

# WE'RE ON THE BRINK OF AN IRREPARABLE LOSS

The Mission to make Nigerian history accessible by digitising Nigeria's historical newspapers.

# WHAT HAPPENED?

- It's hard to find information about Nigeria and, quite frankly, most of Africa online.
- We haven't had enough systems to ensure that bits of history have been preserved and made accessible.
- Often, when you find them poorly kept.

# WHY DOES ARCHIVI.NG EXIST?

We're recapturing  
inaccessible Nigerian history  
and democratising access for everyone.

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PROBLEMS

### Poorly Preserved

The lifespan of newsprint under decent care is about 50 years. Many of these newspapers are over 50 years old, and in bad storage conditions. Time is running out.

### Relatively Inaccessible

Access to a newspaper archive requires a visit to a public library, wherever that exists. It requires too much effort to find useful insights and information. It shouldn't.

### Inefficiently Organised

The newspapers currently exist in bound form in libraries. Surfacing information remains an analog, painstaking, and time-consuming effort.

SOLUTIONS

### Archiving Digitally

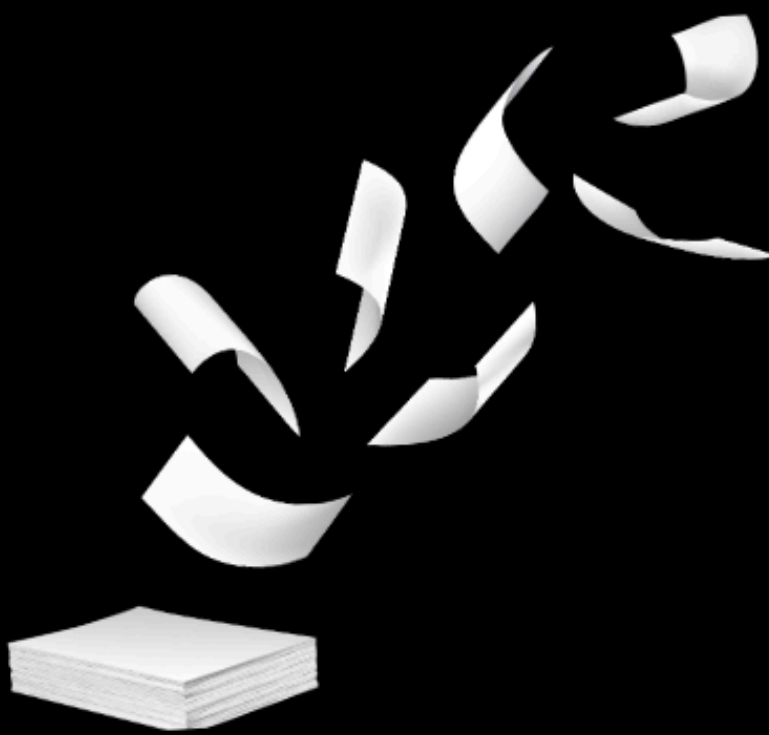
We seek permission from publishers to scan their newspapers, then scan. By doing this, we'll be able to preserve the information in old newspapers, and bring them online, where they can live forever.

