

Project Snapshot:

# BASKETBALL FOR PEACE

**Location:** Multiple locations, Nigeria

**Website:** [www.ifesh.org/content.php?info\\_id=193](http://www.ifesh.org/content.php?info_id=193)

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## Summary of project:

About one third of Nigeria's total population of about 149 million people are youths between the ages of 10 and 24. Many youths have limited options for engagement in positive or productive activities, thus placing them at risk of causing or contributing to conflict and insecurity in the country which tends to undermine democracy and good governance.

The International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH) is working to prevent and reduce conflicts in five states by strengthening the capacity of Nigerian society to address the factors responsible for violent conflicts. Within each state, IFESH focuses on high-risk areas with a history of violent conflicts or a high potential for conflicts, and then identifies key factors in the conflicts.

IFESH is working with an organization called "Basketball for Peace" to create peace zones and peace clubs to provide recreation and leadership training for young men and women and to serve as a vehicle for conflict management and mitigation training during the initial phases of the sports program. In addition, the clubs also serve as community centers for voter education/civic education and to provide early warning system (EWS) training to help participants recognize signs of potential conflict.

**Project Budget:** \$2,000 USD

Funds support training and equipment for three Peace Zones/Peace Clubs

**" Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Desmond Tutu**



## Nigeria Info:

**Population:** 149,229,090  
(compared to USA's 307M)

**70%** of the population live below the poverty line (2007 est.)

**60%** Youth Unemployment Rate (University of Ibadan, Nat. Institute For Peace)

**2.6** Million people are living with HIV/AIDS (2007)

