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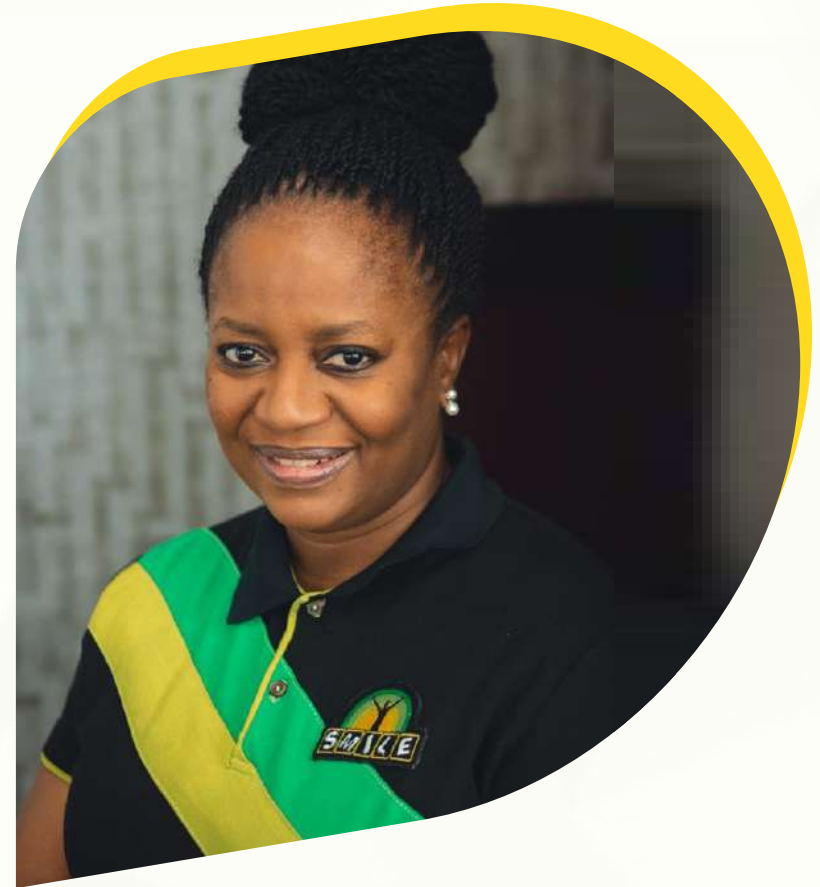
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



This year 2022 has been an impactful year for us as an organization, as we took steps in furtherance of our goals. Our programs this year were a blend of virtual and in person programs, which enabled us extend our reach beyond our immediate community.

Two major milestones for us in 2022 is the commencement of the Digital Literacy Program for our young leaders in the public secondary schools we adopted in Lagos State, Nigeria. We are glad we could help bridge the digital divide which was more evident during the COVID-19 pandemic, as it disrupted learning of the indigent students who are marginalized for lack of these skills.

Secondly, we kicked off the S.M.I.L.E Executive Mentoring Program for Youth (EMPY) Webinar in partnership with Wema Bank Plc., which impacted 119 attendees from 4 Countries and 7 States in Nigeria.



Mrs Bimpe Bamgbose-Martins

President

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



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President

We also benefited from collaborations with corporate partners such as Wema Bank Plc, Develop Africa Inc, USA, Computer Equipments for Kids, USA, Mobitrans Technologies, and Gists N Thrills in addition to our annual partnership with the United Nations Information Centre, Nigeria and Lagos State Education District II. We are delighted we could support another impact driven organization, Radiance Niche with their programs this year.

Our impact story for this year wouldn't be complete without the enormous contributions from our committed partners, selfless team and volunteers. We are optimistic that the new year will be more profound for us in impact and reach as we thrive to galvanize more resources towards the achievement of our vision.



Moulding lives,
Mentoring a New
Generation of Leaders!

VISION:

To inspire the Youth to discover, release and maximize their potential.

MISSION:

To restore hope to less privileged Youth, equip them to achieve life goals and become agents of change in the society.

CORE VALUES:

- * Passion
- * Integrity
- * Excellence
- * Commitment
- * Diligence
- * Synergy

STRATEGY:

To drive transformational initiatives through mentoring and innovative leadership programs whilst leveraging our network of partners and faculty.

STRATEGIC FOCUS:

- * Leadership
- * Mentoring
- * Development





We work predominantly with indigent youth



STUDENTS IN PUBLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOLS



UNDERGRADUATES



YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS
AND ENTREPRENEURS





Nigeria's demography is skewed largely towards Millennials and Gen Z. They have a strong need for transformational leadership skills.

The Nigerian adult population (18 and above) is about 106 million. Of this adult population:

- About two thirds (70 million) live in rural areas
- 59 million (55%) are 35 years and younger
- 20 million adults (19%) have no formal education
- 4.9 average household size
- 1.6 average income earners per household

Source: EFINA Access to Financial Services in Nigeria 2020 survey

Why should we focus on indigent youth?

- Significant proportion of Nigerians fall in the Youth Demography and are poor.
- Weak economic capability amongst the youth segment means they need more help to improve earning capabilities.
- Quality and number of educational facilities means youth aren't learning properly.
- Leadership development and life skills are not taught as part of any school curriculum so there is a clear gap.
- Negative influences driven by areas like social media is leading to a sharp decline in the moral fibre of Nigerian youths.



WHAT WE DO



Youth Leadership
Development



Youth Mentoring



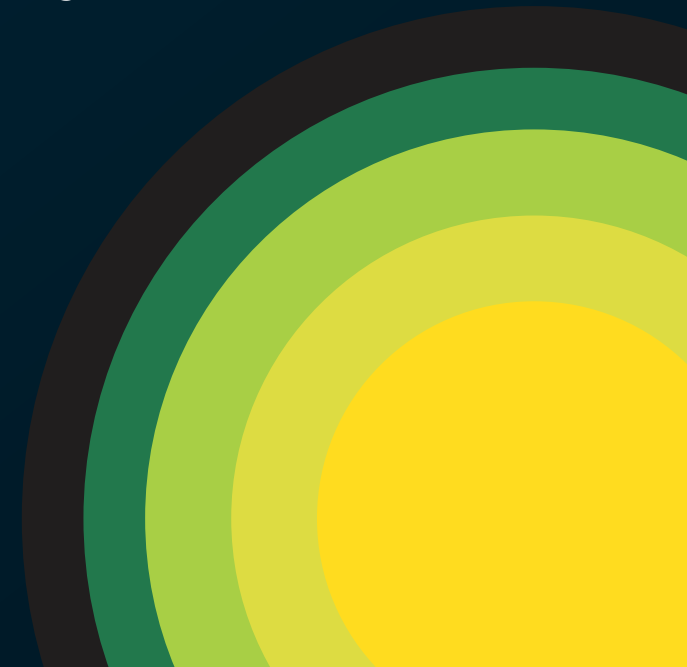
Youth Enterprise
Development



Digital Literacy
Program



Advocacy and Community
Development





Youth Leadership Development

Through our intensive Young Leaders Mentoring Program (YLMP), we equip public secondary school students with requisite skills to achieve their goals and become change agents in the society.



YOUNG LEADERS MENTORING PROGRAM (YLMP)



We commenced our 2022 programs with the Young Leaders Mentoring Program for secondary school students.

This in-person training for indigent students was halted in 2020 due to the pandemic which stifled academic activities and the digital divide prevalent with this target group made it impossible to switch to virtual learning.