### Democratising Access

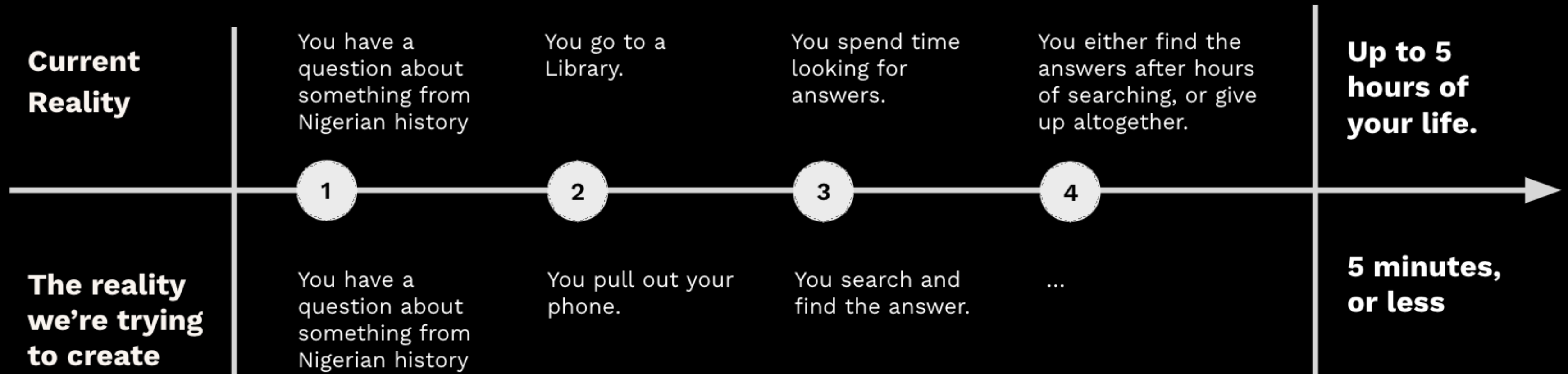
When we break the barriers between information and access, the possibilities become endless, and the impact is exponential.

### Making Discovery Easy

It is no longer enough to collect information. They must be sorted to give the most useful, relevant information, in the shortest time possible.



# WE WANT KNOWLEDGE-SEEKING TO BE EASIER



# DISCOVER HISTORY, AS IT HAPPENED

Explore thousands of digitized Nigerian newspaper pages from 1994 - 2008.



Search people, events, places and more

[Tinubu](#)[Independence Day](#)[Fuel](#)[Afrobeat](#)[Ritual](#)[Abiola](#)[Abacha](#)[Cocaine](#)[Football](#)[Fashion](#)[Soyinka](#)[Ojukwu](#)[Budget](#)

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Join us in our mission to preserve Nigerian history. Support our newspaper archiving project.

