

FOSTER PARADISE ORPHANAGE INITIATIVE

# ICT TRAINING / ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS FOR YOUTH

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# Project Aim

To improve the living standards of children living in rural areas and marginalized section of the community society through educational, entrepreneurship, skills acquisition training and support programme.

# Specific Aims

The project will take place in Ebemebe Ashaka and will focus on the following specific aims;

1. Training in entrepreneurial skills

* Computer training
* Internet services
* Small home agricultural activities

2. To run a youth service center

3. To run a Nursery and primary school service programme

4. To create a library

5. To promote community development and recreation and business center

* Cafeteria
* Shops
* Sport center
* Information center i.e. cultural heritage and tourist promotion services and marketing rural agricultural products through internet

# Project Objectives

The overall objective of this project is to create an enabling environment for children and community so that they can have a right to early education, and training of youths to be self - dependent, contribute to the development of the area and be an active participant in development effort of the nation.

Specific objectives are to inculcate entrepreneurial skills in children and the youth, to make them discipline and self-employed, and initiate the youth to be engaged in ICT enterprises and other similar innovative and creative projects.

# Project Activities

# Table 1: Activities Breakdown

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| **S/NO** | **Activities** | **Unit** | **Quantity** | **Remark** |
| 1 | Training in entrepreneurial skills   * Computer training * Internet services * Small home agricultural activities | No of youngsters | 20 -50 |  |
| 2 | Construction of recreation and business center   * Cafeteria * Shops * Sport center / youth sport center * Information center and library | Classes  “  “  “  “ | 2  20  1  1 |  |
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| 6 | To promote community development | No. of projects | 20 |  |
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| 8 | Employment of project personnel  Employing of project coordinator | No | 1 |  |

# Activities of the project

1. Training the youth on entrepreneurial skills.
2. Establishing recreation and business center.
3. Civic education and leadership training
4. Computer training
5. To run a literacy school
6. To promote community development through support to local community initiatives to improve the standards of living of the population.
7. To build a youth sport center and to create a library
8. To empower local communities to search for and identify ways of addressing their developmental needs through educating and supporting young people to become effective agents of change.

# Training the children and youth on entrepreneurial skill

Most of the children do not have access to education, while majority of youth in town are unskilled. Most don’t have enough knowledge on enterprise development. Some have skills but their knowledge needs mentoring. Besides, they have no capital to start up a business. Therefore, training on business development and going to envisaged business of their interest is the first step.

# Establishing a recreation and business center

As mentioned earlier the youth have nowhere to spend their time. As there are no job to do, the level of unemployment are very high. Therefore, a center that can be used as both recreation and business should be established. In the center there will be shops for young small-scale businessmen, cafeteria, sporting center, information center and internet café / center. In the shops & cafeteria those youngsters who took training and shall undergo the venture of their own interest. The sport center shall provide indoor game services .The information center will give internet and information services. Film showing will launch in the small hall that is to be constructed together with the above centers. In these centers the remaining youth shall spend their time for recreation.

# Provision of sporting materials

In here different sport teams which were already formed will be given sporting materials. The sporting team’s types are football, volley ball and table tennis.

# Needy Children Support

Children support activities seeks to improve lives of poor children through vocational skills for orphans and vulnerable youth (carpentry, computer maintenance, tailoring and hairdressing), educational support for 20-50 children, functional never been to school literacy training, community development activities (sustainable agriculture; food aid to orphans and vulnerable children; health and personal hygiene trainings), environmental protection (energy saving stoves; rain water harvesting; alternative light ), for the children of the slum, supporting to the needy children of the local community through the distribution of toiletries, organizing fund raising activities for the children and youth of the slum, and other income generation activities,

# Construction of a youth center

The project plans to construct a Children and youth center for the orphans and the poor families of people living in community on a land owned by Foster Paradise Orphanage, which is located in Ebemebe and Asahka area. This will enable Foster Paradise Orphanage to expand and improve on the educational programs already existing in Ebemebe. The center will constitute a meeting point for the children and youth and serve as a center of new activities and new opportunities. The center will comprise, a multipurpose hall, some classrooms, a library books storage room, two offices and toilets. The center will accommodate the literacy school for children and never been to school youth, a program on Internet, computer training and ICT, , one library and some recreational activities targeting beneficiaries are 50 -100 persons. The youth center will be used to improve the management of local NGOs partners and thus increase their levels of sustainability. The main activities of the center are a literacy school for the children and professional trainings for youngsters and women, but it will host also some activities addressed to the whole community; a shop for selling local handcraft, trainings for local partner organization staff members, awareness meetings and free cinema. In the specific the planned activities are;

