

FATIMA HOME FOR THE NEEDY FOUNDATION (FATNEF)

END-OF-YEAR REPORT 2025

**Strengthening Hope, Dignity, and Inclusive Community
Development**

1. Executive Summary.

In 2025, Fatima Home for the Needy Foundation (FATNEF) advanced its mission to serve vulnerable populations through community-led, dignity-centered, and systems-aware interventions across Kaduna State, with strategic expansion into Kano State. FATNEF's work aligns closely with Acumen's focus on moral leadership, inclusive systems change, and locally rooted solutions that address poverty at its core.

Operating at the intersection of humanitarian response, peacebuilding, and social inclusion, FATNEF prioritizes long-term community resilience rather than short-term relief alone. Our interventions are designed and delivered with strong community ownership, interfaith collaboration, and accountability to beneficiaries.

In 2025, FATNEF demonstrated its capacity to operate credibly within complex environments affected by poverty, social exclusion, religious tension, and weak access to basic services. Through targeted outreach to correctional facilities, disability homes, orphaned children, adolescent girls, and underserved faith communities, the Foundation restored dignity, strengthened trust, and reinforced local social capital.

2. Programmatic Highlights and Key Achievements

2.1 Humanitarian Outreach and Welfare Support

Throughout the year, FATNEF delivered targeted humanitarian assistance to vulnerable groups, including:

- Children in orphanages and homes for persons with disabilities
- Inmates in correctional facilities
- Almajirai and children involved in child labour
- Women, adolescent girls, and displaced families

Notable among these efforts was the Kano Outreach Initiative, marking FATNEF's first official operational activity in the state. Visits to the Kurmawa Correctional Centre and Tudun Maliki Torrey Home for Persons with Disabilities resulted in the distribution of over 150 hygiene and dignity kits, food items, household supplies, and cash support to selected beneficiaries. These activities reinforced dignity, psychosocial wellbeing, and social inclusion.

2.2 Adolescent Girls and Youth Engagement

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FATNEF sustained its focus on adolescent girls and young people through empowerment sessions, mentorship, and safe-space engagements. Our interventions addressed life skills, personal hygiene, self-worth, and responsible citizenship, ensuring that young people are equipped to navigate social and economic challenges.

2.3 Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion

In response to rising tensions linked to religious, ethnic, and socio-economic pressures, FATNEF aligned several activities to promote peacebuilding and conflict-sensitive engagement. Through interfaith dialogues, community conversations, and partnerships with both mosques and churches, the

Foundation fostered mutual respect, non-discrimination, and peaceful coexistence.

FATNEF also participated in collaborative platforms addressing community responses to climate change and public health challenges, including Malaria, Tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS, reinforcing the role of civil society in prevention, awareness, and social accountability.

3. Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement

The Foundation's impact in 2025 was strengthened through collaboration with:

- Local and international CSOs
- Faith-based institutions and leaders (Imams, Pastors, Churches, and Mosques)
- Government agencies and correctional authorities
- Community leaders, youth groups, and volunteers

These partnerships enhanced access, credibility, and sustainability of interventions, ensuring culturally sensitive and community-driven programming.

4. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Impact Assessment

FATNEF applied participatory monitoring approaches, including community feedback, post-activity reviews, and internal reflection meetings. Key outcomes observed include:

- Improved sense of dignity and inclusion among beneficiaries
- Increased trust between communities and civil society actors
- Strengthened interfaith collaboration at the grassroots level
- Enhanced visibility of vulnerable populations within policy and community discourse
- Quantitative reach was complemented by qualitative impact, particularly in restoring hope and human connection among populations often overlooked.

5. Challenges Encountered

Despite notable progress, FATNEF faced several challenges:

- Limited financial resources relative to growing community needs
- Logistical constraints in hard-to-reach locations
- Increasing demand for support beyond planned capacities
- Volunteer fatigue in periods of intensive outreach

These challenges underscored the need for stronger systems, diversified funding, and expanded partnerships.

6. Lessons Learned (Systems & Leadership Lens)

Key lessons from 2025, consistent with Acumen's systems-change perspective, include:

- Sustainable impact emerges when communities are treated as co-creators, not beneficiaries

- Interfaith and cross-cultural collaboration is a powerful lever for social cohesion and conflict prevention
- Moral leadership at the grassroots level builds trust where institutions are often absent
- Addressing poverty requires linking immediate humanitarian support with long-term behavior change and social accountability

These lessons are shaping FATNEF's transition from primarily relief-based activities toward more integrated, scalable, and systems-informed programming.

7. Strategic Roadmap for 2026

In 2026, FATNEF will deepen its evolution into a learning-driven, systems-oriented organization through the following priorities:

- Leadership and Institutional Strengthening: Building ethical leadership, governance systems, and financial accountability structures
- Community-Led Solutions: Expanding programs that are designed, implemented, and monitored with community participation
- Adolescent Girls and Youth Pathways: Moving beyond welfare support to skills, agency, and social inclusion for AGYW
- Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion: Scaling interfaith dialogue and conflict-sensitive engagement in fragile communities
- Evidence and Learning: Strengthening monitoring, evaluation, and learning systems to inform adaptive programming
- Geographic Consolidation and Growth: Formalizing operations in Kano State while consolidating depth in Kaduna

These priorities reflect FATNEF's commitment to patient, values-driven impact and long-term poverty reduction.

8. Appreciation and Acknowledgements

FATNEF extends profound appreciation to:

- Our Board of Directors and Patrons for guidance and stewardship
- Our Executive Director, whose leadership, commitment, and vision continue to inspire progress
- Our members and volunteers, the heartbeat of every intervention
- National and international partners, CSOs, and faith leaders for collaboration and trust
- Government institutions and community authorities for enabling access and cooperation
- Your collective support made every milestone of 2025 possible.

9. Conclusion

As we step into 2026, FATNEF remains resolute in its mission: to stand where others turn away, to speak for those unheard, and to act where compassion is most needed. Together, we will continue to build communities where dignity is protected, hope is restored, and no one is left behind.

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