

# 2020

ANNUAL REPORT



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT  
FOUNDATION







# KNOWLEDGE IS POWER



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# ABBREVIATIONS

- YEF** - Youth Empowerment Foundation
- E4F** - Empowered for the Future
- B4L** - Build for Life
- SCB** - Standard Chartered Bank
- FCMB** - First City Monument Bank
- CPN** - Child Protection Network
- WASH** - Water Sanitation and Hygiene
- LSACA** - Lagos State AIDS Control Agency
- CiSHAN** - Civil Society on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria
- MYSD** - Ministry of Youth and Social Development
- MWAPA** - Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation
- DSVRT** - Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team
- SRTSI** - Safe Return to School Initiative
- GBV** - Gender Based Violence
- SRH&R** - Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights
- IWD** - International Women's Day
- WAD** - World AIDS Day
- UN** - United Nations
- UNICEF** - United Nations Children's Fund
- LGA** - Local Government Area
- NACA** - National Agency for Control of AIDS
- JHU** - Johns Hopkins University
- USAID** - United States Agency for International Development

# GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES



We thank God for seeing us through year 2020. We have learnt a lot and worked enough for ours and others well-being. As a not-for-profit making organization, Youth Empowerment Foundation's major interest is to empower youths, women, children and the most vulnerable persons in the society to achieve their dreams and contribute to the development of the society. 2020 was a challenging year, yet, a blessing in disguise. This is because, the year afforded us a vital opportunity to appreciate good health and work as a true member of the global village against COVID-19.

As YEF visualises a proactive youth population with skills for positive change, we care and know that such vision can only be achieved when youths are empowered with vital skills to improve their lives, become responsible citizens and contribute to nation's building. YEF reached out to thousands of youths, young persons and the most

vulnerable through numerous interventions, especially on vocational skills acquisition, leadership capacity building, life skills, COVID-19 amongst others.

In engaging directly with our stakeholders, YEF organised a special event to brainstorm and brief stakeholders in Lagos, Oyo and Abuja about our activities, programs and to mark the Foundation's 25th year anniversary. The public lecture at the University of Ibadan (UI) on adolescent nutrition further enhanced our relationship with academic community and unravelled YEF's numerous works on adolescent health for over 2 decades.

The huge success and breakthrough we recorded this year and even in the years past could not have been possible without your support and partnerships. We specially appreciate governments of Lagos, Oyo, Ogun and FCT, Abuja for their immense supports and partnerships. Our special thanks goes to our partners in different corporate organizations, civil society organizations (CSO), coalitions, networks, media houses, individual donors, community leaders, market men and women, volunteers and our young leaders across Lagos, Ibadan and FCT, Abuja . On behalf of the members of board of trustees, we sincerely thank you and pray that the Lord will bless and protect us all in good health.

As we are in the second wave of COVID-19; let us keep safe, maintain social/physical distance and take our personal hygiene practices very seriously.

Thank you, and have a productive new year

**Mrs. Folake Rotimi**  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

# Executive Summary



YEF implemented several projects in 2020. Our major focus was in Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, Abuja FCT and some other states of the federation. Projects implemented were in the areas of COVID19 palliative distribution, Life skills, Vocational skills acquisitions, Literacy enhancement and Gender-Based Violence (GBV). We also attended to several domestic and child protection issues across states in Nigeria. These projects were targeted at alleviating the effects of COVID-19 pandemic, improve the lives of the youth and young persons; thereby contributing to the good health and socioeconomic development of the society.

As a youth friendly, Youth Empowerment Organization, YEF, recognized key United Nations (UN) International days and carried out series of programs to empower young people in Nigeria.

## SUMMARY OF KEY PROJECTS

**Goal Project:** Over 2000 young persons directly benefited as Goal leaders across 36 schools and 33 communities in Lagos, Ibadan and Abuja. The COVID19 pandemic school lockdown severely affected the project's peer to peer (p2p) reach this year. However, YEF adopted community sessions, radio listening sessions and martial arts to reach out to wider population of young persons who were at home during the lockdown period in Nigeria. The Goal project is supported by Standard Chartered Bank

**Empowered for the Future project (E4F):** 55 youths were empowered with various vocational skills in Lagos and Abuja. E4F funded by First City Monument Bank has empowered over 200 youth

since its inception in 2018. During the lockdown, parents and beneficiaries of E4F in Abuja were given palliatives and food stuffs by FCMB to cushion the effects of COVID-19.

