

## The Yanswule Village Project



Within the peaceful sedimentary rock hills of the Wange district, situated within the Tula Kingdom of Kaltungo in Gombe State, Nigeria in West Africa, Yanswule village stands as a modest area. This small settlement, bathed in the warmth of the Nigerian sun, finds itself positioned against a backdrop of lush greenery and busy landscapes, creating a colorful setting that contradicts the struggles faced by its inhabitants.

As the villagers till their fields and tend to their livestock against the backdrop of the Tula Kingdom, adorned with breathtaking natural beauty, The Peter Uba Foundation's field team assessments reveal the overwhelming difficulties that they face, their struggles extending beyond the ordinary tribulations of rural life. The lack of essential resources, lack of healthcare services, inadequate infrastructure, the strains of economic hardship, and limited access to education, clean water, proper sanitation, and sustainable agriculture, emphasize the broader challenges that persist as a barrier that is a dominant part of the daily lives of the people, their trials striking at the core of the community's survival. Penetrating the societal organization and economic provisions that bind them together.

In this locality, the inhabitants deal with issues that involve not only the immediate concerns of health and well-being but also the preservation of their cultural heritage and communal identity. Although the community, is humble, it is knottily woven into the fabric of its surroundings, forming an integral part of the cultural and historical tapestry of the kingdom. Yet, amid the existential hardships, the spirit of Yanswule endures.

The community members draw strength from their shared history, traditions, and the bonds that tie



them together. In the face of suffering, a sense of unity prevails.

As the sun sets over the Wange district, casting shades of orange and pink across the landscape, Yanswule village stands strong, a symbol of the enduring human capacity to confront challenges with grace and fortitude.

The journey of this humble community in the hills of Gombe State exemplifies the universality of human perseverance and the unwavering pursuit of a better tomorrow, set against the peaceful landscapes that embody the hopes and dreams of Yanswule.

The Foundation's commitment to Yanswule reflects a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of challenges faced by communities and the importance of holistic solutions.



As The Foundation extends its outreach to Yanswule, it not only aims to address the immediate suffering of the community but also lays the groundwork for a durable and empowered future.

## Introduction to Yanswule



The little community of Yanswule is a close-knit community, of approximately 400 to 500 indigenous children and families, that form a microcosm of humanity settling in the shadows of the weathered hills surrounding them.

The dwellings of Yanswule, are mostly mud houses reflecting the simplicity of the lifestyle of the people living in them. These homes are built using locally sourced materials, which blend seamlessly with the natural shapes of the landscape.



These closely-knit clusters of houses create a sense of communal living where neighbors are not just individuals living in close proximity, but rather connected threads woven



into the center of Yanswule's social organization.



Within this tight-knit community, the daily tempo of life unfolds as the sun rises, casting a golden glow upon the rocky outcrops, the villagers engage in activities that maintain both their individual households and the collective disposition of the community. The air is filled with the sounds of shared laughter, the hum of daily chores, and the lively interactions

that characterize a village closely connected by communal experiences and shared spaces.



In this small corner of the world, the sedimentary rock hills provide a natural refuge for Yanswule. The stories and legends associated with these environmental formations enrich the community's identity, raising a deep sense of belonging among its people. The rocks,

weathered by time, stand as silent witnesses to the ebb and flow of life in Yanswule, embodying a timeless connection between the villagers and the land they call home.

As seasons change, and the landscape transforms with the passage of time, the people of Yanswule persist in their harmonious coexistence with nature. The tiny community demonstrates the thoughtful connection between people and place, where the contours of the land and the curves of their lives are closely related, shaping the uniqueness of Yanswule.



The primary focus of their living revolves around cultivating a diverse range of crops, highlighting the mutual relationship between the community and the fertile land they cultivate. The productive fields surrounding Yanswule witness the diligent hands of the villagers' sowing crops used to support their families and, by extension, the entire community.

