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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.

Our Mission

Providing an alternative learning space that gives homeless youngsters the opportunity 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.

The Problem We Are Solving

The inhuman, loveless, hazardous environment on the street predisposes the increasing number of homeless youngsters to diseases (HIV/Aids, Hepatitis, etc.), abuses, hunger, drug abuse, imprisonment, crime, and lack of accessibility to formal or informal education.



AKHIN participants at beach for excursion and lake cleaning

OUR ACTIVITIES IN THREE MONTHS

In 2024, our participants, who have completed rehabilitation and started training in various fields, began the year with high hopes for a fresh start.

Despite facing challenges, such as five participants withdrawing from training in three months, we've also witnessed successes, with two individuals completing their training and launching their own businesses. Additionally, all participants excelled in their recent examinations.

Together with our participants, we took to the streets to raise awareness about the harmful effects of child labor, aiming to educate those exploiting children and urging them to stop. Our next step involves collaborating with law enforcement agencies to ensure the protection of children's rights and hold perpetrators accountable under the law.



STORIES OF FEW PARTICIPANTS AKHIN CENTRES



AKHIN participants that finished his training and started his business

Farouq Kamaruden

Kudus Isha



Farouq and Qudus were rescued from the streets of Iwo-road in Ibadan in August 2023, following our street football tournament, during which they expressed a strong desire to leave street life behind.

After undergoing rehabilitation and career-building training, both expressed interest in vocational learning.

Farouq pursued training in vulcanizing, while Qudus opted for barbing. Both successfully completed their training in February 2024 and we have established themselves in their respective businesses.





AKHIN participants at Nigeria cultural night



In 2020, amidst the bustling streets of Agege, Lagos State, Nigeria, we encountered Ayomide Aina and Sodiq, two resilient souls fighting against the odds. Despite their tender age, they found themselves scavenging to survive, deprived of the joys of education, bereft of parental guidance, and shackled by the chains of poverty, unable to return home. Ayomide and Sodiq's determination to forge a path beyond their circumstances is both inspiring and humbling

Four years have passed, and Sodiq and Ayomide have transcended their past as children rescued from the streets. They now stand as shining examples of resilience and determination, leading the charge in transforming their own destinies. Ayomide dreams of becoming a computer scientist, while Sodiq aspires to blaze a trail in the world of fashion design.

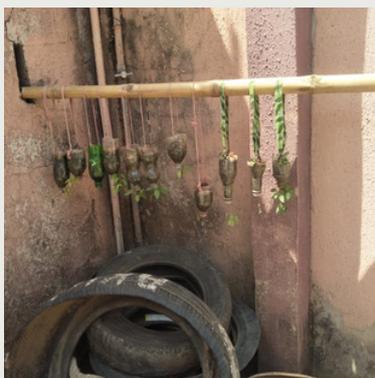
Their journey epitomises the essence of AKHIN, a platform dedicated to empowering homeless youth and school dropouts. It offers them not just a lifeline, but an opportunity to showcase their resilience, fearlessness, courage, and unwavering spirit of independence. Together, they embody transformative power of hope and the boundless potential within every individual.



AKHIN SELF EDUCATION PROJECTS IN ALL CENTEES



AKHIN participants exhibiting various cultural dressing in Nigeria.



The AKHIN self-education program offered at our centers is designed to empower all participants to discover their talents, foster creativity, and become self-directed learners. Through this program, individuals learn to harness their potential by teaching themselves with the support of their peers.

As evidence of the program's success, consider the various products crafted from waste materials that are still in use at our centres today. These creations not only demonstrate the ingenuity of our participants but also serve as tangible reminders of their ability to transform seemingly insignificant materials into valuable assets.

