

E4P STREET SCHOOL NIGERIA INITIATIVE PROJECT PROPOSAL

Project name	E4P Street School Nigeria Initiative
Location	Eagle Island, Rivers State, Nigeria
Project timeline	August 2019 – August 2020

1.1Project Summary

Nigeria is one of the countries with the highest statistics of out-of-school children in the world. Children who live on the streets and source for livelihood on the streets such as: hawking, or begging are the most neglected. Although the Universal Basic Education (UBE) Act exists which is intended to provide free basic formal education for every Nigerian child till junior secondary school level, there is currently no institutional action plan geared towards educating children on the streets.

Sadly, in cases where the opportunities arise for these children to go to school, they are faced with the difficulty of being unable to easily integrate into the formal education system, because they have never attended school or have been out of school for a long period of time. As a result of this, we launched the Street School Nigeria Initiative last year, our intention being twofold: to give the children on the street (who we consider a vulnerable group) a chance to get formal education and skills, and to help their integration back into school.

The first phase of the Street School Nigeria initiative project involves identifying out-school children on the streets in rural communities; and using activity-based learning, we provide free literacy lessons daily to them for a period of six weeks. The second phase of the project is our integration model where we provide scholarships to the children who have completed our lessons to continue their education for free in partner schools. The third phase of the project will involve building street schools where all children on the street can receive quality education for free.

Last year, we successfully completed the street school lessons in Rumuibekwe community in Rivers state, Nigeria. A hundred and twenty-one children on the streets benefited from the project; and results from the evaluation test indicated a significant increase in the reading levels of sixty percent of the beneficiaries

1.2 Organisation Background

Education for Purpose Initiative (CAC No 110182) is a registered non-governmental organisation based in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. We currently have a team of twenty-two volunteers. Our missions include:

- Providing free basic literacy education to out-of-school children on the street through our Street School Nigeria Initiative project and then integrating these children into the formal education system.
- Tackling violence embedded in relations in secondary schools in Nigeria applying an African-centered holistic approach. For teacher-student relations, our focus is on tackling excessive violence against children embedded in the use of corporal punishment and for student-student relations, we are focused on tackling bullying and gender-based violence.
- Providing career and education counselling to secondary school students to equip them with resources and professional guidance to enable them to make the right education choices that harnesses their innate capabilities.

More details on our projects and impact can be found on our website <u>http://edu4purpose.org/</u>and @edu4purpose on Twitter and Instagram.