we serve. Their commitment reminds us that sustainable development is not achieved through isolated efforts, but through trust, collaboration and a shared belief in the possibility of a better Africa.

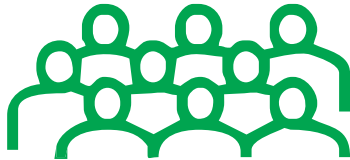
As we look ahead, YAPD4Africa remains committed to strengthening local leadership, advancing civic action, empowering citizens and contributing to a more peaceful, democratic and resilient continent. I invite you to read this report not only as a record of our achievements, but as a reflection of the people, partnerships and purpose behind our work. Together, we continue to build an Africa where communities have a voice, citizens have agency and solidarity becomes a force for lasting change.

Fatima Mohammed Habib,
Chairperson, YAPD4Africa.

2025 Impact: Our Numbers, Our Stories

Behind every statistic in this report is a human face, a marginalized community, and a step toward localized justice. Our metrics do not just track activities; they measure the resilience of citizens standing up for structural accountability.

Our Footprint by the Numbers



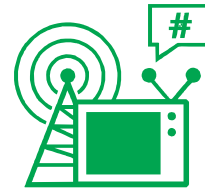
7000+
Direct beneficiaries impacted



800+ Fellowships
application reviewed



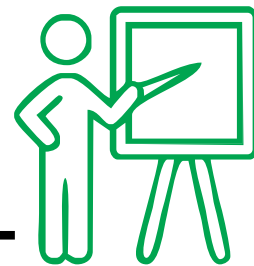
40+
Communities reached



5,000,000+ Radio/television programs



100+
Survey collected



20+
Youth training sessions covered



50,000+
reached through
social media



Organizational Overview: Who We Are

About YAPD4Africa: YAPD4Africa was founded in 2017 by a group of passionate young Africans who believed deeply in the power of youth-led initiatives to address pressing social challenges. What began as a small network of volunteers has grown into a prominent organization with programs in multiple African countries. Our founders recognized that despite being the continent with the youngest population, young people in Africa were often excluded from development processes and decision-making. They established YAPD4Africa to bridge this gap, creating platforms for youth leadership and meaningful participation in community development.

Officially registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission in 2024, the Connected Youth for Accountability, Peace and Development Initiative (YAPD4Africa) is a prominent Pan-African, youth-led civil society organization whose dedicated mission is to build strong people and sustainable communities in Africa. Headquartered and firmly based in Nigeria, we work dynamically at the vital intersection of civic participation, technology innovation, community development, and democratic governance at the grassroots level.

We operate on the absolute conviction that grassroots populations have long been at the receiving end of systemic marginalization, public resource diversion, and socio-economic exclusion. At YAPD4Africa, we disrupt this cycle. Our primary focus is to equip underserved populations with the exact tools, civic technology, and capacity-building frameworks required to defend their rights, demand local governance transparency, and independently drive community-led development.

Community Action-Led Initiative (CAL Project)

The driving force behind our work is the Community Action-Led Initiative (CAL Project), a grassroots movement empowering local communities to hold their representatives accountable. Since 2019, the program has successfully empowered over 8,000 young citizens across 15 communities, proposing sustainable solutions for youth civic participation. While tracking policy and government efforts, we identified a deep gap in grassroots civic education. Moving forward, the CAL Project is directly bridging this gap, equipping underserved populations with the foundational civic literacy needed to drive real structural change.

In 2025, the CAL Project made significant progress across Nigeria, particularly within Kaduna and Jigawa States. We successfully empowered over 1,500 individuals, including women, youth, and the elderly, across 6 remote areas, including Igabi, Dutse, and Birnin Kudu. Our key milestones for the year include:

- ❖ **Community Accountability Structures:** Established robust community accountability structures, enabling citizens to safely engage local governments and demand transparency.
- ❖ **Development Planning:** Collaborated with local authorities and stakeholders to design and implement sustainable community development plans.
- ❖ **International Footprint:** Expanded our footprint internationally, following a successful launch in Cameroon, with active regional expansions currently underway in Ghana and Kenya.

