# The Dundaye Village Project



In the heart of one of the Northeastern states of Nigeria, West Africa, lies a village where the heartbeat of the community bounces back with the rhythms of endurance and a fervent belief in a brighter future, summarizing the very essence of positivity. Welcome to Dundaye—a village not just a geographical location, but in the hearts and stories of its people. Join us as we embark on a captivating journey, delving into the intricacies of this extraordinary locale, where every corner resonates with a spirit that rises above challenges. Here, the spirit of hopefulness is not just a concept; it is a living, breathing reality, waiting to be discovered and celebrated.



## **Dundaye Village**







As you step into Dundaye village, you are greeted not only by the warmth of its inhabitants but also by an atmosphere pregnant with hope, thus, you are not merely a visitor; you become a part of a narrative that has been etched into the very fabric of this community. Dundaye village, situated in the AWAK Ward, of Kaltungo Local Government Area, located in the southern part of Gombe state, is home to a

community of Hausa people, where life revolves around agriculture. The allure of Dundaye extends beyond the surface, into the rich tapestry of untold stories that have shaped the community's narrative. It is in these narratives that the soul of Dundaye truly resides, it is in the tales whispered by elders under the shade of ancient trees and in the laughter of children playing in the village square. Dundaye is a living, breathing entity where the past, present, and future converge in a harmonious dance. A close-knit village with a population of 700-1000 children and families; the livelihood of each family, is intricately woven around the cultivation of crops and husbandry.

### Livelihood







In Dundaye, agriculture exceeds the confines of being a means of survival—it is rooted in the very fabric of life; it is a manifestation of the villagers' unwavering dedication. The fields of Dundaye are alive with the sounds of hard work, where every furrow plowed, every seed sown, and every animal tended to reverberate the dedication of a people deeply connected to the land.



Venture into the expansive fields of Dundaye, and you will witness a panorama of agricultural diversity. Here, the land yields a bounty of crops, each a testament to the meticulous care bestowed upon it. Millet sways in the gentle breeze, maize stands tall in golden rows, rice paddies glisten under the sun's warmth, and the pungent aroma of onions wafts through the air. These crops are not just sources of sustenance; they are the obvious fruits of the villagers' labor, a collective effort to ensure the well-being of the entire community.

The agricultural landscape of Dundaye is not limited to crops alone. The rhythm of daily life extends to the care of livestock—cows grazing peacefully, sheep dotting the landscape, and goats browsing in harmony with nature. The villagers, with a profound understanding of the delicate balance between cultivation and husbandry, work tirelessly to nurture both their crops and animals. It is a holistic approach, where the vitality of the fields and the well-being of the livestock are intertwined threads in the tapestry of their existence.

Tilling the soil, planting seeds, and nurturing livestock are not just tasks for the people of Dundaye; they are rituals that connect them to their ancestral roots. The diligence with which the villagers engage in these agricultural practices is a testament to their commitment to preserving a way of life that has sustained generations. The villagers of Dundaye work tirelessly to sustain their community.

### Challenges







Beyond the radiant smiles and vibrant faces of the Dundaye community lies a heartbreaking reality— the community grapples with multifaceted challenges that extend beyond the surface. These challenges, diverse in nature, cast a shadow over the collective aspirations of the inhabitants. The enthusiasm of their faces becomes a testament to their strength, a community that embodies the paradox of finding joy amidst adversity, a crest of defiance against harsh conditions, a community entangled in a web of

challenges that pose a profound threat to their very existence.

