



Country Fact Sheet

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I. Checklist for Voluntary Return



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Before the Return

The returnee should

- ✓ Request documents from the German authorities that might be needed later (this can be either any document that proves he/she was a migrant in Germany or entitled to any type of assistance upon return).
- ✓ Bring the decision document that he/she has returned to Nigeria as well as Passport and ID, in general a valid travel document to re-enter the country.
- ✓ Find a temporary accommodation, e.g. in hotels in the city or stay with family or relatives until a permanent residence is found.
- ✓ Get information concerning the arrival at the airport and the onward journey.

After the Return

The returnee should

- ✓ Register with relevant authorities and should renew their IDs and documents if lost or expired as stated in the below section.
- ✓ Obtain any of the following documents after return:
 - National ID Card
 - Voters Card
 - International Passport
 - driving license
- ✓ Visit the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs if application for a specific social service is wanted. This includes returnees who are living with a disability or are unemployed.
- ✓ Register children at a private or public school and obtain invoice/quotation for fees.

II. Health Care

I. General Information

The Nigeria healthcare system consist of both public and private health care facilities. Most public health facilities offer both secondary and tertiary level of healthcare with availability of multiple specialist and is much cheaper. The private health facilities are more expensive but access to care is more convenient.

Both private and public health insurance are available in Nigeria. The public health insurance provides benefit packages that covers both primary, secondary and tertiary level of care.

Benefits:

The insurance covers 90% of the medication cost, medical consultation fee, laboratory investigations, hospital admission fee up to 21 days cumulative hospital stay per year, 50% of cost for radiological investigations, and surgical fees.

Private health insurance is also available, extent of coverage depends on the purchased premium plan but generally there is provision for primary and secondary level of care.

Costs:

For public health insurance, self employed individuals are registered under the Voluntary Contributor Social Health insurance Scheme. Member fee is USD41.7 (15000 NGN), this is renewed every 12 months. For individuals in formal employment and insured by employer, 10% of the monthly salary is deducted monthly however coverage extends to spouse and four dependents.

Cost of private health insurance varies depending on existence of health issues and level of care needed.

2. Medical treatment and medication

Medical facilities and doctors:

- Lagos State University Teaching Hospital LASUTH
1 - 5, Oba Akinjobi Road,
Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria
- National Hospital Abuja
Central Business District, Abuja.
- University of Benin Teaching Hospital UBTH
Igbowo road, benin city, Edo State.
- Delta State University Teaching Hospital
Asaba, Delta State.
- University of Port-Harcourt
Cross-River State.
- Aminu Kano University Teaching Hospital,
Kano state.

Procedure of admission:

First, the patient should visit a clinic for the diagnosis. Based on the diagnosis, he/she will then be referred to other clinics or special hospitals, if required.

The National ID/Evidence of registration in the hospital is usually requested for.

Availability and costs of medication:

Most generic medications are available except for few newly licenced/FDA approved medications e.g. anti-neoplastic medications, psychiatric medicines, immune agents, newly developed medications for emerging infectious diseases etc. that may not be available.

Cost of drugs and services varies by level of care and type of illnesses. Drugs are usually purchased from pharmaceutical stores outside the hospital upon presentation of doctors' prescription.

Health Care System: Access for Returnees

Eligibility and requirements:

The public health insurance scheme is available for all Nigerian citizen.

Presentation of the National ID and payment of the member fee/contribution are the only requirement.

Registration procedure :

For Public health Insurance, registration can be done online via the National Health Insurance Scheme NHIS website <https://www.nhisonline.com.ng/>. After payment of membership fee, waiting period is 60 days before activation of the benefit package.

For private health insurance, the individual will contact the preferred health maintenance organisation for registration procedure.

Required documents:

National Identity Cards and passport photograph.

III. Labour Market and Employment

I. General information

The economical active or working age population of Nigeria which falls within 15 – 64 years, stands at 57.75% of the population according to the National Bureau of Statistics of Nigeria. Employment is mostly in the public sector with 27.60% according to the National Bureau of Statistic, while the private sector contributes to a lesser part of employment; 11.04%. The labour force in Nigeria currently is 23.1%. Job opportunities exists in the private sector; however it is still not strong enough to support lowering the unemployment rate.