# Reference Library

One of the rooms will be fitted with shelves and stocked with reference books for infants, youth of primary and secondary school level plus general reference books and magazines. Other related assets would be a public address system, music system, a video and television system in door and out door games. The place would be organized into a resource and recreational centre where the youth can meet and recreate in a constructive and guided way. Where they have access to resources and information that enables them to be connected to wider society and to the world. Where awareness and sensitization programs can be run on HIV/AIDS, male / female relationships, drug abuse, cultural heritage and tourism advertisement with reference from Ashaka are achieves including the LGAS in Delta state, Nigeria etc.

The multipurpose hall would be furnished for use as a reading and study room or workshop and training purposes. While two rooms of the center will host a library and a study room, in which students of all levels will have the possibility to deepen the knowledge acquired at school. There will be also a general book section for leisure reading. This facility will give the possibility to the students attending low level schools, to be prepared for the final exams. There will be also a veranda space where a wider public will have the possibility to read in a comfortable and quite environment.

# ICT Training

The course of computer directed by FPO animators will involve the young people of the community of Ashaka and the women who cannot be admitted to similar courses because of the age, of the cost and the level of education. This program of computer science is the only one existing in the zone. The number of beneficiaries will target a particular part of the population, on average 72 youngsters and 50 women. The center will also offer the possibility of using computers facilities in order to train local NGOs staff and improve the quality of their administration, and acquire ICT skills for all the beneficiaries of the center.

# Vocational skills training

In the aim of improving the life quality of disadvantaged persons and to give a professional qualification to the young people, FPO will improve the quality of the existing vocational skills training, and increase the number of beneficiaries through acquisition of more training materials and instructors. Because of the problems off insuring a constant supply of electricity (sometimes the distribution is limited to 3 – 12 hours per day) FPO will purchase a three –phase generator. At the end of the professional training the graduates will receive a professional kit (box of tools, sewing machine,..) that will put them in the position to start quickly working on their own. The total number of beneficiaries is of 250 young people. Also, FPO will organize vocational trainings for disadvantaged youth aged from 12 – 30 years, with the aim of offering vocational skills for job in the following skills areas; tailoring, hairdressing, video making / photo making in which the project will be benefiting 60 tailoring, 52 hairdressing, and 30 video-making / photo youths.

# Support HIV/AIDS affected families

In order to limit the spread of AIDS diffusion among the population of the area district, FPO supports 7 childhood cancer and 40 affected families whose children are already beneficiaries of the center. The HIV affected persons are supported through the subsidies of medical care for the affected and start up input for the head of family in order to set up income generating activities. Furthermore the beneficiaries of the program will be referred to medical centers in order to receive free medical care and antiretroviral. Among the families supported by FPO, 40 of them, the most disadvantaged ones, will receive a further support through food distribution.

# Training for local NGOs

The project plans to carry out staff training of local NGOs, FBOs and CBOs through seminars of two / three days on the following topics; human resources management, accountability and transparency, civic education, women/ youth participation, HIV/AIDS prevention, midwives and traditional birth attendants training, family planning, sustainability, project coordination, administration, project formulation and design, monitoring and evaluation, and similar project relating to GBV training and sexuality education including cultural heritage and tourism poverty reduction projects since Nigeria has no cultural heritage policy. The aim is to improve the management capacity and the organization of the local organisations. The planned number of beneficiaries is 20 persons / seminar.

# Awareness meeting

Once every month the main room will host sensitization and awareness meetings under the facilitation of professional and experienced trainers. The meetings will be followed by a discussion among the participants. The main topics will be; gender based violence, HIV/AIDS prevention, children rights, general health, life saving strategies, women empowerment, cultural heritage and tourism promotion. The planned number of beneficiaries is 72.

# Cinema

For the children the multimedia activities constitute a leisure and fast instrument to learn new things. Through documentaries and cartoons, this activity will reach a greater number of children in order to facilitate learning in a leisure atmosphere.