Our model for driving civic education and community accountability has achieved international acclaim. The CAL Project was shortlisted as a Top 15 finalist for the Reimagine Civic Engagement Award by YGC Germany 2024 and selected among the 100 finalists of Excellence Actions for Global Youth Development in China 2025. These milestones validate our mission and fuel our drive to expand civic literacy across every corner of African communities.

Our Vision

We envision a world where people are empowered to drive sustainable social development, even in the most remote areas of the globe, creating lasting positive change.

Our Mission

To build strong people and sustainable communities in Africa through innovative solutions and collaborative partnerships.

Strategic Alignment with the SDGs

At YAPD4Africa, our grassroots methodology is completely integrated with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030). By working dynamically at the intersection of local governance, technology and inclusion.

3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



Our Objectives

- ❖ Increase people's participation in lifelong skill opportunities, sustainable development, good governance and access to information.
- ❖ Advocate for better policies, public accountability, civic participation, and social development.
- ❖ Advocate for gender justice, especially in achieving and promoting girls' and women's rights at all levels.
- ❖ Develop innovative platforms for learning and addressing social, environmental, and governance issues.
- ❖ Promote peace, social rights, justice and strong institutions for all.

Our Core Values

- ❖ Innovation: Pioneering creative digital solutions for community development.
- ❖ Teamwork Ethic: Working together with dedication and purpose.
- ❖ Gender Inclusivity: Ensuring equal opportunities and representation.
- ❖ Transparency: Maintaining accountability in all our actions.

OUR APPROACH: The CARE-SD Framework



At YAPD4Africa, our comprehensive CARE-SD framework guides our work in community development, ensuring sustainable impact through six interconnected pillars. This holistic approach addresses the complex challenges facing African communities. We deploy this strategy in our general engagement to identify pressing local needs, develop community-led solutions for sustainable impact, and help these communities reach their full potential through:

Community Engagement: Centering grassroots community voices and needs in all our work by listening, understanding, and learning from their social experiences, gaining better sustainable solutions. This process involves carrying our beneficiaries along, ensuring local ownership and participation, and engaging with them to enhance accessibility, amplify our work, promote acceptance, and ensure the sustainability of our projects.

Advocacy: In the communities we work, we advocate for and support policy-making that improves the lives of children, women, and young people, addressing their rights, needs, and development as citizens. We aim to influence policies that give these highly vulnerable groups better opportunities, promoting a more equitable society.

Research: Our social impact projects and homegrown initiatives are evidence-based, informed by research studies. We conduct surveys, focus groups, and interviews, soliciting community views and experiences in their own words, allowing them to share their stories. We implement projects based on accurate, community-researched data, ensuring our work aligns with the needs of our beneficiaries.

Empowerment: We create inclusive environments where everyone can participate and contribute, especially in decision-making processes. We provide comprehensive training, capacity building, and programs that empower women and young people, enabling them to lead their own community development.

Strategic Partnerships: Collaborating with diverse stakeholders to leverage resources and expertise for greater collective impact in communities that need it most. We provide immediate support in education, health, and WASH facilities, filling gaps before government interventions.

Digital Campaigns: We utilize social media and digital platforms to amplify the voices of marginalized communities, raise awareness on critical issues, and mobilize support for our advocacy efforts.



LOOKING BACK AT
2025

Internal Growth: Empowering the Team behind our Impact



Behind every successful community initiative is a dedicated team pushing for systemic change. YAPD4Africa has grown its workforce to 10 full-time staff members, utilizing an agile mix of in-person and remote professionals across various internal departments. Our recruitment cycle welcomed new talent into our operations, creating intentional pathways for youth self-development, strategic plan mapping, and precise project engineering. By bringing our teams together to finalize the operational Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) for the organization's projects, we have solidified our internal synergy. We remain committed to maximizing our team's potential to guarantee flawless execution across all public accountability campaigns.

