



**Empower 50 Nigerian girls to forge their own path
through vocational training in hospitality.**

Who we are

Established in 2012, Wonder Foundation is a UK registered charity (No. 1148679) dedicated to empowering vulnerable people through education. We work with locally-led partners around the world to help women, girls and their families access the education and support that they need to exit poverty, for good.

Background

Women saturate the informal economy in Nigeria; however, this work is generally precarious, poorly paid and often temporary. In addition to this, young women unable to continue their education are often subject to early marriage, child pregnancy, involuntary domestic servitude and even trafficking.

Many young women who do receive secondary level and university educations often struggle to find work following the completion of their studies. As of 2016, 42.4% of the labour force in Nigeria is female, but women make up only 21% of the non-agricultural paid labour force¹. Women need to have access to other forms of meaningful, safe and fairly-compensated employment.

The Project

The money raised through this platform will directly fund the full-semester scholarships of 50 young women from low-income backgrounds from a number of areas in Nigeria. We work in partnership with the local organisation, Women's Board, to provide young women from vulnerable backgrounds access to high quality education.

Wavecrest College of Hospitality (Lagos) and Lantana College of Hospitality (Enugu) are vocational institutions that teach technical and professional skills to young women. Both help women to find their independence by giving them the experience they need to support themselves and their families financially and to look for fulfilment in their daily lives. Students at the colleges go on to secure well-paid jobs in the hotel, tourism and catering industries, or to start their own businesses with the skills that they have learnt.

¹ UKAID, *Gender in Nigeria Report 2012: Improving the Lives of Girls and Women in Nigeria*; (2012)
<https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/british-council-gender-nigeria2012.pdf>