



SUPPORT, EMPOWER & PROTECT (SEP)

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

In line with the **Renewed Hope Agenda of His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu** to create an enabling environment for young people to thrive, the Federal Ministry of Youth Development has developed a 2-year strategic plan to **Support, Empower and Protect** Nigerian youths.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Youth development is critical to Nigeria's future, considering the country's rapidly growing population, with over **63 million** Nigerians between the ages of **15 to 29 yrs** and **59 million** between the ages of **18 to 34 yrs**

Each year, approximately **5.5 million youths** enter the labor market, a number expected to grow to **6.1 million by 2030**.

This strategic plan seeks to harness the potential of this demography through targeted skills development, job creation, and entrepreneurship support, ensuring that Nigeria's youth can contribute meaningfully to the Nation's socio-economic growth.

Additionally, the plan itemizes initiatives that ensures the health, wellbeing and safety of young people so as to thrive and take advantage of provided opportunities.



TARGET AUDIENCE

Age Bracket		Population
18-24	13.1%	29,033,200
25-34	13.6%	30,107,200
35-44	10.1%	22,120,000
Total: 59 million Youths to impact		Market Influx : 5.5 million (Rising to 6.1 million by 2030)

Source: Data Portal

FORMAL YOUTH

- Over 600,000 Graduates Annually
- 2,000,000 admitted to Tertiary Institutions annually (Revolving annual figure)

INFORMAL YOUTH

- Over 92 percent of employed youth are in the informal sector, have no contract or benefits and are either school drop-outs, or have low levels of skills and education.
- Close to 30 percent of informal youth have only primary (or lower) level of education

Sources of data: School Enrollment statistics from KPMG, National University Commission (NUC); Employment statistics from Nigeria Living Standards Survey (NLSS)

Challenges

- **Lack of capital**
- **Skills mismatch**
- **High unemployment**
- **Limited Access to Education**
- **Limited Focus on youth /adolescent health**
- **Discrimination against Young Person With Special Needs**

Priority Sectors

- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Digital Economy**
- **Technical & vocational skills**
- **Green skills**
- **Media & Entertainment**
- **Health, Social Welfare & Gender Inclusion**

OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN



SUPPORT

- Trainings
- Mentorship
- Skills Development
- Youth Engagement & Participation
- Creative Skills
- NYSC Improvement

EMPOWER

- Job Creation
- Internships
- Entrepreneurship development
- Financial Inclusion & Startup Capital
- Empowerment (ICT, Energy Agriculture, Creative Economy etc)

