

# Nigeria Country Programme

KAICIID's work in Nigeria focuses on three different areas of interreligious dialogue:

- prevention of hate speech and violence
- support for interfaith dialogue platforms and networks
- interreligious education

## The Challenge

With over 182 million inhabitants comprising hundreds of ethnic groups, Nigeria has an almost even split between Islam and Christianity.

Nigeria is projected to overtake the United States as the third-most populous country in the world by 2050. Currently it boasts the largest economy in Africa. Rising tensions along religious, regional, ethnic and political fault lines have damaged intercommunal relations in Nigeria.



## Our Approach

The Centre supports the creation of dialogue spaces, as well as early warning and response mechanisms, and has been instrumental in the creation of the Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace (IDFP), a Nigerian umbrella network consisting of 100 members of Christian and Muslim organizations and community representatives from throughout the country.





The Nigeria programme offers capacity building opportunities to religious actors, young people, journalists and policymakers, creating sustainable knowledge and linkages and equipping them with the required skills to conduct interreligious dialogue activities and advocate for policy changes. The Centre also provides grant funding and support to local civil society organizations and NGOs for the implementation of small-scale interfaith initiatives.

## Our Impact

- Supporting and strengthening an inclusive and sustainable national platform: the Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace (IDFP).
- Establishing inclusive mechanisms that strengthen the capacity of religious leaders to successfully engage with each other, including early warning systems.
- Developing the capacity of religious actors to conduct interreligious initiatives.
- Supporting pilot initiatives in targeted conflict areas.
- Providing technical and financial support to the IDFP to coordinate the activities of its members.

## Facts and Figures



**MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN  
INTERFAITH PLATFORM  
(IDFP) ESTABLISHED  
TOGETHER WITH PARTNERS**



**9,564 BENEFICIARIES  
REACHED THROUGH  
IDFP ACTIVITIES**



**342 PEOPLE TRAINED**



**MORE THAN 14,000 PEOPLE  
IMPACTED THROUGH 35  
PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**



**15 STATES REACHED**