



## AFOS FOUNDATION – HIGHLIGHTS ON 2019

### 2019 Microfinance Symposium with Bruno Wenn as International Keynote Speaker

The 5th annual symposium of the Nigerian Microfinance Platform (NMP) facilitated by AFOS INGO held on May 23, 2019 in Ibadan Oyo State. The event with theme: **“Self-Regulation for Sustainability and Development of the Microfinance Sector”** drew over 170 participants.



### AFOS’ Incubated Company Becomes a Strong Partner

AFOS, in collaboration with the NMP’s Capacity Building Working Group founded the **Microfinance Learning & Development Center (MLDC)**. MLDC next to management and core business trainings offers for the sector, research and consulting services. Additionally, it manages the NMP secretariat, its annual symposia and bi-annual meetings.

MLDC supported AFOS in 2019 to coordinate the TVET/Dual Vocational training, the Senior and Middle Management training for the agriculture industry and 19 sectorial training sessions with average class sizes of 30 participants.

### 3,994 Smallholder Farmers Trained During 2018 to 2019 Rollout Training

300 aquaculture farmers were trained on Good Agricultural Practices, Financial Literacy and Access to Cooperatives & Markets, whilst 45 selected ToT/farmer trainers underwent ToT training. 485 cashew farmers were trained in Kogi and Kwara states.

Under the Team Learning Group (TLG) sessions, 660 new farmers across the cashew, pulses and grains, aquaculture and poultry value chains underwent trainings while 1,660 were trained under the Peer Learning Group (PLG) sessions in all our 8 regions.



### AFOS Coordinates a Value and Impact-Oriented Multi-Stakeholder Exposure Visit to East Africa

The program with the aim of fostering transnational collaboration is part of AFOS’ interventions to support the Nigerian microfinance industry with capacity building that results in organizational development. During this educational tour, 10 delegates visited and interacted with 10 leading microfinance institutions in Kenya and Uganda.



## **AFOS Oversaw 7 Training Programs for the Agricultural Industry During the 2019 Project**

2019 saw the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> batch of management trainings of the agricultural industry (Senior + Middle Mgt. Talent Pool/ Trainees); including training on Animal Husbandry, (sponsored by Zoetis Belgium) on veterinary medicine (Funding Gates Foundation). Trainings were held with AFOS transformation partners (CHI Farms, TUNS Farms and Food Pro).

This included 4 completed modules of Senior Management Training (SMT), with a total of 12 training days; 8+13 modules of Middle Management Training (MMT) -Stream 1& 2 with a total of 53 training days for both streams.

TVET Livestock trainings in 2 streams with 11 days ToT training for "in-plant" trainers, followed by 6 modules for technicians with a total of 53 classroom training days, as well as an 11 days ToT Quality training for "in-plant" trainers + 1 module of 5 days' classroom training for technicians.



## **AFOS Supports Self-regulation of the Nigerian Microfinance Sector**

AFOS NIG INGO sponsored the engagement of International Short-term Expert Yaw Gyamfi, CEO of Ghana Microfinance Institutions Network in a study on the efficiency of the National Association of Microfinance Banks (NAMB). This is in support to the drive on Self-regulation of the Nigerian microfinance sector. The study ended with a presentation on the realities, benefits and challenges of Self-regulation at the NMP meeting in Ibadan.



### **AFOS Foundation Concluded the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Microfinance Development project MF II+ in Nigeria.**

The microfinance project started in May 2018 as an extension initiative of MF II, aimed to support stakeholders' efforts in building requisite competencies and skills to manage their complex operations through capacity building workshops in critical areas. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, extended until 31.12.2019 with a key focus on facilitating La Fayette/Advans MFB Change Management and Organizational Development Processes – a training of the bank's 40 middle managers (30 talent pool + 10 graduate trainees) covering 13 modules with a total of 43 training days.

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