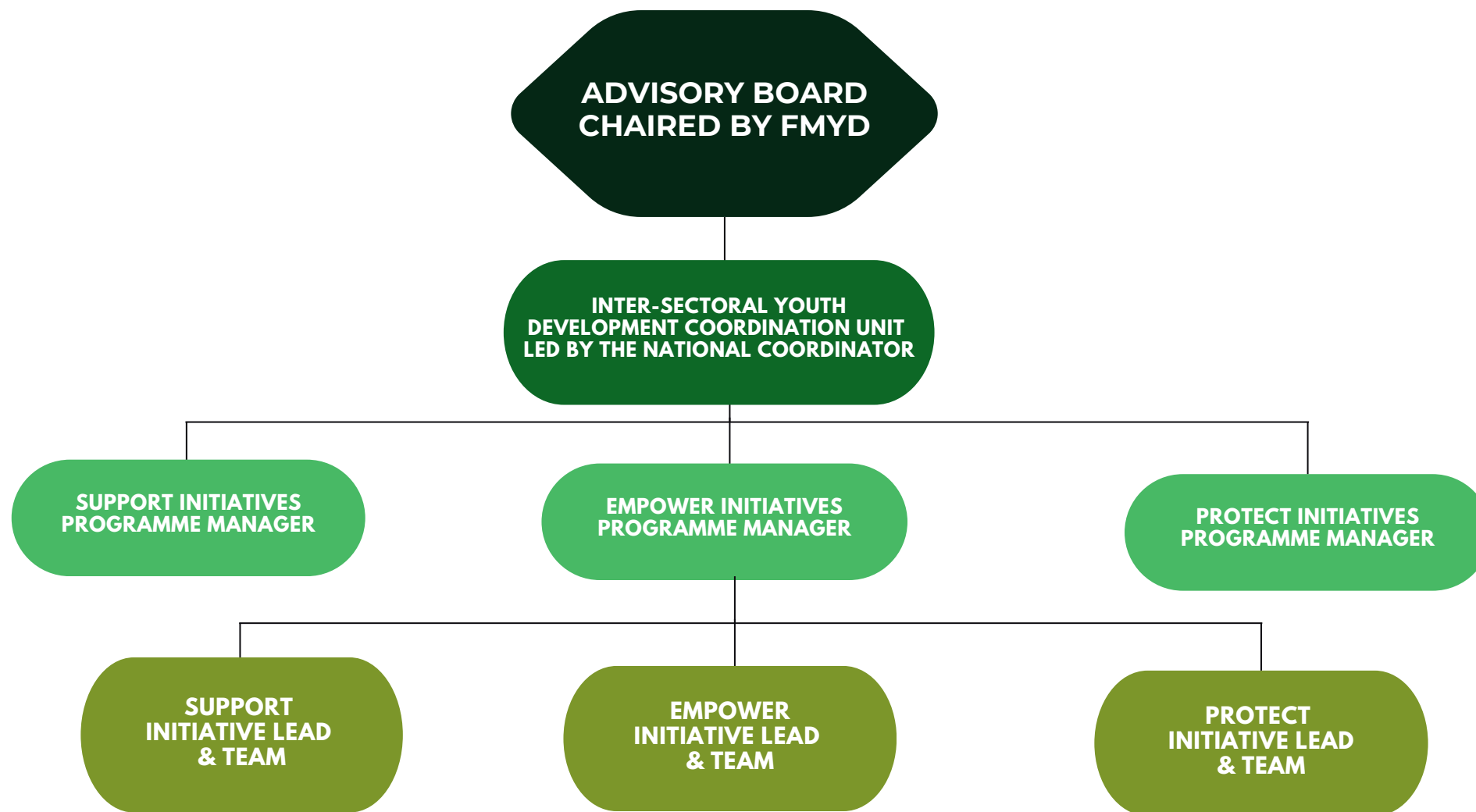
PROTECT

- Youth / Adolescent health and wellbeing
- Safety and safe spaces
- Gender inclusion
- Youth Help Desk
