

The Boko people live in North Eastern Benin and spread over the border into Nigeria. They are almost entirely subsistence farmers and their average daily income is less than A\$2. Children typically suffer nutritionally and educationally. This project helps the Boko people through farming support, training of women, medical assistance, and financial support for students. The outcome being sought is better crops and nutrition, better job opportunities for women, and students given the opportunity to finish their education.



There are six components of the Fighting Poverty Among the Bocos Project.

1. Education: About 50 students are currently being assisted to finish High School. This is difficult as Boko students have to leave their tribal area to complete the last 3 years of school. Some of these students are being assisted to University.



2. Medical: There are currently two Nurses being trained with a vision to building two Medical clinics in the area to treat patients and distribute mosquito nets.

3. Crop Farming: There are currently 80 crop farmers who are being trained and given micro-loans to assist them in improving their crop yields and variety of crops grown.



4. Animal Husbandry: There are a further 80 people participating in animal husbandry classes with micro-loans to assist them in building, maintaining and selling healthy animals.

5. Women in small business: 60 women are participating in classes and receiving micro-loans to assist them in establishing small businesses to provide their families with basic income security.



6. Literacy: Finally, there is a literacy program which aims to teach a literacy teacher in every Boko village in Benin and neighbouring Nigeria. This is coupled with the printing of about 30 different pamphlets and booklets to assist with developing literacy.

