**PROJECT BACK2SCHOOL**

**Project Title**

Send 20 children back to school in Bwari Area Council of FCT, Nigeria. (**ProjectBack2School**)

**Vanity URL**

Send-Bwari-children-back-to-school

**Project Summary**

The rate of poverty and insurgency is on the rise in Nigeria, especially in the Northern states. The increasing rate of family displacement has directly affected the number of out-of-school children. This increases the vulnerability of children to child labor and abuse, and subsequently social vices including substance use and abuse, etc.

FOH plans to relieve the Bwari community of this burden by; identifying children in this category who have completed their basic school; enroll them; and sponsor them through the three years of study in Junior Secondary School, as well as provide them with empowerment programs.

This project is aimed at supporting the education of children (primary school leavers) who are unable to further their education due to either their poor family background and/or displacement due to insurgency through their Junior Secondary School years (JSS1-3). The scope of the project covers: enrolment fees; uniforms; textbooks including mathematics, English, and basic sciences; school kits including sandals and school bags; transportation and lunch allowance; writing materials; and Junior school certificate examination fees. This is to ensure that beneficiaries are able to concentrate and perform optimally among their contemporaries in school.

The implementation of this project will increase school enrollment and improve literacy in Bwari community. This will in turn reduce child labor and abuse and other social vices. The project will also ensure holistic development of beneficiaries through the formal education they will access in their various schools as well as the leadership training and mentoring program that we will be offering to them.

Our goal is to see the beneficiaries acquire the requisite formal and informal skills to perform excellently in their chosen endeavors. This project is envisioned to be implemented in two phases: The Junior School Phase and the Senior School Phase. The Junior School Phase is expected to prepare beneficiaries for the Senior School Phase.

**Funding Amount**

The amount required for this project is a total of;

* $20,990 (#7,660,000 equivalent)

**Donation Options**

The available options of donation include;

* $35 will provide writing materials for a child
* $45 will provide school kits for a child
* $55 will cater for the enrolment and basic textbooks for a child
* $75 will provide school wears and register a child for JSCE
* $125 will cater for sanitary materials for two-girl children
* $160 will provide lunch for a child
* $250 will provide basic textbooks for 5 children
* $640 will fully fund a child through junior secondary school

**Statement of the Problem**

The rate of poverty and insurgency is on the rise in Nigeria, especially in the Northern states. The increasing rate of family displacement has directly affected the number of out-of-school children. This increases the vulnerability of children to child labor and abuse, and subsequently social vices including substance use and abuse, etc. We aim to reduce the susceptibility of these children to child labor and abuse by sending them back to school, and help them become agents of change in their immediate communities.

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) 2017 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) says about 50.8% of Nigerian children, aged between 5 and 17, are involved in child labor. UNESCO also reports that there are over 10.5 million out-of- school children in Nigeria, which is about 50% of world out of school children (<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/50-nigerian-children-engage-child-labour-nbs/>).

The child labor prevalence in North central Nigeria including the FCT (Federal Capital Territory) is reported at 56.8% (about 5,964,000 children). This suggests that the FCT harbors approximately 852,000 children involved in child labor. Results from the National Population Commission (NPC) of Nigeria and The National Bureau of Statistics (2016) gave the total population of children in the FCT between the ages of 10 to 19 as 660,549 with Bwari Area Council constituting 16.3% of the total population. Therefore, the number of children in Bwari Area Council is approximately 107,669. It is estimated that about 50% of these children are out-of-school due to poverty and internal displacement as a result of insurgency and instability in the region.

What have we observed about the problem? A boy in our locality had lost hope of being enrolled into JSS1 as a result of his poor family background. No one was neither able nor willing to provide the funds for him to continue his education. So, he went about fishing in order to trade it in return for money so he could save it up for his fees and return back to school to join his friends and colleagues. The school term was running out and still he was only able to save up little which was barely enough. It was on one of such of his house-to-house fish trading that we encountered him. This is one of the many cases of school drop outs resulting in child labour in our community.

As an organization, we have enrolled him in School and he is happy to carry on with his colleagues. This is exactly what we want to do with many more children of his kind within the Bwari community leveraging this project.

**Solution Implementation**

We will identify and send out-of-school children back to school in Bwari thereby; increasing school enrollment and improving out-of-school children statistics in Nigeria; increasing literacy level in our immediate community; and subsequently reducing drastically the potential exposure of children to child labor, abuse and social vices.

Also, we will offer our Life Development and Leadership Programs to the children. These programs will cater for the emotional and psychological wellbeing and stability of these children to enable them strive better in the society. This will expand their scope and have impact on their self-esteem thereby helping them become more responsible for themselves, their community and ultimately having a hope of a better future.

**Potential Long-Term Impact**

At the end of July 2021, this project would have successfully educated and empowered 20 children through their Junior Secondary School. Consequently, the project would have increased enrollment rate and decreased the statistics for out of school children in Nigeria; reduced the risk and exposure of children to child labor and abuse; reduced social vices and crime waves in Bwari and FCT.

While ensuring that their education is not stopped after Junior Secondary School, we would also support them through their Senior Secondary School and University Studies. Hence, we would have strategically positioned them to have influence on their immediate communities, Nigeria and the world as a whole.

**Budget Breakdown**

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| **S/N** | **Budget Category** | **Amount (USD)** |
| 1 | Sponsorship Cost for 20 children through JSS1 to 3 | 12, 768.40 |
| 2 | Organizational Monthly Expenditure for Project Implementation and Monitoring (36 months) | 7,398.00 |
| 3 | Annual Leadership Development Program (3 years) | 822.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **20,988.40** |

**Web Resources**

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