



**PROGRAMME SUMMARY  
REPORT**

**Episode 30**

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**Discussion: World NGO Day; Achievements, Challenges and Way Forward**

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**PREMISE**

27th February of each year marks world NGO Day. NGOs all over especially in Kano State work hard to achieve target goals based on set objectives. The impact of their activities is based on how it affects and improves the livelihoods of people. Strong operational networking between NGOs and also volunteers has also been key to milestones recorded in the Kano Journey so far.

**ISSUES**

Also worthy of note is that the friction between government and NGOs has eased as they now work hand in hand since the government cannot do it alone. Similarly, inclusion of women, children, aged etc towards sustainable growth and development have been a major achievement, however, there are still challenges.

**MORE ISSUES...**

Since they are mostly non-profits, funding for activities and funding for sustainability is a huge challenge. Similarly, the wrong perception people have that NGO work is a money-making venture has made people without an objective venture into the terrain with a focus on making money instead of impact.

Mixing politics and NGO work also poses a great challenge

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Other challenges are; lack of strategic planning by some NGOs, lack of commitment to achieve strategic objectives due to lack of incentives as a result of lack of funding, lack of documentation to be able to access available funds, lack of synergy and teamwork, proliferation of quacks, lack of legal registration etc

## RECOMMENDATIONS

NGOs should synergize with partners who have more strength in their weaknesses, therefore, it is important for NGOs to understand their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and strength.

There should be mentors who assess, reassess and support fledling NGOs as some require little push ups to do well.

Specialisation is key; NGOs should not be jack of all trade, they could be specifically focused on health, women, youth among many other areas.

Sensitization on NGO activities should be undertaken to disabuse the minds of people about the wrong perception they have about NGOs.

Capacity building training and retraining of NGOs is essential.

The government should implement a strong legal framework and policies to compel NGOs operating in Kano to register at the state level and work for hand in hand with their associated ministries.

Government should perform monitoring function to ensure NGOs operate within their focus operational areas along with their budget line.

Government should recognize and carry NGOs along to help it execute its duties as this will serve as motivation.

Transparency and accountability should be key in operation.

Collaboration and networking

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