**Build for Life:** The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, New World Project in partnership with Youth Empowerment Foundation established the Build for Life project: an integrated literacy enhancement, infrastructural development, water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project targeted at pupils of First Baptist Primary School, Ijaiye Oja-Ale, Abeokuta and its community. The infrastructural component of this project was completed early last year (2019). However, the new school library has been equipped with recommended textbooks and ICT facilities, while the literacy component of the project has just begun through weekly reading classes.

**Alafia-Tayo (Health is Wealth):** We were really excited with the take off of Alafia-Tayo project. A Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention, life skills and leadership development program using young advocates at various communities in South-West Nigeria. The overall objective of Alafia-Tayo was to reduce cases of GBV and other forms of domestic violence in Nigeria through awareness creation, case reporting, services available to survivors and laws that address such in Nigeria. Alafia-Tayo project funded by Laureus Sport for Good Foundation was a weekly radio show that was greatly accepted due to the fact that people could call the numbers provided anonymously to ask questions or be referred for related issues on GBV.

## COVID 19 Project

YEF also carried out series of virtual trainings and advocacies during the COVID19 pandemic in partnership with some notable organizations in Nigeria. We had Webinar sessions on: building immunity through nutrition; child online safety in the era of e-learning; re-engaging students: the urgency for cost-effective strategies; combating fake news and several other capacity building training programs.

In our support to government on measures initiated to stem the tide of Covid19 and alleviate people's suffering, YEF engaged in several palliative support programs, outreach, trainings, coalition/networking building to reach out to the very poor and the vulnerable in the society. Through our various social media platforms, we engaged the general public on accurate, consistent and current information with preventive tips for Coronavirus infection. We also reviewed some of our current publications and life skills training manuals to incorporate issues on COVID19.

2020 was a challenging year, but we sincerely appreciate our stakeholders, governments, ministries, partners, civil society organizations, coalitions, networks and others who contributed immensely to YEF programs and success stories this year.

On behalf of the board and staff of Youth Empowerment Foundation, we wish you well in your work in 2021.

Keep safe and stay blessed!

Thankyou.

**Iwalola Akin-Jimoh**  
Executive Secretary

# YEF MANAGEMENT TEAM



**Iwalola Akin-Jimoh**

Executive Secretary



**Funmi Longe Alabi**  
Finance and Administrative Manager



**Tolulope Osoba**  
Programme Manager



**Oluwaseunfunmi Arasi**  
Monitoring and Evaluation Manager



## WHO WE ARE

Youth Empowerment Foundation (YEF) is a youth focused non-governmental, not-for-profit making organization in Nigeria. Our mission is to empower young people through programming and mobilization in our areas of interventions; education, child protection, health, livelihood and sports in strategic partnership with like minded organisations.

**Founded in 1995 by two sisters, Fiwashade and Iwalola, YEF established its first office in Akure, Ondo state with 3 staff and 4 volunteers and moved to Lagos at Johnson Street, Surulere Lagos in 1997 and has been in Surulere Lagos since 1997. YEF has two field offices at Ibadan and FCT Abuja . Youth Empowerment Foundation (YEF), with over 50 staff, volunteers and adhoc staff, delivers high quality programmes, services and had partnered extensively with local and International development organisations in its 25 years of existence.**

The 2020 report presents a synopsis of YEF's projects and programs in Nigeria.