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**V1**

launched

About

**150,253**

pages scanned

Over

**80K**

users so far

**13**

people  
full-time

Over

**\$192K**

from over 120 donors

**STATUS  
QUO**

Less than

**4 FELLOWS**

In our first fellowship

**1**

Scanner  
purchased

Less than

**\$4K**

Left

Up to

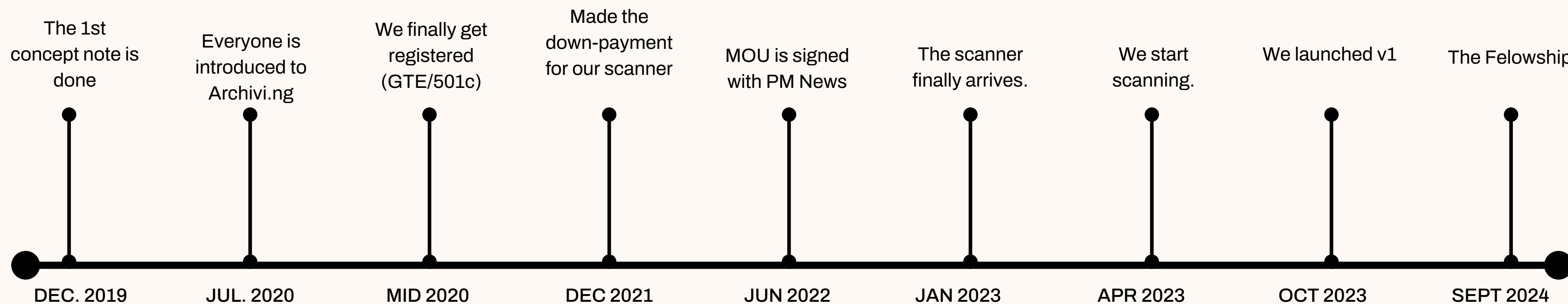
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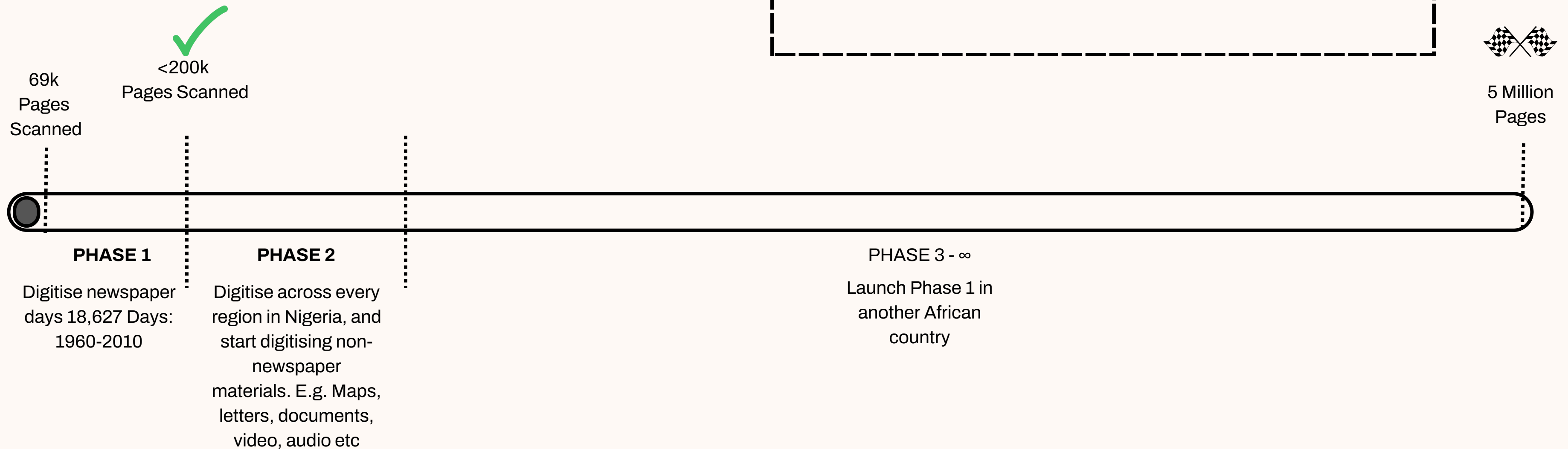
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# MILESTONES

