

Decapolis Community Development Center



Northern Nigeria Training Trip at a Glance (Sept. 29–Oct. 24, 2025)

- 774 smallholder, vulnerable farmers from rural communities trained in regenerative agriculture (587 women, 187 men)
- Compost piles built and demonstration plots established in 9 different communities in Kano, Kaduna, and Plateau States
- 4 new Master Trainers certified
- First training materials translated into Hausa.

Problems Addressed

Poor Soil Health: The soil in northern Nigeria is critically unhealthy and unable to provide enough food for farmers to feed their families. Regenerative agriculture helps them begin restoring the soil and increasing their yield through simple methods that cost almost nothing.

High Levels of Food Insecurity: With 5 million children in northern Nigeria already suffering acute malnutrition, and international aid sources drying up, a more sustainable intervention is needed. Our trainings in regenerative agriculture provide the skills for a lifetime of food security.

Conflict and Violence: From the terrorism of Boko Haram to criminal banditry and kidnapping to territorial herder-farmer conflicts, many farmers are afraid to go to their farms for fear of being attacked. Others who have tried to farm see their crops stolen, eaten by cattle, or trampled. The methods we teach allow farmers to farm just a small plot close to their homes, rather than having to travel to a remote, isolated farmland, while still realizing a large enough yield to survive off of and profit from. This provides a safer environment for them to farm in.

Gender Gap in Agricultural Production: Women typically invest more of what they earn back into their families and communities, yet most women smallholder farmers realize lower yields than their male counterparts, due to a lack of access to the same trainings and agricultural inputs that men have. If women had the same access to these resources as men, they could increase food production by 30% and reduce world hunger by 15%. This is why Decapolis focused on teaching the women in the communities how to produce their own organic fertilizers and practice faithful stewardship of the land. However, men were trained, too, to ensure that they felt included in these new methods and will not discourage the women from practicing what they've learned.



A woman applies compost to a demonstration garden, during training, to improve soil health.



Children in Kaduna share a lighthearted moment during a break in the training.



This 6m x 6m well-watered garden can be farmed year-round right next to the home.



Women check the height of the compost pile they have built for use as basal fertilizer.

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Young Fulani woman at the training.

Women turning their compost pile.

A newly certified master trainer.

Women planting seeds in their WWG.



Answered Prayers

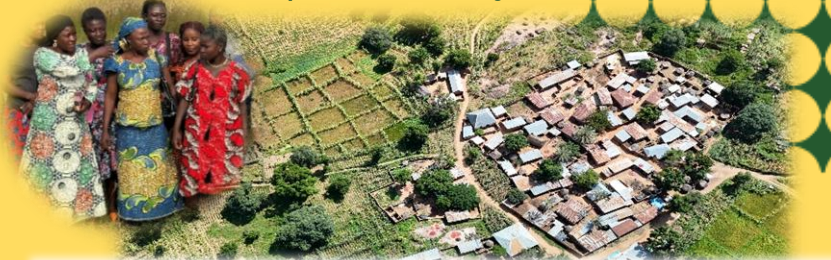
We are so grateful for your prayers for our team and the trainees over the past month. Here are some of the incidents that occurred in those areas during the times of the training. We thank God for His protection.

- Police incident in which one of our local organizers was taken into custody while collecting materials for compost building. We are still amazed at how quickly he was released and without any fines or further conflict.
- 12 abducted and 1 killed in a bandit attack on a hospital and homes in one of the towns where we had done a training.
- 2 police officers killed in an armed bandit attack in another training location
- 4 locals shot, 3 killed by unknown gunmen in another one of the local governments we trained in
- The alternator on the SUV developed a fault right after the team decided to leave it behind and do the rest of the trip with just the truck.
- A public transport motorbike pulled out and stopped right in front of our truck as we were descending a steep hill. The people on the motorbike were okay, and our truck only sustained minimal damage.
- The truck got a flat tire, but it did not cause an accident.
- Several of our team experienced a minor food poisoning incident, but it occurred during a weekend break in the trainings, and they were able to fully recover before having to teach again.

Ways to Help

We are working with Christians in northern Nigeria to help give them farming skills for food security in the midst of violence and unrest. We also help them to use agriculture as a way to shine the light of Christ and provide a bridge between them and their Muslim neighbors, as we train them side-by-side. Below are some ways that you can provide immediate, practical help.

- Sponsor additional farmers for training. It costs \$25 to train one farmer for a lifetime of food security and financial stability.
- Help us to subsidize the first year's maize seeds for the newly trained farmers. Many are truly living on the margins and cannot afford the full price of even 2kg of seed for 1 Pfumvudza plot for the coming season. However, we still expect them to make at least a small financial commitment to their own farming success, so we are in need of donations that will allow us to offer the seeds to them at a reduced price in their first year of implementation.
- Pray for the next phases of the project, which include:
 - Training 100+ of the newly trained farmers to be trainers
 - On-going discipleship and mentorship of the new farmers
 - Additional Master Trainer co-hosting sessions for certification
 - Expansion into new regions



"...You are the hope of all the ends of the earth..." Psalm 65:5

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