



NIGERIA

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Nigeria is the most populated country in Africa. Its oil and other natural resources make it the continent's wealthiest country, but two thirds of the population live in poverty. The country is made up of an incredibly mixed group of people from more than 250 different ethnic groups and a number of different religions. Its landscape is just as varied; ranging from tropical rainforests and swamps, to deserts and open grasslands.

Capital
Abuja

Area size
923,768 sq km

Official language
English. Other languages spoken include Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo) & Fulani

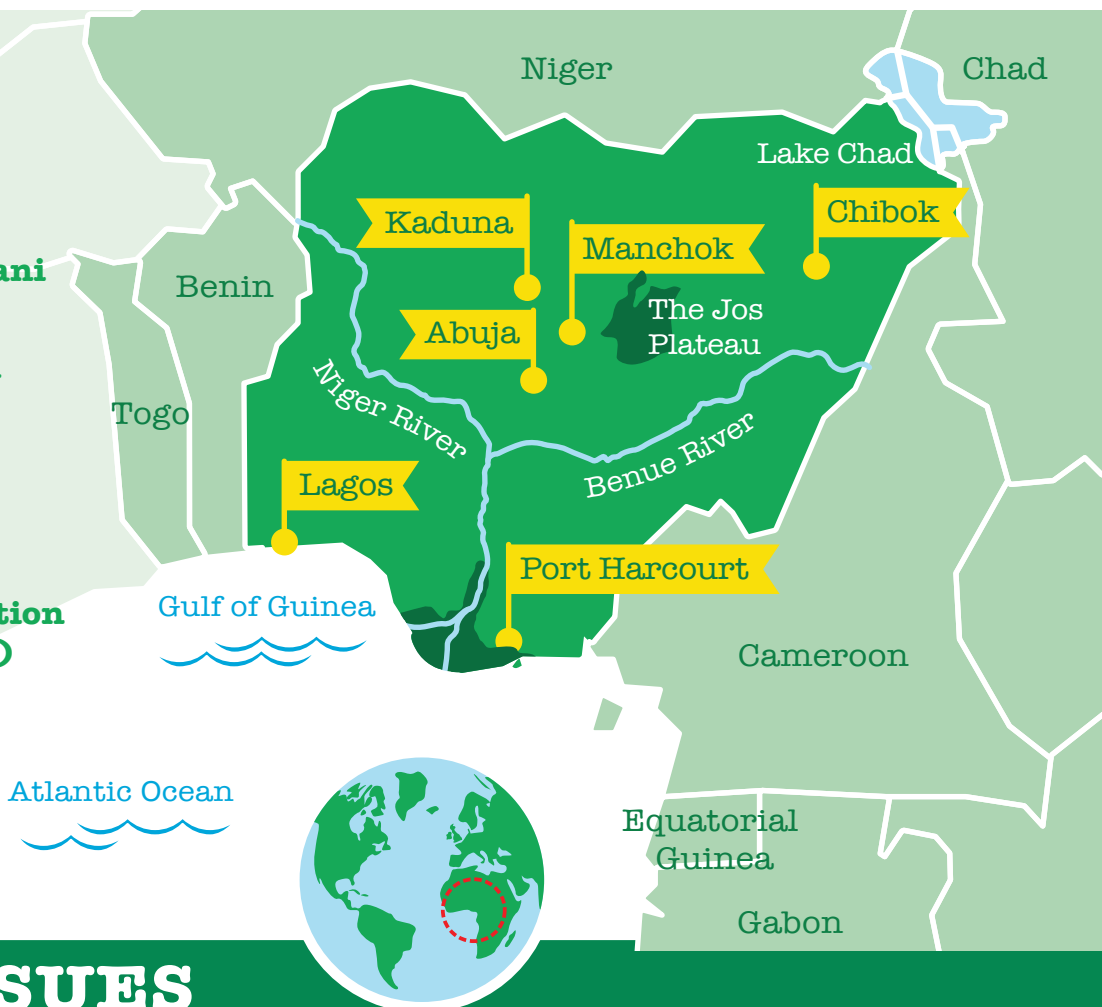
Climate
Tropical in the centre and south, dry in the north

Population
177,155,754

Population distribution
49.6% of Nigeria's population live in urban areas (2011)

Money
1 Naira = 100 Kobo

Life expectancy
**52 years (men)
54 years (women)**



THE BIG ISSUES



Poverty

Over **62%** of Nigeria's 170 million people live in extreme poverty.



Young People

Over **43%** of the population are aged 0-14.



Education

One in five Nigerian children is out of school.



Land & Food

70% of people are employed in farming and food production.



Women's Rights

9 out of 10 of the poorest young women have not completed primary school.

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