2. Ways/assistance to find employment

The Federal Ministry Of Labor and Employment through the National Electronic Labor Exchange (NELEX), and Migrant Resource Center (MRC) provides employment policies and programs for employment generation, actualization of the National Action Plan on employment creation, and the local employment content initiatives of the Federal Government. These programs and policies are executed through agencies of the Ministry, local and international social partners. There are several online websites and recruitment agencies that are popular. These include the following:

- <http://www.jobberman.com>
- <http://ngcareers.com>
- <http://myjobmag.com>
- <http://www.hotnigerianjobs.com>
- <http://www.jobseeker.ng>
- <http://www.nigerianjobportal.com>

3. Unemployment assistance

General information on public and/or private unemployment assistance:

The federal Government of Nigeria has made available various unemployment assistance programs ranging from entrepreneurship to vocational trainings under the following scheme:

- Npower
- YOUwin
- SURE-P

Other TVET and entrepreneurial programs are initiated by the Industrial Trust Fund (ITF).

There are no financial assistance offered in Nigeria currently.

Benefits and Costs:

The state does not pay unemployment assistance at the national level.

4. Further education and trainings

The Nigerian government has developed a vocational training programs through the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) to respond to the challenges of high unemployment. These program aims to improve the productivity, marketable skills and employment through Vocational and Technical Training Centers and Employment Service Centers. These trainings are accessible for free upon registration, and there exist other private centers that provide courses for a fee.

Unemployment Assistance: Access for Returnees

Eligibility and requirements:

The vocational training programs respond to the challenges of high unemployment, an under-skilled workforce for every Nigerian (especially the youths). NDE through the Migrant Resource Center shares details and assist migrants for jobs, TVETs, and other opportunities available.

Registration procedure:

National Directorate for Employment through the Migrant Resource Center shares details and assist migrants for jobs, TVETs, and other opportunities available.

Required documents:

National Identity Cards and passport photograph.

IV. Housing

I. General Information

The price for rent in Nigeria depends on the location, size and the features of house or apartment. The price of houses in some cities are higher than others (with some having significant differences). Generally rental costs in Nigeria start from 250 – 16,650 USD for various ranges in cities, and 160 – 560 USD in countryside for apartments annually. The type of accommodations that exist in Nigeria are:

- **Studio Apartment:** ranges from 160 – 300 USD in countryside and 500 – 970 USD in the cities annually.
- **Mini flat (1 room):** ranges from 220 – 450 USD in countryside and 550 – 1800 USD in the cities annually.
- **Bungalow (2 rooms):** ranges from 350 – 950 USD in countryside and 970 – 4000 USD in the cities annually.
- **Bungalow (3 rooms):** ranges from 500 – 1400 USD in countryside and 1250 – 5550 USD in the cities annually.
- **Duplex:** ranges from 6000 – 16,650 USD in the cities. Duplex are mostly found in cities annually.

The price and demand for houses in cities are high, and the price for land is highly dependent on location, size and features thereof. Whereas the demand for rent has increased, that for land has also followed suit. The approximate cost of utilities in Nigeria per month is as follows:

- Gas (4,000 NGN per month)
- Water (1,500-4,000 NGN per month)
- Public electricity (2,500 – 18,000 NGN per month)

- Private or generators (8000 – 12000 NGN per month)

There are no temporary housing facilities for returnees, except shelters for trafficked persons and returnees who belong to a vulnerable group.

2. Ways/assistance to find accommodation

There are no government or public agencies that returnees can contact for finding accommodation at the moment. But there are private real estate agencies that are available in neighborhoods and websites.

3. Social grants for housing

There are no social grants or loans available for housing currently by the government. Although there are some private banks that provide loans to build a house with terms and condition that are aligned by their policies.



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V. Social Welfare

I. General Information

There is no state welfare system available in Nigeria at the moment. Social welfare is mostly provided by family members, philanthropical organizations (missions and religious centres), and international aid partners.

2. Pension System

All employees in the public sector enter the pension system as soon as they are employed by the government. The private sector of less than 3 employees, or more than 15 employees can also enter them into the pension system. Employees can have access to their pension when they retire at the age of 50. The pension salary is determined according to the number of years employed and the base salary.

