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The NASARA™ Framework

Independent due diligence for funders giving in Africa: six pillars that show whether an organisation is credible, ready and able to deliver lasting impact.

Fund what works, with confidence

For funders abroad, the hardest part of giving in Africa is rarely the decision to give. It is knowing which organisations are credible, how they are governed and whether a grant will reach the people it is meant for. NASARA™ is Wazir Partners' structured method for answering those questions with evidence: documents reviewed, people interviewed and, in Nigeria, activities verified on the ground.

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Needs Alignment

Addresses a real, documented need, in a way the community recognises.

We assess: problem evidence, community voice, fit with your priorities.

A

Accountability

Legally sound, transparently governed and answerable for its decisions.

We assess: registration, board independence, policies, audited accounts.

S

Stewardship

Funds and assets are managed carefully and used as intended.

We assess: financial controls, budgeting, procurement, use of past grants.

A

Adaptive Capacity

Can manage change, learn and keep delivering under pressure.

We assess: leadership depth, staff capability, systems, risk management.

R

Results

Can show what it has achieved and measure what it delivers.

We assess: track record, monitoring systems, data quality, verified outcomes.

A

Advancement

Has a credible path to growth and long-term sustainability.

We assess: funding diversity, strategy, partnerships, potential to scale.

NASARA

In Hausa, *nasara* means success, or victory. It is a word people use when wishing someone well at the start of something important. To us, success in philanthropy means the right support, reaching the right hands, and leaving something stronger behind.

How we work

1

Discovery & Alignment

We agree your goals, priorities and what to look for.

2

NASARA™ Screening

A desk review against the six pillars builds a shortlist.

3

Due Diligence & Verification

Records checked, people interviewed, activities verified in Nigeria.

4

Final Rating & Recommendation

A verified NASARA™ rating and a clear decision: fund, fund with conditions, or not.

5

Monitoring & Learning

Milestones tracked, results verified, lessons reported.

NASARA™ services

Service	What you receive	Ideal for
NGO Verification	Verification report on registration, governance, leadership and key documents, with a clear finding.	Donor-advised funds and philanthropists making first or one-off grants
Due Diligence Assessment	NASARA™ scorecard, full assessment report, risk register and funding recommendation.	Foundations and agencies approving significant or multi-year grants
Grantee Discovery	Long list and shortlist of vetted organisations, with one-page profiles.	Funders entering a new cause area or region
Impact Reviews	Independent review of results against stated goals, with lessons for future funding.	Funders reviewing or renewing a programme
Grant Monitoring	Regular monitoring reports, milestone and spending checks, early-warning alerts.	Funders with active grants
Capacity Assessments	Capacity scorecard and a prioritised plan to become grant-ready.	Organisations preparing for larger or international funding

Why Wazir Partners

- **Local verification in Nigeria:** our advisers and partners confirm on the ground what organisations report on paper.
- **Independent judgement:** no stake in the organisations we assess.
- **Financial and governance depth:** accounts and controls read with an investor's rigour.
- **Community-centred:** the people a programme serves are part of every assessment.
- **Risk-informed:** every recommendation names the risks and how to manage them.

Our independence rule

We serve both funders and the organisations they fund. To keep our assessments independent, we never assess an organisation we have advised in the previous 24 months, and we disclose any relationship that could affect our judgement.

Make your next grant your most confident one

Tell us what you want to achieve. In a first conversation, we'll discuss your priorities and how NASARA™ can support your decisions.

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