Indeed the quest for more knowledge was so evident among the 40 students we selected for our Change Champions leadership training across the 8 public senior secondary schools we adopted in Lagos State Education District II.



This intensive program also provided a platform for the 40 Change Champions to mentor their peers during the 8 weeks field work in their respective schools.

A high point at this year's program is the Vision Board session facilitated by the Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility team of Wema Bank Plc.

At the end of the program, 179 mentees emerged from the peer mentoring model.

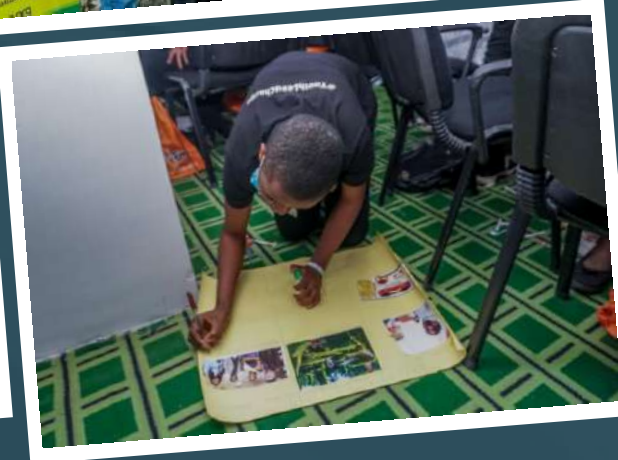


YOUNG LEADERS MENTORING PROGRAM (YLMP)





YOUNG LEADERS MENTORING PROGRAM (YLMP)





SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 2022

Lanre Awolokun High School, Gbagada



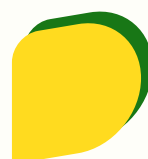


YOUNG LEADERS MENTORING PROGRAM (YLMP)

Beneficiaries - Schools Adopted In Lagos State



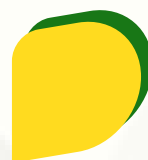
Anthony Village
Senior High School, Anthony



Lanre Awolokun High School,
Gbagada



Archdeacon Adelaja
Senior High School, Bariga



Ayangburen Senior High
School, Ikorodu



Comprehensive Senior
High School, Alapere



United Senior High School,
Ikorodu



Jagunmolu Girls Senior
Grammar School, Bariga



Muslim Senior College
Oworonsoki



We are so elated that 19 out of the 40 Change Champions we trained this year, emerged as Head Boys, Head Girls and Prefects across the 8 secondary schools we adopted.

We are optimistic that the knowledge and insights gained through our 2022 Young Leaders Mentoring Program will ensure this new breed of exceptional and skilled young leaders make a positive impact during their tenure.





Thank you S.M.I.L.E for the great opportunity, and your relentless efforts towards making us great personalities, great revolutionist and for instilling in us morals and principles for our smooth run through life.

I promise to give back to the society in reference to this privilege.

YLMP TESTIMONIAL



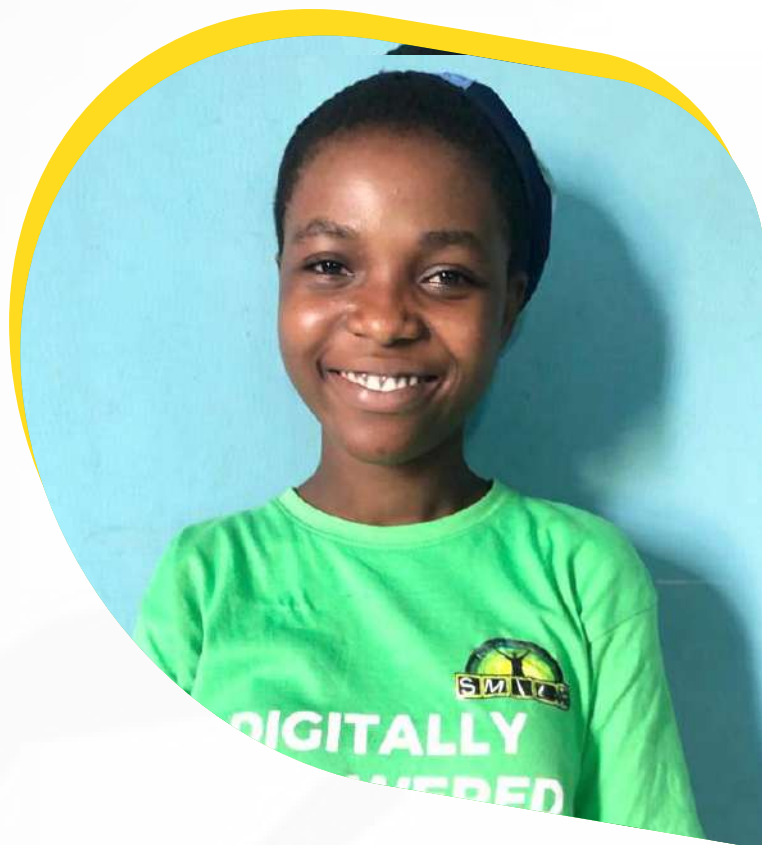
Osejoro Dejo

15 years old

2022 Change Champion of the Year



YLMP TESTIMONIAL



Esther Olufon
16 Years Old

There are times in life when situations shatter the brave, making them confounded. Youth need a program like the YLMP to energize them and make them to be more productive.



YLMP TESTIMONIAL



Ms Tomisin Fatukasi
S.M.I.L.E School Counselor

The S.M.I.L.E team is an inspiration, to me. You have inspired me to give my all to my students and be more empathetic towards them. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of this training.



YLMP TESTIMONIAL

I really want to appreciate S.M.I.L.E for the positive impact you make in the lives of young students, for helping them discover their purpose and map out their goals.

S.M.I.L.E you are well organized, please keep up the good work. I don't regret spending most of my Saturdays with S.M.I.L.E because I learnt a lot from the program as well.
God bless S.M.I.L.E.



Mrs Amaka Okafor
S.M.I.L.E School Counselor



YLMP TESTIMONIAL



Mrs Olawunmi Oladimeji

**Head of NGO and Special Duties Unit,
Education District II**

S.M.I.L.E's impact on our students cannot be overemphasized. You have really deposited much in them which has given them an edge over their peers, classmates and even siblings. All I have to say is thank you; we really look forward to more.

God bless S.M.I.L.E



Tertiary Institution Scholarships

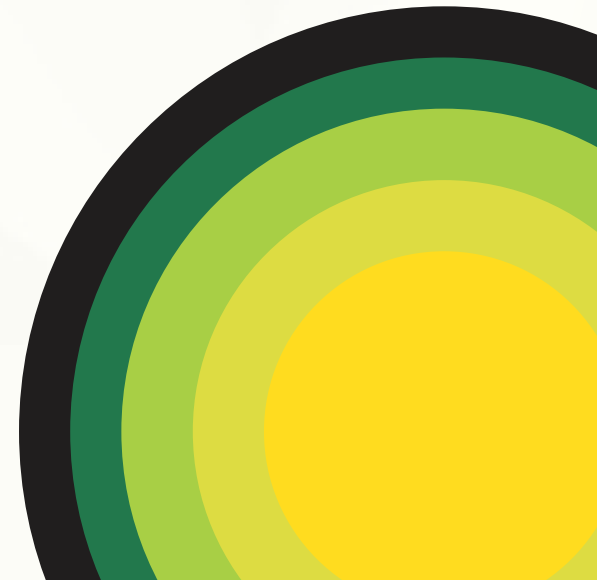
Education is vital to the success of young people, as it equips them with the required knowledge, skills and insight to harness opportunities and it provides a bridge to the bright future they desire.