- Anti Human Trafficking

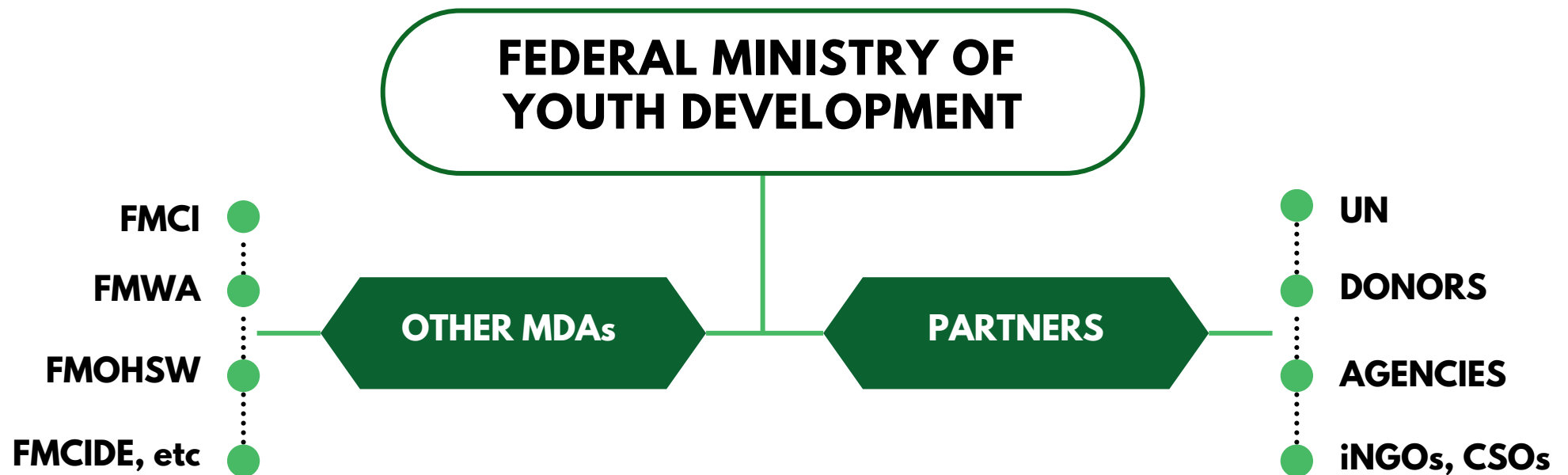
PARTNERSHIPS | CO-CREATION | INTER-SECTORAL COLLABORATION | EVIDENCE-BASED DECISIONS

