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The WhatsApp Business Blueprint

How To Build a Complete Product or Service Business
Using Only WhatsApp — From First Customer To ■100,000 Monthly

■ Stage 1 — Setup and Profile Optimisation

■ Stage 2 — Product or Service Selection

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BONUS 3 — From first customer to ■100,000 monthly using only WhatsApp

A 24-year-old in Ibadan with no shop made ■70,000 profit in 4 days using only WhatsApp status. No Facebook ads. No website. No Instagram. Just WhatsApp status, a Paystack link, and the specific system in this guide. This blueprint shows you exactly how she did it — and how to scale it from a first sale to ■100,000/month.

STAGE 1: SETUP AND PROFILE OPTIMISATION

The technical foundation that makes everything else work

Your WhatsApp Business profile is your storefront. Most Nigerian businesses spend 10 minutes on setup and wonder why customers do not take them seriously. Invest 2 hours here — it pays for every minute across every future transaction.

The Complete WhatsApp Business Profile Setup

Business Name: Use your actual business name — not your personal name. If you do not have a registered business name yet, use a clear descriptive name: 'Adaeze's Authentic Skincare' beats 'Adaeze Nwosu'.

Profile Photo: Your product, your logo, or a professional product flat lay. Never a selfie or generic image. The profile photo is the first trust signal. Size: 640x640 pixels minimum.

Business Description: 150 characters maximum. Answer: what you sell, who you serve, what makes you different. Example: 'Handmade natural skincare for Nigerian women. No harsh chemicals. Free delivery in Abuja. WhatsApp: [link] to order now.'

Business Hours: Set realistic hours — when you actually respond. Outside these hours, your Away Message activates automatically. Consistent hours build customer trust.

Catalogue: Your most important WhatsApp Business feature. Add every product with: a clear photo, the exact product name, the exact price (never 'DM for price'), and a brief description. Update weekly. Customers share catalogue links more than any other content.

Quick Replies: Set up these 5 minimum: 1) Standard enquiry response, 2) Price list, 3) Delivery information, 4) Payment instructions, 5) Order confirmation.

Automated Messages: Greeting Message (for new contacts): warm welcome + what you sell + your catalogue link. Away Message (when offline): acknowledgement + when you'll respond + payment link for urgent orders.

Stage 1 Checklist

■	WhatsApp Business downloaded and installed
■	Professional profile photo set
■	Business name and description complete
■	Business hours configured
■	Greeting Message written and activated
■	Away Message written and activated
■	5 Quick Replies created and saved
■	Catalogue created with minimum 5 products and prices
■	Paystack payment link created and tested
■	Paystack link added to profile, catalogue, and bio

STAGE 2: PRODUCT OR SERVICE SELECTION

Choosing what sells fastest and most profitably through WhatsApp

Not every product sells well through WhatsApp. The ones that do have three qualities in common: they are visible (can be photographed attractively), consumable (customers reorder regularly), and in the ₦1,000–₦15,000 price range where purchasing decisions happen quickly.

The 5 Product Categories That Sell Best On WhatsApp In Nigeria

1. Beauty and Skincare

Highest repeat purchase rate of any WhatsApp product category. Customers who love your product reorder monthly without prompting. Best entry: natural/homemade products (peanut butter cream, shea butter, black soap) at ₦2,000–₦8,000 per unit. Photographs beautifully.

Income potential: ₦50,000–₦300,000/month with 50–200 regular customers

2. Fashion and Accessories

Highest social sharing rate — customers share your status when they buy and receive. Ankara fabric, handmade bags, shoes, jewellery. Best approach: showcase quality with videos showing texture and detail, not just static photos.

Income potential: ₦50,000–₦500,000/month depending on price point and volume

3. Food and Snacks

Fastest cash cycle — orders paid today, delivered today. Chin chin, small chops, zobo, local snacks, homemade condiments. Event catering orders are the highest-value food orders: one corporate or wedding order = ₦50,000–₦200,000.

Income potential: ₦30,000–₦200,000/month from regular customers + event orders

4. Digital Products

No stock. No delivery. No expiry. Customer pays, receives PDF or video link instantly. Create once, sell unlimited times. Best entry: guides related to income, relationships, parenting, food, health. Use Selar for automated delivery.

Income potential: ₦30,000–₦500,000+/month — grows with each new product added

5. Phone and Tech Accessories

High demand, fast turnover, good margins from mini importation. Customers need new cases, chargers, and earphones regularly. Bundle deals (case + screen protector + earphones) increase average order value.

Income potential: ■50,000–■300,000/month with consistent stock

The Product Selection Formula

■ KEY POINT

Before choosing your WhatsApp product, ask these 4 questions: 1) Can I photograph this attractively with my phone? 2) Will customers need to buy this again within 30 days? 3) Is the profit margin above 40% after all costs? 4) Can I source reliably without stock-outs? If all 4 are yes — you have your product.

STAGE 3: CUSTOMER ACQUISITION SYSTEM

The specific daily actions that bring consistent buyers

Most WhatsApp businesses post once a day and wonder why sales are slow. The businesses making **₦100,000+** monthly are posting 3 times daily, running a broadcast list, and converting every enquiry within 5 minutes. This stage gives you the complete acquisition system.

The Status Formula That Sells

Every status post should have exactly four elements in exactly this order:

Element 1: Visual — A clear, well-lit, attractive photo or short video of your product. Natural light always beats artificial. Plain background or Ankara fabric backdrop.

