National Youth Service Corps Scheme – The Nigeria Experience

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Background

- Population – about 180 million (NBS)
  - Over 40% of the population are under 30 years
- 170 Universities (43 Federal, 48 State and 79 Private)
- 119 Polytechnics (47 Federal, 37 State, 35 Private)
- NYSC Commenced in 1973
- **Objective:** To involve Young Nigerian graduates in nation building while providing safety net in form of Conditional Cash Transfer
Students of all Universities and Polytechnics in the country are automatically enrolled in the scheme upon:

- Graduation and clearance by Institutions.
- 30 years and below and a Nigerian Citizen.

Eligible graduates are duly posted to States outside their States of origin and notified through online notification alerts and call up letters given at the Institutions.

Onboarding is concluded with biometric identification at orientation camps and subsequent posting to places of primary assignment as “National Youth Corps Members”.

The places for primary assignment are usually:

- Employer demand driven
- Corps member’s choice
- General Posting
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| Beneficiaries are monitored through:  
  - Community Development (CD) activities  
  - Monthly Assessment by employers  
  - Periodic spot checks and biometric audit by NYSC officials. |
| **Grievance Redress Mechanism**  |
| GR Desk located in Corps Mobilization Unit in every State. |
Benefits and Sustainability Strategy

Benefits

Beneficiaries are provided the opportunity to gain working experience immediately after graduation.

Get to learn more about the peculiarity of the country (Culture, Norms, Traditions etc).

Gain knowledge and entrepreneurial skills for exit into the labour market and self reliance and job creation space.

Provided with cash safety net throughout the learning and serving period.

Sustainability Strategy

The Scheme is Institutionalized.

There is an Act of Parliament backing the Scheme and this has protected the scheme from policy summersaults.

A strong structure is in place to manage, monitor and assess the scheme.

The scheme is digitalized.

According to NYSC score card, $187,175,998 was disburse 300,000 beneficiaries in 2018.
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