From First Quarter of 2025 to First Quarter of 2027

COORDINATION & IMPLEMENTATION



COORDINATION & IMPLEMENTATION



SUPPORT INITIATIVES

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- Nigeria Youth Academy (NIYA)
- Digital Literacy for All (DL4ALL)
- Youth Data Protection Awareness & Training Program (YDPAT)

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT & PARTICIPATION

- Youth Confab
- Bi-annual State of the Youth Survey
- NYSC Improvement
- Brain Gain Initiative

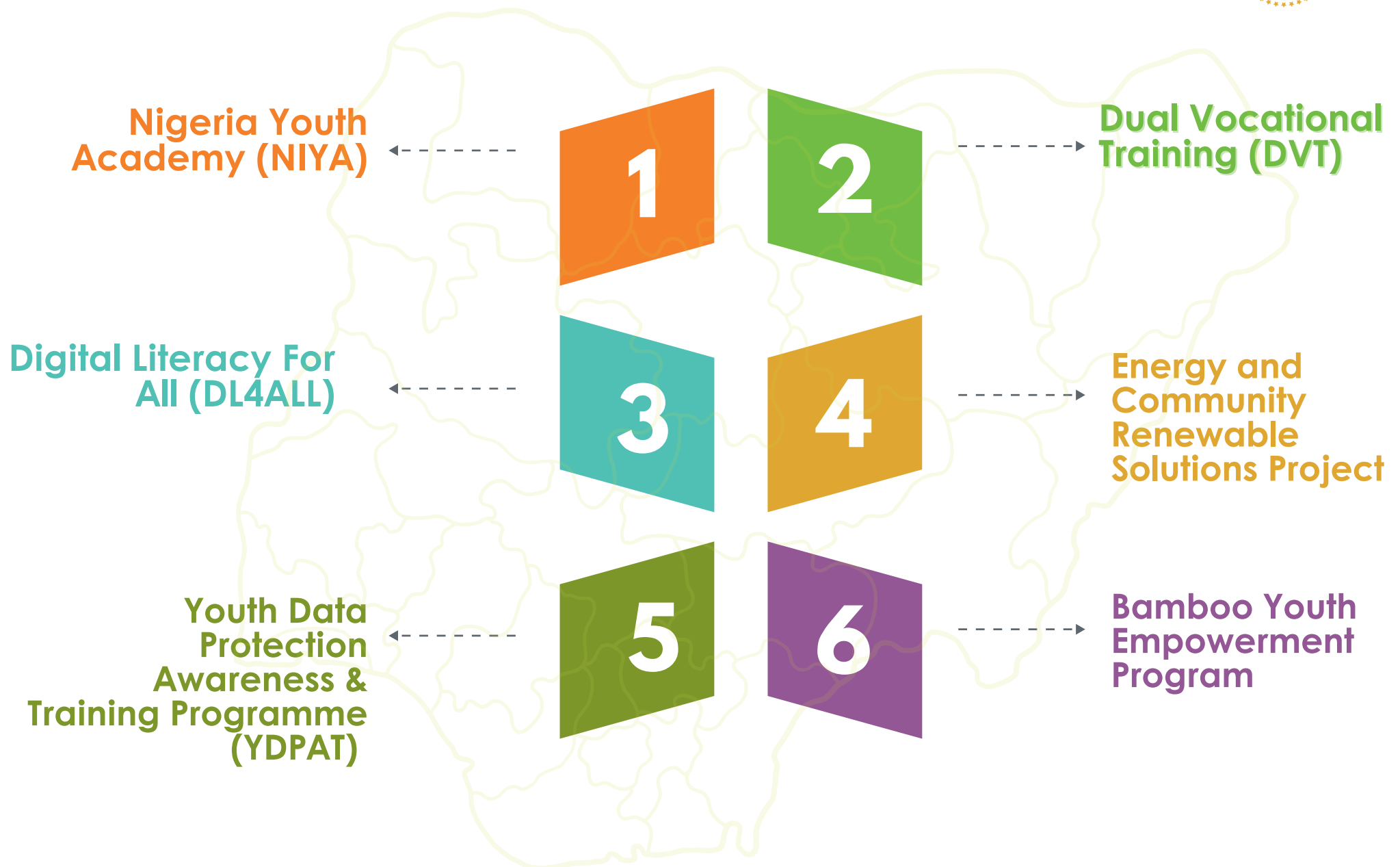
TRAININGS

- Dual Vocational Training (DVT)
- Energy and Community Renewable Solutions Project
- Bamboo Youth Empowerment Program
- Vocational Training & Apprenticeship Program (VTAP)

YOUTH-FRIENDLY SPACES

- Youth House in FCT
- Youth Centres in 36 States
- Green Houses in 774 LGAs
- NDE - Green House Collaboration

SUPPORT INITIATIVES - 1/2



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INITIATIVES	DESCRIPTION	OBJECTIVES
Nigeria Youth Academy (NIYA)	An online learning platform that provides participating youth to learn at least two skills, and also serve as a recruitment portal for prospective employers.	Equip youths with Market relevant skills and make them available for employers looking to hire through the platform.
Digital Literacy For All (DL4ALL)	An initiative empowering every citizen with the digital skills they need to thrive in today's interconnected world and take advantage of the job opportunities in the GIG economy.	Achieve 70% digital literacy in Nigeria by 2027, with 30 million trained yearly.
Youth Data Protection Awareness & Training Programme (YDPAT)	A mid-level skill training for young people to access job opportunities in the data privacy and IT sector, create awareness on data privacy laws, thereby ensuring digital safety for citizens.	Promote youth expertise in data protection and cybersecurity, training 500,000 annually.
Dual Vocational Training (DVT)	Skill training in various vocational skills.	Enhance the job skills of young people through legal labour migration and foreign job placements.
Energy and Community Renewable Solutions Project	Training youth in solar installation, green construction techniques, Sustainable Agriculture, Wind Turbine Technology, while equipping them with skills to design, install, and maintain infrastructures.	Build the capacity of young people to design, install and maintain of renewable tools.
Bamboo Youth Empowerment Program	Training youth in bamboo production, processing, and business applications, empowering to take advantage of the bamboo value chain through cultivation and export. Through the Program, Nigeria will be effectively tapping into the 10 Million Dollars Bamboo Global market demands.	Equip youth with skills in sustainable bamboo entrepreneurship, promote climate action and green skills, promote diversification in agriculture, develop training hubs and markets for informal youths, improve bamboo diversifying, enhance storage and Export..