Element 2: Benefit — One line about what it does or why someone needs it — not a description of the product. Not 'Handmade shea butter body cream.' Instead: 'Finally clear, soft skin even in harmattan.'

Element 3: Price — State it clearly. '₦3,500 for 200ml.' Never 'DM for price.' Customers who have to ask for the price 80% of the time do not ask — they move on.

Element 4: Action — 'Order here: [Paystack link]' or 'DM SHEA to order' — one clear, specific action.

The 3-Post Daily Schedule

Time	Post Type	Content	Reason
7:00–9:00 AM	Morning post	Product feature or testimonial from a happy customer	Highest engagement time — commuters check WhatsApp
12:00–2:00 PM	Midday post	A different product or a bundle deal	Lunch break browsing time
7:00–9:00 PM	Evening post	Behind-the-scenes, process video, or a special offer	Peak Nigerian WhatsApp activity

Building Your Broadcast List — The Engine of Scale

Your broadcast list is the most valuable asset in your WhatsApp business. The difference between a business making **₦30,000/month** and **₦150,000/month** is often just the size of a quality broadcast list.

- Post on your status: 'I send [product] updates, new arrivals, and exclusive deals to my broadcast list — DM DEALS to join (free)'
- Every person who messages gets added to your broadcast list and replied to warmly
- Send broadcasts 2–3 times per week maximum — more than this is spam
- Always include your Paystack link in every broadcast
- Segment your list as it grows: 'Hot Leads' (enquired but not bought), 'Customers' (bought before), 'VIP' (repeat buyers)

- Send VIP customers exclusive early access and better prices — they become your word-of-mouth engine

The 5-Minute Response Rule

Research on Nigerian WhatsApp commerce consistently shows that the seller who responds within 5 minutes converts significantly more enquiries than the seller who responds in 2 hours. Your Quick Replies make this possible without having to type fresh responses every time. When you cannot respond personally, your Greeting Message buys you time.

■ KEY POINT

Set your phone notification to vibrate for every WhatsApp message during your business hours. Every unanswered enquiry in the first 30 minutes is a 40% reduced probability of that customer buying from you. Speed is your most valuable customer service tool.

STAGE 4: SCALING TO ₦100,000 PER MONTH

The specific levers that take you from ₦30,000 to ₦100,000 monthly

Most WhatsApp businesses plateau at ₦30,000–₦50,000/month and stay there. Not because the market is limited — because the operator runs the same system at the same scale forever. Scaling requires pulling specific levers at specific times. This stage identifies exactly which levers move you from wherever you are to ₦100,000/month.

The 4 Scaling Levers

Lever 1: Increase Your Broadcast List Size

The single most direct path to higher income. If you are currently making ₦30,000/month with 200 broadcast contacts, the same conversion rate with 600 contacts produces ₦90,000/month. Target: grow your list by 50 new contacts per week through status invites, referral incentives, and cross-promotion with complementary businesses.

Impact: 2–3x income within 60 days of consistent list building

Lever 2: Increase Your Average Order Value

Instead of selling one product at ₦3,500 — create bundles. A skincare bundle (face wash + toner + moisturiser) at ₦9,500 takes the same effort as one sale. Create: a starter pack (your 2 most popular items together), a full pack (complete system), and a gifting pack (beautiful packaging + greeting card). Bundles typically increase average order value by 60–120%.

Impact: 60–120% income increase without additional customers

Lever 3: Create A Referral System

Give every existing customer a specific reason to tell others about you. The most effective Nigerian WhatsApp referral system: 'Refer a friend who buys — you both get ₦500 off your next order.' Track referrals by asking new customers: 'How did you hear about us?' Your existing 50 customers each referring 1 person = 50 new customers per month.

Impact: 30–50% new customer growth monthly at zero acquisition cost

Lever 4: Add A Recurring Revenue Layer

The businesses making ₦100,000+ consistently have at least one recurring revenue element. Options: a monthly subscription box (₦5,000–₦15,000/month — 10 subscribers = ₦50,000–₦150,000/month), a loyalty programme with monthly delivery, or a paid broadcast group for exclusive deals and early access. Recurring revenue is the difference between an unpredictable hustle and a stable business.

Impact: Predictable baseline income regardless of new customer acquisition

The ■100,000 Month Plan

Week	Content Actions	Growth Action	Sales Target	Income Target
Week 1	30 posts (3/day)	Grow broadcast list by 50 contacts	First 10 sales	■15,000–■30,000
Week 2	21 posts + 3 broadcasts	Introduce bundle offers	15–20 sales	■30,000–■50,000
Week 3	21 posts + 3 broadcasts	Launch referral system	25–30 sales	■50,000–■80,000
Week 4	21 posts + 3 broadcasts	Launch subscription option	30–40 sales	■80,000–■120,000

Final Checklist — Stage 4 Implementation

■	Broadcast list at 500+ contacts
■	At least one bundle offer created and promoted
■	Referral system active and promoted to all existing customers
■	Customer database maintained: name, product, last purchase date, contact
■	Monthly income tracked and compared to previous month
■	Best-performing product identified — produce and promote more of this
■	One recurring revenue element (subscription, loyalty, paid group) launched
■	At least 3 video testimonials from satisfied customers collected and posted

■ KEY POINT

The businesses that reach ■100,000/month on WhatsApp are not the ones with the best products. They are the ones with the most consistent systems. Post 3 times daily without fail. Respond to every enquiry within 5 minutes. Grow your broadcast list by 50 contacts every week. Create one new bundle or offer every month. Do these four things consistently for 90 days. ■100,000/month is not a hope. It is a mathematical outcome.

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