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### **Our Vision & Mission**

Founded in 2021, the Elite Star Foundation is an independent non-profit organization headquartered in Suleja, Niger State, Nigeria. At the Elite Star Foundation, we strive to create a world where every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive both in the classroom and in the communities they live. We are dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all children and adolescents in Nigeria irrespective of their background, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender. We partner with educators, civil society networks, governments, and international organizations to provide children and adolescents in Nigeria with the resources and support they need to build a strong foundation for their future and reach their full potential.

### **The Challenge**

Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa, faces significant challenges in relation to its young population. With about 50% of its 200 million citizens under the age of 18, poverty rates remain high, affecting children disproportionately. Nearly half of Nigerian children live below the poverty line (N376.5 per day), and 10.5 million children aged 5-14 are out of school. Violence against children is prevalent, with 60% experiencing some form of abuse before turning 18. Lack of awareness and resources, especially in rural communities, hinders the proper identification and response to cases of abuse. This can have severe consequences on children's well-being, mental health, academic performance, and school attendance.

### **Our Approach**

Deeply embedded in the communities we serve, Elite Star Foundation is uniquely positioned to deliver tailored and scalable programs that benefit adolescents and children in Nigeria. We work hand-in-hand with our broad network of schools and community partners to implement an approach centered on a deep understanding of local contexts as well as global approaches. Elite Star Foundation is focused on improving the lives of children living in under-resourced areas of Nigeria that are often overlooked by other organizations. We are a small but agile organization, with our impact driven by our passionate volunteers.

Elite Star Foundation uses a holistic and comprehensive approach to help children learn, grow, and thrive. Key areas of work include:

### **1. Child Protection:**

There is a growing awareness of child abuse and neglect in Nigeria, but awareness is not enough to impact lives. It is imperative that students, parents, teachers, social workers, and community members obtain the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to identify and respond effectively to abuse cases. By empowering members of the community through training and other resources, we ensure children who are victims of abuse receive the urgent support they need.

### **2. Child Survival:**

We work to improve the health and well-being of children by providing health education and preventive health services. Our prevention strategies address issues such as poverty, lack of access to quality education, and poor nutrition and hygiene. We also provide rapid response services to children who are at risk of malnutrition, disease, or other health problems. Our early intervention services include providing nutritional supplements, immunizations, and access to medical care.

### **3. Child Education:**

We believe that every child has unique needs and abilities, and we strive to provide an individualized approach to education. Our educational programs, such as tutoring, mentorships, and after-school activities, help children develop the academic and interpersonal skills they need to succeed. We work with children, families, educators, and community partners to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

## **Theory of Change**

Partnership is essential to drive change on issues related to child protection, survival, and education. We partner with schools and institutions to empower students, teachers, and community members with the necessary knowledge, resources, and tools to address these issues.

### **Child Protection**

#### *Activities*

- Conduct comprehensive training programs for teachers, students, and community members on recognizing and responding to child abuse in North Central Nigeria.
- Develop age-appropriate educational materials and resources to raise awareness about child abuse prevention.
- Organize workshops and events to promote open dialogue, communication, and sharing of experiences related to child abuse.

### *Outputs*

- Increased knowledge and awareness among students, teachers, and community members about child abuse and its prevention.
- Improved communication channels and support networks to facilitate reporting and response to child abuse cases.
- Availability of educational resources and materials that can be integrated into school curricula to promote prevention and early intervention.
- Strengthened partnerships and collaborations between various stakeholders involved in child protection.

### *Outcomes*

- Early identification and reporting of child abuse cases through increased vigilance and awareness.
- Prompt intervention and support for victims, including removal from harmful situations and provision of necessary resources.
- Empowered students, teachers, and community members who actively contribute to creating a safe and supportive environment for children.
- Reduced incidence of child abuse within the targeted communities across North Central Nigeria.

### *Desired Impact*

- Long-term reduction in the prevalence of child abuse in Nigeria through sustained prevention efforts.
- Improved well-being, safety, and overall development of children living in North Central Nigeria.
- Increased public awareness and commitment to ending child abuse, leading to broader societal change.
- Establishment of a sustainable network of stakeholders dedicated to protecting children and advocating for their rights.
- Contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 16.2 which aims to end all forms of violence against children.

### **Child Survival**

The Elite Star Foundation is implementing a student hygiene program in Niger State, Abuja, and Nasarawa State, Nigeria. The program promotes good hygiene practices among students by educating them about its importance and providing necessary tools and resources. It is implemented in partnership with local schools to reach a diverse student population. The program is delivered through interactive sessions, including presentations, group discussions, and developing case studies.

### *Activities*

- Develop a hygiene curriculum that covers topics such as handwashing, oral hygiene, and personal hygiene.
- Provide teachers with training materials on hygiene education, methodologies, and strategies for promoting good hygiene practices.
- Conduct hygiene educational sessions for students in classrooms
- Distribute hygiene kits to students including hand sanitizers, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and face masks.
- Conduct after-program monitoring to ensure students followed good hygiene practices.
- Collect feedback from students and teachers to assess the program's effectiveness.
- Establish monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track progress and ensure program effectiveness.

### *Outputs*

- Increased knowledge and awareness among students, teachers, and school staff regarding proper hygiene practices.
- Integration of hygiene education into school curricula and activities.
- Enhanced capacity of teachers and school staff to promote and maintain good hygiene practices.

### *Outcomes*

- Increased adoption of good hygiene practices among students, leading to improved personal hygiene and reduced illness rates.
- Enhanced overall health and well-being of students, resulting in improved attendance and academic performance.
- Creation of a culture of hygiene within schools, where students and staff prioritize cleanliness and sanitation.

### *Desired Impact*

- Long-term improvement in the hygiene standards of schools, leading to healthier learning environments in Abuja, Niger State, and Nasarawa State.
- Reduced incidence of waterborne diseases and other hygiene-related illnesses among students.
- Empowered students with knowledge and skills to practice good hygiene throughout their lives.
- Increased awareness and commitment to hygiene practices within the wider community, extending the impact beyond schools.

## **Child Education**

The Elite Star Foundation aims to improve child education outcomes and school attendance in North Central Nigeria, equipping children with the necessary academic and interpersonal skills for success.

### ***Activities***

- Provide tutoring and academic support programs to enhance students' understanding and performance in key subjects.
- Establish mentorship programs that pair children with caring and knowledgeable adults to provide guidance and support.
- Offer after-school activities that promote skill development, creativity, and teamwork.
- Engage parents and caregivers through awareness campaigns, workshops, and parent-teacher collaboration.

### ***Outputs***

- Increased access to tutoring, mentorship, and after-school activities for children.
- Enhanced academic performance and subject-specific knowledge among participating students.
- Improved interpersonal skills, confidence, and self-esteem in children.
- Heightened parental involvement and support in children's education.

### ***Outcomes***

- Improved school attendance as a result of increased engagement.
- Enhanced academic achievement leading to better educational opportunities and future prospects for children.
- Development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills among students.
- Nurturing of positive relationships between mentors, students, teachers, and parents, fostering a supportive learning environment.

### ***Desired Impact***

- Long-term improvement in the overall education system in Nigeria, with increased enrollment and retention rates.
- Empowered children who are equipped with academic and interpersonal skills for lifelong success.
- Reduction in educational disparities and increased equity in access to quality education.
- Positive societal change through the development of an educated and skilled workforce.
- Strengthened communities in North Central Nigeria with active engagement in education and a collective commitment to children's future.