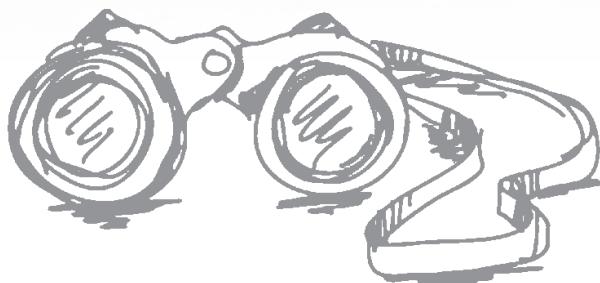
Youth Empowerment Foundation (YEF) delivers high quality programmes and services for young people in the field of health, child protection, education, sports for development and secure livelihood. As the pioneer of the HIV/AIDS hotline in Nigeria in 2001, YEF has served more than 5 million young people on their tuft with our dedicated team of vibrant and passionate staff in our offices in Lagos, Ibadan and Abuja.

Our sports for development project stands us out for innovation and creativity using martial arts to enhance self-esteem, assertiveness and confidence. Our team sports ensure that communication, team building and decision making skills become a way of life.

Our service learning strategy ensures communities take ownership for programs and services, in addition to our focus on the fact that communities can only work when we do our best in our various spaces.

## MISSION

Empower youth through strategic partnership and program in health, livelihoods, sports, education and leadership



## VISION

To see a proactive youth population with skills for positive change

## CORE VALUES

We strive to foster a culture of responsibility and challenge the status quo inherent in our young population with the following values as a guide:

- Culture of collaboration: Working in strategic partnership for a better tomorrow
- Dedication to diversity and integrity: We are an inclusive entity working with ethics and fairness
- Passion: This is the core of our organization knowing that there is no end to learning so we strive to improve and innovate
- Service: Quality service delivery with a commitment to confidentiality





**S**takeholders across Lagos, Ibadan and FCT Abuja pledged more support to YEF's work in Nigeria. This resolution was made during a special 2020 stakeholders forum to commemorate YEF's 25th anniversary and 10th year of Goal project. Youth Empowerment Foundation's Executive Secretary, Mrs. Iwalola Akin-Jimoh narrated the Foundation's working history to the invited guests. According to her, projects on adolescent's reproductive health need was YEF's first major focus. This was aimed at identifying the reproductive health needs of adolescents in 1995 across 3 LGAs, Akure, Ilaje/Ese-Odo, and Ado-Ekiti. She further noted that YEF's partnership with John D and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation resulted in the establishment of guidance and counselling associations in Ondo and Ekiti to provide adequate support to in-school peer education project in the two states.

Registered in 1998, with Corporate Affairs Commission, YEF received her first grant from UNICEF to implement a young women's empowerment (training on business set-ups, with soft loans that were managed through a revolving scheme) in the same year.

The 1st 10 years of YEF (1995 – 2005) centered solely on reproductive health in South Western states with major partnerships with NACA, UNICEF, USAID, JHU, Texaco (now MRS Oil). YEF implemented mobile and in-house HIV counselling and testing services projects as well as the first indigenous HIV/AIDS hotline.

The second decade (2005 – 2015) of YEF, also tagged as holistic period, structured YEF's work in 5 programmatic intervention areas: Education, Secure Livelihoods, Health, Environment and Sports for Development. This made YEF to establish extensive engagement with the public service and relevant ministries (Education, Health, Sports and Social Development, Youth and Women Affairs).

YEF joined the Global Goal project in 2010 and has empowered over 150,000 girls in its 10 years in Nigeria. Goal is a Leadership, Sports, Health and Financial Literacy intervention initiated and financed by Standard Chartered Bank. The project reached young girls across 36 Schools and 33 communities in Lagos, Ibadan and FCT, Abuja in 2020. Through the Goal project, schools accessed interventions such as infrastructure development, donations of textbooks, chairs, reading desks, laboratory

facilities and series of career mentorship engagements by Standard Chartered Bank teams across the three sites.

Beneficiaries of Goal showed significant increase in the knowledge of pregnancy prevention from 25% at baseline to 83% at endline. This was also indicated for HIV prevention 26% to 87%. Knowledge of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) prevention from 12% to 78%. While knowledge and skills for budget planning significantly increased from 12% to 78%.