The farming lands flourish with crops, displaying the agricultural competence of the Yanswule people, and serving as a demonstration of the villagers' resourcefulness in utilizing the land's potential. Maize stands tall, its golden cobs glistening in the sunlight, while rice paddies sway gently, indicating the community's



understanding of cultivating staple grains. Soybeans, beans, millet, guinea corn, and groundnut thrive in carefully tended plots, each crop contributing diversely to the nourishment of the villagers.

Beyond the fields, Yanswule reveals another side of its artisanal skill. The villagers, in addition to their farming activities, attach their skills to traditional crafts. The regular sounds of chisels against wood



resound as artisans sculpt mortars and pestles, transforming raw timber into essential tools for pounding. This age-old practice not only displays the community's creativity but also preserves cultural traditions passed down through generations, creating functional tools that are both utilitarian and symbolic.

In the field of blacksmithing, the villagers engage in the time-honored craft of shaping metal into necessary tools. Hammers pound on anvils as skilled hands forge hoes and cutlasses, basic implements for cultivating the land and harvesting crops. The blacksmith's workshop becomes an important point of communal activity, where the blending of fire and metal represents the hardiness and adaptability of Yanswule's people, representing their approach to self-sufficiency.



The villagers of Yanswule demonstrate not only an understanding of the land's fertility but also an insightful understanding of the need for varied skills to direct their natural environment. This constant blend of agriculture and craftsmanship promotes a sense of community pride, as each villager plays a vital role in the cooperative effort to ensure the living and well-being of the Yanswule people.



As the sun sets over the fields and workshops, the confirmation of a day's labor lingers in the air, and the hands of the villagers tell stories of cultivation and creation. In Yanswule, the union of these activities not only maintains the life of the Yanswule people but also deepens the cultural legacy of a community truly connected to the

land and the crafts that define their survival.

## The Peter Uba Foundation's FTSH Program

The Peter Uba Foundation, guided by its unwavering commitment to alleviating human suffering, has established the "For The Suffering Humanity" (FTSH) program. The FTSH program is a conduit for transformative change, embodying the ethos of The Peter Uba Foundation in its dedication to alleviating the suffering of humanity one community at a time, demonstrating that, even in the face of formidable challenges, positive change is not only possible but achievable through concentrated efforts.



This initiative through our boots-on-the-ground team during a series of field visits, works by identifying diverse communities that we serve and work with across various countries based on their unique needs and pressing humanitarian circumstances.

The Foundation uses a meticulous approach to addressing the specific needs of each community, by engaging directly with the people. The team gains insights into the specific needs, vulnerabilities, and aspirations of the communities, ensuring that interventions are tailored to address the most demanding

issues effectively. These field assessments go beyond statistical data, the determined, and dedicated field team of The Peter Uba Foundation on this journey of empathy, compassion, understanding, and deliberate mission of meaningful impact, immerse themselves in the realities faced by communities in need.



Our field team identified the village of Yanswule, based on the comprehensive evaluation that revealed the compounding nature of the challenges produced by the current circumstances faced by its inhabitants. These challenges, aggravated by the current circumstances, speak to the urgent and critical need for intervention and support.

By identifying Yanswule through this meticulous process, The Peter Uba Foundation aims to tailor its interventions to meet the specific needs of the community. This personalized and background-specific approach would ensure that the donations collected from this campaign are utilized in the most effective and feasible manner to promote positive, long-term changes in the community.



## Challenges Faced by the Villagers

Amid Yanswule's attractive beauty is a story of hardship, where the idyllic surroundings contradict the substantial struggles faced by the people. The villagers face a range of difficult problems. These challenges, when viewed collectively, paint an intense picture of a community pushing for progress amid harsh conditions. The beauty that graces Yanswule's landscapes becomes a sad backdrop against which the urgency of addressing these hardships is emphasized, reminding us of the impact that targeted interventions can have on the lives of people. The challenges include:



1. **Inadequate Access to Clean Water:** Yanswule contends with the obvious absence of proper clean water, a fundamental necessity for not only drinking but also for various domestic activities. The villagers, despite being surrounded by the natural bounty of the Tula Kingdom, lack a reliable water source, forcing them to endure the hardships associated with water scarcity. The scarcity of clean water worsens health risks and points out the pressing need for viable solutions to ensure a safe and reliable water supply.
2. **Limited Access to Medical Facilities and Medication:** Intensifying the struggle for survival is the absence of accessible medical facilities and essential medications. The lack of proper medical infrastructure leaves them vulnerable to preventable illnesses and aggravates the impact of existing health concerns, emphasizing the critical need for improved healthcare services and facilities. This challenge emphasizes the immediate necessity for the establishment of medical infrastructure and the provision of essential medications to safeguard the well-being of the community.
3. **Lack of Proper Agricultural Storage:** The absence of proper storage facilities for agricultural products poses a significant hurdle for the predominantly farming community of Yanswule. Harvested crops, the lifeblood of the villagers' provisions, are at risk due to a lack of storage facilities, leaving them susceptible to spoilage and loss. Addressing this challenge becomes imperative not only for food security but also for the economic stability of the community, highlighting the need for infrastructure to safeguard and improve agricultural yields, necessitating interventions to address this essential challenge.
4. **Absence of Educational Facilities:** Education, a cornerstone of human development, is a distant dream for the inhabitants of Yanswule. The need for educational facilities in Yanswule deprives the community, particularly the youth, of opportunities for intellectual growth and empowerment. Providing access to quality education is a crucial initiative to break the cycle of limited educational attainment and further community development.
5. **Poor Agricultural Tools and Implements:** The handicap of inadequate and inefficient agricultural tools, impedes their ability to improve farming practices. The lack of modern and efficient tools undermines the productivity of their farming efforts perpetuating a cycle of subsistence agriculture. Addressing this challenge involves not only providing improved tools but also adopting sustainable agricultural practices that not only increase agricultural productivity but also elevate the overall standard of living for the farming community.

Among the myriad challenges faced by Yanswule, a subset appears as particularly impactful, representing the major hurdles that demand immediate attention to uplift the Yanswule community. The enumeration of these challenges serves as a reminder of the need for targeted interventions that address the fundamental issues deterring the health and well-being of Yanswule.

## No Proper Clean Water for Drinking



The critical importance of clean water as an elemental necessity for life itself, is evident in the daily struggles faced by the villagers of Yanswule. The absence of a reliable source of potable water for drinking has transformed into a persistent nightmare for the villagers, continuing a cycle of hardship that reaches beyond mere inconvenience, to a representation of a community held hostage by the absence of a basic necessity. The primary water source, a shallow well, is representational of the challenges faced by the community, particularly during the unreliable patterns of Nigeria's seasonal variations.



The shallow well, the lifeline for Yanswule's water needs, is an unreliable companion, drying up during the arid stretches of the dry seasons and filled with water during the downpours of the rainy seasons. However, the inherent vulnerability of this well is laid bare as it is unprotected and exposed to

the elements. Dust, running water, and the presence of animals—cattle, goats, sheep, and pigs—converge upon the well, turning what should be a sanctuary of life into a breeding ground for contamination.

In this desperate quest for water, both human and animal inhabitants of Yanswule converge at the same source, sharing an invaluable but tainted resource. The repercussions are dire, as the symbiotic relationship between villagers and animals in accessing water leads to the rampant spread of diseases. The villagers, in their search for survival, unintentionally expose themselves to waterborne illnesses such as typhoid fever, malaria, cholera, and dysentery, creating a public health crisis that exacts a toll on the community's well-being.



The awful reality of preventable diseases becomes an inescapable part of daily life in Yanswule. The lack of clean water, coupled with unsanitary conditions and the absence of medical facilities, forms a trifecta that catapults the villagers into a constant battle against life-threatening ailments. The consequences are not just the prevalence of illness but a constant pathway to death, An expressive testimony during a visitation by The Peter Uba Foundation field team brings to light the choices faced by the villagers.