Sadly, many indigent Youth from low income backgrounds get stuck after receiving government's FREE basic education; and don't have the finances to pursue their dreams of getting a tertiary education. Consequently, they have to resort to low paying menial jobs which limits their opportunities and makes it difficult for them to break free from the cycle of generational poverty.

15 TERTIARY INSTITUTION SCHOLARSHIP BENEFICIARIES

● 11 Females and 4 Males

● 5 New Admissions





SCHOLARSHIP TESTIMONIAL



Jennifer Obagwu

It's been my dream to go to the tertiary institution because where I come from women are underrated and I want to change this narrative as well as contribute my quota to the world as a woman.

Getting the S.M.I.L.E scholarship has helped ignite my dreams, and given me access to the right resources needed to develop myself.

As I commence my Real Estate Management course, I want to say a very big thank you to S.M.I.L.E for giving me a chance to prove myself and the foundation on which I can build my dreams.



SCHOLARSHIP TESTIMONIAL

My dream of becoming a lawyer was ignited when I was in secondary school mainly because of my desire to help people and my oratory skills.

S.M.I.L.E's scholarship has put me on the path of fulfilling this dream and being a member of the S.M.I.L.E family has also afforded me an opportunity to be equipped with digital skills (Graphic Design) which now serves as a source of income to me.

I just want to say thank you to the S.M.I.L.E Partners for their continuous love, the best way I believe I can make you proud is to make good use of every opportunity you have given me and I promise not to let you down. Thank you very much.



Treasure Ajibola



Youth Mentoring

Through our unique peer mentoring platforms and Executive Mentoring Program for Youth, we create opportunities for young people to mentor their peers and also be mentored by accomplished individuals in various fields, such as business and career.



EXECUTIVE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

We are not oblivious of the fact that young people can get overwhelmed with life's choices and desperately need the guidance of more experienced mentors to help them gain clarity regarding their dreams, aspirations, quest for success, sharpen their vision and hone their skills.

This unique program connects a small group of Youth with accomplished professionals and top executives from different walks of life for a duration of six (6) months for monthly webinars, one on one mentoring sessions, group mentoring and a social impact project.



EXECUTIVE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

We are highly indebted to our exemplary and selfless executive mentor, Mr Tunde Mabawonku Chief Finance and Strategy Officer, Wema Bank Plc, who invested his time to open the minds of our Youth to new opportunities and growth.

**Youth
Impacted**

**Age
Range:**
19- 26 years
old

13
Youth mentored
(9 Undergraduates
& 4 Graduates)

8
Females
&
5
Males





When we started the mentorship program, I didn't know what to expect and how the program would meet my needs. I had a lot of personal questions on what I should be doing to improve myself professionally.

The Executive Mentoring Program for Youth was a full package, that changed my perceptions about life, increased my confidence and revealed valuable opportunities that I can harness.

My favourite part of the program is the one-on-one mentoring session, with my mentor Mr Tunde Mabawonku. I love his teaching style, his listening ears and his enthusiasm for sharing knowledge.

EMPY TESTIMONIAL



Omolola Adebajo



EMPY TESTIMONIAL



Marian Osaro

I needed clarity and assurance regarding my career choices before I joined the mentoring program.

My mentor, Mr. Tunde Mabawonku walked me through my concerns regarding my job as a product marketer and helped me identify the opportunities around me which I never recognized.

The EMPY program has helped boost my confidence, and the lessons equip me to pull through a hard day and keep winning. I also liked the fact that everyone was ready to learn and impact others. It was great learning from other mentees on the program.



EMPY TESTIMONIAL

When I started, I was working with a firm, my mentor encouraged me to check out other opportunities that will better position me for a fulfilling career.

Today, I now work with a bigger organization. The EMPY program has given me a clearer picture of the future version of myself and what I need to do henceforth.



Joseph Obayemi



S.M.I.L.E EXECUTIVE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH (EMPY) WEBINAR

A social impact project was carried out by the 2022 Mentees on S.M.I.L.E's Executive Mentoring Program for Youth (EMPY).

The mentees organized a webinar themed Activating Multiple Streams of Income, which was aimed at equipping young people with insights and practical steps to increase their earnings and enhance their financial growth and independence.

We are so privileged to have the Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility department of Wema Bank Plc partner with us by providing the following senior bank officials, who facilitated the various sessions:

- Mrs Abimbola Agbejule
Head of Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility (CSR)
- Mr Tajudeen Bakare
Group Head of Operations
- Mr. Olanrewaju Oyedokun
Head of Customer Lifecycle Management
- and Ms. Olamide Oladele
Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility (CSR)

A total of 119 participants attended the program from 4 countries - United States of America, Canada, Sierra Leone and Nigeria and also from 7 States of the federation - Edo, Rivers, Enugu, Oyo, Osun, Ogun and Lagos.





EMPY WEBINAR TESTIMONIALS



Thank you so much S.M.I.L. E for this webinar time out.

Theresa Harding
(Sierra Leone)



So glad to be part of this webinar. So much to take in. So much to practice

Pelumi Oduneye
(Nigeria)



Honestly speaking, this is amazing. I love how organized things are here on this platform. I really appreciate the organizers! God bless you all!

ThankGod Ayogu
(Nigeria)



All the sessions are very impactful to me. I really appreciate all the team members behind this wonderful program. God bless you all.

Charles Adesanwo
(Nigeria)



Thank God I didn't miss this great opportunity. Thank you very much S.M.I.L.E.

Ubong Emmanson
(Nigeria)



Expectations are greatly met. Thank you so much.

Chiamaka Nwokenna-Ifeanyichukwu (Nigeria)

EMPY WEBINAR TESTIMONIALS



It's a wonderful and very educative session. I'm really glad I'm part of this, I love you Grace for inviting me for the webinar and introducing this program to me.

Damilola Adegboyega

(Nigeria)



Shout out to all the facilitators and organizers of this wonderful program. I'll be forever grateful. God bless you all.

Love Apeji

(Nigeria)



Thank you for sharing your advice with us. I value the time you spent teaching us. I appreciate the opportunity to attend this program. God bless everyone.

Anonymous



Thank you, S.M.I.L.E for organizing such an insightful session. Thank you, WEMA Bank, for partnering with S.M.I.L.E and bringing in experienced facilitators to impact us. I have learnt a lot and can't wait to implement them.

Grace Oluwagboun

(Nigeria)



Youth Enterprise Development

Today's Youth is more entrepreneurial and innovative in nature. Through our Young Business Leaders Network (YBLN) we address the soaring unemployment by donating business tools, provide continuous mentoring and business skills.



YOUTH ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT





YBLN TESTIMONIAL



Alayo Okunowo

My name is Alayo. I'm currently a student at the University of Ilorin and I have a confectionery business called, Total Satisfaction.

I was inspired to start a business because of my love for catering and also to help my parents by taking the burden of providing for my upkeep off them.

At a point I needed help with getting an electric oven and a mixer to grow my business and that's when I approached S.M.I.L.E. To my greatest surprise, my wish was granted and my desire became a reality.

I want to say a big thank you to S.M.I.L.E and her partners. I really appreciate your support.



Digital Literacy Program

The Digital Literacy Program is an intervention that became imperative for us to bridge the wide digital gap we experienced when our indigent beneficiaries could not switch to virtual learning opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.



DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAM

This year, we commenced a 7-weeks basic Computer Appreciation program for students within the age range of 14-18 years old in 2 public secondary schools we adopted.

