

Introduction

The overall goal of Project "No Excuses" is to mitigate factors that debar outstanding public primary and secondary school children from educational opportunities. The scholarship package covers;

- Access to health care, which is provided via a reputable health insurance company;
- Access to nutritional support in form of essential food items provided for the student and his/her family on a quarterly basis;
- Access to clothing which includes two sets of school uniform and four sets of street clothing on an annual basis;
- Access to educational resources in form of books and stationary items as required each term;
 and
- Access to funds to defray transport fare to and fro school

Socio-demographic Description of beneficiaries

• There are 10 beneficiaries, fourty percent (4) of the beneficiaries are male while the rest (6) are females. Their ages range from 10 years to 12 years with a mean age of 10 years, 4 months. Only two (2) of the children are from a family of four (4) children or less while the remaining (8) eight of the beneficiaries have more than 4 siblings with eight (8) been the highest.

Detailed Description of Progress In the Fourth Quarter:

In the reporting quarter which spanned from October to December 2015, a packet of intervention was provided to the beneficiaries as highlighted below: The support provided was informed by earlier engagement with the project beneficiaries and their parents where their present needs were prioritized based on fund availability.

• Provision of Clothing: As part of the welfare module of the scholarship scheme, each beneficiary is entitled to two sets of school uniform and four sets of street clothing. Each beneficiary is entitled to a sum of Thirty Thousand Naira (N30, 000) per year to support casual wears. This is further broken down into two outings per year at Fifteen Thousand

Naira (N15, 000) per beneficiary per outing. In the reporting month, the second phase of the clothing support was made for all the 10 beneficiaries to the tune of Fifteen Thousand Naira each. The children were full of excitement as the clothing support coincided with the festive period, where children in Nigeria often demand for new clothing and shoes. Presented below are what the children said about the support;

Bolu: "Thank you for buying me these cloths, my parents did not have to spend extra money to buy me cloths for Christmas"

Bernard: "The clothing support contributed towards my Christmas celebration and I enjoyed it more than previous years. I am grateful for what you have been doing for me and my family"

- Transport Support and Health Coverage: Beneficiaries are yet to be enrolled on the
 health insurance coverage because of the shortage of funds. Therefore there was no form of
 health care support in the reporting quarter. Likewise, transport support was also not
 provided in the reporting month.
- Nutritional Support: In the reporting quarter, food items, beverages and snacks were given
 to the beneficiaries. The food items included Nigerian stable foods that are rich in
 carbohydrate and protein. Beverages which are fortified with minimum required
 micronutrients were also given to the scholarship recipients.

The beneficiaries also benefited and participated in the under listed programmes of the Foundation in the course of the reporting quarter.

• Literacy Enhancement Programme: The project beneficiaries participated in the Foundations' literacy enhancement programme in the reporting quarter. This was in form of weekly reading of age and culture appropriate story books facilitated by trained volunteers. New words were learnt and checked up by the kids in dictionaries provided by the Foundation, thereby improving their vocabularies. Mastery of the spelling and meaning of new words learnt by the kids was further reinforced through spelling bees competitions and



exposure to educational games such as monopoly and scrabbles. The beneficiaries were part of the audience at the Grand finale of the 2015 Lafarge National Literacy Competition in Partnership with The Ovie Brume Foundation. Presented below are some of what the children said;

Sekinat: "Thank you for what you taught me in the first term from the novels titled; Chima laughed last and the legendary Obafemi Awolowo"

• Sports for Development; Global Peace Games: During the reporting quarter, the beneficiaries participated in the Foundation's, global peace games. The event was used to demonstrate the import of sports to unite, motivate, inspire, educate, and improve health and well being of children, thereby corroborating the United Nations and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In addition, the game was used to strengthen communication between children and adults.

Academic Standing of Project Beneficiaries:

In the reporting quarter, the first term of the new session commenced and project beneficiaries sat for their first term exams in their various classes and schools. The exam results of beneficiaries were retrieved from the schools and compared with the previous terms' performance. It was observed that 50% of the beneficiaries retrogressed, 10% maintained their positions and 40% made progress in the last term results.

