Quarterly Newsletter – Q 2 2026

Better Yield, Better Life for Small-Scale Farmers!



Dear Partners, Friends, and Supporters,

Welcome to the second quarter edition of the Springboard Nigeria Newsletter.

The months of April, May, and June were filled with impactful engagements, inspiring stories, strategic partnerships, and significant milestones across our projects. From empowering young agripreneurs through digital learning and strengthening farmer cooperatives, to advancing climate-smart agriculture and celebrating collective achievements at our Annual General Meeting, this quarter reflects our commitment to creating sustainable livelihoods and stronger rural communities. As you turn the pages, we invite you to explore the stories, achievements, and people behind the impact.

Enjoy the read.

The Springboard Nigeria Team

Q2 Impact Snapshot

- ✓ 2026 AGM: Premiums announced, TIWA Chocolate Investment Introduced, with farmers expressing strong interest in ownership opportunities.
- ✓ Under the GIZ project, over 300 Youth Empowered through hands-on training in pig, poultry, and fish farming, with start-up inputs provided.
- ✓ Under the GIZ project, 200+ Students Enrolled in the Agro-Reach e-Learning Launchpad across partner institutions.
- ✓ Farmers Supported through cooperative strengthening and agricultural input distribution.
- ✓ 5000+ Plantain suckers planted at Onipanu and Imafon Climate-Smart Demonstration Farm.
- ✓ Springboard Lead Farmers Hosted for leadership development at Springboard's Akure facility.

2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: CELEBRATING OWNERSHIP, IMPACT AND SHARED PROSPERITY



The 2026 Annual General Meetings (AGM) of the Springboard Farmers co-ops, held between May and June across Springboard's clusters brought together farmers, cooperative leaders, staff, and stakeholders to review achievements, discuss challenges, and plan for the future. Farmers shared success stories highlighting improvements in productivity, income, and participation in Springboard programmes. A major highlight of the AGM was the announcement of premium payments (for the 2025/2026 cocoa season) in recognition of farmers' commitment to quality production. Discussions also focused on farmer ownership and investment in TIWA Chocolate, with many farmers expressing enthusiasm about becoming shareholders in a brand that adds value to cocoa produced within their communities making it one of the most engaging AGM gatherings in recent years. The AGM provided a platform for farmers to share production challenges, recommend improvements, and contribute ideas for the upcoming 2026/2027 season, reinforcing Springboard's commitment to farmer-centred decision-making.

"Receiving premium payments was encouraging, but what excites me most is the opportunity to invest in TIWA Chocolate—not just for today, but for tomorrow and generations to come. For the first time, many of us feel that we are not only producing cocoa but also becoming part of a

business that creates value from it." — Adeogo Olaniyi, Cocoa Farmer and Cooperative Member, Isharun, Erigi, Ondo State





EMPOWERING OVER 300 YOUTH FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

As part of the GIZ-supported project, Springboard Nigeria successfully trained over 300 young people in cocoa, pig, poultry, and fish farming, equipping them with practical skills to establish and manage sustainable agribusinesses.



The training focused on modern livestock production techniques, farm management, and industry best practices, providing participants with the knowledge required to build viable enterprises. To support their transition into agribusiness, participants were also provided with start-up inputs, enabling them to begin their entrepreneurial journey with greater confidence.













"This training has given me the confidence and practical knowledge to start my own agribusiness. Receiving the start-up inputs will make my journey into agripreneurship even more achievable, and I now have a clear path toward building a sustainable source of income. In a few months' time, I'll be back to share my success story. Thank you, Springboard and GIZ, for this life-changing opportunity." **— Victor,** Project Beneficiary (Cocoa Category)

This initiative underscores Springboard's commitment to empowering youth through agriculture, creating employment opportunities, and fostering a new generation of agripreneurs who will contribute to improved livelihoods and sustainable rural development.

AGRO-REACH E-LEARNING LAUNCHPAD AT FUOYE AND EKSPOLY IN EKITI STATE.

In partnership with the GIZ, Springboard continues to expand the Agro-Reach e-Learning Launchpad project to more schools with the next stop at Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE) and Ekiti State Polytechnic, Isan Ekiti (EKSPOLY), providing more young people with access to practical agribusiness education. This project helps bridge the gap between academic learning and practical application, positioning agriculture as a viable pathway to entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihoods. In this quarter, more than 200 students enrolled on the platform, with many successfully completing their courses and submitted applications for the 2000EUR grant. The initiative continues to promote digital learning adoption while equipping a new generation of agripreneurs with practical skills for the agricultural sector.