We are glad we could provide a platform for these promising Youth (95% of whom had no previous digital skills), to be digitally equipped to aid their learning and enable them thrive in today's ICT driven world.

SCHOOLS TRAINED

- Lanre Awolokun High School, Gbagada
- Jagunmolu Girls Senior Grammar School , Bariga.

STUDENTS IMPACTED

- 32 young leaders were digitally empowered (6 males, 26 females)
- Ages 14-18 years old.

OUTSTANDING AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 4 students were given new android phones
- A cash prize of N20,000 was awarded to the student with the highest score in the Digital Literacy Exams.



DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAM





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... Bridging the digital divide, empowering indigent Students



Promise Osinaku

Mentee

15 Years Old

I feel really privileged being chosen among over 1,000 students in my school. In the past, I couldn't introduce myself as someone who is digitally smart. I felt I was not evolving like the world around me because I lacked digital skills.

Today, thanks to S.M.I.L.E I feel like my net worth has increased since I acquired digital skills and I now have better opportunities. I believe everyone including indigent youth, should have the opportunity to be digitally empowered like myself. Now with the aid of a computer, I can easily coach my friends to use some Microsoft Office tools.



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... Bridging the digital divide, empowering indigent Students



Basit Arasi

15 Years Old

I feel lucky and delighted to be chosen for S.M.I.L.E Digital Literacy Program. I went to a computer school during my holiday but I wasn't properly equipped with ICT skills, because we were not able to practice what we were taught as the class size was too large.

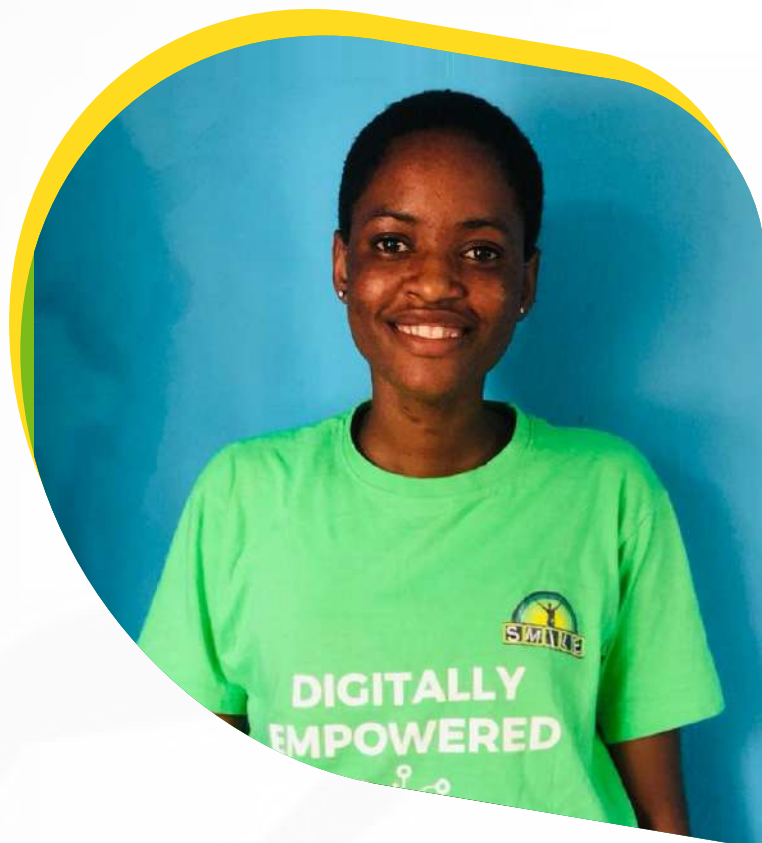
However, when S.M.I.L.E introduced the DLP training to us, I became very enlightened about computers; and now I feel like a champion because I am able to operate the computer.

I believe students need a program like this, because the world is a global village and everything has been digitalized, for instance, students and youth need to know how to operate the computer in order to do their Computer Based Test (C.B.T) or assignments.



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... Bridging the digital divide, empowering indigent Students



Rejoice Onyejikwe

16 Years Old

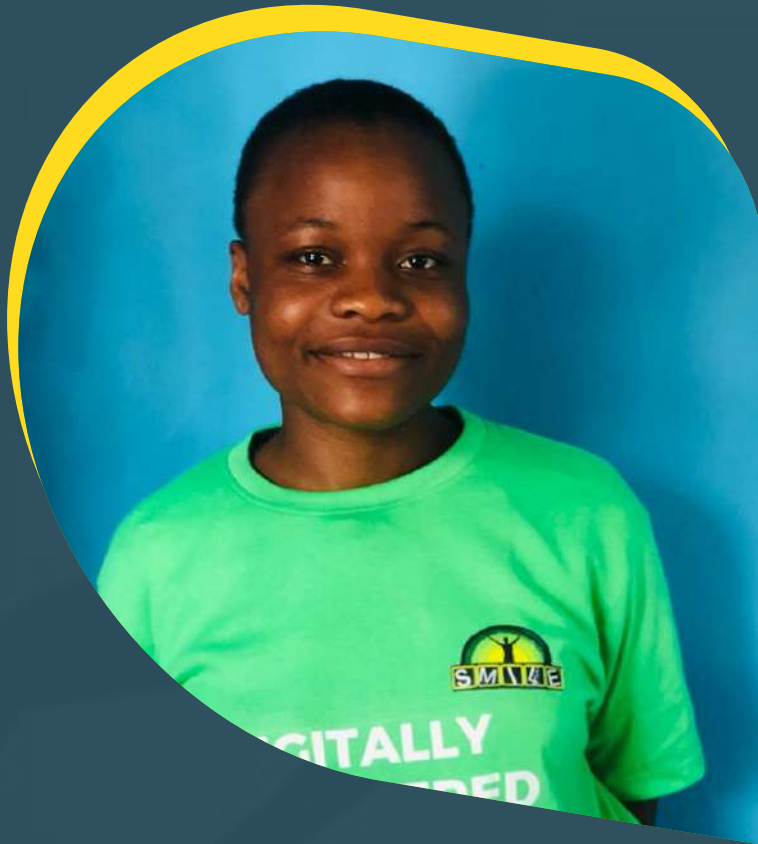
My parents could not afford to pay my fees to learn basic ICT skills, neither could they get a laptop for me to learn with.

Thanks to S.M.I.L.E, I feel so happy because now I have the basic knowledge of ICT and I feel on top the world because I can also educate others that don't have any idea about it.



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... Bridging the digital divide, empowering indigent Students



Prisca Henry

Mentee

16 Years Old

I didn't have any previous ICT knowledge, I couldn't do somethings like some of my friends at home did and they often say I am a local girl.

Now, I feel so excited i can do anything on the computer and nobody can underestimate me again, as I now fit into the technology age.

Students need the DLP program because it will give them the needed skills to do their school work, read and research online, as well as look for jobs online. Thank you S.M.I.LE



Advocacy and Community Development

As a youth development organization, we strive to address issues affecting young people within the framework of the United Nations global agenda, by organizing the International Youth Day, World Youth Skills Day and raise awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals.

WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY



July 15 is World Youth Skills Day, a day set aside annually by the United Nations to raise awareness on the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

To commemorate the 2022 World Youth Skills Day, we showcased one of our skillful youth, Alayo (who runs a confectionery business) on our social media platforms. In addition to this, we empowered her with business tools (an electric oven and a mixer) to support her business. We ended the month with a special WhatsApp chat series facilitated by two of our business savvy youth on Saturday, July 30, 2022.



UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY



It's been 10 years of impactful collaboration between the Strategy for Mentoring Initiative and Leadership Empowerment (S.M.I.L.E) and the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Nigeria in hosting the annual United Nations International Youth Day Event.

This year's edition was themed: Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages and we were honoured to have Mr Matthias Schmale, the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria, attend and give the opening remarks at the virtual event.

The program also incorporated creative elements such as opinion polls and vox pop videos produced by our partner, Gists N Thrills, to capture the opinions of people on the streets of Lagos about the theme.



United Nations

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

- 1) United Nations Secretary-General's-Mr Anthonio Guterres Video Message
- 2) Opening Remarks by Mr. Matthias Schmale -The United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria
- 3) Keynote Address: Overview of Intergenerational Solidarity by Ms Erica Goldson, Deputy Country Representative UNFPA Nigeria
- 4) First Session• Topic: Harnessing the Power of Multigenerational Collaboration by Mr Praise Fowowe (Founder, Center for Sex Education and Family Life)
- 5) Second Session• Topic: Attaining Intergenerational Participation in Politics by Mr Dayo Israel (A politician and a National Youth Leader)
- 6) Special Remarks by Dr. (Mrs) Emem Omokaro, Director General National Senior Citizens Centre
- 7) Third Session• Topic: Importance of a Multigenerational Workforce by Mr Gbenga Totoyi (Partner, Alan and Grant) and Ms Ebunoluwa Opelami (former Head of People, Culture and Transformation at Workforce Group).
- 8) Fourth Session• Topic: Understanding Intergenerational Business Styles and Approaches by Mr Hakeem Ogunniran (Chairman Lagos Building Investment Company Plc/CEO Eximia Realty Company Ltd) and Mr Ife Onotanemere (Business Development Manager, Soft Touch Cleaning Services).





IYD TESTIMONIALS



Thank you for a wonderful program held in commemoration of the International Youth Day. I enjoyed all the sessions especially the vox pop-the respondents to the interview. I learnt that Intergenerational Solidarity is a joint effort by both the young and old which is needed in order to achieve long-term development at all levels. Also, no generation's wisdom or energy should be marginalized or discarded. Looking forward to be part of the next program.

Boluwatife Ikusemoro



This event was an insightful one and I really learnt a lot from it. I learnt that the glory of the old is their wisdom and experience while the glory of the youth is in their innovation and their strength.

Theresa Unegbu



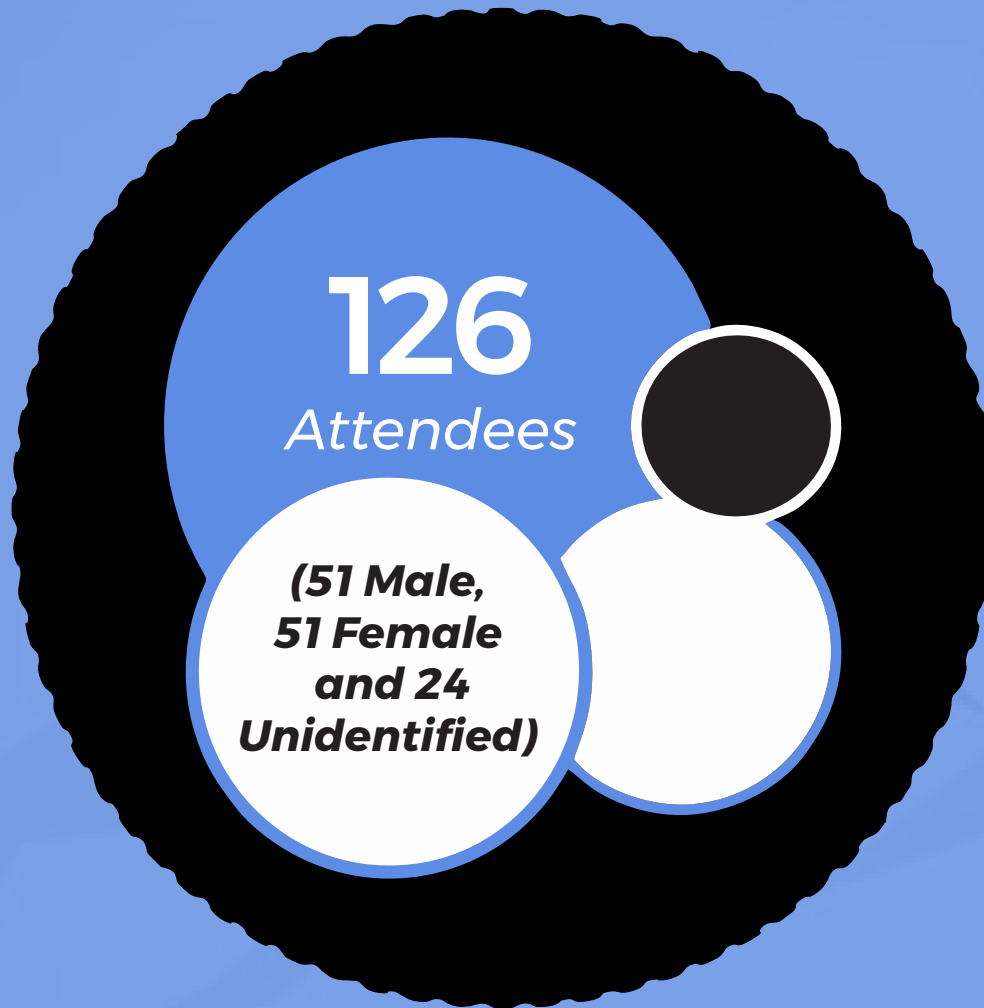
This year's International Youth Day Program has been so enlightening and impactful. I learnt that not everything can be learnt from the internet, some wisdom can only be gotten by sitting and asking relevant questions from the older generation who have more experience. In addition, in everything I do, I must be diligent, passionate and show empathy. Long live S.M.I.L.E!

Ibukunoluwa Shittu



Well-done on a fantastic and impactful delivery! Understanding that each generation's unique strength is beneficial to the other generation, each must learn to understand and harness it. That's my take home from today's program.

Miriam Balogun



The virtual event had a global reach with attendees from various countries such as the United States of America and Canada and several states in Nigeria.



Alimot Uthman

INTERNS **SPOTLIGHT**

TESTIMONIAL

Being an intern at S.M.I.L.E is one of the rare privileges I have enjoyed as a young leader.

The desire and interest to develop my organizing skills, gain new knowledge, and acquire practical, hands on work experience propelled me to enroll as an intern at S.M.I.L.E two years ago.

Today I have acquired the following skills: photography skills, ICT skills, communication, report writing and analytical skills, problem solving and program planning skills.

My most memorable moment as an intern at S.M.I.L.E was when I co-facilitated a module during the Digital Literacy Program and also when my creative photographs attracted a partner who supported the program enabling us scale up in the subsequent batch.

S.M.I.L.E's internship program teaches young people to be proactive and to take initiative. It also helps youth acquire new skills, understand the work environment, and foster relationships with team members.



VOLUNTEERS CORNER

TESTIMONIAL



Folashade Osho

I've been a volunteer with S.M.I.L.E for the past three years. I participated as a Youth Mentor during S.M.I.L.E's Young Leaders Mentoring Program for students in public secondary schools.

Through volunteering, I have learnt to be more patient, improve my interpersonal skills and I've been challenged to give my best at all times.

