Denny Social Welfare Hub

"Impacting lives for a better society"

IMPACT

REPORT

2020 — 2026

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From the Executive Director

Six years ago, Denny Social Welfare Hub (DSWHUB) began with a single question: *who will walk alongside the most vulnerable when the system cannot?*

This Impact Report is our attempt to answer that question in numbers, stories, and outcomes. It documents what has happened in our communities because of the courage of survivors, the generosity of partners, and the conviction of a small team that refused to wait.

Over the past six years, DSWHUB has grown into a resilient, community-driven organization delivering programs and sustaining impact largely through **individual support, volunteer commitment, and strategic partnerships**. Despite significant economic challenges and limited access to institutional funding with only one major grant secured in 2023 we have continued to show up, respond, and act where it matters most.

Our collaboration with networks such as Child Protection Network Nigeria and Migration Advisory Network has strengthened our reach and deepened our interventions, enabling us to support children, women, and vulnerable populations with consistency and care. This journey reflects not just survival, but determination the ability to do more with less, and to remain present even when resources are constrained.

The work is not finished. For every child we have walked with to safety, there are others still in danger. For every returnee we have received at the airport, there are more landing into uncertainty. For every school we have stood in, there are thousands that have never heard a child rights talk. What follows is the record of where we have been and a commitment to go further.

To our partners, our volunteers, and the people who have trusted us with their stories: *thank you.*

SW Abosede Mary Otukpe

Executive Director, DSWHUB

Impact at a Glance

Six years. Six programme areas. 55 documented activities. The numbers below are drawn from verified programme records they count the people, partnerships, and outcomes that define DSWHUB's work from June 2020 to April 2026.

1,700+ DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	**489+** RETURNEES RECEIVED	**750+** CHILDREN IMPACTED
7,000+ DIRECT COMMUNITY REACH	**135K+** SOCIAL MEDIA REACH	**80M** ONLINE REACH
4 / 4 PROSECUTIONS SECURED	**20+** SCHOOLS ENGAGED	**40+** ACTIVE PARTNERS

How We Count

- Direct beneficiaries — individuals (children, returnees, elders, survivors) who received material support, case management, or direct educational contact from DSWHUB teams.
- Community reach — individuals engaged in-person during sensitisation and campaign activities (markets, schools, religious venues).
- Social & online reach — third-party verified digital metrics from the I-EMPATHY campaign (135K+ social reach, 21K+ engagements, 80M online, 1,000+ print).
- Returnees received — individuals profiled or supported at MMIA across Libya (2024) and Germany (2024–2026) flights.
- Prosecutions — child defilement cases (2023) where perpetrators were successfully prosecuted.

CHILD PROTECTION

Protecting Nigeria's Children

From street-child rescues to the Child Rights Convention programme, DSWHUB's child protection portfolio spans prevention, rescue, prosecution support, and inclusive care — with survivor identity protection as a non-negotiable.

750+	2	4 / 4	158
Children directly impacted	Children rescued	Defilement prosecutions	Students reached at CRC

Key Outcomes

- 104 children (Project Lumina 1) and 50 children (Project Lumina 2) supported with welcome packs and play therapy.
- 4 child defilement cases (2023) prosecuted with 100% conviction — 2 survivors with disabilities placed in specialised care.
- Mo (13) rescued in coordinated NAPTIP/CPN/DSWHUB operation; suspected trafficker arrested.
- SS (8) — street child rescue; 1-year follow-up confirms stable reintegration.
- 135 children received gift packs on World Children's Day 2025; 5 students received corrective eyeglasses.
- 158 students from 11 schools trained on the Child Rights Convention (Lagos Education District 2).
- 61 children reached at Modamin Nursery & Primary — first-ever child rights education at that school.
- Child Protection Network divisions launched in 5 IBILE areas (Ikorodu, Badagry, Ikeja, Lagos Island, Epe).

RETURNEE RECEPTION & REINTEGRATION

Receiving Returnees with Dignity

When Nigerian migrants return — often in acute distress — DSWHUB is at the airport. Over six years the organisation has profiled and supported nearly 500 returnees from Libya, Germany, Niger, and Algeria, and built a referral pipeline to long-term reintegration.

