

In 2015, a [report](#) on education in Nigeria by UNICEF, stated that ‘one in every five of the world’s out-of-school children is in Nigeria... about 10.5 million of the country’s children aged 5-14 years are not in school. Only 61 percent of 6-11 year-olds regularly attend primary school and only 35.6 percent of children aged 36-59 months receive early childhood education.’

In October 2018, an online [publication](#) put the figure of out-of-school children in Nigeria at over 13 million citing the rise of insecurity and terrorism in the country, especially in the northeastern region. The northwestern part of the country isn’t left out. Over 3 million (a population larger than some entire countries) of these children are in one state, Kano state.

An international humanitarian agency which focuses on educating children in crises regions has come into Nigeria and wants to help alleviate this situation. It has a passionate and equipped team but it can’t seem to settle on a location within the northwestern or northeastern region to setup its temporary living quarters. Safety is its primary consideration but it would also love some social life for its staff and volunteers.

It was at this point that I was contacted. I was asked to find a suitable location that would cater to this balance.