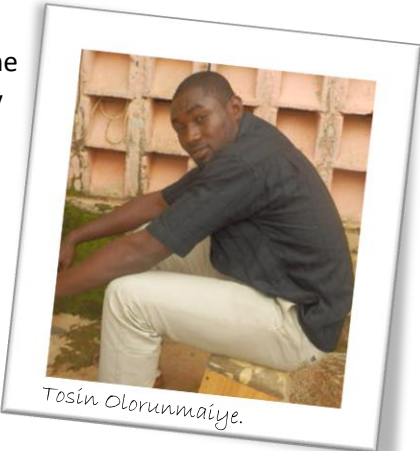


Getting to know our team in Nigeria

Tosin Olorunmaiye

Tosin is a part of the Nigeria team for nine years now. He joined the project back in 2012, when he became Monitoring and Community mobilization Officer in atmosfair’s Nigeria efficient cookstove team. So, it is about time that you get to know him, too. Tosin was happy to share some information about himself and his favourite project stories with you.



Tosin was born in New-Bussa, a small town in Niger state in the central-western part of Nigeria. He is 37 years old and recently got married to his wife. They now live in Kaduna state. He is an Engineer for Urban and National planning and has worked for organizations like Hope for Communities and Children Initiatives as M&E Officer on ECID Project (Evidence and Collaboration for Inclusive Development). Tosin said his professional interest lies in the thematic areas of Education, Gender-based violence, Nutrition, Social norms, Agriculture and Environment. Which is why he appreciates to work with atmosfair. When asked what he likes best about the efficient cookstoves, he replied: “the project contributes to solving the issue of climate change mitigation in Nigeria by sensitizing people on the need to preserve and save trees, and control the human activities that affect the ecosystem. It further helps women to reduce the risk of exposure to indoor air pollution from cooking. Many women have testified the fact that they do not record effect of exposure to pollution again since they started using the Save80 stove”. That is why also his family owns and uses a Save80 themselves.



As Monitoring Officer for the Nigeria efficient cookstoves, Tosin organizes and conducts the annual project audit at the stove users’ places, together with the other members of the Nigeria team. During these audits, he contacts and visits a certain number of stove users, to see if they still use the stove, if the users are satisfied with the stove and also to conduct an efficiency test of the stove. Tosin has carried out more than 100 efficiency tests so far, so you can call him a real expert.

When asked about the most challenging part of his job, Tosin said that: “It is challenging to locate users during monitoring exercise if they have changed their phone numbers or address and there are no next of kin to track

them.” In the last years, many people in Nigeria were forced to leave their homes, due to lack of work in their home towns, the desertification, or the threat of Boko Haram.

However, when Tosin has located the users, they tell many impressive, interesting and funny stories, that stay in his mind.

Tosin: “There is a user that we came across during monitoring, he expresses joy and satisfaction in using the stove. Some of his family members that came to visit him, have made effort to go away

with the Save80 stove. But he has managed to keep it to himself. He can't let go of the stove because of the numerous benefit he has derive from using the stove.

But my nicest experience was the day we visited a family during monitoring exercise where the neighbours of the respondent came to enquire about the stove and ask if they can get to buy the Save80. They began to share the stove with the neighbours."



And here is Tosin's message to you as donors or interested people:

"My message to the donors is that they have made a huge impart in sensitizing people on the effect and danger of global warming and how to mitigate the effect on us, I call on all interested persons to also join the initiative so that we can collectively support and save our planet."

Dear Tosin, thanks a lot for the good work you keep doing for the project ever since 2012. Your expertise is highly valuable and I hope will march on together to reach out for many more people to benefit from the project.

Katrin