**Literacy school**

This activity aims at to improve NGO literacy program of informal classes for the most disadvantaged children of the slum. The aim is to give a first education to the ones whose families cannot afford the cost of a pre-school and therefore who don’t have the possibility to be prepared to pass the admission test for primary school. As part of the program, the families of these children will attend a monthly meeting to check on the performance of the pupils and will benefit from other trainings such as counseling on family planning and foreign languages (French, Chinese, Arabs and Germany).

# Sports center

The sport center will be constructed within the Children Home and School ground owned by the FPO, far away from the FPO Hospital known “International Children Health and AIDS Research Center”. The aim is to offer leisure activities and a meeting point to the young people of the slum and at the same time of giving to the most performing among them the opportunity to qualify for joining a national team. These activities will be;

1. Construction of the sport center ; we plan to construct a sport facility that will include showers, dressing rooms, bathrooms, once meeting room, a field for soccer, one for volleyball and one for basketball.
2. Sport Activities; the main activity of the center will be the improvement of the already existing soccer trainings. With the opening of the new sport grounds we will have the possibility to organize new sports activities for the free time of the young people.

**In Setting up Our Partnership**

In setting up our partnership in this project it was agreed that FPO management including Disability School, FPO management, FPO ICT Center and School and hospital staffs will be trained on how to consolidate our reciprocal exchange of skills, knowledge and experience transfer in this partnership application, on how to maintain the given school materials, books, medical equipment, training on how to operate the supported equipments, training on how to institutionalize ethical review of health care research and ethical issues in international collaborative health care research including ethics committee participation in this partnership, improvement of health and excellent service delivery to the patients, disability education promotion fairness, adolescent sexuality reproductive health and family planning education, and the donor partner will execute this training and not only to the FPO disability center but also to the hospital management related children care issues. The project partner and the FPO will arrange together to provide this training with budget support from FPO sources of fund and its partnership.

**FPO Contribution**

In this request we expect to incur into consignment cost (shipment cost) related to books and wheelchairs aid. Therefore we should be happy to receive any kind of help because since we managed to finalize our school construction on 23rd November 2018 we lack school books in our library but we managed to connect 57 computers and with internet in our library. We expect to be supported any kind of books number that you can afford it.

**Project strategy**

First the youth will be selected for training .The selection will be carried out in collaboration with town administration and office for coordinating civic societies and social affairs. Training will be given by FPO. The recreation and business center is to be constructed by FPO through fund obtained from donors. When the construction is completed the youngsters who have obtained credit from the project will carry out their business in the center. The credit will be given to 120 youngsters who will engage in business activities in the center. Before credit is given they will sign agreement with FPO. When they receive the credit they will be engaged in their business and will pay back after 1 year. After 1 year they are expected to have their own start up capital from the profit. The repaid amount will be given for other groups of youngsters who didn’t get the credit that are out the center. This will be done by FPO in collaboration of concerned offices of the town.

The youngsters who live in the town can use the cafeteria, sport center, and information centers and film center for recreation. Therefore, the center benefits the whole youth of the town. Sporting materials will be bought and given to football and netball team, volley ball team and tennis table team. FPO shall in collaboration with different line offices shall monitor their progress.

## Table 3: Phasing out strategy

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No | **Activities** | **Unit** | **Qty** | **Target by Quarter** | | | | **Responsible Body** |
| **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** |
| 1 | Training the youth  Selection of youth  Training the youth  Forming SOS membership groups | No  No | 170  170 | 170  170 | - | - | - | The project coordinator, youth and sport desk ,Department and dep't for coordinating civic societies and social affairs |
| 2 | Construction of youth center  Bidding process Construction  Handing over  Monitoring |  |  | x  -  -  -  X | -  x  x  x  x | -  -  -  x  x | -  -  -  x  x | The project coordinator FPO engineer and engineer of construction  and design desk |
| 3 | Credit provision  Organizing the youth  Signing agreement with youth  Providing credit  Monitoring | No  No  No | 120  120  120 | x  -  -  - | x  -  -  -  x | x  -  -  -  x | x  -  -  -  x | The project coordinator, and dep't for coordinating civic societies and social  affairs |
| 4 | Provide sport materials  Selecting and organizing teams  Purchasing sporting materials  Providing materials  Monitoring | No of teams  LS | 11  Ls | 12  -  -  -  X | -  x  -  -  x | -  x  -  -  x | -  x  -  -  x | The project coordinator, youth and sport desk |

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## Project Input

Financial input to implement this project a total of $**42,850** is needed. This is expected to be obtained from the donors. The following is the budget breakdown.