SUPPORT INITIATIVES - 2/2



Youth Confab



**Vocational Training &
Apprenticeship Program
(VTAP)**



**Bi-annual State of
the Youth Survey**



NYSC Improvement



**Youth House, Youth
Centres and Green
Houses**



**NDE - Green House
Collaboration**

SUPPORT INITIATIVES - 2/2

INITIATIVES	DESCRIPTION	OBJECTIVES
Youth Confab	A bottom-to-top, youth-oriented annual conference that connects young people with the government, initiate inclusive engagement and enable annexation of inputs of young people into government policies.	To foster dialogue and policy engagement among young people, develop a national strategy for youth development, implementation of youth development at regional level, improve youth participation in the decision-making process, enable grassroots feedback/ impact on government Initiative, and improve youth patriotism and understanding of government policies.
Vocational Training & Apprenticeship Program (VTAP) for vulnerable groups & informal Youth.	Enhance the employability of informal youth, school drop outs, young persons from poor background and youths with disabilities. The Initiative would focus on high-demand trades and skills.	To enhance the employability of Nigerian youth by providing them with vocational training and apprenticeship opportunities, improve employability, and promote career advancement and entrepreneurship among Nigerian youth.
Bi-annual State of the Youth Survey	Conduct periodic surveys to assess youth development needs and impact of programmes.	Provide data-driven insights for policy and programme development.
NYSC Improvement	Enhance the NYSC scheme to focus on job placement for experience gathering, and to ensure that corps members are posted to sectors relevant to their areas of study. This will facilitate entrance into the private sector after the mandatory 1-year service.	Improve employability, job placement and business skills for corps members.
Youth House, Youth Centres and Green Houses	Establish safe spaces and resource centers for youth.	Provide access to training, networking, and support services.
NDE - Green House Collaboration	Collaboration with the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) to utilise the Green Houses in all LGAs as youth-friendly spaces	To provide opportunities for young people at the grassroot level to have access to government programmes, and to receive targeted support and counselling services

EMPOWER INITIATIVES

A

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Corprenuer Support Scheme, Youth Bank, NextGen, Waste to Wealth Initiative (W2W)

B

INTERNSHIPS

National Youth internship Program (NYIP)
Global Job and Internship Portal,
Naija Apprentiship Training Scheme NYAT

C

AGRICULTURE

Support for 10M Youth in Agriculture Through (YEIDEP)

D

ART & CREATIVE ECONOMY

Youth in Entertainment Initiative (YE!), Naija Youth Talent Fair

E

OTHERS

Women in Drones, Cottage Industries Development Programme, Youth Business Expansion & Growth Programme, Young Professionals Award Programme