While the outward demeanor may exude positivity and resilience, a deeper exploration unveils the complexities of their struggles, highlighting the tenacity required to navigate the hurdles that cast shadows on their path, a recognition that behind every smile is a narrative of strength, behind every face is a story of resilience, and within every challenge is an opportunity for collective growth and transformation. In acknowledging the challenges, **The Peter Uba Foundation aims to pave the way for meaningful engagement, empathy, and collaborative efforts to uplift the Dundaye community toward a future where the vibrancy of their faces is not just a testament to their spirit but also a reflection of a community triumphing over adversity.** 

### Health and Wellbeing Challenges











The health concerns plaguing the villagers of Dundaye are not just pressing; they are urgent and critical, casting a pervasive shadow over the community's well-being. The faces of Dundaye, once vibrant, now bear the silent imprints of an ongoing struggle against a

myriad of health crises that have taken root within their lives. These challenges extend far beyond the visible, ranging from the relentless grip of Malaria, Typhoid Fever, and Cholera to the insidious presence of Dysentery, River-blindness-induced eye problems, sleeping sickness, pneumonia, cough, and complications related to blood flow in women and young ladies.

Each day unfolds as a battle against these formidable health adversaries, demanding attention and immediate support. The absence of a dedicated medical center within the village renders the residents vulnerable, compelling them to undertake the daunting task of journeying to the distant local

government area in pursuit of critical medical attention. This journey becomes especially perilous during the rainy season when a formidable river obstructs passage, turning what should be a routine trip into a hazardous endeavor.

The lack of a nearby medical facility magnifies the severity of the health crises faced by the community. The villagers, particularly women and young ladies, bear the brunt of these challenges, contending not only with the illnesses themselves but also with complications related to blood flow, adding a layer of complexity to their struggles.

Tragically, the consequences of this healthcare vacuum are starkly clear. The arduous journey to the distant local government area during the rainy season frequently results in heartbreaking outcomes, such as losing patients to childbirth complications or succumbing to other severe conditions. The absence of immediate medical attention transforms routine health issues into life-threatening predicaments, exacerbating the vulnerability of the villagers and intensifying the urgency for intervention.

Dundaye stands at the precipice of a healthcare crisis, where every passing day without adequate medical support amplifies the risks faced by its residents. Immediate attention and support are imperative, not only to alleviate the present suffering but also to lay the foundation for a healthier community.







In their unwavering commitment to address their healthcare needs, the villagers of Dundaye endeavored to construct a community clinic through communal effort. Unfortunately, their aspirations were met with the unrelenting forces of nature, as heavy rainfall played a destructive role in the



fate of their humble mud-house clinic. The ambitious project, initiated with hope and determination, succumbed to the elements, leaving only a portion standing as a testament to the villagers' resilience. Undeterred by this setback, the community rallied together, appealing to various authorities in the hope of securing assistance for the reconstruction of their essential healthcare facility. These appeals, however, encountered a formidable obstacle in the form of limited government funds allocated to communities grappling with similar challenges. The scarcity of financial resources designated for such critical initiatives has impeded the progress of Dundaye's healthcare infrastructure, leaving the community in a precarious situation.

Now, facing a critical juncture in their pursuit of improved healthcare, the resilient villagers of Dundaye turn to you for support. Your assistance is not merely a request; it is a plea to bridge the gap between aspirations and reality, between healthcare challenges and viable solutions. The collapsed mud-house clinic symbolizes not only the physical aftermath of a natural disaster but also the collective spirit of a community determined to overcome adversity.

Your support holds the potential to resurrect not just a building but the lifeline of Dundaye's health and well-being. It becomes a sign of hope, signalling the possibility of a future where access to medical care is no longer a distant dream but a visible reality. As you consider extending your support, you become an integral part of a narrative where communal effort meets compassionate intervention.

The Peter Uba Foundation Mission







Understanding the pressing nature and severity of the healthcare crisis in Dundaye, The Peter Uba Foundation is on a mission—to establish a pivotal health clinic within the community.

The proposed health clinic, backed by The Peter Uba Foundation, is not just a physical structure; it is an embodiment of a commitment to providing sustainable healthcare solutions. This envisioned clinic will be equipped with qualified personnel, ensuring that the community has access to skilled healthcare

professionals who can address their diverse medical needs. The goal is to create a space where the villagers can receive prompt and effective medical care, breaking the barriers that currently hinder their pursuit of a healthy and secure future.