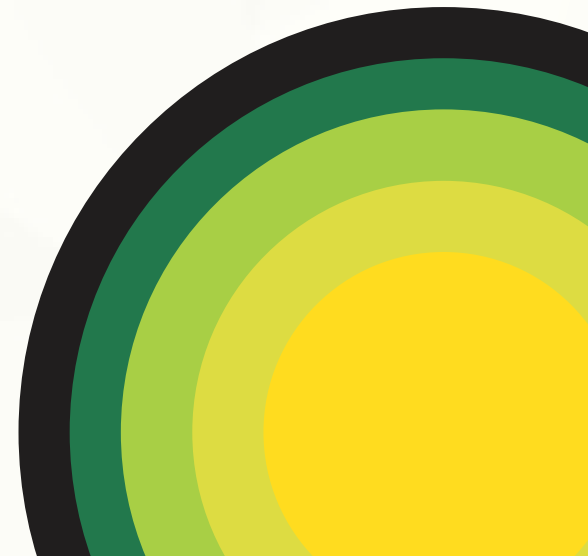
Volunteers need to be teachable and be willing to learn, re-learn and unlearn.

Working with these students has been a phenomenal experience for me and watching the S.M.I.L.E's program transform them into young leaders is incredible. This gives me hope for the future of our dear nation.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS ENGAGEMENT WITH S.M.I.L.E'S YOUNG LEADERS



... we are delighted we
could have our
international partners
bond with the Change
Champions physically
and virtually.



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS ENGAGEMENT WITH S.M.I.L.E'S YOUNG LEADERS





Special Projects and Programs

WORKING TOWARDS ACHIEVING UNITED NATIONS SDG 4



As an organization, we are committed to educating and empowering our Youth with relevant skills (soft skills), provide access to higher education for our indigent Youth through our Tertiary Institution Scholarships and through our school upgrade projects ensure a safe and conducive learning environment for our Youth to learn.

4 **QUALITY
EDUCATION**



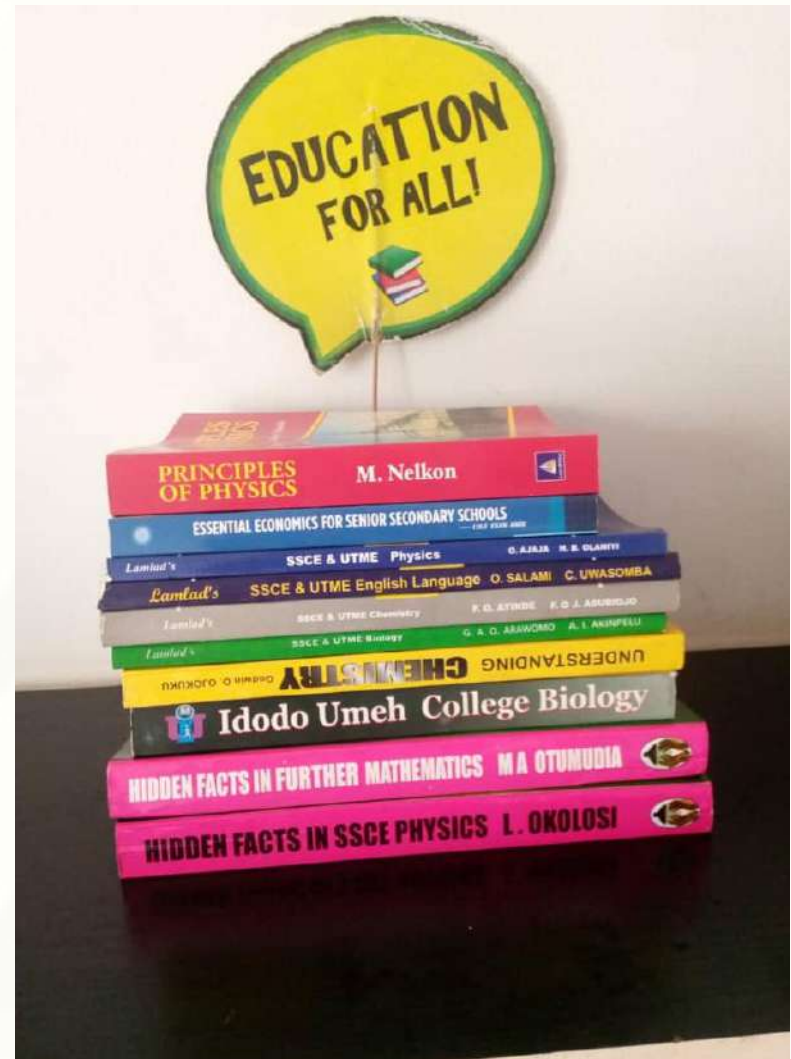
**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT



Throughout the year we provided educational support to our indigent Youth in different areas as the need arises ranging from the enrollment for tutorials to the purchase of JAMB and NECO examination forms for our indigent students to progress from secondary school into tertiary institutions.

In addition, we provided textbooks to students in dire need, bought new school uniform and donated desks, benches, laboratory stools and tables to 2 schools.



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT







BACK TO SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

The rising inflation has greatly affected the cost of educational materials. This has had a great impact on students generally. At the beginning of the new academic session in September, we embarked on our Educational Outreach to 8 of the public secondary schools we adopted supporting the educational pursuit of over 190 students by donating notebooks and pens to them.

BENEFICIARIES:

- 8 Public Secondary Schools
- Over 190 Students



BACK TO SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH



S.M.I.L.E DONATES 10 DESKS AND BENCHES FOR GREATER EASE OF LEARNING TO AN ALL GIRLS SCHOOL



Undoubtedly students learn best when they are in a comfortable, conducive and well equipped learning environment.

We are therefore elated to donate 10 desks and benches to the students of Jagunmolu Girls Senior High School, Lagos to promote quality education and improve their academic performance. With this we are optimistic that the concentration, and assimilation of these girls will be greatly enhanced.



S.M.I.L.E DONATES 10 DESKS AND BENCHES FOR GREATER EASE OF LEARNING TO AN ALL GIRLS SCHOOL



S.M.I.L.E DONATES LABORATORY TABLES AND STOOLS



A big congratulations to Lanre Awolokun High School, Gbagada as they emerged as the School of the Year on S.M.I.L.E's 2022 Young Leaders Mentoring Program (YLMP).

This laudable feat was made possible by the team work of the 5 students/ Change Champions who represented the school. The yard stick for this award comprised of: 100% attendance during the program, outstanding results in their YLMP exams, mentees performance, projects and exemplary character.

Indeed, it was a great delight for us to make the desire of these students a reality by donating 25 laboratory stools and 2 laboratory tables to their school's Physics Laboratory.

Special thanks to our partners whose generosity has made this donation possible. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the management of the school, Mr Bayo Onifade, S.M.I.L.E's School Counselor, Mrs Victoria Adeyemo and our Youth Mentors- Miss Grace Oluwagboun and Mr Gbenga Adebayo for their tremendous effort during the Young Leaders Mentoring Program.