489+	4	30	40+
Returnees received at MMIA	Countries of return	GIZ vocational trainees	Reintegration referrals

Key Outcomes

- 320 returnees from Libya profiled (155 + 165 in February 2024).
- 49 returnees from Germany received with dignity (Feb + Apr 2026, Stuttgart & Frankfurt flights).
- 120+ returnees assisted across 3 German arrival receptions (Dec 2024, Mar & Apr 2025).
- 30 returnees referred to ETIWA Tech via GIZ for masonry, electrical, AC installation, and solar PV training.
- 1 returnee secured direct employment at Provast Limited (Ikoyi).
- Micro-enterprises established: tailoring (Delta), hairdressing (Edo), fish farming, spray painting, janitorial services.
- Critical NAHCO gap formally documented — no dedicated CSO reception facilities.
- 5 returnees supported with emergency shelter, hygiene kits, food, and clothing (Dec 2024 – May 2025).

ANTI-TRAFFICKING & MIGRATION AWARENESS

Amplifying Voices Against Trafficking

Through the I-EMPATHY campaign, school and market sensitisations, and safe migration sessions, DSWHUB has built a multi-channel anti-trafficking engine that reached tens of millions online and mobilised communities in Lagos, Ibadan, Ogun and beyond.

7,000+	135K+	80M	6,000+
Directly engaged (I-EMPATHY)	Social media reach	Online campaign reach	Students targeted (Iganmode)

Key Outcomes

- I-EMPATHY campaign (Nov 2023): 7,000+ directly engaged across 5 flagship events (~200 attendees each).
- Social media: 135,000+ post reaches; 21,000+ engagements.
- Print and digital: 1,000+ circulations; 80 million online reach; +100% website visits from campaign start.
- I-EMPATHY Iganmode School: more than 6,000 secondary students targeted; FGD and video testimonials documented.
- I-EMPATHY Tradefare: NAPTIP finding of ~90% willingness to migrate legally — leading to recommendation for a Migration Information & Assistance Desk.
- NAPTIP Letter of Appreciation (ref: NAPTIP/LZ/NGO/57/7/751, 4 Aug 2023) following WDATIP Road Walk.
- Ogunpa Market (Ibadan) sensitisation established the DSWHUB–VOMA partnership.
- 3-Day Safe Migration Session with GIZ Nigeria equipped hospitality professionals with legal migration knowledge.
- TV and radio: Arise TV, LTV, Top FM, Jordan FM — multi-station broadcast on child safeguarding and trafficking.

EDUCATION & LITERACY

Keeping Children in School

DSWHUB's education work tackles the invisible barriers — ₦10,000 entrance levies, lack of materials, erosion of reading culture — that stop children from ever walking through the school gate.

20+	585	97	₦40K
Schools engaged	500+ note books & 185 text/ story Books distributed	Pupils with Back-to-School Packs	Levies pledged for vulnerable pupils

Key Outcomes

- Kingston Nursery & Primary (free-tuition school): ~80 pupils engaged on International Literacy Day with gift bags and books.
- Back-to-School Legun (Ogun): 36 pupils received packs; ₦40,000 in school levies pledged for 4 most vulnerable pupils.
- Back-to-School Modamin (Lagos, Muslim community school): 61 children impacted; first-ever child rights education delivered.
- Alimosho LGA: 2 schools reached with textbooks and writing materials (with WHOPE).
- RCCI book donation: 185 books received for distribution to primary and secondary students.
- World Poetry Day 2025: DSWHUB served as quiz judges for 5 schools; RCCI donated cartons of books to 5 school libraries.
- Bachirville Schools International Day of Education — formal written letter of appreciation from school management.

COMMUNITY WELFARE

Standing With the Vulnerable

From flood-affected women in Ketu to deaf entrepreneurs, elderly flood victims, and children at inclusive eye-care drives, DSWHUB's community welfare work is defined by inclusion — especially of those society routinely overlooks.

154	100+	2	5
Project Lumina children	Children at God's Own school	Elderly cash recipients	Emergency shelter beneficiaries

Key Outcomes

- Project Lumina (2023 + 2024): 154 children of returnee families supported with welcome packs and play therapy.
- Sarah's Story: deaf-led family of 5 economically restarted with hairdressing business restocked within 1 week.
- Flood Relief (Ketu & Mile 12, with Global Fund for Women): emergency support and livelihood restoration.
- Wheelchair and food for elderly flood victim (with MOGAF) restored mobility and met nutritional needs.
- International Day of Older Persons (MOGAF NDOP): ₦5,000 cash gifts to 2 oldest elders; clothing for 15 punctual elders; medical check-ups; certificates for all MOGAF coordinators.
- World Sight Day 2025: free eye tests at Oki Nursery & Primary School including the Inclusive Unit (with Cathem Eye Hospital).
- Children's Day 2024 (God's Own Nursery & Primary): 100+ children engaged in inclusive celebration.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Building a Stronger DSWHUB

Field strength comes from internal strength. DSWHUB has invested consistently in its team — through annual reviews, trauma care training, multi-CSO workshops, and government engagement — to ensure the work outlasts any single moment.

