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Phones for Nigeria's farmers 2013

00:00 – 04:50

**I. Watch the video take notes on the following questions.**

<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
	What does Chika Oduah say about the import of food in Nigeria ?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>they import a lot of food (worth 11 billion dollar)</i></li> <li><i>most of the rice or tomatoes are imported</i></li> </ul>
	What should be done about it?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>It should be replaced by homegrown products</i></li> </ul>
	What was the reaction to "phones for the poorest farmers"?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The media laughed about it</i></li> <li><i>others said they needed other things (fertilizer and seeds)</i></li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>The role of the government / Ministry of Agriculture</b>
	As to the Minister of Agriculture, why did the government's plan not work?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>seeds and fertilizer never got to the farmers</i></li> <li><i>they were sold to neighboring countries and sold back to Nigeria</i></li> <li><i>goods were adulterated and of minor quality</i></li> <li><i>real seeds were sold for private gain</i></li> <li><i>corruption was subsidized instead of farms</i></li> </ul>
	How did the government solve the problem?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>registered 1.2 m farmers in a database</i></li> <li><i>vouchers for farmers to get fertilizers</i></li> </ul>
	What was the new problem and how was it solved?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>farmers were too poor to buy phones</i></li> <li><i>10m cell phones were distributed, half of them to women</i></li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>The Future</b>
	According to Dr. Debisi Araba, what led to the situation in agriculture?
	<i>in the 1970s oil was discovered</i>
	And what are the consequences today?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>unemployment, lack of food</i></li> <li><i>insecurity, low GDP, little progress</i></li> </ul>

	What is the future for Nigeria going to be like?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>not based on oil, but on a growing sector, e.g. agriculture</i></li><li>• <i>in times of the global economy slowing down they have a good chance</i></li><li>• <i>Nigerian agriculture is an area of growth</i></li></ul>

## II. This is, in short, what has happened since 2013.

- 2013 State of emergency in three northern states, government sends in troops to combat Boko Haram.
- 2014 Boko Haram (terror group connected to Al Qaeda) kidnaps more than 200 girls from a boarding school; Boko Haram launches a series of attacks in northeastern Nigeria. It now operates for the IS.
- 2015 Nigeria and neighboring states form military coalition and push Boko Haram out of towns. Muhammadu Buhari is elected president becoming the first opposition candidate to do so in Nigeria's history.
- 2016 Financial crisis due to low oil prices.  
Rebels bomb three oil pipelines in attempt to renew southern insurgency.
- 2017 Fights in two states force thousands to flee.
- 2018 Escalating attacks by Boko Haram targeting army bases.
- 2019 Presidential elections (with some delay)

1. Summarize your impression of the country's political stability.

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2. Relate these impressions to the views of a future in agriculture as expressed in the video.

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