S.M.I.L.E DONATES LABORATORY TABLES AND STOOLS



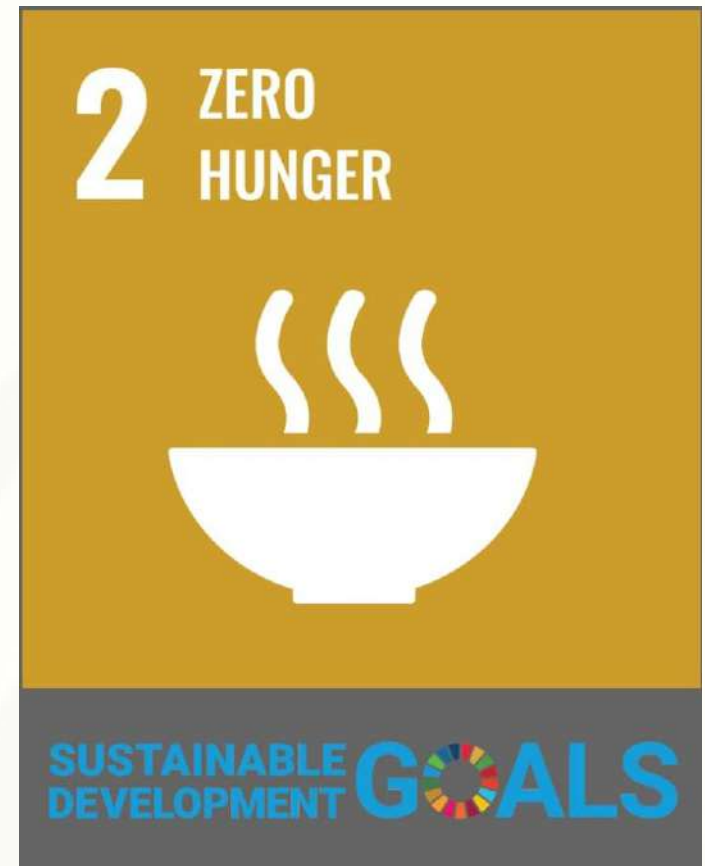
WORKING TOWARDS ACHIEVING UNITED NATIONS SDG 2



In recent times, so many factors such as the COVID -19 pandemic, climate change, wars and so on have affected food production and supply which has in turn led to food insecurity, malnutrition and much more.

As part of our efforts to address this food insecurity crisis and hunger; we embarked on the School Eco Garden Project to encourage more young people to embrace farming and also fulfill the promise we made during the 2021 United Nations International Youth Day themed: Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health.

We are grateful to the management and students of Jagunmolu Girls Senior Grammar School, Bariga and Lanre Awolokun High School, Gbagada for embarking on the Eco Garden Project in their schools and contributing in their own little way to the attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2-Zero Hunger, as they continue to share their harvest with their teachers and family members.



SCHOOL ECO GARDEN PROJECT



The S.M.I.L.E School Eco Garden Project:
The school farm was born out of the need to spur the interest of young people in agriculture and to get them involved in the food chain.

We are so proud of our young leaders at Jagunmolu Girls Senior Grammar School Bariga and Lanre Awolokun High School, Gbagada, who were on our 2022 Young Leaders Mentoring Program for embarking on this project and learning how to grow their own foods as a way of combating food shortage and zero hunger.



CHANGE CHAMPIONS MONTHLY WHATSAPP CHAT SERIES

In our custom to provide a platform for learning for our young Alumni, we continued our monthly WhatsApp Chat series this year to enlighten and educate past graduates of our Young Leaders Mentoring Program on new trends and necessary skills required to access opportunities and remain relevant. These sessions were facilitated by both the Change Champions themselves and also members of S.M.I.L.E's One Year Alumni, who are predominantly professionals in various fields. The topics covered personal development, relationship, politics, business, a book review and so on.



S.M.I.L.E SUPPORTS LEARN WITH NOTEBOOKS PROJECT AND DISTINCT TEENS SUMMIT ORGANIZED BY RADIANCE NICHE IN IKORODU



As an organization, we believe in the ability of young people to make a positive impact.

It gives us so much pleasure this year to support the social impact/community project of Mrs Ajibola Babalola, the founder of Radiance Niche, a graduate of S.M.I.L.E's 2016 Social Enterprise Development Program, and the 2014 Most Outstanding Leadership Award recipient of S.M.I.L.E's One Year Mentoring and Leadership Program for Graduates and Young Professionals.

S.M.I.L.E donated 200 branded exercise books towards the house to house, Learn with Notebooks Project, an educational intervention organized by Radiance Niche and supported the fourth edition of the Distinct Teens Summit organized by the organization on the 1st of October, 2022, which impacted 159 teenagers in the Ikorodu community.

We are so proud of her laudable initiative and with the help of our partners we will continue to support more young people blazing a trail in their communities.



S.M.I.L.E SUPPORTS LEARN WITH NOTEBOOKS PROJECT AND DISTINCT TEENS SUMMIT ORGANIZED BY RADIANCE NICHE IN IKORODU



S.M.I.L.E PARTICIPATES IN THE 14TH EDITION OF THE TOTAL SCHOOL SUPPORT SEMINAR/EXHIBITION (T.O.S.S.E)



It was such an honour to attend the 14th edition of the Total School Support Seminar/Exhibition organized by Edumark Consult.

The S.M.I.L.E team had the opportunity to interact and tell our impact stories to potential partners in the education sector, both locally and internationally.

We are extremely grateful to our amazing and visionary trustee and the convener of T.O.S.S.E, Mrs Yinka Ogunde for the opportunity given to our organization.

We are optimistic that more partners with the heart for what we do will emanate from this exhibition and we will be able to reach out to more of our indigent Youth.



14TH EDITION OF THE TOTAL SCHOOL SUPPORT SEMINAR/EXHIBITION (T.O.S.S.E)





Impact Figures



Young Leaders Mentoring Program

Age Range:
14-18 years old

40
Change Champions
(16 males, 24 females)

179
Mentees Trained
(115 Males, 64 Females)

19
Prefects
(10 females, 9 Males)

2

Change Champions
emerged as
Head Boys,
Head Girls
and Prefects

Farm Projects



Executive Mentoring Program

Age Range:
19- 26 years old

13

Youth mentored
(9 Undergraduates
& 4 Graduates)

8
Females
&
5
Males

Digital Literacy Program

Age Range:
14 - 18
years old

32

(6 Males, 26 females)
Young Leaders
digitally
empowered



2022 IMPACT FIGURES

Educational Support

15
**Scholarship
beneficiaries**
(11 Females and
4 Males)

