

CENSCOPE Website Upgrade

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The Centre for Social Cohesion, Peace and Empowerment (CENSCOPE) is a national non-profit organization registered with Nigeria's Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC/IT/110963). Founded in 2018 and headquartered in Maiduguri, Borno State, CENSCOPE was established in response to the humanitarian crisis caused by armed conflict and natural disasters across the Lake Chad Basin.

CENSCOPE promotes self-sustainability, equality, and social justice, focusing on protection, peacebuilding, livelihoods, education, WASH, climate change, and good governance. The organization partners with national and international actors including UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations to deliver principled humanitarian response and long-term development.

Vision

To build a legacy of enduring peace, empowerment, and social equity, and to address the developmental needs of society.

Mission

To advocate the ideals of self-sustainability, inspire and equip generations to lead transformative social change, foster lasting peace, and empower communities for a just and inclusive future.

Core Values

CENSCOPE's values define the ethical and professional foundation of its work. They are

- Integrity
- Honesty
- Accountability
- Teamwork
- Dedication

These values guide every aspect of program delivery, decision-making, and partnership. They reflect the organization's commitment to transparency, fairness, and respect for human dignity in all its operations.

Geographic Coverage

CENSCOPE is operational in the Northeast: Borno, Adamawa, Yobe states and North-west: Katsina State and Northcentral: Benue and Kogi states.

Organizational Structure

CENSCOPE operates under a Board of Directors providing strategic oversight. The Executive Director leads a professional team comprising Business Development Expert, Program Manager, for Program Development, Monitoring Learning and Evaluation, Finance and Administration Manager, Head of Human Resources, Head of Procurement and Logistics, and Project Implementation Team, supported by Coordinators, Officers, and Community Volunteers.

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Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion

At the heart of CENSCOPE's work lies the conviction that sustainable peace can only be achieved when communities are empowered to rebuild trust, resolve conflict, and coexist harmoniously. The Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion pillar focuses on restoring relationships fractured by years of violence, displacement, and mistrust. Through community dialogues, reconciliation platforms, and mediation training, CENSCOPE facilitates inclusive spaces where youth, women, traditional leaders, and security actors engage constructively to address grievances and prevent future conflict.

Under this pillar, the organization promotes the reintegration of conflict-affected individuals, including returnees, former associates, and survivors of violence, helping them rebuild social and economic ties within their communities. Initiatives such as intercommunal sports, peace clubs, and local peace committees are used to strengthen mutual understanding and reduce stigmatization. CENSCOPE also supports the development of community-based early warning and early response systems (EWER) to enhance local capacities for conflict prevention.

By prioritizing reconciliation and social inclusion, this pillar aims to transform communities from a state of fragmentation to one of cooperation and shared purpose. The ultimate goal is to contribute to durable peace by promoting dialogue, trust, and local ownership of peace processes across the BAY states and the wider Northwest corridor.

Protection, Gender Equality, and Inclusion

Protection and the promotion of human dignity form the cornerstone of CENSCOPE's humanitarian mandate. This pillar focuses on strengthening community and institutional protection systems to ensure that women, children, and vulnerable groups can live free from violence, abuse, and exploitation. CENSCOPE implements both direct protection services and preventive measures that empower communities to recognize, report, and respond to protection risks effectively.

Special emphasis is placed on gender equality and the rights of people with disabilities (PWDs), recognizing that inclusion is essential for justice and sustainable development. The organization works to maintain the mainstream gender across all programs, facilitate access to psychosocial support, and provide referral pathways for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). It also engages men and boys as allies in promoting gender equity, thereby addressing harmful norms and behaviors that perpetuate discrimination.

CENSCOPE collaborates closely with local authorities, traditional institutions, and UN partners to advocate for stronger protection frameworks, improved access to justice, and equitable

service delivery. Through this pillar, the organization seeks to create safer, more inclusive communities where all individuals regardless of gender, ability, or background can participate meaningfully in decisions that affect their lives.

