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Biography: Happy is a highly gifted and enthusiastic Environmental / Social Scientist and a GIS analyst with experience in the conduct of research and capacity building programmes, presently, a faculty member in an higher Institution. I have worked with different groups on researches; planning and implementation of several social survey projects utilizing geospatial technologies within Nigeria working with a private consultancy firm for over 12 years. I am also a Professional monitoring and evaluation officer with four years of experience dedicated to project tracking and reporting. A native of Benue State in Nigeria, Happy had her BSc. in Geography from the University of Ibadan in 1999 and her Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Geographic information System (GIS) from the Federal School of Surveying Oyo in 2001, an MSc and PhD in Environmental Resource Planning from the University of Abuja in 2011 and 2019 respectively.

I have passion in development with emphasis on the gender dimension, hence, my interest and participation on female related platforms. Coming from an educationally less advantaged area in my own country also has endeared me to issues that are aimed at getting the best for women, female child. I am a member of Organization for women in Africa (OWSD) and Women in Aerospace Nigeria (WIA), one of our main objectives is the encouragement of the girl child in secondary school to think and build carriers in STEM related courses and build their lives around it. I have channeled my efforts towards issues affecting women, children and particularly, the girls; and designed interventions within my reach to address the identified needs. I currently serve as a member of the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) 2017-2021 and has been approved for further extension for the next five years, sponsored by the British council under the Rule of law and Anti-corruption Strategy (ROLAC) program.



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