

StarTimes offers satellite TV access to 1000 Nigerian villages

About 1000 Nigerian villages will benefit from the 10,000 African Villages Project, an initiative of the Chinese Government to provide digital TV access to rural communities across Africa.



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This was revealed during the launching ceremony of the project in Kpaduma Village, a suburb of the Federal Capital Territory.

Speaking to journalists, the chief executive officer, StarTimes Nigeria, Justin Zhang, noted that StarTimes was contracted by the Chinese Government to deliver on the project across Africa, adding that no fewer than 1,000 villages in Nigeria will benefit from the project.

He said the initiative could help meet the International Telecommunications Union (ITU's) demand for African countries to achieve digital migration of the TV industry before the year 2020.

“We have entered an advanced stage in the installation of satellite TV access to 1,000 villages in Nigeria. The villages identified for this project will receive 2 solar power projector TVs for the community, digital TV sets, 20 satellite dishes and decoders and they can watch more than 100 international and local channels free of charge, just as we have done in Kpaduma village.”

The Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Zhou Pingjian, expressed China's willingness to continue to bring projects that will better the lot of Nigerians and Africans at large, assuring that the friendship between China and Nigeria will be preserved via infrastructural projects that will uplift the people of the local communities who need it the most.