

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR GRANT RECEIVED BY ENetSuD FROM GOBIR ORGANIZATION FOUNDATION (GOF)

### Section 1: Project Background

Date of Grant Award: 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

Project Title: **Needs Assessment of Communities across 193 Wards in Kwara State**

Amount of Grant for the Project: **₦26,529,000**

Project execution duration: **6 months**

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. To assess the needs of communities in all the 193 wards in Kwara state
2. To train community-based organizations across the State, empower them to be able to demand probity and accountability and be advocates of good governance through participation in needs assessment and budgeting
3. To promote good governance by ensuring the provision of essential basic amenities and services to the people
4. To promote citizens-government engagement and information sharing on community needs through ENetSuD App

### PROJECT CONTEXT, PROBLEM STATEMENT AND APPROACH

*The context:* Needs assessment of 193 wards in Kwara State of North Central, Nigeria

*The problem:* Diversion of public funds meant to serve the common man has been the order of the day since the beginning of the fourth republic. Due to corruption, billions of naira budgeted annually by the government at all levels are not making commensurate impacts on taxpayers. For instance, most of the road networks in Kwara state are not accessible, schools and hospitals are dilapidated, access to potable water is low, and poverty and hunger rates are high. These problems are because most budgeted projects are avenues through which politicians, government officials, civil servants and contractors shortchange taxpayers by conspiratorial mismanagement and diversion of citizens' collective patrimony. In the 2021 Corruption Perception Index reported by Transparency International, Nigeria was ranked 154 out of 180 countries. Sadly, citizens whose taxes and collective patrimony are being mismanaged or diverted are not paying adequate attention to governance, needs assessment, budgeting and project executions. Moreover, there is no proper assessment and documentation of needs of communities, and project execution by government is not a product of well-researched assessment and consultation, leading to execution of projects not of priorities to communities. These have significantly reduced the pace of development and prevented taxpayers from enjoying the dividends of democracy.

*The Approach:* Under the current project, ENetSuD intends to intensify efforts to assess the needs of various communities across the 193 wards in Kwara state. The needs assessment is part of the activities of ENetSuD's Citizens Enlightenment and Mobilization Program (CEMP) introduced in 2020 to enlighten communities on how to track and monitor government projects and assess their needs for governmental or non-governmental actions. The CEMP will also train community-based organizations across the State, empower them to be able to demand probity and accountability and be advocates of good governance through participation in needs assessment and budgeting processes. The program will also involve high-level engagement of governmental and non-governmental actors to promote good governance by ensuring the provision of essential basic amenities and services to the people. Lastly, it will promote citizens-government engagement and information sharing on community needs through the use of technology like ENetSuD App, a novel mini social media App deployed by ENetSuD in partnership with Digprom International.

**Section 2: Project Objectives and Activities**

ACTIVITIES	
Overall Objective	<b>To assess the needs of communities in all the 193 wards in Kwara state</b>
Expected Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Needs of communities in the 193 wards of Kwara state will be assessed and documented</li> <li>ii. Community-based organizations across the state will be trained and empowered to be advocates of good governance</li> <li>iii. Access of Kwara communities to essential amenities and services will increase</li> <li>iv. Citizens-government engagement and information sharing on community needs will improve</li> </ul>
Specific Objective 1	<b>To assess the needs of communities in all the 193 wards in Kwara state</b>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Meeting of ENetSuD team with community representatives for briefing and buy-in</li> <li>ii. Visiting of Kwara communities by ENetSuD team for in-depth assessment of their needs</li> <li>iii. Analysis of the need assessment findings and prioritizing the needs jointly with the communities and stakeholders</li> </ul>
Outcomes	<p>These activities will lead to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Buy-in and support of community leaders and representatives in the CEMP program</li> <li>ii. Assessment and documentation of needs of various communities in 193 ward of Kwara state</li> <li>iii. Scaling the needs of Kwara communities according to priorities and preference</li> <li>iv. Increase in the number of communities where need assessments are done</li> <li>v. Availability of action plan for projects nomination in each LGA</li> </ul>
Specific Objective 2	<b>To train community-based organizations across the State, empower them to be able to demand probity and accountability and be advocates of good governance through participation in needs assessment and budgeting</b>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Training of ENetSuD volunteers on communities’ needs assessment, projects facilitation, stakeholders’ engagement and data analysis and presentation.</li> <li>ii. Training of community associations on communities’ needs assessment, projects facilitation and stakeholders’ engagement.</li> </ul>
Outcomes	<p>These activities will lead to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. increase in the number of volunteers ready for collaboration and participation in needs assessment, projects facilitation and stakeholders’ engagement</li> <li>ii. increase in the number of communities ready for collaboration and participation in needs assessment, projects facilitation and stakeholders’ engagement</li> <li>iii. Citizens in Kwara communities will become the major determinant of projects to be nominated in the budget by the government on yearly basis</li> <li>iv. volunteers will gain competency on communities’ needs assessment and engagements</li> <li>v. volunteers will gain competency on report writing, data analysis, and data presentation</li> </ul>

<b>Specific Objective 3</b>	<b>To promote good governance by ensuring the provision of essential basic amenities and services to the people</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Continuous engagement of relevant stakeholders, including government, philanthropists and members of the public on identified needs of Kwara communities</li> <li>ii. Press briefings and publishing of CEMP findings</li> <li>iii. Media dissemination of information from the CEMP report</li> <li>iv. Adverts and weekly programs in different languages on television and radio stations</li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<p>These activities will lead to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Increase in the number of projects facilitated into the budget from the agreed and documented needs of the citizens in Kwara communities</li> <li>ii. Increase in the number of community problems solved by the government and non-governmental actors</li> <li>iii. Increase in public access to correct information on the state of infrastructural gaps in Kwara</li> <li>iv. Enhanced partnership with media outlets on the publicity of the CEMP reports</li> </ul>
<b>Specific Objective 4</b>	<b>To promote citizens-government engagement and information sharing on community needs through ENetSuD App</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Enrolment of Kwara citizens across 193 wards into ENetSuD App for project facilitation, petition submission, civic engagement and project tracking, among others</li> <li>ii. Training of citizens across 193 wards in Kwara on how to use the ENetSuD App for sustainability of the program beyond the 6 months that the funding covers</li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Use of Technology to promote citizens' need assessment and project facilitation</li> <li>ii. Removal of communication barrier between government, stakeholders and citizens</li> <li>iii. Sustainability of the needs assessment activities of CEMP beyond the project period</li> </ul>
<b>TARGET BENEFICIARIES:</b>	
All the 193 wards in Kwara State, Nigeria	

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Prior to the current partnership with Gobir Organization Foundation (GOF), ENetSuD had earlier developed a mini social media Android App (the first of its kind in Kwara state) that enables citizens to track project, facilitate project, write petition, make advocacy and engage with their elected representatives. The already-existing App will contribute to the sustainability of the needs assessment program beyond the 6-month funding by GOF as citizens would be able to assess and report their needs through the App going forward.

In addition, the competency gained by volunteers and community associations during the CEMP program would enable them to continue the exercise beyond the 6-month period