Expanding Our Digital Footprint: Introducing yapd4africa.org



YAPD4Africa officially celebrated the launch of its centralized web portal: www.yapd4africa.org. This platform serves as a modern, interactive gateway that places our grassroots research, transparency metrics, and regional impact milestones on the global stage for partners and donors to track. This digital milestone was achieved through the critical technical backing and administrative support of AfricTivistes, our valued long-term strategic partner based in Senegal. By providing structured digital support, AfricTivistes has directly helped us build a resilient online infrastructure to amplify marginalized community voices internationally. The responsive new interface simplifies civic connection, allowing global stakeholders, policymakers, and community advocates to securely engage with our ongoing advocacy tools, field insights, and multi-country initiatives with just a few clicks.

LAW Project: Strengthening Local Institutions for Democratic Accountability

Local governments are structurally positioned as the tier of public administration closest to the people. However, widespread systemic challenges such as opaque municipal budgets, low public awareness of constitutional rights, and weak institutional frameworks consistently stall responsive development at the grassroots level. To break down these long-standing information barriers, YAPD4Africa launched the Local Accountability Watch (LAW Project) in Jigawa State. This comprehensive initiative transforms passive residents into active stakeholders by equipping them with practical social tracking mechanisms, open government principles, and citizen-led monitoring frameworks.

A central element of this intervention is the Local Accountability Fellowship (LAF 2025). The program received a remarkable surge of over 400 applications spanning 23 states across Nigeria and 1 other African country, highlighting a massive regional appetite for public tracking. Through a highly selective process, 20 high-potential civil society leaders and young advocates were inducted as LAW Drivers. These fellows completed intensive training covering: understanding local governance and the role of citizens, principles and practices of transparency, accountability and good governance, communication for change, social accountability tools, and monitoring and evaluation for accountability projects. They have stepped forward as informed accountability champions who now lead grassroots advocacy campaigns and multi-stakeholder dialogues across the state.

Following their training, these LAW Drivers deployed directly to the frontlines of three target communities: Disina, Sasarai, and Birnin Kudu. To maximize impact, our teams designed and deployed a bilingual Citizen Engagement and Sensitization Toolkit in English and Hausa. Conducting interactive sessions entirely in the local language eliminated literacy barriers, enabling over 200 directly engaged citizens including women, low-income groups and youth clusters to safely track local expenditure patterns. This joint effort was made possible through the generous support of our international implementing partners, including WYDE Civic Engagement, ALDA, EPD, People in Need, Elbarlament and the European Commission.



12 Male Fellows
Trained(62%)



8 Female Fellows
Trained(38%)



400+
Applications
Received



6

Multi-stakeholder advocacy engaged



200+

Direct beneficiaries
educated



3

communities covered

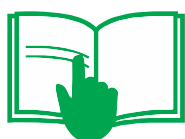


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Local Government Areas in
Jigawa State represented
by fellows



5,000,000+
reached through
radio/television programs



2

Different citizen toolkits
designed and distributed



20,000+
reached through
social media

Breaking the Silence: The Launch of the Murya Needs Assessment Report

Through our civic tech initiative, Murya, YAPD4Africa successfully completed an intensive, self-funded needs assessment across Gwaraji Ward in Igabi LGA, Kaduna State. Despite severe regional security challenges, our field teams safely conducted offline surveys in remote areas with limited network connectivity. We engaged directly with traditional rulers, youth leaders, and rural housewives across Gwaraji (I & II), Kawon Gwaraji, Sabon Gari Joga, Joga (I & II), Kadage (I & II), Kaban (I & II), Bango (I & II), Unguwar Baki, Unguwar Dan Muntar, and Madatai.

Our findings exposed a distressing collapse of critical infrastructure, including dilapidated primary schools, broken primary health centers, neglected roads, and non-functional water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities. This persistent lack of basic amenities reflects a flawed economic setup that systemically undervalues human development and perpetuates rural exclusion. The resulting data provides an undeniable look into the urgent need for immediate state intervention to match public budgets with local survival priorities.

Crucially, the data highlighted a systemic gender imbalance at the grassroots level. A mere 5% of women actively participate in local governance and community development decisions. Despite making massive contributions to their local economies daily, women's voices are systemically ignored or pushed aside, only acknowledged by elected representatives when politically convenient.

YAPD4Africa demands strict public accountability from Local Government Chairmen and State MDAs, urging the Kaduna State Government to leverage its rural transformation agenda to turn these documented gaps into visible development.