"The training opened my eyes to the many opportunities within agriculture beyond farming. I learned how to develop business ideas, understand value chains, and think like an entrepreneur. I now feel better prepared to build a career in the agribusiness sector." — **Victoria Olulade,** Participant, Ekiti State Polytechnic, Isan Ekiti





STRENGTHENING FARMER COOPERATIVES THROUGH INPUT SUPPORT

Across our communities, we continued to strengthen farmer cooperatives through organizational support and the distribution of agricultural inputs aimed at improving productivity for the 2026/2027 cocoa season. The intervention reinforces the importance of farmer organizations as platforms for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and economic empowerment. By strengthening cooperatives, farmers are better positioned to negotiate opportunities, access services, and improve their livelihoods.

"Receiving inputs through our cooperative has reduced some of the challenges we usually face at the start of the season. It also reminds us that we are stronger when we work together."— **Olarewaju Idowu**, Cooperative Member, Isarun, Salaja Cluster




CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE IN ACTION: ONIPAN AND IMAFON DEMONSTRATION FARMS



With the ongoing GIZ ABF project, our team continued to make significant progress in establishing climate-smart demonstration farms at Onipan and Imafon. During the quarter, over 5,000 plantain suckers were planted across three hectares at Onipan and 14 plots at Imafon, preparing both sites for the transplanting of cocoa seedlings.

"We are proud of what we've achieved over the past few months, preparing the land for plantain and these farms are designed to demonstrate that with the right practices, farmers can improve productivity while preparing for a more sustainable future in cocoa production."— Springboard–GIZ Project Lead, John Ibileye









COOPERATIVES LEAD FARMERS VISIT SPRINGBOARD FACILITY

We hosted lead farmers at our Akure facility for an interactive engagement focused on strengthening leadership, improving farmer support systems, and sharing lessons from the field. The visit created opportunities for reflection as farmers exchanged experiences, discussed challenges facing their communities, and explored new approaches to supporting fellow farmers. Discussions also focused on market access, cooperative development, value addition, and opportunities for scaling impact. With every cluster represented by their lead farmers, the engagement reinforced the critical role these community leaders play in extending knowledge and supporting adoption of improved practices among farmers.



"The visit gave us new ideas that we can immediately take back to our communities. Learning from other farmers and seeing Springboard's operations firsthand was inspiring." — **Lateef Sangoyoyin,** Lead Farmer, Isharun Cluster





FROM RAW PRODUCE TO MARKET-READY PRODUCTS

At Springboard, value addition remains one of the most effective ways of increasing farmer incomes and creating economic opportunities within rural communities. Throughout the quarter, efforts continued across several product lines, including TIWA Chocolate, Edible Cricket Protein bread, cocoa products, and other processed agricultural products. By transforming raw agricultural produce into market-ready products, Springboard is helping farmers capture more value from their harvests while creating jobs along the value chain.

"Value addition changes everything. Instead of selling only raw produce, we are creating products that generate more income, create jobs, and strengthen our communities."

— Elizabeth Adetoro, Products Marketer, Springboard





Thank You

As always, none of these would be possible without your continued support. Together, we're proving that when small-scale farmers thrive, entire communities rise. Let's keep building a future where agriculture works for everyone.

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With gratitude,

Helen Lawrence-Afere

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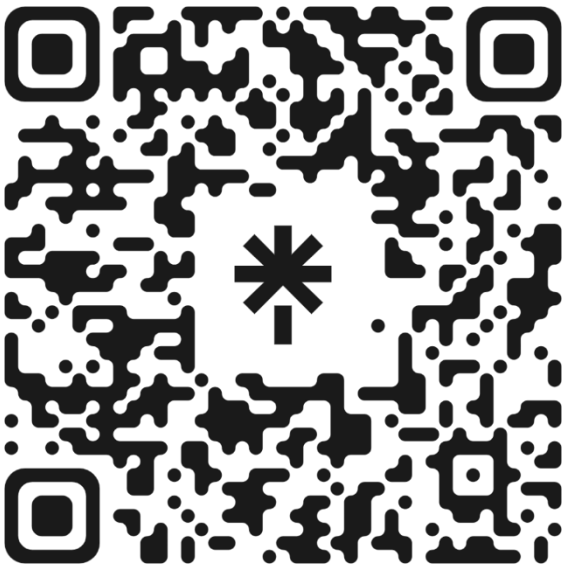


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