



Scaling Up Safe and Clean Learning Environments for Lagos Public Primary Schools

Background and Context

In 2021, Better You Africa Initiative completed our first school renovation project at Shogunle Primary School in Lagos. This project focused on transforming a single block of five classrooms, which were in a state of significant disrepair, into a safe, welcoming, and inspiring learning environment.

We conducted extensive repairs, including replacing leaking roofs, installing new windows, and redoing ceiling boards to ensure weatherproofing and security. To further engage and inspire students, we added creative, knowledge-themed artwork inside the classrooms and uplifting messages along the corridors.

The positive impact of this project was profound. Following the renovation, student engagement improved significantly, attendance rose, and the community developed a renewed sense of pride and ownership in their local school. Parents, teachers, and students alike expressed gratitude for the revitalized space, which became a source of inspiration for learning and growth.

Insights and Challenges

The Shogunle project was an eye-opener for our team, highlighting the pressing need for similar improvements across other public primary schools in Lagos. Many schools we have since visited face the same challenges, with inadequate facilities, deteriorating classrooms, and insufficient sanitation resources creating barriers to effective learning and student well-being.

The feedback we received from educators, parents, and students emphasized the critical importance of safe, clean, and functional learning spaces. Not only do such environments boost attendance and focus, but they also promote student health by reducing exposure to unsanitary conditions. However, the need far exceeds our previous single-school intervention, calling for a larger-scale initiative that can address these issues across multiple schools.

Project Proposal

Building on the success of our Shogunle project, we are now proposing a scaled-up initiative to renovate and improve facilities in 20 underserved public primary schools across Lagos. This expanded project will go beyond classroom repairs to include essential sanitation improvements,

providing safe and hygienic environments that support both education and health. Key activities will include:

- **Classroom Renovations:** Repairing leaky roofs, replacing broken windows, installing secure doors, and refreshing classroom interiors with creative, knowledge-promoting artwork.
- **Toilet and Sanitation Facility Improvements:** Building new toilet facilities where needed, renovating existing toilets, and adding hand-washing stations to promote hygiene and reduce illness.
- **Provision of Sanitation Supplies:** Ensuring each school has the necessary cleaning materials to maintain hygiene and cleanliness on an ongoing basis.

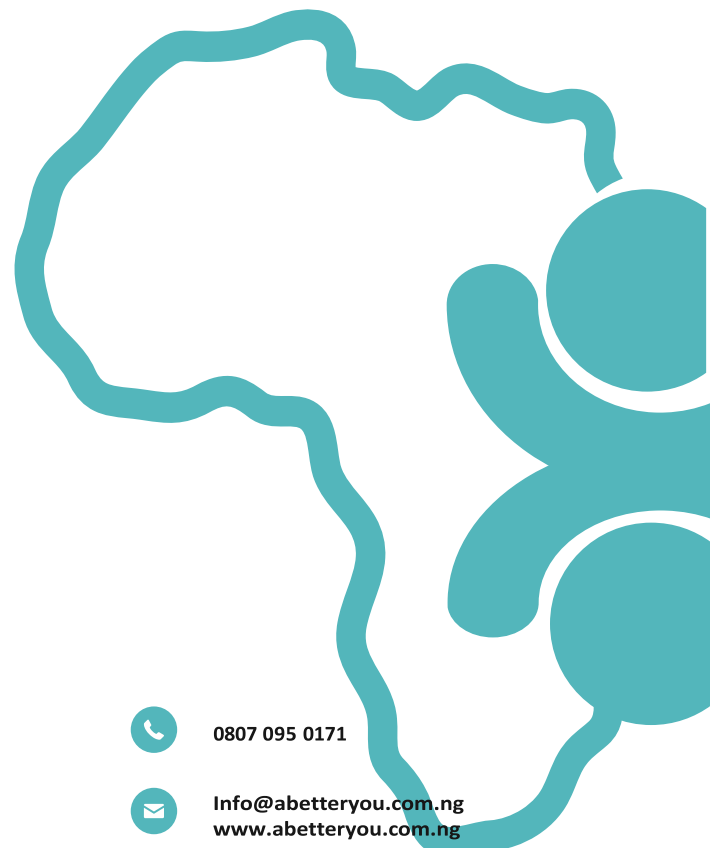
Why This Project Matters

Access to safe, clean, and well-maintained school facilities is fundamental to quality education. By addressing critical infrastructure needs, this project will directly improve the learning conditions for thousands of children, fostering an environment where they can thrive academically, socially, and physically. The Shogunle project provided us with a working model for success and demonstrated the transformative power of a positive learning space. Now, we are ready to expand this impact across Lagos, reaching more schools and amplifying our efforts to create a better future for these children.

Call for Support

We invite our supporters on GlobalGiving to join us in scaling this impactful initiative. With your help, we can transform 20 public primary schools into safe, inspiring spaces that empower students, support teachers, and build stronger communities. This project will not only enhance educational experiences but also promote healthier lives and brighter futures for thousands of children in Lagos. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a lasting difference.

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