5	20+	3	4
Trauma-trained staff	NGO success principles adopted	Strategic gov / IOM visits (2026)	CSO capacity workshops

Key Outcomes

- Annual Workshop & Seminar (Feb 2024): SWOT analysis, 2023 review, and adoption of 20+ NGO success principles.
- 3-Day Trauma Care Workshop (Feb 2026): 5 DSWHUB members trained with Trauma Free World (USA) — trauma-informed approach institutionalised.
- GIDN CSO Capacity Workshop (Feb 2024): multi-CSO roundtable, social media strategy adopted.
- WTEI CSO Workshop (Feb 2024): multi-agency capacity built on anti-trafficking and FGM prevention.
- CPN Meeting & Training (Dec 2024): 3 training sessions delivered; 5 IBILE divisions launched.
- Courtesy Visit — Ministry of Youth & Social Development (2026): policy alignment and follow-up meeting agreed.
- Stakeholder Visit — IOM Nigeria (2026): migration governance partnership deepened.
- NACTAL Lagos & LSNSA advocacy visit (Dec 2025): coordinated anti-trafficking framework discussed.

Stories of Change

Behind every metric in this report is a person whose life was changed. The five stories below — names changed where needed capture the human heart of DSWHUB's work.

Mo's Story — A Rescue Within Hours

Child Protection · March 2023

When CPN Ikeja Branch placed an urgent call to DSWHUB about a 13-year-old girl being moved suspiciously around Oke-Ira, the team mobilised within hours. A coordinated investigation with NAPTIP gathered evidence; a rescue operation followed. Mo was placed in safety. The trafficker was arrested. Multi-agency speed saved a life.

SS's Story — A Street Child Comes Home

Child Protection · July 2023

SS, aged 8, kept running away from home and sleeping on Lagos streets. Community members alerted DSWHUB. After welfare assessment and identifying home-based challenges, SS was placed at Habitation of Hope for care, counselling, and family reconciliation. One year on, follow-up confirmed he is well settled and no longer running away — a quiet, non-headline outcome that is everything.

Sarah's Story — A Gift of Hope

Community Welfare · September 2024

Sarah, a deaf hairdresser, watched her shop slowly empty as Nigeria's economy bit harder. Her husband David, also deaf, saw his tailoring business slow. Three children at home. Sarah reached out to DSWHUB. Within one week partnering with WHOPE Sarah's shop was restocked. Hair products on the shelves. Customers walking back through the door. The intervention was small. The shift in the family's trajectory was not.

The Children of Project Lumina

Welfare / Reintegration · 2023 + 2024

On airport reception duty, DSWHUB noticed something: welcome packs were given to adult returnees only. The children walking off Libya flights many having seen things no child should see got nothing. DSWHUB met with NCFRMI, proposed a fix, and built it. 104 children received welcome packs and play therapy in 2023. Another 50 in 2024. A gap closed quietly.

The 49 Returnees from Germany (Feb & Apr 2026)

Returnee Reception · 2026

Stuttgart in February. Frankfurt in April. 49 Nigerians stepped off forced-return flights into a reception that had been planned for them: psychosocial first aid, free WiFi, registration, ride-hailing, and individual case management. A 20-year-old woman in acute distress was counselled and reunited with family. A mother with three children was placed in a psychosocial facility. A male returnee was stabilised and travelled home to Imo State. Lagos was the gateway. The team had done the homework.

SDG Alignment

DSWHUB's work aligns directly with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The mapping below shows which goals each programme area advances most strongly.

