



2023 1st Quarter News Letter

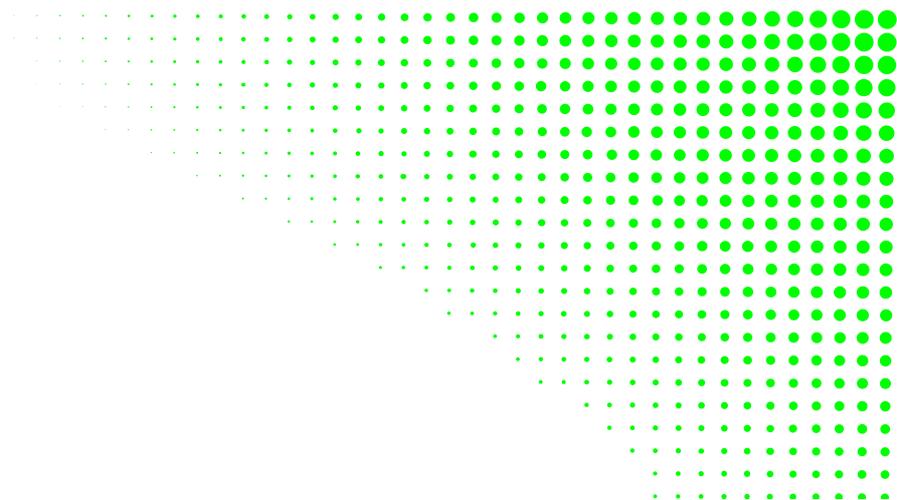


OUR VISION

A Nigeria where all homeless youngsters have access to nurturing and loving spaces where they can express themselves, practice freedom, and develop their potential as an alternative to ending up on the street. Foundation

OUR MISSION

Providing an alternative learning space that allows homeless youngsters to jump back into society having gotten the rightful skills needed to excel in any sphere of human endeavour they might have chosen to pursue.



STREET FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



The foundation organized a 1-day football competition as a custom through which we inform homeless street youngsters about our rehabilitation programme. Of those invited from Iwo Road, a total of 25 boys showed up for the competition, five showed interest in leaving the streets to embark on the rehabilitation programme while others chose to return to the streets. The five who showed interest were then taken to the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs for proper documentation with the government.

HOME TRACING



AKHIN team traced the homes of the five participants as her operational requirement to know the situation of participant's home. It was discovered all have no home to go back to due to poverty level and the toxicity in the home. Some of the parents asked the youngsters not to come back home while some others would love to have them back but cannot afford to cater to them.



The team and the parents agreed on the need for the youngsters to start the rehabilitation programme, hence, all five participants were taken in by the organisation with the agreement that the parents keep in touch with them from time to time. Two parents refused to take pictures with the team for evidence but agreed to work with us.

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT



Our beneficiaries were taken through thorough medical assessment and treated for a variety of illnesses, including malaria and typhoid which they all were diagnosed with and sexually transmitted diseases. None of them, however, tested positive for HIV and Hepatitis, but were all treated for malaria and typhoid.

REHABILITATION AND PREPARATORY CLASSES



Our rehabilitation process starts with each child talking to a counsellor, during this period they were able their feeling, experiences, emotions and pains. The process was use to create trust and confidents with the participants

We took the youngsters through basic literacy and mathematics classes to help them learn how to read and write in English and Yoruba languages in preparation for either formal or informal education. This also informs the team of the areas that need to be worked on in each child.

The children are also introduced to the use of the computer through our IT training to help them learn relevant skills, especially in telling their stories via short videos which are to be produced all by themselves.

STORY TELLING



As one of the modules of our operations, our beneficiaries have equally been introduced to storytelling which allows them to tell their life stories to the world via short videos produced. This process also helps us in rehabilitation and allows learners to explore many areas of skills and discover their own interests. We were able to produce the story of our 5 participants that were taken by January this year. The participants were taken through all the stages of production, starting from script writing, scene setting, recording and to editing.

TREES PLANTING

As a way to expressing love to the society and to give back to our world, participants were trained on tree planting. All participants were able to plant 2 trees in public schools and politico station. The lives of homeless youngsters are full of various experiences, and the society they live is full of disclinations, from the very social agencies that ought to support them. AKHIN foundation together with our participants decided to respond to the world of disclination with love. This is why our participants planted trees in police stations and schools.



FEW STORIES OF PARTICIPANTS



My name is Abeebe, I am 15 years old. I grew up with my stepmother, I was told my mum left when I was a child and she never came back until the news of her death was brought to her family. When I was very small I ran away from my home because of daily punishment and starvation.

I can't tell what my age was when I left home but I know I was very small. All my life as a child was on the street, sometimes people who found me will take me back home because I was so small, but I continue to run away because my home is not good for me to live. I have never been to school or learned anything, it was on the street that I learned how to sell cutlass

AKHIN is an organization which means Resilience, Courageous, and fearlessness, these are values we have seen in our participants. and that is why we call them AKHIN. They may appear dirty, and poor, but they are wealthy with a lot of energy, value, and ability to identify an opportunity.

Abeebe has made a choice to return to school and he is determined to go through this until he achieves all his goals, We believe him because we know they are resilient

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I followed Yusuf to meet his parent, on getting to his house we were sent away by the people he knows as his parent, and every attempt to beg them and ask them to give me time to speak was totally rejected.

I could not believe my eyes, on our way going back, Yusuf looked at me and said if they rejected me I know I deserve it, with tears on his face he explained; I have given them so much trouble in life.

They are not my biological parents, my mother happened to drop me off with them when I was 5 months old, I grew up knowing this person as my parent, I have never seen my father before and my mother is on the street.

They both raised me as their first child but since I was 7 I often run away from home, they have never beat me instead they show me love, still I leave home. One day when they tried looking for me on the street, I denied them when they told people they are my parent. They were almost beaten by the people thinking they wanted to steal me, and since that day I myself knew they will never accept me again. So, if they chased us away from their house today it was because I have given them so much trouble in life.

I looked at Yusuf and said, we won't give up on you, one thing is very clear about him he is AKHIN - I could see the resilience, courage fearlessness, and independence in him. He survived so many things on the street.

For over 9 years he has passed through a lot, these are the reason we know they are capable of achieving anything they set their mind to do.

AKHIN SKILL ACQUISITION

Our participants were introduced to basic adire (tie and dye) making where the participants learn and produce their first adire cloth. some pictures are shared below.



AKHIN BACK TO SCHOOL SPONSOR

After 3 months of preparatory class for our participants, they are ready to return to school, we seek sponsorship for their education. If you wish to sponsor a child back to school, please contact us.

A child needs 120 dollars to return to school. This will cover uniform, books, school shoes, school bag, and school fees.

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