EMPOWER INITIATIVES - 1/2

**CORPRENEUR
SUPPORT SCHEME**

YOUTH BANK

**NEXTGEN
INNOVATORS**

**NATIONAL YOUTH
INTERNSHIP
PROGRAMME**

**WASTE TO WEALTH
INITIATIVE (W2W)**

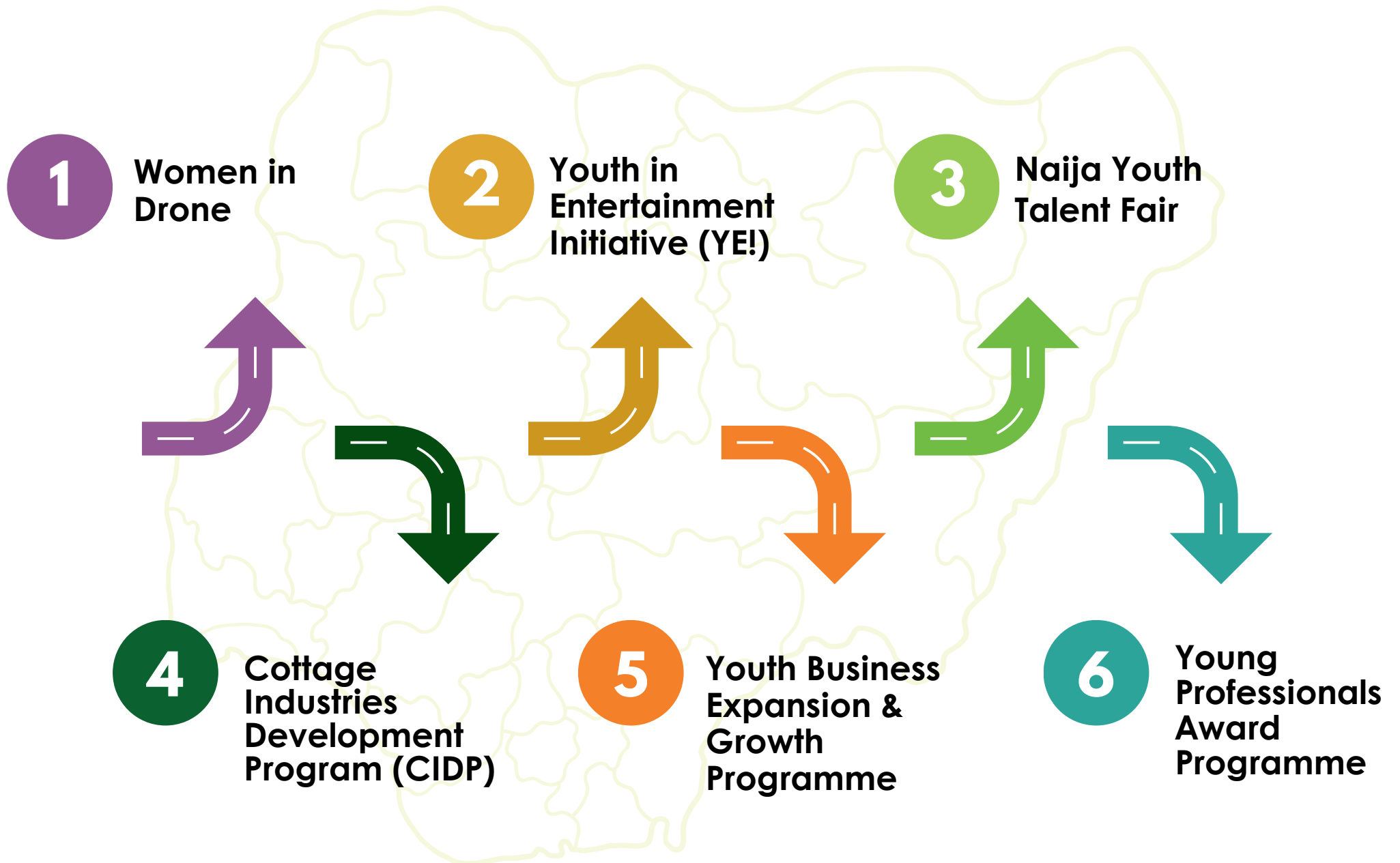
YEIDEP

**NIGER DELTA YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

EMPOWER INITIATIVES - 1/2

INITIATIVES	DESCRIPTION	OBJECTIVES
Corpreneur Support Scheme	A business support and funding programme for youth who have successfully undergone SAED training as part of NYSC.	To encourage Entrepreneurship and job creation among NYSC members.
Youth Bank	A financial institution for young Nigerians to support the financial needs of young people, ensuring financial inclusion and ownership that drives entrepreneurial development and economic empowerment.	To increase access to funding for business and development for young Nigerians, enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities.
NextGen Innovators	An initiative on job creation through targeted support and development of labour-intensive businesses as well as nano and small-scale businesses to boost self-employment.	To increase the number of labour-intensive and resilient businesses and boost Productivity across the manufacturing sector.
Waste to Wealth Initiative (W2W)	An initiative to leverage opportunities in the circular economy to train and empower young Nigerians on waste management & recycling.	To equip young Nigerians with skills in waste recycling, upcycling, and circular economy entrepreneurship to promote environmental sustainability and job creation.
National Youth Internship Programme	A paid internship programme of the government of Nigeria to boost youth employability and reduce unemployment through structured, on-the-job skills transfer. It has a ₦1.5 billion Post-Internship Innovation Fund to support outstanding interns who wish to develop innovative solutions or businesses from the skills acquired.	To provide recent NYSC graduates and other unskilled youth with practical industry experience and skills in key economic sectors, thereby enhancing employability and career prospects through structured training and internship placements.
YEIDEP	Youth Economic Intervention and De-radicalization programme provides a platform for young people interested or involved in agriculture to register and get empowered with resources and other support to leverage the full agro-allied value chain.	To encourage youth participation in agro-allied value chain and improve food security.
Niger Delta Youth Development Project	An initiative for Niger Delta youth that empowers with skills and resources to improve productivity and growth in the region	To empower youth in the Niger Delta region with skills and resources to overcome environmental degradation and peculiar challenges.

