PROJECT FACTSHEET

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Group Savings and Loan Associations (GSLA): Small Steps, Big Impact

Secours Islamique France (SIF) / ZOA

KEY FACTS

Donor / Lead partner	Secours Islamique France (SIF) / ZOA
Status	Completed (June 2023 - 2024)
Location	Anka, Gusau, Talata Mafara and Tsafe (Zamfara); 11 communities in Biu (Borno); Damaturu and Potiskum (Yobe)
States	Zamfara, Borno, Yobe
Thematic areas	Livelihood, Social Inclusion

PROJECT SUMMARY

Community savings groups that help women and men save weekly, borrow for small businesses and build a social fund. Members receive a five-day training and orientation, keep savings in a three-lock box held by different keyholders, and receive their share-out at the end of each cycle.

KEY INTERVENTIONS & DELIVERABLES

- Five-day GSLA training and orientation for new groups (e.g. Alheri Daga Allah and Bamaiyi Sai Allah groups).
- Weekly meetings and savings training led by GSLA facilitators.
- GSLA groups formed in 11 Biu communities, including Kasalabata IDP camp.
- End-of-cycle share-outs in Zamfara, Biu and Yobe used as start-up capital for businesses and farming.

HEADLINE IMPACT

356 GSLA members in four Zamfara LGAs (Gusau 100, Talata Mafara 90, Tsafe 87, Anka 79), plus groups in Biu and Yobe.