Costs:

Employers and the employees contribute minimum percentages of the employees' salary to the scheme every month. The minimum contribution for the employer is 10%, and 8% for the employee.

Benefits:

Procurement of annuity that provides regular income to the contributor, or fund a programmed withdrawal.

3. Vulnerable Groups

The group of persons who fall within the vulnerable group in the society are children, pregnant women, elderly people, homeless, malnourished people, people who are ill and disabled persons. There is no proper government support for these group for now, except interventions from international partners (e.g. USAID, UNHCR, WFP, etc.).



VI. Educational System

I. General Information

The education system in Nigeria is overseen by the Ministry of Education. This educational system adopted in the country is the 6-3-3-4 system of education in Nigeria, the recipient of the education would spend six years in primary school, three years in junior secondary school, three years in senior secondary school, and four years in a tertiary institution. It starts in primary school at the age of 5 which goes on for six years, before graduating to another level of the system.

Educational Level	Age
e.g. Child care / nursery school	e.g. 0,5 – 4
Primary Level	
e.g. Elementary School	e.g. 5 – 11
Secondary Level	
e.g. Junior Secondary School	e.g. 11 – 13
e.g. Senior Secondary School,	e.g. 14 – 17
Higher Education	
e.g. College, University, Professional School etc.	e.g. From 18

2. Cost, loans and stipends

The cost for public education is low and affordable compared to the private educational institutions. Hence, as for private schools and universities, the tuition fee varies from one institution to another. In the public sector, no loans or stipends are available. However, there are scholarships that are received by merit through grants made available by NGOs, philanthropists, religious bodies, etc. which are accessed based on peculiar criteria designed by these bodies.

3. Approval and verification of foreign diplomas

The government has set up an education verification system that verifies and approves foreign certificates and diplomas. The returned persons who have studied in the host country, will need to undergo the following procedures: First, they need to bring a certificate from the school they have attended in the host country. The certificate must be confirmed by the Nigerian Embassy in the host country and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or through the Nigerian Education Verification System. Additionally, applicants must provide a copy of their passport (including visa and residency information, if necessary). Private schools demand additional tests and procedures.

Educational System: Access and Registration Procedure for Returnees

The individual are required to provide the following documents to the institution they want to register for:

- ID of the child and parents.
- Results/certificate from former institution attended.

If the child/student has studied abroad and has obtained certificates, these need to be confirmed by the Nigerian Embassy in the host country and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officially equalized.

VII. Concrete Support for Returnees

1. Reintegration assistance programs

- International Organization for Migration - AVRRE Program
- Idia Renaissance.
- The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

2. Financial and administrative support

There are some NGOs and charity groups that provide help to the people in need.

- Development Initiative for Community Enhancement

3. Support to start income generating activities

- IOM Programmes (AVRR etc.)
- GIZ Programmes in Nigeria



VIII. Contact Information and Useful Links (1/4)

International, Non-Governmental, Humanitarian Organizations

Development Initiative for Community Enhancement

Suite C 35 Danziyal Plaza, Central Area ABUJA.
Tel.: +234 705 760 6868
Email: xxx
Internet: www.dice.org.ng

GIZ Nigeria

592 Idejo Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria
Tel.: +234 815 499 0888
Email: giz-nigeria@giz.de

Idia Renaissance

2, Ihama Road, G.R.A Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.
Tel.: (234) 80561 28927
Tel.: (234) 80629 32409
Email: support@idia-renaissance.org
Internet: www.idia-renaissance.org

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

436 Kumasi Crescent, off Aminu Kano Way, Wuse II, Abuja
Tel.: +234 9 413 3683
Email: xxx
Internet: <https://www.icrc.org/en/where-we-work/africa/nigeria>

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

I Isaac John street GRA Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria
Tel.: +234 (0) 90 6265 5575
Tel.: +234 (0) 90 6265 8205
Email: iomnigeria@iom.int
Internet: <https://nigeria.iom.int>

Name Foundation

13, Okhoro Road, 2nd Floor, Benin City, Edo State
Tel.: +234 (0) 803 186 3552
Email: info@name-foundation.org
Internet: <https://name-foundation.org>