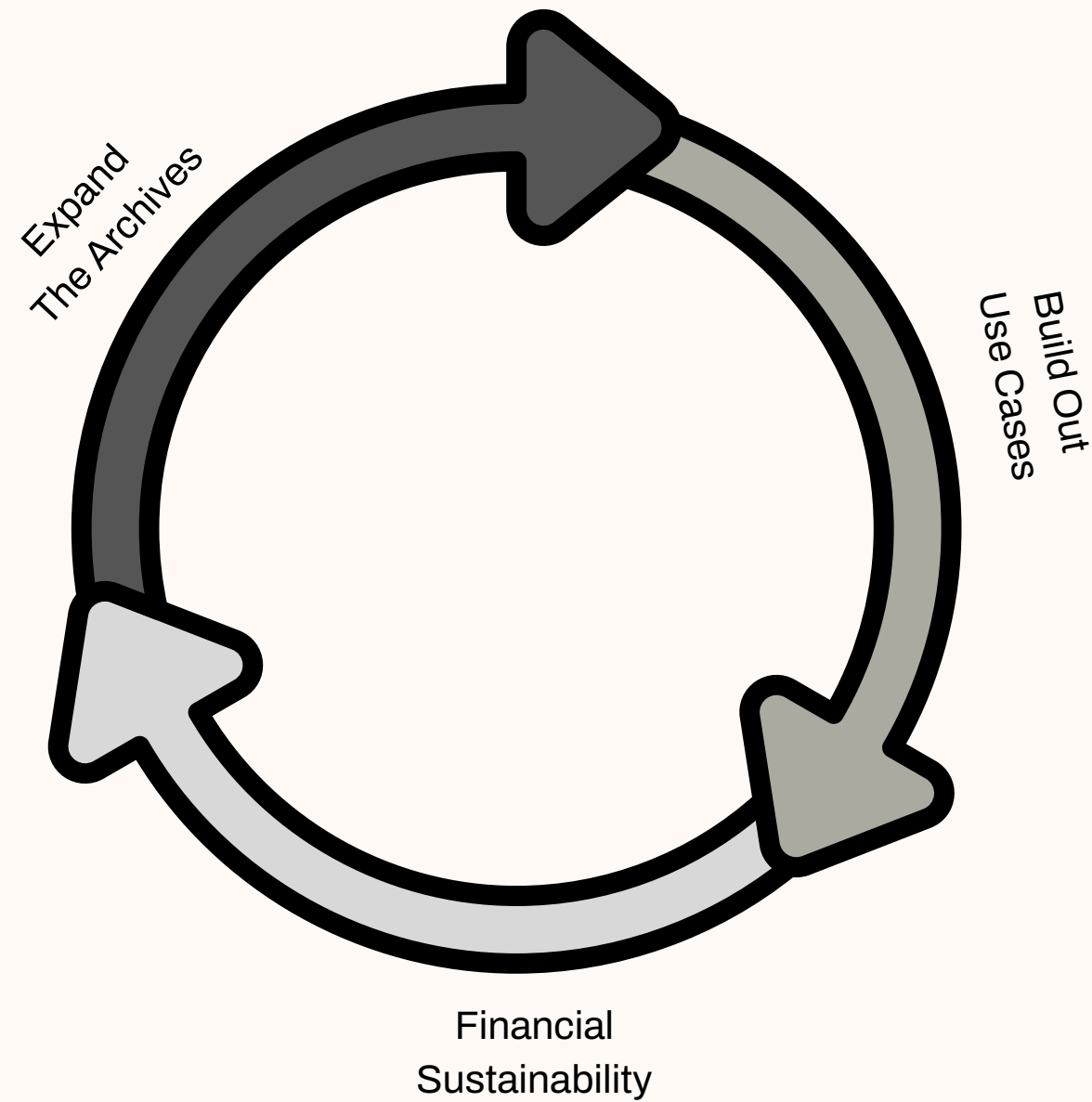


# WHERE ARE WE GOING WITH THIS?

Our vision is going make African context understandable to people and machines everywhere



# HOW WE WILL DO IT



## Expand The Archives

We'll continue to expand the archives, first with papers, then magazines. Then we break the format and go to videos, maps, etc. First local, then cross-continental.

## Build Out Use Cases

We'll research what people want, plan, build, launch. And sometimes, instead of building out use cases, we'll find partners already do them, and merge or acquire.

## Financial Sustainability

We currently have one revenue channel: donations. Other potential revenue channels to explore: grants, subscription products, consulting services, etc.

# EXISTENTIAL CHALLENGES

## Challenge

1. Speed
2. Publisher Copyrights
3. Storage
4. Funding

## To-Do

1. Reinforce the core team
2. Mass outreach
3. Crowdfunding Campaign
4. Explore product-led income models.

# PRIORITIES: NOW-DEC. 2025

## Research

- Build or acquire issue-specific knowledge bases.
- Explore an Archivi.ng Fellowship

## Storytelling

- Increase the volume of our explorations of stories from Nigerian history.