4
**JAMB Forms
Purchased**

2
**Youth
enrolled
for JAMB
tutorials**

2
**NECO Forms
Purchased**

2
**Youth supported
with University
Screening Forms**

4
**Students
digitally
empowered
with android
phones**

5
**Students
supported
with
Textbooks**

10
**Desks and
Benches
donated**

25
**Stools and
2 Laboratory
Tables Donated**

2022 IMPACT FIGURES

**Business
Support**

1

**Youth
supported with
Business tools**

**Back To
School
Project**

8

**Public Secondary
Schools reached**

126

**attendees reached;
UN partnering
organizations
and (UNFPA, NNSCC,
Coordinator UN
Resident)**

Webinar

**UNITED NATIONS
INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH DAY**

**Over
190**
*students
impacted*

2

**Internship
Placements**

13

**Partner
Organizations**

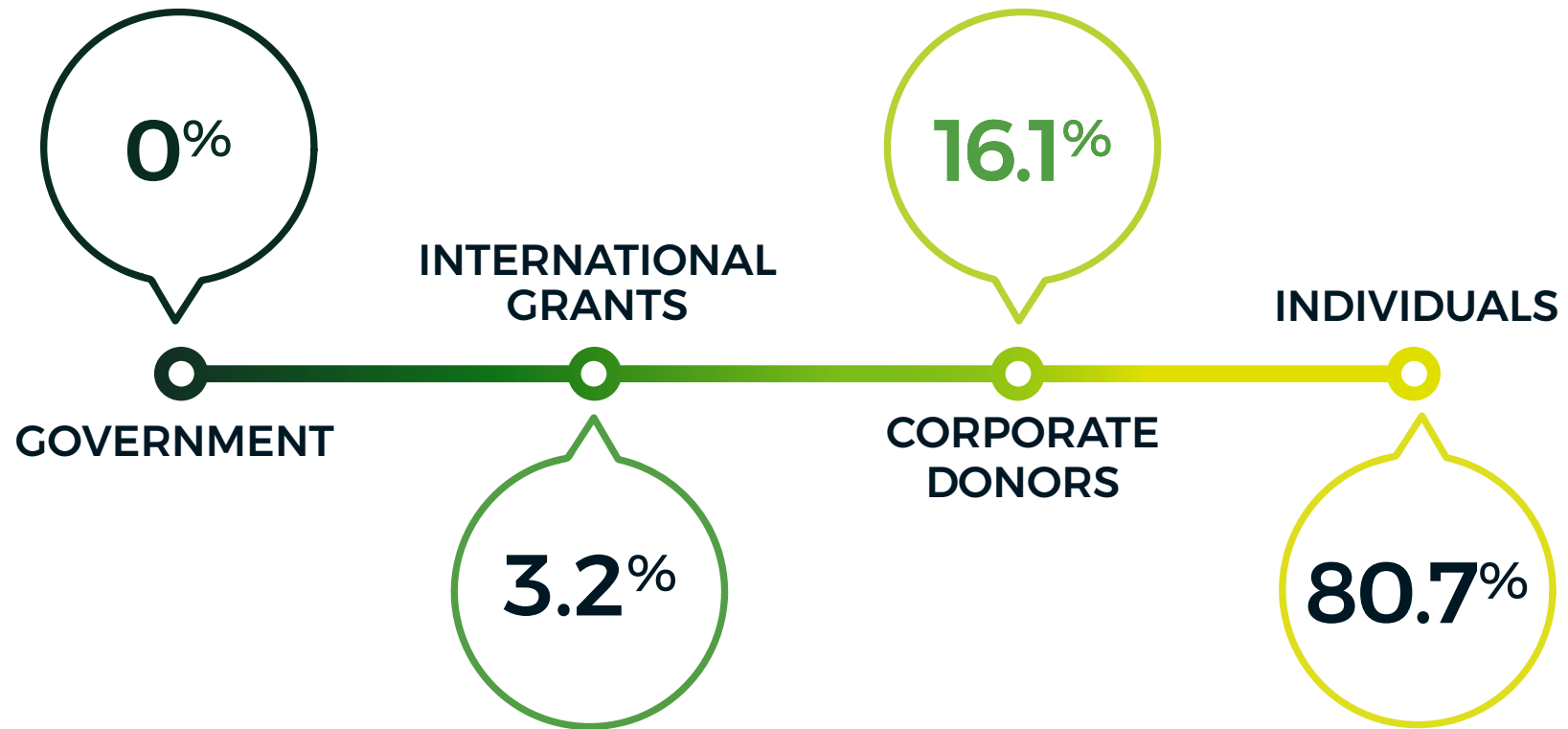
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Member**



Celebrating 2022 Partners

SOURCE OF FUND



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With each donation we received from you, we drew closer to our goals.

Thank you for making a difference through your compassion and generosity, our Youth are better off because of you.

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CELEBRATING 2022 FIRST TIME DONORS



Choosing to associate with us and support our cause goes above and beyond what we could have ever hoped or imagined.

We couldn't be more thankful and thrilled about your generosity.

Grateful for the gift of you!

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CELEBRATING OUR 2022 MONTHLY DONORS



Thank you for heeding to our call for help.

*You have been extremely kind-hearted
and supportive towards our cause.*

*Despite the financial instability in
today's world, your monthly donations
has been of incredible help to us.*

You mean so much to us.

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CELEBRATING OUR 2022 SCHOOL COUNSELORS



*Thank you for embracing our vision
and for working tirelessly to ensure the
indigent Youth we serve in your schools
get the needed help and transformation.*

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CELEBRATING OUR 2022 YOUTH MENTORS



*We are grateful to you for helping the Youth on our Young Leaders Mentoring Program embrace their uniqueness and for holding their hands as they took baby steps into the realization of who they are-
CHANGE CHAMPIONS.*

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CELEBRATING OUR 2022 TEAM



To the best team of focused and vibrant young people.

Thank you for continually raising the level of performance and achievement!

Thank you for helping us reach new milestones this year through your hard work and innovations.

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Celebrating S.M.I.L.E's Most Outstanding Teachers' on the 2022 Young Leaders Mentoring Program

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Our Board

CONFIRMATION OF MR TUNDE MABAWONKU, AS NEW **S.M.I.L.E** TRUSTEE:

We are honoured to have Mr Tunde Mabawonku, the Chief Finance and Strategy Officer, Wema Bank Plc, join the impeccable Board of Trustee of S.M.I.L.E.



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S.M.I.L.E is on a mission to discover, and mentor more budding young leaders, nurture and equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel and become agents of change wherever they find themselves.

We believe that with your help we can reach more indigent Youth.

You can join us to ignite more dreams in the following ways:

1 FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Your funds are safe in our hands and your donations will make an immediate difference in the lives of indigent youth we serve. Kindly sign up as a:

- Monthly Partner
- Annual Partner

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2 NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT



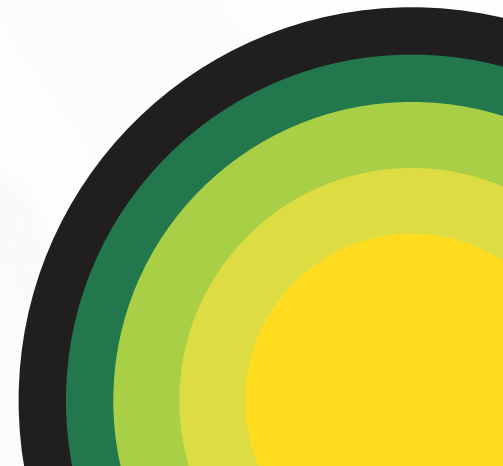
Providing internship and scholarship opportunities for our Youth, product support with educational materials such as laptops, textbooks, exercise books, pens, school bags and so on, goes a long way to meet the pressing developmental needs of indigent youth.

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3 VOLUNTEER



You can volunteer at any of our programs and outreaches.





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4 OFFER YOUR SERVICES

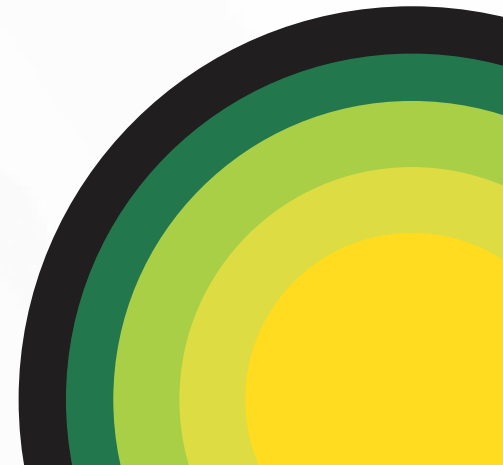


Are you looking for ways to use your skills, expertise and time to impact young people?

We surely need you!

We are looking for people with the following skills and expertise:

- Videographers and Video Editors
- Documentary Producers
- Script writers for Youth led programs
- Fundraisers
- Grant writers
- Business Coaches for Startups
- Content Creators
- Communication Experts





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