Pathfinders Justice Initiatives

I Faith Way
Benin City, Edo State NIGERIA
Tel.: +234 817 612 3228
Email: info@pathfindersji.org
Internet: <https://www.pathfindersji.org>

UNICEF Nigeria

14a Lugard Ave, Ikoyi, P.O.Box. 1282 Lagos, Nigeria
Tel.: +234 1 461 5644-45, +234 (0)803 525 0288
Email: nigeria@unicef.org
Internet: <https://www.unicef.org/nigeria>

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

13 Awolowo Rd, Ikoyi, Lagos
Tel.: +234 810 534 3212
Email: nigab@unhcr.org
Internet: <http://www.unhcr.org>

WFP

2A Udo, Udoma St, Asokoro, Abuja
Tel.: +234 (0) 907 025 0844
Tel.: +234 (0) 907 025 0847
Email: wfp.Abuja@wfp.org
Internet: <https://www1.wfp.org/countries/nigeria>

WHO

4th Floor, United Nations House Plot 617/618 Central Area District PMB 2861 Abuja, Nigeria
Tel.: +234 (0) 946 28 900
Email: afwcongho@who.int
Internet: <https://www.afro.who.int/countries/nigeria>

WOTCLEF

22&24 Oliver de Coque Crescent, Off Pa Michael Imoudu Avenue Gwarinpa Housing Estate, FCT Abuja.
Tel.: +234 (0) 803 616 1672
Email: info@wotclef.org
Internet: <https://wotclef.org.ng>

VIII. Contact Information and Useful Links (2/4)

Relevant local authorities (employment offices, health/pension insurances etc.)

LAGOS STATE EMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND

16 Billings Way, Oregun, Ikeja

Tel.: +234 906 0000 022

Email: support@lsetf.ng

Internet: www.lsetf.ng

NATIONAL ELECTRONIC LABOUR EXCHANGE

Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, Federal Secretariat, Phase I, Shehu Shagari Way, Abuja, Nigeria.

5th Floor, Broad, 14 Broad St, Lagos

Tel.: +234 908-0119-604, +234 818 6638 004

Email: info@nelexnigeria.com

Internet: <https://www.nelexnigeria.com/>

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME (NHIS)

443, Herbert Marcoulay Street, Yaba, Lagos State.

Tel.: 08039753274, 0802 626 4895

Email: oakingbade@nhis.gov.ng

Internet: <http://nhis.gov.ng>

NATIONAL PENSION COMMISSION

174 Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja, Nigeria.

Tel.: +234 9460 3930

Email: info@pencom.gov.ng

Internet: <https://www.pencom.gov.ng>

MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER (MRC)

Cardinal Olubunmi Okogie Road, (Beside Ikoyi Passport Office), Ikoyi, Lagos State.

Tel.: 07031375512

Email: info@nelexnigeria.com

Internet: <http://mrc.nelexnigeria.com>

Small And Medium Enterprise Development Agency Of Nigeria (SMEDAN)

24 Fatai Atere Way, Papa Ajao, Lagos

Tel.: 08036265073, 08033774866

Email: info@smedan.gov.ng

Internet: <http://www.smedan.gov.ng>

Services assisting with the search for jobs, housing, etc.

LAGOS STATE MINISTRY OF HOUSING

The Secretariat, Obafemi Awolowo Way, Ikeja, Lagos State, Nigeria.

Tel.: (+234) 803 222 1979, 0803 319 5157

Email: info@lagosstate.gov.ng

Internet: <https://housing.lagosstate.gov.ng>

MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER (MRC)

FMLE/MRC. Cardinal Olubunmi Okogie road (formally Ikoyi road) by passport Office Ikoyi.