Your compassion and support are key in bringing this mission to fruition. Lives hang in the balance, and your involvement can be the means to positive change. The establishment of this health clinic is not just a construction project; it is an investment in the preservation of lives and the prevention of controllable diseases that have been silently eroding the community over time. With your support, we can break the cycle of illness and ensure a healthier, more resilient future for the villagers of Dundaye.

The Peter Uba Foundation envisions substantial differences, recognizing that change begins at the grassroots level. By addressing the healthcare needs of one community at a time, we aim to create a ripple effect that resonates beyond the confines of Dundaye. It is a commitment to making a lasting impact, fostering a sense of empowerment and hope that extends far beyond the walls of the proposed clinic.

Your support becomes a vital component of this transformative mission. Together, we can stand against the adversity faced by Dundaye and contribute to a future where healthcare is not a luxury but a fundamental right. Join us in this journey to establish a health clinic that not only treats ailments but becomes a cornerstone for community resilience, and empowerment.

### **Subsistence Living Conditions**





The standard of living in Dundaye hangs precariously on the edge of hardship. With the majority of its residents engaged in subsistence farming, a seemingly resilient lifestyle, the reality is that subsistence farming alone is insufficient to meet the community's needs. The toil in the fields, though labor-intensive, often results in an output that fails to provide an adequate standard of living for the villagers.



Relying solely on what they cultivate proves to be an ongoing struggle, leaving the community in a perpetual cycle of scarcity. Hygiene practices, particularly among women, are inadequate, perpetuating a cycle of health challenges. Poor nutrition compounds these

issues, with diets skewed heavily towards carbohydrates, leading to malnutrition and widespread illnesses. The most vulnerable, the village's children, bear the brunt of this nutritional imbalance, facing health issues that impede their growth and well-being.

In the face of these multifaceted challenges, health emerges as the most critical concern for the villagers, bordering on an emergency. The need for urgent intervention becomes evident as preventable illnesses take a toll on the community's overall well-being. The absence of proper healthcare exacerbates these issues, leaving the villagers grappling with a situation that demands immediate attention.

Faced with these hardships, the villagers of Dundaye earnestly seek support from the public and donors through this campaign and advocacy program. This plea is not just a call for aid but an acknowledgment of the interconnectedness of their struggles and the potential for transformative change. Your contribution becomes a lifeline, offering not only immediate relief for their health-related struggles but also the promise of sustainable solutions.

The vision extends beyond immediate aid. Your support will play a fundamental role in constructing a community clinic—an infrastructure that go beyond the immediate health crisis and addresses the root causes of the challenges faced by the villagers.

## Clean Water Challenges







The dilemma of inadequate access to drinking water has evolved into a recurring nightmare for the villagers of Dundaye, casting a shadow over their daily lives. The primary sources of water for this resilient community are confined to shallow wells, which unfortunately prove to be vulnerable to the harsh realities of the seasons. During the dry periods, these wells

run dry, leaving the villagers struggling with the cruel consequences of water scarcity. Conversely, the rainy season poses a different threat, as these unprotected wells become susceptible to contamination. These unprotected wells, essential for survival, stand exposed to various elements. Dust, carried by the winds, finds its way into the water, compromising its quality. The running water during the rainy season, coupled with the presence of animals such as cattle, goats, sheep, and pigs, transforms these wells into potential health hazards. The shared water sources, essential for both villagers and animals, become breeding grounds for contaminants, creating an environment ripe for the outbreak of waterborne diseases.

The repercussions of this water crisis extend beyond the immediate health concerns of the villagers. The shared water sources, contaminated and unprotected, have led to the outbreak of preventable diseases mentioned above, further exacerbating the already challenging health situation in Dundaye. The community finds itself trapped in a cycle where the very source of life becomes a potential threat to their well-being.

In the face of this dire situation, your support emerges as hope and a solution to this pressing issue. Your donations will pave the way for sustainable water solutions, offering a lifeline to the villagers of Dundaye. By investing in protected and reliable water sources, we can mitigate the risks of contamination, prevent waterborne diseases, and ensure that the fundamental need for clean and safe drinking water is met.