2024/2025 Impact of Murya in numbers



65+
Survey collected



20+
Remote Communities reached



60,000+
Indirect beneficiaries impacted



Championing Gender Justice: The Campaign to End FGM



On the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), YAPD4Africa actively advanced its human rights mandate by launching a targeted protection campaign in a marginalized local learning school. Led by our Head of Programs, Sa'adatu Idris Ndasadu'Lau, the initiative directly engaged over 50 young girls in an intensive awareness-raising session designed to expose the severe, long-term harmful effects of FGM on their physical health, emotional well-being, and basic educational development. By creating a safe environment for open dialogue, the session equipped these young participants with the vital knowledge needed to understand their fundamental human rights and speak out against harmful traditional practices.

This vital advocacy outreach was implemented through the strategic support and partnership of the SmartAid Initiative and UNFPA Nigeria. At YAPD4Africa, we remain deeply committed to lending our institutional platform and field networks to advance gender justice. We firmly believe that every single girl child deserves ironclad legal protection, institutional care, and equal opportunities to thrive. Through these sustained multi-stakeholder partnerships, we continue to demand structural government interventions to safeguard young girls and promote inclusive social development across Africa.



The NaijaAdvocate Fellowship: Driving Healthcare Accountability



400+
Applications
Received



10
Finalists Selected



8
Fellows Graduated

The NaijaAdvocate Fellowship (NAF) was born directly out of a critical need to address the deteriorating state of Nigeria's Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs), particularly within remote and underserved communities. Many of these frontline facilities are severely outdated, poorly equipped and chronically understaffed, failing to provide the basic, dignity-centered medical services that ordinary citizens deserve.

To tackle this challenge head-on, YAPD4Africa designed this transformative fellowship program to equip passionate young Nigerians with the digital tracking tools, policy expertise and civic mobilization skills required to champion evidence-based advocacy, demand local transparency and inspire proactive government commitment toward public health promotion.

Funded through the generous support of the Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF), the project specifically targets the structural strengthening of primary healthcare systems by embedding social accountability mechanisms right at the grassroots level. Following an intensely competitive selection process that drew over 400 applicants nationwide, an elite group of outstanding changemakers was shortlisted into the top 10 finalists. Ultimately, 8 exceptional fellows successfully completed the rigorous NaijaAdvocate Fellowship program in Kano State. This culminated in the formal execution of their targeted community projects and intensive field engagement, positioning them as forward-looking healthcare champions. These young leaders stood out as the region's best fellows, actively designing and building localized tracking solutions aimed squarely at resolving urgent healthcare delivery issues within their respective neighborhoods. To ensure the long-term sustainability of their fieldwork, YAPD4Africa is actively moving forward to provide critical mini-funds to support their ongoing community actions, firmly believing that these fellows are uniquely positioned to ensure permanent health equity by holding local health providers and government institutions strictly accountable.

NaijaAdvocate Fellowship 2025

Congratulations
To Our Fellows



Institutional Dialogue: The 13th Kaduna State Council on Health

YAPD4Africa actively advanced its healthcare tracking mandate by participating in the 13th Annual Kaduna State Council on Health, themed “Global Health Security: Strengthening Health Systems for Resilience.” The statutory high-level assembly highlighted critical policy reforms under Governor Uba Sani's administration, including the Human Resources for Health Policy, the Task Shifting and Sharing Policy, the Health Sector Strategic Blueprint, and targeted primary healthcare revitalization. Aligning with the opening remarks of the Deputy Governor, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, on the absolute necessity of multi-stakeholder investment, our delegation used the platform to directly advocate for vulnerable, underserved communities.

During the state council sessions, YAPD4Africa formally urged the Kaduna State Government to implement a unified "One Plan, One Budget, One Report, One Voice" framework to systematically resolve deep structural disparities in the health sector. Our advocacy focused on translating these new state policies into immediate action to address severe shortages of medical personnel, upgrade dilapidated physical infrastructure, and enforce strict public accountability within rural health financing. By bridging the gap between high-level state blueprints and frontline community realities, we remain fully committed to ensuring that Kaduna's healthcare transformation directly reaches its most remote grassroots citizens.





