

## FEF PROJECT AND BENEFICIARIES PRESENTATION

### Overview

The **FEF (French Embassy Fund)** projects are two-year initiatives funded by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, focusing on youth, employability, gender equality, and innovation. They foster partnerships with universities, civil society organizations, and businesses. Each project is co-developed with local partners to support strategic, high-impact cooperation in education, training, and development. The projects aim to mobilize a broad range of public and private actors abroad to address local challenges effectively.

### The BAC project

The “Bilingual and Competitive” FEF project builds on a national audit of academic programs and several consultations with education stakeholders, professionals, and students. Its main objective is to enhance the professional competitiveness of Nigerian graduates by positioning French as a strategic tool for both international mobility and local employability.

The project is structured around three key components:

- Component 1 – Creation of a Master’s Programme in French for Specific Purposes (FSP)
- Component 2 – Establishment of French Resource and Employability Centres in Nigerian universities, along with student workshops and teacher training programmes
- Component 3 – Advocacy and Professional Integration

Expected Impacts:

- Strengthened skills and teaching methods among French instructors
- Improved employability of graduates through recognized certifications
- Increased use of French in professional and academic contexts
- Contribution to reducing youth unemployment and brain drain

### Beneficiaries

The first group of beneficiaries for Components 1 and 2 has been identified with the support of the French Embassy’s local structures, across two levels of intervention:

#### 1. Silver Level

##### Description:

This entry level supports schools and institutions that demonstrate a strong commitment to bilingual and professional French learning. Beneficiaries receive guidance to revitalize French clubs, gain access to new physical and digital learning resources, and boost student engagement. The focus is on capacity-building and access to high-quality materials that make French learning visible, dynamic, and appealing. Teachers receive training in FLE (French as a Foreign Language) and FOS (French for Specific Purposes) methodologies to enhance both pedagogical quality and employability outcomes. The Embassy’s support seeks to inspire enthusiasm for the French language and culture through regular, innovative activities.

## 2. Gold Level

### Description:

This level provides comprehensive support, including technical and financial assistance to establish a fully equipped French Resource Centre. Building on the progress made at the Silver Level, it promotes innovation, leadership, and sustainability in bilingual education. Beneficiaries at this level become regional reference points for best practices in French language teaching and learning. The ultimate goal is to create sustainable ecosystems for bilingual and professional education across Nigeria.

S/N	GOLD LEVEL	FOCUS
1	UNIVERSITY OF ABUJA	International Relations
2	THE NIGERIA FRENCH LANGUAGE VILLAGE	FSP Master
3	RIVERS STATE UNIVERSITY	International Relations, Business
4	UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, KWARA	International Relations, Medical Sciences
5	KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY	International Relations
6	LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY	International Relations
7	NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY, AWKA	International Relations
8	MICHAEL OKPARA UNIVERSITY OF AGRIC, ABIA	Agriculture
9	OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE	International Relations
10	LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY, IBADAN	International Relations, Business, Medical Sciences, Technology
11	UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI, BORNO	Technology
12	MARYAM ABACHA AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, KANO	Medical Sciences
S/N	SILVER LEVEL	FOCUS
13	UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN	International Relations
14	ACHIEVERS UNIVERSITY, ONDO	International Relations, Business, Medical Sciences, Technology
15	UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT	Business
16	EBONYI STATE UNIVERSITY	International Relations
17	OLABISI ONABANJO UNIVERSITY, OGUN	International Relations
18	USMANU DANFODIYO UNIVERSITY, SOKOTO	International Relations, Business, Medical Sciences
19	AMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, KADUNA	International Relations
20	UNIVERSITY OF CALABAR	Technology
21	UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ENUGU	International Relations