Your support surpasses immediate relief; it becomes an investment in the long-term health and well-being of the community. It is a pledge to break the cycle of waterborne diseases and empower the villagers with access to a resource essential for life. Together, we can transform the recurring nightmare of inadequate water access into a story of resilience, sustainability, and improved health for the villagers of Dundaye.

#### **Harvest Sustainability**





Another formidable challenge confronts the villagers of Dundaye—the glaring absence of storage facilities for their hard-earned and vital harvested crops. A field team assessment laid bare the vulnerability of the farmers, particularly in the face of unpredictable weather patterns. The dire situation arises when heavy rainfall becomes not just a blessing for the fields but a potential threat to the very sustenance of the community.



As the rain cascades down, the lack of adequate storage becomes a critical issue. Harvested crops, essential for the villagers' sustenance and economic well-being, are riskily left exposed to the elements. The rainwater flows freely, finding its way to the crops kept on the ground, outside, leading to a heightened risk of spoilage. This vulnerability poses a significant threat to the livelihoods of the villagers,

as their hard work and agricultural yields are placed in jeopardy due to the absence of protective storage.

In the absence of suitable storage infrastructure, the consequences of spoilage ripple through the community. Not only does it result in immediate economic losses for the farmers, but it also jeopardizes the food security of the entire village, worsening the existing challenges faced by the community.



However, your support will be a medium for change. The Peter Uba Foundation, with your assistance, will implement solutions to address this pressing issue and safeguard the livelihoods of the villagers

in Dundaye. By providing storage facilities that protect the harvested crops from the damage of the weather, we can empower the community with the means to preserve their agricultural produce, ensuring economic stability and contributing to long-term food security.

Your contribution becomes an investment in the community, transforming the vulnerability of the current situation into a story of empowerment and self-sufficiency. Together, we can weatherproof the livelihoods of the villagers, protecting their hard work from the unpredictability of nature and fostering a future where the absence of storage is no longer a threat to their prosperity. With your help, The Peter Uba Foundation can implement solutions to safeguard their livelihoods.

#### The People of Dundaye







Dundaye's narrative is a testament to strength, a story marked by the indomitable spirit of its inhabitants.

However, faced with the challenges that encircle them,



the villagers cannot navigate this journey alone. Your generous donations possess the transformative power to redefine their lives and uplift the community from the struggles that have persisted for too long.



We invite you to be a part of this transformative journey by donating to the cause. Your donations hold the key to crafting a brighter future for the people of Dundaye. To extend your support, we encourage you to visit our website at

www.peterubafoundation.org. Here, you will find the opportunity to make a meaningful impact by

donating to the construction of a mini village clinic/dispensary with a dedicated budget fund of \$50,000. This healthcare facility is not just a building; it represents a lifeline for a community in dire need of medical attention and support.

Additionally, your contributions will aid in the creation of ten (10) borehole water centers, a necessary initiative that comes with a budget fund of \$40,000. These water centers will be more than mere sources of hydration; they will be fountains of strength, safeguarding the community against water-related crises and ensuring continued access to clean and safe drinking water.

Furthermore, your support will facilitate the construction of two (2) storage facilities with a budget fund of \$115,000. These storage facilities will serve as protective shelters for the villagers' hard-earned crops, shielding them from the detrimental effects of weather and preserving their economic stability and food security.

By donating to these specific initiatives, you become an integral part of The Peter Uba Foundation's mission to empower the people of Dundaye. Your donation is not just a financial contribution; it is a gesture of solidarity, a commitment to transforming adversity into opportunity, and a step towards fostering change.

Visit our website today at www.peterubafoundation.org. and play a principal role in rewriting the story of Dundaye. Your generosity has the power to bring about visible, positive outcomes, providing the community with the resources they need to thrive. Together, we can turn the pages of resilience into a narrative of hope, empowerment, and lasting change for the people of Dundaye village.

**Donate Now!** 

Thank you.