



RETECH Foundation Book Club

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1.0 ABOUT RETECH FOUNDATION

Established in 2019, RETECH Foundation is a non-profit organisation with a focus on the development of human capital in Nigeria. Our mission is to provide nation-wide mentorship, scholarship and good citizenship programmes that offer a comprehensive range of opportunities to enable our youths develop skills, knowledge, values, behaviours, and competencies needed to ensure Nigeria becomes the most developed country in Africa and one of the most economically viable nations in the world.

Our Mentorship and Scholarship Programmes aim to ensure that more talented children, young people, and professionals are motivated, guided and encouraged to strive for success in all they do. We know that our intervention will have a significant impact on the literacy rate in Nigeria, as we aim to eradicate lack of funds as an excuse for talented students to drop out of school. Our Good Citizenship Programme aims to ensure that our children and young people develop the right attitude required for success by taking responsibility for their success and actions; having the right attitude to work and school; showing respect to authority, school staff and classmates; and learning to help others.

Run by a network of volunteers which include our [Board of Trustees](#) and all the [members of the management team](#), our activities are funded by donations from private individuals and corporate organisations and 100% of the funds raised by the Foundation is used in the implementation of our programmes. So far, RETECH Foundation has awarded full scholarships to 33 pupils in federal government colleges (a.k.a. Unity Schools) and 80 pupils from State Owned schools across Nigeria who bagged the best scores in the Basic Education Certificate Exam.

2.0 WHAT IS THE BOOK CLUB?

The RETECH Foundation Book Club (RFBC) aims at encouraging critical thinking and deeper engagement with stories whilst improving the students reading and reading comprehension skills. It will also promote a love of literature in a positive nurturing environment. The RFBC has a focus on reading books from one or more of the following genres: Historical Fiction, Literary Fiction, Science Fiction, Biographies and Autobiographies, History and Memoirs. RFBC also aims to promote books by African Authors.

Reading develops a person in numerous ways including enhancing emotional intelligence, improving self-awareness, increasing social skills and increasing intelligence and academic performance.

By creating, interacting, monitoring and rewarding reading clubs' members for the number of books read rather than just donating books, RETECH Foundation can ensure the books supplied are read and reviewed in a formal book review meeting by club members. Club members are expected to complete reading and reviewing books within a month. At the end of each month, club members are expected to swap books with another club, this way the supply of books to Club members is sustainable.

3.0 PROGRESS

Since our last update, we have set up 100 book clubs in 10 public secondary schools in Minna, Niger State and have distributed books to 700 book club members in 70 book clubs across 7 public secondary schools in Minna.

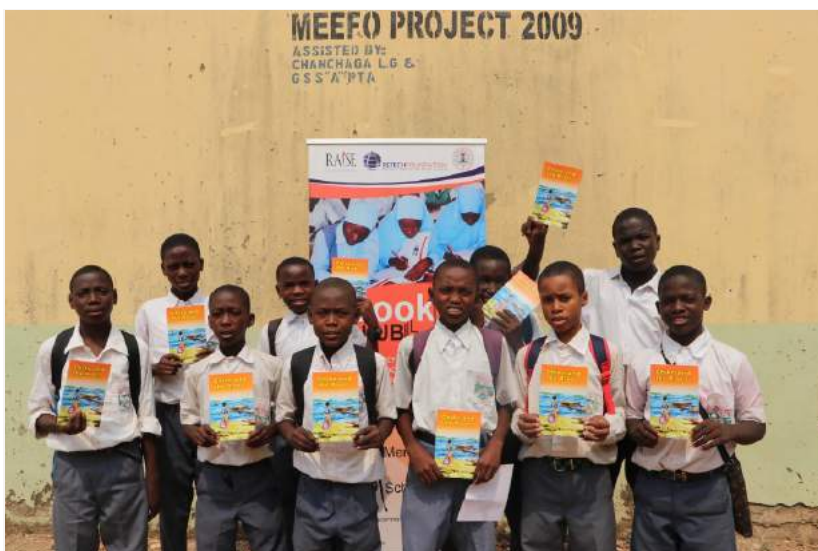
In this quarter, we set up 10 book clubs each in the following schools in Minna, Niger State.

1. G.D.S.S. Tunga Low-Cost, Minna.





2. Father O'Connell Science College, Minna.





3. Zarumai Model Secondary School, Minna.





4. Army Day Secondary School, Minna.





5. Federal Government College, Minna.





6. Hill Top Model Secondary School, Minna.





7. Government Girls Secondary School (GGSS), Minna.





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Use the link below to assess videos of the book club launch in the various schools. A few pictures are presented below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50-q---pEAw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXY1WMUQk0Y&t=35s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8xZ1YxTAYM>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=os_hloe8qM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_NWPmA8qDo&t=8s

In Q2 2022, we intend to launch book clubs in 3 more public schools in Niger State. The schools include the following:

1. Ahmadu Bahago Secondary School.
2. Maryam Babangida Girls Science College
3. Government Day Secondary School, Bosso.

So far, we have received sufficient funding to create 140 book clubs consisting of 10 members each. Today, with 769 club members, we have achieved 55% progress.

We will update again on the in September 2022.