**EDUCATE, EQUIP AND EMPOWER 230 WOMEN AND GIRLS** The Educate, Equip & Empower (EEE) project is designed to tackle poverty; retention, enrollment and completion of girl child education; enable networking and mentoring between female students and women professionals around the world and provide access to opportunities for women and girls in Nigeria.

## SEPTEMBER 2019 - NOVEMBER 2019 UPDATES

EWEI Online, our online community for horizontal learning, exchange and mentorship, has in the last quarter, featured 7 unique topics and 203 unique responses from 2 countries on the platform. Topics discussed include; Charity, Suicide, Positive Youth Development and Climate Action for Peace to mark the International Peace Day 2019. The platform also shared 9 global funding and fellowship opportunities for members. These opportunities were aimed at fostering members professional development, empowerment, grassroot Impact and women leadership.

Since the inception of EWEI Online, one major setback that we have been faced with, is the challenge of low online participation. It has been noticed that certain activities like the outreaches, hangouts and the offer of incentives has resulted in an increase in participation on the platform. In the last quarter, through EWEI Online live chat hangout session, we saw a scale up in the number of online participants for the live chat sessions held in September the number of participants rose from 103 to 128 members-.

The first live chat for the quarter was held on 21 September 2019 with Gloria Kasang, an environmentalist with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and Resource Management, a Post-Graduate Diploma in Geographic Information Systems, and a Masters in Renewable Energy. Gloria is a Climate Reality Leader trained by Climate Reality Leadership Corps under the tutorship of the former Vice President of America, Al Gore, and the team lead for Citizen's Climate Lobby International in Kaduna State. She hosted the live chat on the topic" Climate Action for Peace" to mark the International Peace Day 2019.

From November 25 to December 10, EWEI Online will be marking the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. The theme for this year, is 'Generations Equality Stands against Rape'. During this time, EWEI Online will host an online campaign to raise awareness on the theme of the year as well as garner momentum/support from women all over the world to "Stand against Rape'. Activities for the campaign will include quizzes and giveaways to boost participation on the platform.

The second live chat for the quarter was held on 29 November 2019. Our guest mentor was Barr. Hajara Jibrin Abubakar, a member of Advocate Sans Frontiers; an International NGO active in human rights and development, the Nigerian Bar Association and a seasoned professional in her field. She has developed an urge to fight against the culture of silence ravaging Nigerian youth, and hosted the chat on the topic "Rape in the eyes of the Law".

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## CHALLENGE

The major challenge we have been faced with during the live chat hangouts in the last quarter is that most members who are interested to join in the chat are unable to participate because they do have access to internet services.

## MITIGATION

More hangouts at venues where participants can be provided free Wi-Fi services during chat session. We also seek more support to be able to provide internet access to members so they can benefit from the platform.