Peace: "I am more determined and study hard to improve my grades in school"

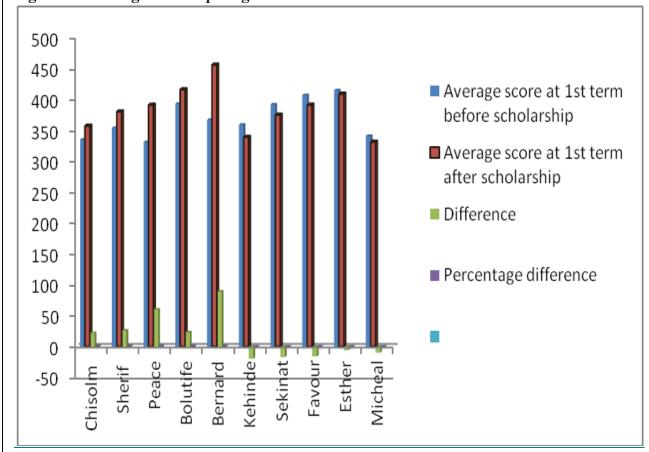
Sherif: "The scholarship support has helped me. I now play & speak freely among other children and also teach them to write. My teachers also give me more attention than before"



Table 1: Showing and Comparing the Academic Performance of Beneficiaries

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Chisolm				335	357	22	7%
Sherif				354	380	26	7%
Peace				331	391	60	18%
Bolutife				393	416	23	6%
Bernard				367	456	89	24%
Kehinde				359	339	-20	-6%
Sekinat				392	375	-17	-4%
Favour				407	391	-16	-4%
Esther				415	409	-6	-1%
Micheal				341	331	-10	-3%

Figure 1: Showing and Comparing the Academic Performance of Beneficiaries



See appendix for pictures showing project beneficiaries and arrays of activities and interventions implemented in the fourth quarter. A table showing the academic standing of the project beneficiaries is also presented in the appendix.

Proposed Activities for Quarter Four:

In the first quarter of year 2016 which will run from January to March, 2015, nutritional support and other educational support will be provided. Furthermore, sequel to availability of funds, beneficiaries would be supported with transport support and enrolled on health insurance coverage.

Appendix: Table Showing the Academic Standing of Project Beneficiaries

S/N	Names	Date of Birth	School	Gender	Position	Picture	Comments
1	Chisom	July 29 th 2005 10 years	L.M.L.G Primary School Ijero	Female	6 th		Chisom's position retrogressed from 3 rd to 6 th in her class. Her highest scores were in English Language and Mathematics. Her teacher urged her not to relent
2	Kehinde	March 25 th 2005 10 years	L.M.L.G Primary School Ijero	Female	11th		Kehinde's position retrogressed from 4th to 11 th position. Although she had 1% score more than the last term's average. Her highest scores were in Mathematics and



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3	Sekinat	Octobe	L.M.L.G		5th		Basic Sciences. Sekinat's result
		r 10 th 2004 11 years	Primary School Ijero	Female			improved from 6 th to 5 th . Her class teacher also commented that she has improved. Her highest scores were in English Language and Mathematics
4	Favour	June 17 th 2005 10 years	L.M.L.G Primary School Ijero	Female	2nd		Favour moved from 2nd to 4th position. Her highest scores were in English Language and Mathematics
5	Bernard	Nov. 28 th 2003 12 years	L.M.L.G Primary School Ijero	Male	1st	Saun-	Bernard maintained 1st position in his class. His highest scores were in English Language and Mathematics.



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						464	and Mathematics.
7	Esther	Sept.	L.M.L.G		2 nd		Esther came 2nd in
		29 th	Primary				her class. Her
		2004	School	Female		2.0	highest scores were
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		11					and Mathematics
		years					
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8	Michael	May 7 th	L.M.L.G		7th		Micheal
		2006	Primary	Male	e		retrogressed from
		9 years	School	- Triale			7th to 13th. Position
		years	Ijero			00	despite recording a
						VA	5% overall score
							improvement . His
							highest scores were
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							him not to relent.
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9	a	March	L.M.L.G	Male	8th		Lawal moved from
	Sherifdeen	10 th	Primary				8th to 4th position.
		2015	School			100	His highest scores
			Ijero			(6)	were in Science and
						2	Mathematics
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10	Peace	Sept.	L.M.L.G	Female	2 nd		Peace moved to 2nd
		22 nd	Primary				position from 3rd.
,		2003	School			0.0	Her highest scores
			Ijero				were in English
							Language and
							Mathematics