One resident, having spent all his resources on transporting his ailing wife to a clinic, faces the harsh reality that she is diagnosed with typhoid fever. With no financial means to afford the necessary treatment, the danger of death looms over her. This heart-wrenching story is not an

isolated incident but illustrates the shared agony of almost every villager in Yanswule, as they deal with the consequences of unclean water and its devastating impact on health and life.

The Peter Uba Foundation's outreach program becomes not just an intervention but a lifeline, offering hope for a future where the essential element of clean water is no longer a source of anguish but a specimen of life and well-being for the villagers of Yanswule.



## Storage Facilities and Harvest Sustainability



The non-existence of proper storage facilities in Yanswule amplifies the trials faced by the community, creating a surging effect that deepens the struggles of its dwellers. The people face the harsh reality that, despite their laboring and devotion, there is no infrastructure to safeguard the harvests of their labor. This lack was acutely

clear during one of The Peter Uba Foundation field team assessment visits.

During the assessment, it was evident that elements directly threaten the food and livelihoods of the farmers, regularly faced with a significant predicament when it comes to storing their harvested crops. The lack of storage facilities means that, particularly during heavy rainfall, farmers are forced to contend with the vulnerability and possible spoilage of their harvests. The implications of this lack unfolded in a distressing scene where a farmer, having just harvested maize, found himself at the mercy of unpredictable weather.



In the aftermath of the harvest, as the maize lay exposed for sun-drying, an unforeseen heavy rainfall was a harbinger of distress. The downpour led to the flow of rainwater in the direction where the crops were laid out for drying. Witnessing the predicament of the farmer firsthand, and recognizing the immediate need to salvage the maize harvest, our field team collaborated with the farmer to hastily pack and secure the crops from further damage.



In response to this critical issue, The Peter Uba Foundation has taken proactive steps towards implementing a lasting solution. The Foundation is currently working in tandem with the villagers to establish a community cooperative storage facility, that goes above the provision of a physical structure, representing a medium for change, strength, and empowerment. This initiative is an essential component of The Foundation's sustainability program, aiming not only to provide immediate relief but also to empower the community to take charge of its future.

The envisioned storage facility will be a communal asset, offering a secure refuge for the farmers to preserve their harvest.

The collaborative effort between The Peter Uba Foundation, and the villagers shows a collective commitment to breaking the cycle of helplessness and providing a foundation for durable agricultural practices. The Peter Uba Foundation aims to create a lasting impact, promoting a future where the agricultural quests of the Yanswule



community are no longer hindered by volatile weather but are instead supported by the strength of collective initiatives and community-driven solutions.



### Access to Medical Facilities and Medication

The villagers of Yanswule are facing a great deal of suffering due to the absence of medical facilities and essential medications. The situation has been worsened by the consumption of contaminated water and other contributing factors, which has led to detrimental health impacts. In this rural area, it is becoming clear that access to proper healthcare is not only a challenge, but a critical necessity for survival.



The lack of a healthcare center and medications is causing widespread suffering among the villagers and extending beyond individual cases.

The villagers of Yanswule have to travel kilometers away to reach the nearest

village with an insufficient medical center. Due to poor transportation infrastructure, this journey is demanding, time-consuming, and laborious, making it challenging for sick villagers to seek medical attention.

In Yanswule, the importance of good health is emphasized by the saying "health is wealth." The villagers are acutely aware of this fact, as their ability to work and provide for their families depends on their well-being. Unfortunately, the absence of medical facilities in the area not only puts the health

of the villagers at risk but also limits their capacity to engage in activities that are essential for their survival.

Preventable ailments such as typhoid fever, malaria, cholera, and dysentery afflict the villagers, leading to a vicious cycle of sickness and compromised well-being. The absence of timely medical intervention transforms routine illnesses into life-threatening conditions. Ailing individuals find themselves incapacitated, unable to contribute to the agricultural activities that sustain their livelihoods.