At our Head Office in Kaduna State, our Chief Executive, Idris Bilyaminu Ndasadu'Lau, formally hosted leadership delegations from Ashoka Africa and the Young Developer Foundation. This reflective high-level traced YAPD4Africa's journey since 2017 in serving Nigeria's most remote communities and highlighted the success of our Community Action-Led Initiative (CAL Project). A major milestone of these conversations was mapping out the regional roadmap for our CAL Project expansion across selected African nations. YAPD4Africa remains fully committed to building resilient cross-border alliances that empower young leaders, foster civic tech innovations, and deliver sustainable infrastructure solutions to underserved communities across Africa.



Expanding our reach to address intersectional vulnerabilities, YAPD4Africa visited to forge a vital alliance with the Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) Project. This collaboration directly targets deep policy issues and pools resource networks to provide educational access to heavily marginalized demographics, including Almajiri children and children living with disabilities. By aligning our resources and networks, this joint effort successfully bridges the gap between state-level development initiatives and immediate community realities in hard-to-reach areas. Our shared goal is to build deep community ownership of basic education projects while driving structural policy reforms to eliminate learning poverty across northern Nigeria.

Strategic Alliances: Advancing Civic Innovation and Grassroots Partnerships

True sustainable development relies heavily on institutional synergy and shared values. To scale our programmatic footprint, YAPD4Africa conducted a series of high-level stakeholder and partnership visits focused on merging technology, media advocacy and inclusive education.



In Kano State, under the banner of our Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF) supported Naija Advocate project, our team met with the leadership of the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD). Our in-depth discussions centered on strategic frameworks to elevate youth involvement in governance, healthcare tracking, and digital activism. CITAD Executive Director, Malam Ya'u, commended the collaborative approach, affirming that such institutional engagements are vital for unlocking the potential of young people to drive tangible social change through technology and structured civic participation.



Our team participated in the MAYE Youth Summit 2025, organized by our partner from the Society for Family Health. The summit focused on strengthening adolescent and youth-driven solutions for a healthier and more empowered future.

Amplifying Grassroots Solutions on the Global Stage

True civic transformation achieves its highest impact when localized grassroots solutions are successfully elevated to influence international policy development. Marking a monumental milestone for our organization's international footprint, YAPD4Africa's Chief Executive, Idris Bilyaminu Ndasadu'Lau, was formally selected as a delegate for the World Youth Development Forum and a distinguished Finalist for the 2024–2025 Excellence Actions for Global Youth Development in China. This prestigious global recognition serves as a powerful testament to his bold leadership, visionary direction, and the tireless field commitment of our teams in catalyzing active citizenship across underserved African communities through the expansion of our Community Action-Led Initiative (CAL Project).

By joining an elite global network of youth leaders, ministers, and prominent international non-governmental organizations, this milestone directly reflects the resilience and scalability of YAPD4Africa's tracking models. Representing authentic grassroots voices from Nigeria on the world stage allows our organization to secure high-level partnerships, share data-driven field insights, and advocate for marginalized populations at an institutional level. We are immensely proud that our localized efforts in civic education, transparency, and digital accountability are being recognized as a benchmark for excellence globally. Moving forward, we remain dedicated to leveraging these international platforms to channel vital resources, build cross-border alliances, and expand our sustainable youth-led solutions to communities across the African continent.



Celebrating 8 Years of Grassroots Impact in 2025



The year marked a historic milestone as YAPD4Africa celebrated 8 years of driving sustainable development and civic empowerment across the continent. Since our inception, our youth-led movements have successfully touched over 80,000 lives and expanded our tracking footprint to more than 200 African communities, including schools and IDP camps. Every milestone achieved along this journey has been powered by the resilience of our cross-border teams, passionate volunteers and communities who believe in local accountability. As we celebrate this anniversary, we look forward to entering our next chapter, committed to building innovative, long-term partnerships that amplify grassroots voices on the global stage.