## Archiving

- Digitise 18,627 newspaper days
- Expand our Archiving Operation to **include oral histories**
- Ensure that we have a national spread with papers we digitise

## Ops

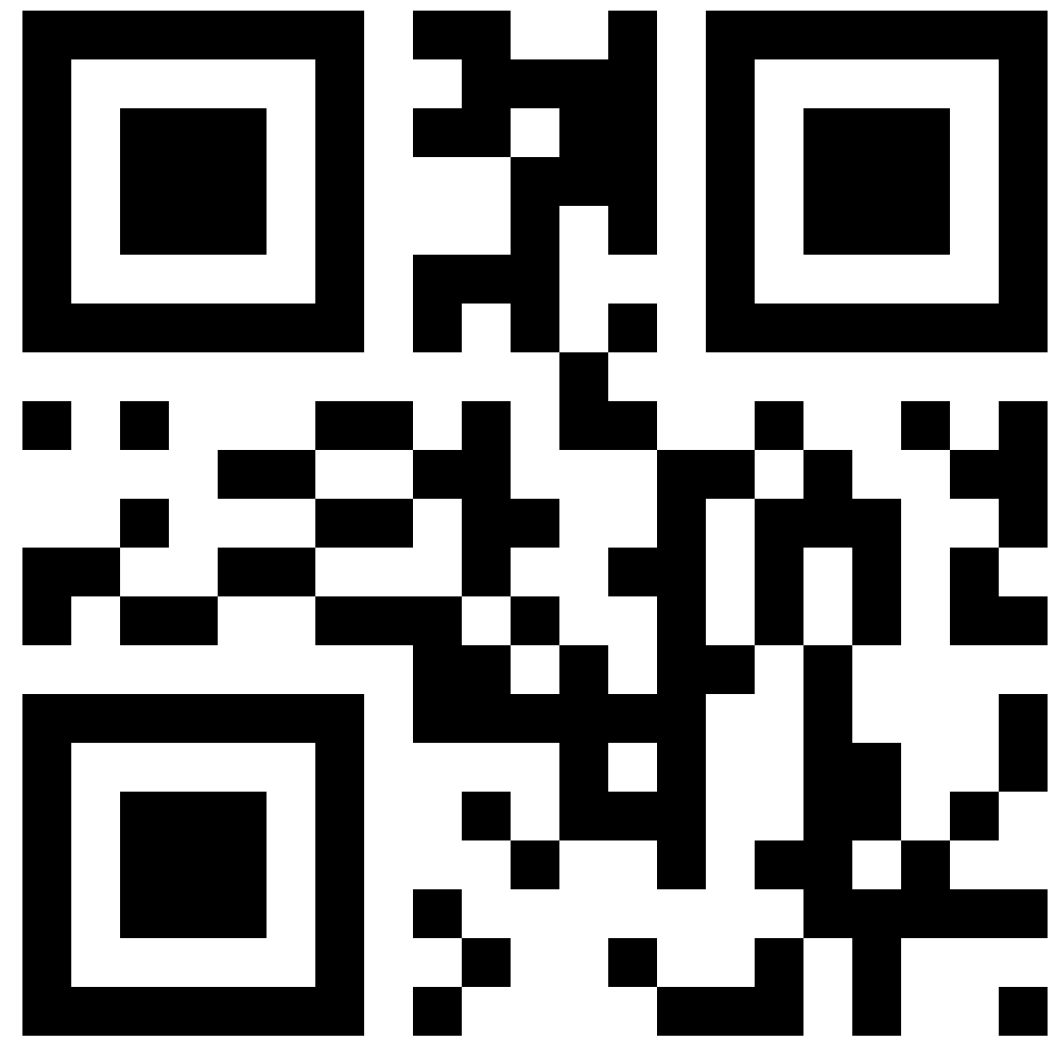
- Nail all corporate governance
- Assemble a full-time core team.
- Explore a decentralised storage system.

## Growth

- Secure Partnerships with ten publishers.
- Generate >\$500k (donations, grants, subscriptions, partnerships)
- Secure strategic partnerships with cloud and AI companies.

## Product

- Ship all the improvements
- Launch v2 (Collections, Subscriptions, personalisation, etc)
- Launch **'The Context Engine'**



**START ARCHIVING!**

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