# Organization and management

This project will be implemented by Foster Paradise orphanage Initiative (FPO). FPO using its own staff and the staff to be employed shall carry out the activities. FPO shall also monitor the progress of the project on daily basis. Evaluation shall take places involving all stakeholders the collaborating offices are youth, sport and culture offices, micro and small-scale trade and industry offices, and office for coordinating civic societies and social affairs and city administration of targeted areas. These will provide technical support and collaborate in implementing, monitoring and evaluation. The donors are expected to fund the project. Donors also have the responsibility of monitoring the progress and finally evaluate. Community of Ashaka region shall involve from planning to evaluation of the project.

# Sustainability

The sustainability of this project will be guaranteed because the project involves the participation and collaboration of all concerned line offices and community. The beneficiaries through training given to them shall handle their business properly. The startup capital given on credit basis will be profitable as the beneficiaries are engaged in trade of their interest. Using the profits they will undergo their business on their own capital. Their repayment shall be used to provide as credit for who are even outside the center. It revolves from one group of beneficiaries to other youngsters. By doing so the revolving fund is expected not only to benefit the first beneficiaries but also majority of youth who have zeal to be self – employed. The project in general is expected to reduce unemployment rate.

# Expected output

## Long-term output

The youth to great extent contributed to development of the area

## Short term output

1. 120 Youngsters obtained training on entrepreneurial skill.
2. 1 Recreation and business center established.
3. 120 Youngsters obtained revolving credit.
4. 48 Youngsters obtained sporting materials.
5. 120 Youngsters obtained civic education, leadership skills, gender based violence and child abuse training
6. 100 Youngsters obtained computer and internet training
7. Exported local made products
8. Reduced poverty, illiteracy and unemployment
9. Promote youngsters rights
10. Promoted cultural heritage and tourism activities

## Phasing out strategy

Phasing out of a given project can be undertaken through different ways. For this project, the phasing shall take place through individuals and activities. In the first case, those youth who benefited from the project especially through credit service for the first round shall be left to continue on their own capital when they pay back the credit. Then the credit will be given to another youngster and so on. In the second case, for the first year FpO will strictly follow up and manage the project the progress. However for the following years much of these responsibilities shall be transferred to line offices and community.

## Conclusion

In this project we request you to grant **$58,380** for the implementation of this project that is expected to be conducted in Ashaka and later the project will spread to other remained districts of Delta. You’re kindly requested to partnership with us for the implementation of this unique project to be conducted in Delta State Nigeria.

**Table 2: The budget breakdown**

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| **NO** | **Activities** | **Unit** | **Amount in**  **USD ($)** | **Remark** |
| 1 | Training in entrepreneurial skill   * Forming youth SOSs * Micro credit soft loans * Computer & internet training * Success story telling * Small home agricultural activities | 1 | 7500 |  |
| 2 | Construction of recreation and business center (Cafeteria, Shops, Sport center, a library, vocational training, Information center and Film show center) | 1 | 20600 |  |
| 3 | Provision of credit to those engaged in small scale business Café service   * Shop trading * Sport center * Information center * Film Show center * Small agricultural activities * Vocational training projects | “  “  “  “ | 2500  2600  2800  2000  2400  2200 |  |
| 4 | Supporting orphans education programs |  | 1200 |  |
| 5 | School Min Bus | 1 | ??? |  |
| 6 | Digital Steel Camera and Moving camera | 2 | 1800 |  |
| 7 | Laptop | 2 | 1320 |  |
| 8 | English and Science literature books | 3000 | 3000 |  |
| 9 | Fax machine, scanner, photo colored printer | 3 | 1160 |  |
| 10 | Provision of sporting materials   * Football team / women soccer team * Volley ball team | “ | 1300 |  |
| 11 | Monitoring and evaluation | “ | 2000 |  |
| 12 | Photocopy materials and publication | ‘’ | 2000 |  |
| 13 | Equipment   1. 10 Sewing machines 2. 3 Sets of construction work tools 3. 3 Sets of hairdressing tools 4. Carpentry tools | 10  3  3 |  |  |
|  | **Grand Total Requested** |  | **$58380** |  |

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