Regional Solidarity and Democratic Policy Advocacy



True civic engagement requires an unwavering commitment to defending democratic integrity both nationally and across regional borders. Demonstrating our active role in national policy advocacy, YAPD4Africa, through its election reforms initiative, Kuri'a Nigeria, issued an official statement commending the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the withdrawal of the compulsory voting bill. While we recognized the intention to improve voter turnout, our organization firmly maintained that true democracy must be anchored on the freedom of choice rather than legal force. We urged lawmakers to pivot their energies toward empowering citizens with accurate civic knowledge and addressing the root causes of voter apathy, including insecurity and limited access to polling units, while collaborating with INEC and civil society to protect the overall integrity of the electoral ecosystem.

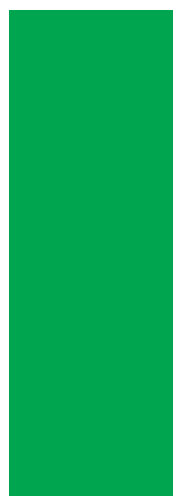
Extending our human rights mandate to the Pan-African stage, YAPD4Africa also expressed deep concern regarding the volatile political environment threatening the fragile democracy of Guinea-Bissau. In an international press release, our executive leadership highlighted how systemic instability and coups directly compromise the future of young people in a region where 64.4% of the population experiences multidimensional poverty. We formally called upon political leaders, opposition parties, and the international community to prioritize constitutional respect, consensus-building, and inclusive governance that addresses the foundational survival needs of its citizens. Through these collective interventions, YAPD4Africa continues to solidify its role as a resilient voice for democratic accountability, regional peace, and civic protection across West Africa.

In response to the devastating humanitarian crisis affecting families in Al-Fashir, North Darfur, YAPD4Africa launched a press release and joint mobilization initiative in collaboration with the Advocacy for Human Value Foundation (AHVF). The Nigeria-Sudan Relief Mission directly organized critical resources, food security assistance, and medical aid to support affected children and families displaced by severe conflict.

LAW Project 2025 highlights in pictures



2025 China highlights in pictures



Sustaining Momentum through Shared Alliances



To our donors and strategic partners, thank you for your unwavering investment in us throughout 2025. Your support has successfully fueled field innovation, protected community advocates, and delivered real data-driven accountability to the people and government. We deeply value your collaboration and look forward to scaling this vital mission together in the year ahead.

Forging the Path Ahead: Our Vision and Strategic Commitments for 2026

As we close this chapter of institutional milestones, YAPD4Africa stands at a pivotal junction of growth, gratitude, and renewed purpose. The past year proved that sustainable civic progress is built through listening to communities and transforming local insights into practical innovation.

Moving into 2026, we are structurally positioned to transition from foundational advocacy to deeply institutionalized social accountability across Africa. We enter the upcoming operational cycle with refined tools, stronger alliances, and an unwavering clarity of what it takes to make grassroots transparency a functional reality for everyday citizens.

Our roadmap for 2026 centers on scaling our proven models to regions where civic education and structural tracking are needed most. We are highly optimistic about expanding the reach of the Naija Advocate Fellowship across the Northwest and Northeast geopolitical zones of Nigeria, targeting the critical revitalization of failing primary healthcare systems. Furthermore, our premier election reforms initiative, Kuri'a, will scale its capacity by launching its AI Monitor Version 1.0, designed specifically to institutionalize grassroots voter education, protect electoral integrity, and provide a secure, tech-driven channel for rural communities to monitor democratic processes in real time.

Simultaneously, we look forward to replicating the success of the Local Accountability Watch (LAW) initiative within Nigeria's most underserved states, creating resilient accountability networks where citizen voices directly shape governance. None of this systemic impact happens in isolation. To our donor partners, community leaders, and cross-border volunteers who trusted our vision, your investment remains the engine behind our progress. While deep infrastructural gaps and gender imbalances persist in remote communities, these challenges do not cause despair, they define our purpose. Equipped with an expanded regional strategy and an unyielding commitment to data-driven advocacy, the YAPD4Africa team moves forward into 2026 ready to innovate, to serve, and to build a transparent future together.

We are grateful for your partnership and cannot wait to see what we achieve together!

Thank You



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