Reacting to the evident changes in leadership, the Principal of Wesley Junior Secondary School, Mrs. Ajayi Rachel stated that virtually all members of her students' representatives' council (SRC), as well as student's class prefects are Goal girls. She emphatically thanked and encouraged YEF and Standard Chartered Bank to continue with the project and extend it to more schools across states of the Federation.



In her remarks, Mrs. Taiwo, Director of Youth Mobilization, who represented the Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Youth and Social Development maintained that YEF is a highly professional organization who has sacrificed a lot to improve the life of the girl child. She extended the goodwill of the Permanent Secretary to YEF whom she referred to as a lover of youth. In her words: "YEF's level of professionalism and selfless sacrifice in the discharge of humanitarian service is second to none. Their annual free camp program for adolescents last year was great. The Ministry is pleased and proud of YEF and will continue to partner with them in their selfless efforts to raise the lives of the youth to an enviable height in Lagos State"

Lagos Sports Commission's team led by Dr. (Mrs) Oluyomi Olaide Oluwasanmi applauded YEF especially in using sports to train adolescent on life skills and reproductive health issues.

# **STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS**

*YEF acknowledges the importance of human capital development in the implementation of her programs and projects. In 2020, YEF staff were trained in various capacities to improve their personal lives and their official engagements. The next two pages have a synopsis of staff capacity building training for 2020*

## **YEF STAFF RETREAT 2020**



The January 29th-31st TCC Ogere YEF retreat was a huge success. Participants were trained on office etiquette, fund raising and other vital skills necessary for NGO work. This will improve staff KPI's in the discharge of professional obligations. The 3 day retreat further exposed staff on effective management skills, leadership, career productivity and special supervisory skills. The 2020 retreat was in partnership with Going Active Foundation and other resource persons in Lagos.

Staff had fun and brainstormed on key departmental issues.



YEF Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, Oluwaseunfunmi Arasi (1st on the left) receiving a certificate of participation during ARFH (Association for Reproductive and Family Health) training on Biostatistics and Data Management in Ibadan, Oyo State.



YEF Program Manager Tolulope Osoba (1st on the left) during Human Development Initiative (HDI) training of stakeholders in Lagos

# YEF STAFF PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS



Youths during YEF training on Gender roles at the Lagos State Ministry of Youth and Social Development Program, Alausa Ikeja



Partners during Lagos State House of Assembly plenary session for the establishment of sex offenders register, Alausa Ikeja.



YEF Finance and Admin Manager during Alafia Tayo GBV session at Orisunbare market, Orile Igamu Lagos



YEF, as one of the community stakeholders has been monitoring implementation of education projects under HDI/SUBEB partnership in Lagos. Ist on the left, YEF Program Manager, Tolu Osoba.



YEF Program Officer Ms. Bukola Akingbohungbe during Diamond FM Ibadan radio show on the impact of COVID19 on children in Nigeria



YEF M/E Officer, Mr. Osita Ugwuoke during youths event with the Lagos ministry of youth and social development, Alausa Ikeja.

# YEF COVID19 INTERVENTIONS

As YEF visualises a proactive population with skills for positive change, we care and know that such vision can only be achieved when health and wellbeing of individuals in the society are guaranteed. This was also captured in the 2030 sustainable development goals (SDG's) 3, good health and wellbeing. It is on this note that YEF embarked on numerous COVID19 outreach in Nigeria.

This section narrates YEF COVID19 interventions in Nigeria.

## YOUNG GIRLS TRAINED AS COVID19 ADVOCATES

On the 3rd and 6th of April 2020, YEF in its selfless efforts to contribute to prevention of Coronavirus infection and cushion its harsh effects, trained 16 young girls as community Covid19 advocates. The training was on awareness and prevention of the virus through the zoom media platform. The girls on the other hand, reached out to their peers via zoom online platform and their personal social media handles. The girls sensitized their communities and assisted in selecting and identifying the very poor and vulnerable persons who benefited from YEF Covid19 palliative sharing programs.

It is noteworthy to mention that before the training, 59% of respondents relied on non-credible sources for information on COVID19, while 82% had no idea of treatment sites in Nigeria.

As a result of the training, respondents had access to accurate information on COVID19 infection prevention and steps to be taken if signs of the infection were noticed.





