

## WHV – Sukur Echoes : Educate, Empower, Preserve (SEEEP)

### Sukur Cultural Landscape, Nigeria

### PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1999)

06 October - 17 October 2024

**THE SITE** - The Sukur Cultural Landscape, with the Palace of the Hidi (Chief) on a hill elevated above the villages on the plains, the terraced fields and their sacred symbols, and the extensive remains of a former flourishing iron industry, is a remarkably intact physical expression of a society and its spiritual and material culture. It graphically illustrates a form of land-use that marks a critical stage in human settlement and its relationship with its environment and has survived unchanged for many centuries, and continues to do so at a period when this form of traditional human settlement is under threat in many parts of the world.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project aims at raising awareness of the site's significance, transmitting traditional skills to youth, fostering collaboration among different stakeholders, strengthening cultural and environmental resilience, promoting economic self-sufficiency, providing research materials, and advocating for gender equality.

**ACTIVITIES** - The twelve-day camp will focus on addressing traditional system needs, including architecture, crafts, and restoration projects. Volunteers will study Sukur vernacular architecture, particularly the construction of circular huts with termite-resistant foundations. They will also revive traditional iron works and handicrafts, working with local guilds. These activities aim to enhance global awareness and market Sukur products internationally, benefiting the local ecotourism economy.

**PARTNERS** - Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO; Culgreene Community Care Initiative (CCCI) – Yola ; National Commission for Museums and Monuments (NCMM); Adamawa State Ministry of Culture and Tourism (MCT), and Adamawa State Agency for Museums and Monuments (ASAMM); Sukur Traditional Council, Sukur Development Association (SDA) and Sukur Students Association; Nigerian Red Cross Society ; Local/National Media: Television, Radio and Newspaper; Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation; American University of Nigeria; National Council for Art and Culture; Sukur Youth Development Association (SYDA) National Association of Sukur Student (NASS); Kinjir Foundation.

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