Livelihoods and Socio-economic Empowerment

Economic recovery is fundamental to restoring dignity and stability in conflict-affected regions. The Livelihoods and Economic Empowerment pillar is designed to help individuals and households rebuild productive lives through skills training, entrepreneurship, and financial inclusion. Recognizing that prolonged displacement and insecurity have eroded traditional income sources, CENSCOPE implements targeted livelihood programs that enable returnees, women, and youth to gain employable skills and access start-up capital.

Through vocational training centers, micro-grant initiatives, and partnerships with microfinance institutions, beneficiaries are supported to establish sustainable small businesses in agriculture, trade, and services. CENSCOPE promotes climate-smart livelihoods, encouraging agricultural diversification and environmentally conscious production practices to increase resilience against shocks such as drought and flooding. The organization also facilitates market linkages and value chain development to improve income generation opportunities for rural producers.

This pillar contributes directly to self-reliance and social reintegration, reducing dependency on humanitarian assistance while promoting local economic growth. By empowering communities economically, CENSCOPE strengthens the foundations for peace and resilience, ensuring that economic empowerment becomes both a driver and a dividend of stability.

Education

Education is one of the most powerful tools for restoring hope and stability in crisis-affected settings. The Education and Early Recovery pillar aims to ensure that every child and youth affected by conflict has access to quality, inclusive education that promotes learning, protection, and psychosocial well-being. CENSCOPE supports the rehabilitation of damaged classrooms, provision of learning materials, and training of teachers in safe, inclusive pedagogy.

Beyond formal education, the organization implements non-formal learning programs for out-of-school children, adolescents, and young adults, particularly girls who face cultural or economic barriers to schooling. Education interventions are closely linked to peacebuilding and livelihood programs to ensure that learning contributes to self-reliance and civic participation.

In addition to education, this pillar supports early recovery and rehabilitation efforts for communities transitioning from displacement. Working with local authorities, CENSCOPE assists in rebuilding basic infrastructure such as water points, sanitation facilities, and community centers. The goal is to help displaced populations return safely and rebuild their lives in conditions of dignity and security. Education and early recovery initiatives together form a bridge between humanitarian relief and long-term development, creating pathways for sustainable transformation.

Climate Resilience and Environmental Sustainability

The increasing frequency of floods, droughts, and desertification in Nigeria poses a grave threat to food security, livelihoods, and stability. CENSCOPE's Climate Resilience and Environmental Sustainability pillar seeks to integrate environmental protection and climate adaptation into all its programming. The organization supports community-led natural

resource management, tree-planting campaigns, and environmental awareness to combat land degradation and promote sustainable resource use.

Through partnerships with local agricultural agencies and research institutions, CENSCOPE promotes climate-smart agricultural practices that enhance productivity while conserving soil and water. The organization also works with communities to design disaster risk reduction (DRR) plans, improve early warning systems, and develop eco-friendly livelihood options such as renewable energy and waste recycling.

CENSCOPE recognizes that environmental degradation not only undermines livelihoods but also fuels conflict over scarce resources. By addressing the root causes of environmental stress, this pillar contributes to peacebuilding and long-term resilience. It underscores CENSCOPE's commitment to environmental stewardship as a moral, social, and developmental imperative.

Governance, Policy, and Advocacy

Good governance is the cornerstone of sustainable peace and development. This pillar aims to strengthen accountable, inclusive, and participatory governance systems at the community and institutional levels. CENSCOPE facilitates civic education, community dialogues, and capacity-building for local government officials to promote transparency, responsiveness, and citizen engagement in decision-making.

The organization advocates for policy reforms that advance localization, protection, and equitable resource distribution. It supports the participation of community-based organizations, youth, and women's groups in local and state planning processes, ensuring that development priorities reflect grassroots realities. CENSCOPE also leverages its membership in coordination platforms, such as the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and sector working groups, to influence national and international policies that shape humanitarian and development action in Nigeria.

By promoting governance rooted in accountability and inclusivity, this pillar helps bridge the trust deficit between citizens and institutions. It aims to ensure that communities are not only recipients of aid but also active agents of governance and social transformation.