The Peter Uba Foundation recognizes the significant link between health and well-being. This campaign aims to bridge the healthcare gap in Yanswule by establishing medical facilities that can cater to the unique needs of this rural community. By addressing this critical aspect of well-being, The Foundation seeks to alleviate the immediate suffering of the villagers and create a healthier future where preventable diseases and inaccessible healthcare will be a thing of the past. This will enable the villagers to pursue their livelihoods more efficiently.

### Villagers' Plea and Call to Action

In the peaceful surroundings of Yanswule, with rolling hills encompassing the village, the united cry for assistance from the strong people of this tight-knit community can be heard. The collective voice of Yanswule, resonating throughout the hills, has reached out to The Peter Uba Foundation, laying bare



the difficulties and sufferings that have become an integral part of their daily lives.

The people of Yanswule have reached out to The Peter Uba Foundation for help. Their request is not only a cry for assistance, but also a sign of trust and hope, inviting a force for change to bring light to the difficulties that overshadow their tightly knit clusters and communities.



The unmistakable sense of gratitude surrounds Yanswule as The Peter Uba Foundation arrives to offer their support in the village. The villagers are appreciative of The Foundation's

acknowledgment of their struggles and the impact that external aid can have on a community dealing with human suffering. The Foundation's presence serves as a source of encouragement, bringing the villagers together and promoting a sense of unity and shared purpose.

In this moment of connection, the people of Yanswule articulate their earnest plea for aid. The challenges they face, from the lack of clean water to the absence of medical facilities, from inadequate agricultural storage to the pressing need for educational resources, converge in a chorus of voice. The villagers, with humility, implore The Foundation to extend a helping hand and collaborate with them to navigate the intricacies of their hardships. The villagers yearn for sustainable interventions that will uplift their community, their plea is an emotional reminder that collective action, borne out of compassion and understanding, has the power to transform the trajectory of a community and inspire a renewed sense of hope.

In response to this heartfelt call, The Peter Uba Foundation's commitment to addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by the villagers embodies a vision of collaborative empowerment, where



the convergence of external support and local resilience can pave the way towards a brighter and more dignified future for the people of Yanswule.



## Solicitation and Donation Appeal

The community of Yanswule envisions transformations that would significantly improve their quality of life. The villagers' main concern is the dire state of their drinking water, which poses a serious threat to their health and well-being. The people of Yanswule are deeply worried about this issue and express their earnest desire for an immediate solution to the critical issue of clean water.



This campaign in collaboration with The Peter Uba Foundation, symbolizes a transformative intervention that will uplift the entire community. The villagers of Yanswule extend their collective gratitude to The Peter Uba Foundation for the opportunity to share their troubles. They believe that The Foundation, with its commitment to positive change, will be instrumental in resolving the crucial issue of clean water access.



A solution to this main problem holds the key to unlocking a flow of improvements in health, well-being, and overall community development. To facilitate this transformative journey, The Peter Uba Foundation invites compassionate individuals and benefactors like you, to contribute to this noble cause. **You can**

**make a lasting impact on the lives of Yanswule villagers by visiting The Foundation's website at [www.peterubafoundation.org](http://www.peterubafoundation.org). Through this campaign, The Foundation aims to raise funds for the construction of ten (10) borehole water centers at a cost of \$50,000, to provide sustainable access to clean water for the community. Additionally, donations are needed for the creation of two (2) storage facilities at a cost of \$125,000, necessary structures that will safeguard harvested crops, enhancing food security for the villagers. The facilities require a collective donation of \$175,000.**

**The significance of your donation extends beyond monetary value. It represents a lifeline for Yanswule, that will not only quench their immediate thirst but also encourage long-term sustainability. Your generous donations will directly contribute to the construction of borehole water centers and storage facilities.** In supporting The Peter Uba Foundation's initiatives for Yanswule, you become an integral part of a transformative narrative, playing a role in bringing clean water and harvest storage solutions to a community that has endured hardships for far too long. **Your donation demonstrates the immense power of collective compassion to uplift and empower children and families in need in Yanswule village.**

**Your support matters.**

**Thank you.**