SDG	GOAL	HOW DSWHUB CONTRIBUTES
SDG 1	No Poverty	Empowering returnees, levy support for vulnerable pupils, micro-enterprise sponsorship, emergency shelter.
SDG 3	Good Health & Well-being	Free eye testing, MOGAF medical check-ups, trauma care training, psychosocial support.
SDG 4	Quality Education	Back-to-School projects, book donations, literacy day, child rights in schools.
SDG 5	Gender Equality	Empowering Women Against Crisis, Sarah's Story (deaf women's entrepreneurship), 16 Days of Activism.
SDG 8	Decent Work & Economic Growth	GIZ vocational training, returnee micro-enterprises, hospitality session for safe migration.
SDG 10	Reduced Inequalities	Inclusive Unit eye testing, specialised care for survivors with disabilities, MOGAF elderly support.
SDG 16	Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions	Child trafficking rescue, 4/4 defilement prosecutions, NAPTIP collaboration, NACTAL/LSNSA advocacy.
SDG 17	Partnerships for the Goals	40+ active partners across UN agencies, government, CSOs, faith communities, and private sector.

Challenges & Priorities

Six years of fieldwork has surfaced structural challenges that constrain impact. Our priorities for the next phase are framed in response.

What We've Learned Over the Years

Working directly with children, families, and communities, DSWHUB has identified recurring, practical challenges that affect the impact of our programmes:

- **Limited infrastructure for frontline work**
  There are no dedicated spaces for CSOs to receive or support beneficiaries effectively, which affects coordination and service delivery.
- **Short-term support vs long-term needs**
  Many interventions (school support, emergency aid, reintegration assistance) address immediate needs, but **lack follow-up systems** to ensure lasting outcomes.
- **Poverty continues to limit impact**
  Despite school drives and support initiatives, many families still struggle to sustain children's education and basic wellbeing.
- **Gaps in child protection awareness**
  In many communities and faith-based settings, **child rights are still not fully understood or prioritised**, especially for children with additional needs.
- **Weak coordination and tracking systems**
  Limited data sharing, documentation, and follow-up make it difficult to track progress and measure long-term impact.
- **Emotional and social challenges**
  Many beneficiaries face **stress, stigma, and family pressures**, with limited access to structured psychosocial support.
- Limited formal mechanisms for CSO–government data sharing on trafficking cases and returnee profiles.

Where We're Going

DSWHUB is moving towards a more structured and practical approach to service delivery focusing not just on reaching people, but on ensuring continuity, consistency, and long-term impact.

The goal is to:

- Strengthen how support is delivered
- Improve follow-up and tracking
- Build systems that last beyond one-off interventions

Way Forward

To improve impact, DSWHUB will focus on:

- **Improving Service Delivery Structure**
  - Create a dedicated support desk/point for coordinating services
  - Strengthen how beneficiaries are received and referred
- **Introducing Follow-Up Systems**
  - Track beneficiaries after initial support

    - Introduce simple monitoring tools for programmes
- **Expanding Education Support**
    - Scale school drives to reach more communities
    - Provide more consistent support for children at risk of dropping out
- **Strengthening Child Protection Awareness**
    - Increase engagement with schools, parents, and faith-based groups
    - Promote practical understanding of child rights and safeguarding
- **Providing Psychosocial Support**
    - Integrate basic emotional and mental health support into programmes
    - Train staff and volunteers on trauma-informed approaches
- **Improving Coordination & Partnerships**
    - Strengthen relationships with local organisations and stakeholders
    - Improve referral pathways for better service delivery
- **Building Simple Data Systems**
    - Start tracking beneficiaries and outcomes more consistently
- Use data to improve programme planning and reporting

Over the years, DSWHUB has learned that impact is not just about delivering activities, but about consistency, follow-up, and practical systems that support people over time. Moving forward, the focus is on doing things better, not just doing more ensuring that every intervention leads to meaningful and lasting change.

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- WOCON, VOMA, Refugees4Refugees, Web of Hearts Foundation, WHOPE
- Trauma Free World (USA), Cathem Eye Hospital, Bimbo Odukoya Foundation
- RCCI, Latter Day Development Foundation, Mercy of God for Aged Foundation, Habitation of Hope
- CSOnetMADE Nigeria, NACTAL Lagos, LSNSA, DSVA, Global Fund for Women
- FAAN Public Affairs, Port Health Services, MaryPearl, PBOF, WTEI, GIDN
- Authority Newspaper, Newsbusta TV, Arise TV, LTV, Top FM, Jordan FM
- All schools — Kingston, Modamin, Oki, Bachirville, God's Own, Iganmode, and the 11 schools of Lagos Education District 2

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