EMPOWER INITIATIVES - 2/2



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INITIATIVES	DESCRIPTION	OBJECTIVES
Women in Drone	A programme for Young women on the use of drones to drive innovation and address challenges in their communities.	To empower young women with the capacity building and drone technology tools to leverage opportunities with drones in data collection, addressing environmental challenges, healthcare, agriculture, and others.
Cottage Industries Development Program (CIDP)	An initiative aimed at promoting economic growth and development in local communities through the creation of cottage industries.	To promote economic empowerment, foster entrepreneurship, improve livelihood , preserve traditional crafts, and enhance community development, foster partnerships
Youth Business Expansion & Growth Programme	A programme that provides funding and mentorship for youth entrepreneurs to scale up their businesses. Includes business advisory services, financial support, and networking opportunities.	To strengthen and expand youth-owned businesses, enhance access to finance, and foster job creation through entrepreneurship.
Youth in Entertainment Initiative (YEI)	A transformative initiative aimed at empowering young Nigerians in music, film, comedy, fashion, and digital content creation. Through funding, training, and strategic partnerships, it nurtures talent, fosters innovation, and creates economic opportunities, positioning Nigeria's youth as global leaders in the entertainment industry.	To identify, nurture, and promote young talents in entertainment, providing access to training, mentorship, and capac seed funding and investment opportunitiees
Naija Youth Talent Fair	A national platform for discovering, showcasing, and connecting young Nigerian talents across various industries, including technology, arts, sports, and entrepreneurship.	To create opportunities for young talents to gain visibility, network with industry stakeholders, and access funding, mentorship, and business opportunities.
Young Professionals Award Programme	A programme to recognize and celebrate outstanding young professionals at home & abroad who have made significant contributions in their fields, including ICT, business, healthcare, and creative industries.	To motivate and inspire young professionals by recognizing excellence, fostering leadership, and encouraging innovation.

PROTECT INITIATIVES

YOUTH / ADOLESCENT HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Youth Health Initiative

ETHICAL RE-ORIENTATION

- Youth Alive Initiative
- Campaign against Social Vices
- Restoring Traditional Ethical Values

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SECURITY AND SAFE SPACES

- Youth Help Desk
- Young & Secure

GENDER INCLUSION

- UNIP - GBV Young
Persons with Disabilities

PROTECT INITIATIVES 1/2

INITIATIVES	DESCRIPTION	OBJECTIVES
Youth Help Desk	An independent platform to receive reports on issues of youth harassments. The initiative is expected to help improve the relationship between youth and the police force by creating a help desk for Nigerian youth to report cases relating to law enforcement agencies and also serve as a platform to receive feedback on President Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.	To promote access to justice for young people, encourage government accountability and transparency, Improve youth perception of government and its agencies, and assess youth feedback on their safety and rights.
Yo Health Initiative	A programme that prioritises the health and wellbeing of young people with focus on mental health, alcohol & substance abuse, communicable diseases (HIV, HPV, STIs), Health Insurance, and Non-Communicable Diseases	To raise awareness, empower youth to take greater ownership of their health, advocate and develop / co-implement programmes that addresses health issues that affect youths and adolescents
Young & Secure	A campaign to address the distrust and tension between young people and law enforcement agencies, particularly the police.	To foster trust, accountability, and collaboration between young Nigerians and law enforcement agencies, ultimately enhancing national security and promoting positive societal change.
Youth Alive Initiative	Campaign against human trafficking, rehabilitation and support for human trafficking survivors	To put an end to human trafficking as well as give hope and support to human trafficking survivors, and provide them with rehabilitation and social integration.
Campaign against Social Vices	Campaign against cultism, internet fraud, vandalism, prostitution, and other social vices	To discourage cultism, internet fraud and other social vices while promoting positive attitudes in young people

PROTECT INITIATIVES - 2/2

INITIATIVES	DESCRIPTION	OBJECTIVES
Restoring Traditional Ethical Values among Youths	Sensitization and re-orientation programme that promotes long-held ethical / cultural & values that promotes unity, progress and wellbeing.	To reinforce ethical behaviour among youth in Nigeria especially those that lead to unity, progress and wellbeing.
Afforestation Campaign	Engaging Young People in Tree Planting in Public Schools & de-forested communities	To engage youth in tree planting in de-forested communities, encourage environmental responsibility and climate action.
"Get Rich Quick Syndrome Re-orientation Programme	Campaign against fraudulent schemes, internet fraud, rituals and organ harvesting	To re-orientate youth on financial literacy and ethical business, through workshops and townhall meetings, raising youth ambassadors and advocates, rallies and walks, and media activities in the 36 states and FCT against the "Get Rich Quick Syndrome/ Scheme".