# POOR HOMES IN LAGOS AND IBADAN VISITED

Over 20 households received YEF COVID19 palliatives to cushion the effects of the pandemic. Beneficiaries were selected based on predetermined criteria solely targeted at the very poor and vulnerable in Ajegunle, Orile Igamu areas of Lagos and Molete and Oke-Ado areas of Ibadan, Oyo State. The distribution and selection of beneficiaries was facilitated by YEF COVID19 advocates who also trained beneficiaries and the general public on prevention of coronavirus infection at the community level. The excited beneficiaries thanked YEF and pledged to strictly adhere to social/physical distancing principles in public places and maintain proper hygiene practices.

## WORDS FROM SOME OF OUR BENEFICIARIES:

*"Because of the fear of coronavirus, people hardly come to market to buy things or trade. So, life has been very difficult; in fact, to feed the children is a problem. I was surprised and glad to receive Youth Empowerment Foundation covid19 palliative. Honestly, I can't thank YEF enough. May the Lord bless you and stop this COVID19 in Nigeria"*

### **Mrs. Hassan**

Faith Street, Off Akinyemi way, Ring road Ibadan, Oyo State

*"The effects of this virus are harsh! I never knew there are still organisations that are real and care for people in Nigeria. I am speechless by what I received from YEF. I see it as a privilege to be considered. God bless and prosper YEF"*

### **Mrs. Nancy Gold**

Ajegunle, Lagos



*Beneficiary receiving a crate of egg as part of AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) COVID 19 palliative support in Abuja*

# OVER 130 FAMILIES BENEFITED FROM AHF/YEF COVID-19 OUTREACH

Over 130 households benefited from AHF/YEF Abuja COVID19 relief intervention project in Mpape and Pyakasa communities of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. This intervention addressed the diverse issues the pandemic imposed on people especially the vulnerable and the poor in the selected marginalized communities. The program was timely and expectedly addressed the following Sustainable Development Goals;

- SDG 2- Zero hunger through the provision of raw food items to the beneficiaries.
- SDG 3 - Good health and Wellbeing through the

provision of education on proper hand washing and prevention strategies. Also, by providing sanitary materials to young girls. SDG 5- the project provided GBV prevention sensitization to communities that are disproportionately affected by the COVID19 pandemic thereby promoting gender equality;

The project involved key decision makers within the communities who helped in selecting and distributing the items to the beneficiaries. AHF and YEF received prayers and appreciation from the beneficiaries and community leaders.

## Key Research Findings from a Micro-research on Impact of COVID19 intervention in Abuja

### 08. Panic over Food Security

About 48% of respondents have been worried over food supply ; this has impacted children as about 47% of these households have had to cut their children's food sizes, skipped meals, and the worst, children not eating for a whole day.

### 07. Household Food Intake

The food intake of 60% of the households had worsened during this pandemic; 61% reported skipping meals while 34% of the households had instances of a whole day without any meal.

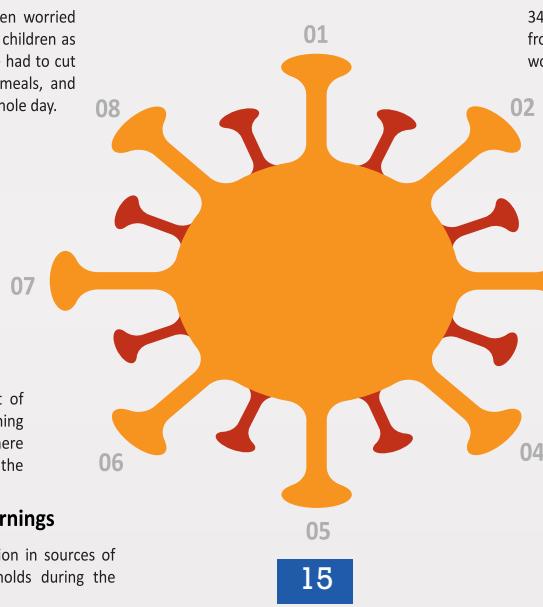
### 06. Family Life

In terms of communication, involvement of household head in general family functioning and provision of essential resources, there was 41% decline in family life during the COVID-19 crisis.

