**TEENAGE MOTHERS KNITTING EMPOWERMENT REPORT**

The **6-month knitting empowerment program**, organized by the Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation, was conducted to equip 10 teenage mothers with practical knitting skills and entrepreneurial knowledge. The program commenced on **June 3, 2024**, following the inauguration of participants on May 28, 2024, and concluded successfully on **December 4, 2024. Please see pictures of training beneficiaries below**

*Training Structure*

The participants attended practical knitting sessions **three times a week** on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**. Each session was designed to cover both foundational and advanced knitting techniques, including creating patterns, garment finishing, and producing high-quality knitting projects.

To complement the technical training, entrepreneurial skills were offered to prepare participants to monetize their skills and operate sustainable knitting businesses. This training covered;

* Business planning and development.
* Online marketing and sales strategies.
* Managing finances for small businesses.

Additionally, the program provided holistic support to include;

* **Transport Allowances**: Monthly stipends to facilitate regular attendance.
* **Materials Provision**: Continuous supply of wools and other essential knitting materials.
* **Food Items**: Provision of foodstuffs, such as ***garri,*** to alleviate financial pressures.
* **Mentorship**: Regular guidance and encouragement from the foundation’s team.

**Conclusion**

Following the conclusion of the first phase of the knitting programme, fresh participants will be recruited for the next phase of knitting training. Subsequent report will cover other ongoing training and the proposed next phase of knitting programme. Meanwhile, a fresh training schedule will be activated for a new set of beneficiaries.

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