Together, these six pillars form a comprehensive and interconnected framework for advancing peace, resilience, and sustainable development across Nigeria's most vulnerable regions. Through their combined implementation, CENSCOPE seeks to empower communities to move beyond crisis toward self-reliance, equality, and enduring peace between 2026 and 2031.

Health and Nutrition:

Health and nutrition crisis driven by persistent poverty and violent conflict is fuelling recurring emergencies, and limited access to essential services. Maternal and child health indicators remain poor, with preventable diseases, malnutrition, and inadequate healthcare infrastructure disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations, particularly women, children, and persons with disabilities. Undernutrition, especially stunting, wasting, and micronutrient deficiencies—remains a major public health concern, exacerbated by food insecurity, poor feeding practices, and inadequate access to clean water and sanitation.

Despite these challenges, opportunities exist to strengthen community-level systems, expand quality primary healthcare, and scale up lifesaving nutrition interventions. National policies and health reforms provide a framework for improving service delivery, enhancing health worker

capacity, and promoting equitable access to essential care. A strong focus on prevention, early detection, and integrated service delivery is critical to improving outcomes and reducing avoidable morbidity and mortality.

Our strategy aims to advance health and nutrition outcomes by strengthening community resilience, improving access to quality services, and fostering collaboration with government, partners, and local stakeholders. Through evidence-based interventions, social behavior change, and inclusive programming, we will support communities to thrive, reduce health disparities, and build a healthier future for all.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Nigeria faces persistent WASH challenges that hinder public health, dignity, and overall well-being particularly in underserved rural communities, informal settlements, and crisis-affected regions. Limited access to safe drinking water, inadequate sanitation facilities, and poor hygiene practices continue to contribute to high rates of waterborne diseases, malnutrition, and preventable deaths among children and vulnerable groups.

Infrastructure gaps, population growth, environmental degradation, and deficit in governance place additional pressure on existing water systems. In humanitarian settings such as the BAY states, displacement, overcrowded living conditions, and damaged infrastructure further exacerbate WASH vulnerabilities. Gender and disability-related barriers also restrict equitable access to safe and dignified WASH services. Despite these challenges, Nigeria has strong opportunities to advance WASH outcomes through coordinated system strengthening, community engagement, and the expansion of sustainable, climate-resilient water and sanitation solutions. National policies and sector reforms offer a framework for improved service delivery and increased accountability, while local innovations and partnerships provide pathways for scalable impact.

Our strategy focuses on expanding equitable access to safe water, improving sanitation coverage, and promoting evidence-based hygiene practices. By strengthening community systems, empowering local actors, integrating protection and inclusion, and aligning with national priorities, we aim to reduce disease burden, enhance resilience, and contribute to healthier, more dignified communities across Nigeria.

Strategic Goals

1. Protect and restore dignity, safety, and rights of conflict-affected people.
2. Strengthening community resilience through peacebuilding, livelihoods, and inclusion.
3. Support sustainable reintegration of displaced people, ex-associates, and survivors of violence.
4. Promote climate-smart solutions and environmental stewardship.
5. Institutionalize accountability, gender equality, and locally led humanitarian action.

People Reached

- **47,080 individuals** reached through Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) across 9 LGAs
- 14,281 women
- 13,936 men
- 9,990 boys
- 8,873 girls
- **1,747,626 individuals** reached through combined social media platforms
- **Over 1.7 million people** reached via radio and media partnerships (Al Ansar Radio & Yobe Broadcasting Corporation)

People Supported

- **586 individuals** supported through civic education
- **186 ex-associates**
- **400 women from host communities**
- **615 individuals** supported with startup kits and seed capital
- **150 beneficiaries** received direct cash grants
- **580 women** trained in income-generating skills and linked to cooperatives
- **105 survivors of explosive ordnance** supported with medical care, rehabilitation, prosthetics, and livelihood assistance
- **90 community volunteers** trained in EORE and mine risk awareness

Project Locations

Borno

Adamawa

Yobe

Katsina

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