

OPERATION HOSEA

Food packs and trauma counselling in Nigeria

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Background

For the past two decades Christians in northern and central Nigeria have endured violent persecution at the hands of Islamist terrorists and tribal militants. Thousands of Christians have been brutally killed and tens of thousands forced to flee their homes and communities. Church buildings have been destroyed and pastors targeted for killing. More recently kidnapping has become a further weapon used by militants.



Project

Release International's partner Operation Hosea runs two key projects to support Christians who have been impacted by the violence. The first distributes essential food and hygiene packs to those who have been displaced and left with nothing. The second provides Bible-based trauma counselling to those who have witnessed attacks and lost loved ones. Participants are supported to express their pain and, by the grace of God, they are helped to forgive and rebuild their lives.



Release International aims to contribute around £36,000 annually to support these projects.

During the course of a year around 1,000 food and hygiene packs are distributed in camps, villages, and resettlement areas across northern Nigeria. The packs are designed to sustain a family of six for two to four weeks and contain items such as rice, beans, salt, sugar, milk, soap, and laundry detergent.

Additionally, three Bible-based trauma counselling workshops are delivered each year to around 150 people. This support enables holistic healing, hope, forgiveness and resilience to future suffering.

Impact

*Lara's husband was killed when her village was attacked. She received a food package from Operation Hosea and said, ***'I want to say thank you. It is evident that God answers prayers and won't allow starvation to be our end.'*** *name changed to protect identity

Jude lost his wife and was badly injured during an attack. After attending one of Operation Hosea's trauma healing workshops he told us, ***'It's my prayer to give my life to Christ more. I would preach the word of God to [my attackers.] I can forgive them. If God can forgive, then who am I?'***

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