Tel.: 07031375512

Email: info@nelexnigeria.com

Internet: <http://mrc.nelexnigeria.com>

SOCIETY FOR EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS

No. 4 Amadasun Street Off Lucky Ogbebor Way Off Ehigiator Street Off PZ, Sapele Road, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria

Tel.: 08023343972

Email: seyp_2008@yahoo.com

Internet: nil

JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES – NIGERIA

310 Herbert Macaulay Way, Sabo yaba 100001, Lagos
Tel: 0818 719 6021, 0801 429 7060

Email: info@justempower.org

Internet: <https://www.justempower.org/>

VIII. Contact Information and Useful Links (3/4)

Medical Facilities

AVON HEALTHCARE MODIC MEDICAL CENTRE

6 Akenzua Street, Off Adesogbe Road, Odogbo 300271, Benin City
Tel.: 0803 703 3044
Email: info@avonmedical.com
Internet: www.avonhealthcare.com, www.avonmedical.com

CAPITAL HEALTH SERVICE

No. 1 Eresoyen street off Urubi street Iyaro, Benin City. Edo State.
Tel.: 09086774477
Email: care@capitalhealthcare.com.ng
Internet: <https://www.chscnigeria.com/>

FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL

1 Fairview Hospital Drive, Okumagba Avenue, Warri. Delta State.
Tel.: 0806 942 2492
Email: info@fairviewhospitalnigeria.com
Internet: www.fairviewhospitalnigeria.com

FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE

Nnebisi Road, Isieke, Asaba
Tel.: 0701 918 8232
Email: fmcasaba@Hotmail.com, fmcasaba@yahoo.co.uk
Internet: Nil

FEDERAL NEURO-PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

New Lagos Road, Use 234052, Benin City, Edo State.
Urora Road, Off Iduomwinna and Benin-Agbor Roads, Benin City, Edo state.
Tel.: 0803 223 1189
Email: contactus@fnphbenin.gov.ng
Internet: www.fnphbenin.gov.ng

GENESIS HOSPITAL

67 Oduduwa crescent, Ikeja GRA Lagos
Tel.: +234 1 632 3388, +234 703 8253 044
Email: info@genesishospitalng.com
Internet: www.genesishospitalng.com

LAGOS UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL

Ishaga Road, Idi-Araba, Lagos
Tel.: 0903 879 7907, 0807 059 1395
Email: info@luth.org.ng
Internet: www.luth.org.ng

NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL IGBOBI-LAGOS

120/124 Ikorodu Rd, Igbobi, Lagos
Tel.: 0706 640 4598
Email: nohil@nohlagos.gov.ng
Internet: www.nohlagos.gov.ng

NEW IKEJA HOSPITAL

13/15 Gbajobi street off Obafemi Awolowo way Ikeja
Tel.: 08056249499
Email: ihah@newikejahospital.com

PARAGONE INT'L HEALTH AND SUPPORT INITIATIVE

No 252 Zik's Avenue, Awka, Anambara state.
Tel.: 0803 474 2722
Email: paragoneintermation@gmail.com
Internet: Nil

THE GRACEHILL PLACE

No. 8b Obadare street, Lakeview estate, off Raji Rasaki Estate. Amuwo Odofin. Lagos.
Tel.: 09091107514, 07012519431
Email: info@gbhs.com.ng
Internet: www.gbhs.com.ng

VIII. Contact Information and Useful Links (4/4)

Other Contacts (e.g. NGOs for women and children, microcredit-lending)

DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

Suite C 35 Danziya Plaza Central Area Abuja.
Plot 25, Aliyu Attah Road, Off IBB way, Lokoja,
Kogi State.

NigeriaTel.: 07057606868, +234 705 385 8209

Email: project@dice-ngr.org

Internet: www.dice-ngr.org

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No. 4 Amadasun Street Off Lucky Ogbebor Way Off
Ehigiator Street Off PZ, Sapele Road, Benin City, Edo State,
Nigeria.

Tel.: 08023343972

Email: seyp_2008@yahoo.com

Internet: nil

WOTCLEF

22&24 Oliver de Coque Crescent, Off Pa Michael Imoudu
Avenue Gwarinpa Housing Estate, FCT Abuja.

Tel.: +234 (0) 803 616 1672

Email: info@wotclef.org

Internet: <https://wotclef.org.ng>

CONCERN FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT (COWOYEM)

No. 92 Direct Labour Agency Road, Asaba, Delta State,
Nigeria.

Tel.: 08035187424, 07067123952

Email: concern4wye@yahoo.co.uk

Internet: nil

For further information please visit the information portal on
voluntary return and reintegration *ReturningfromGermany*:

<https://www.returningfromgermany.de/en/countries/nigeria>