### 05. Household Earnings

There was 19% reduction in sources of income of the households during the COVID-19 crisis

### No of Respondents: 83



### 01. Demographics

34% of the households that benefited from the palliatives were headed by women; 36% aged 17 – 34 years

### 02. Household Size

The Household sizes are quite large, ranging from 2 – 15; with an average size of 7 persons per household.

### 03. COVID-19 Prevention

Knowledge of preventive measures against COVID-19 was very impressive as 86% of respondents had adequate knowledge on protective practices. This was corroborated by the fact that all beneficiaries came into the distribution venue wearing face masks.

### 04. Prior Support Received

51% had received a form of palliative support before this intervention, which majorly came from individuals (67%). Moreover, about 64% of the support were food stuff while 18% were protective materials like soap, facemask and sanitizer.

# FIRST CITY MONUMENT BANK (FCMB) AND YEF COVID19 OUTREACH

FCMB in partnership with YEF supported youths on the Empowered for the Future (E4F) project with relief materials and food items to cushion the effects of COVID19 in Mpare Abuja. The youths were from different vulnerable homes who were badly affected by the pandemic. The program went further to educate and sensitize the beneficiaries on the COVID19 pandemic; transmission and prevention. Meanwhile, issues on HIV/AIDS, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and proper sanitation such as hand washing and environmental hygiene were discussed.

The well-timed implementation of this emergency relief project addressed the major challenges that have impeded the health and wellbeing of vulnerable people especially during this unforeseen COVID19 pandemic. Such challenges include; hunger, poverty, inadequate access to WASH materials and appropriate information for prevention of the viral infection.

## TESTIMONIES FROM THE BENEFICIARIES:

FCMB and YEF did not only help us with free vocational opportunities, but they also reached out to us during the pandemic. I am so proud to be a beneficiary of this E4F project. God bless YEF! God Bless FCMB!

**Godstime Ejieh, Tailoring Trainee**

Joining this E4F project has changed my life, I am now a chef and caterer while also getting palliatives from YEF during COVID19. May the Almighty bless your organization.

**Jonathan Noel, Catering Trainee**

Being a widow has been so hard, I have three children to feed, the lockdown affected my small business but with these supplies from YEF and FCMB. I can feed my children well for three weeks. Thank you.

**Zainab Amidu, Widow, Mpare**



# YEF COVID-19 WEBINAR TRAINING IN PICTURES



**BUILDING IMMUNITY  
THROUGH NUTRITION**  
A LARGER PICTURE FOR PREVENTING COVID-19 INFECTIONS

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**Adeola Awogbemi**  
Executive Director,  
Ovie Brume Foundation

**SPEAKERS**  
  
**Dr. F. T. Aminu**  
Head, Nutrition & Health,  
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**Iwalola Akin-Jimoh**  
Executive Secretary,  
Youth Empowerment Foundation

**Wednesday 6th May | 15:00 GMT**

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**COMBATING  
FAKE NEWS**  
THE COVID-19 EXPERIENCE

**MODERATOR**  
  
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Bell Fellow, Harvard; Knight Fellow MIT ED, Development Communications Network

**SPEAKERS**  
  
**Professor Adebayo Fayoin**  
Visiting Professor of Mass Communication, Caleb University  
**Diran Onifade**  
Knight Science Fellow MIT Editor-in-Chief, Africasti News  
**Moji Makanjuola**  
Knight Fellow, CDC, Atlanta ED, International Society of Media in Public Health

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SAFETY IN THE ERA  
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Head of Programmes,  
Ovie Brume Foundation

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(Child Protection Case Management)  
& Coordinator, Spotlight Initiative  
**Olamide Odeneye**  
Convenor,  
Child Online Safety

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THE URGENCY FOR  
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Educational Advancement Centre  
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Permanent Board Member,  
Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board  
**Adeola Awogbemi**  
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## COALITIONS AND NETWORKS DURING COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

1. YEF partnered with CPN to distribute packs of cooked food to youths and less privileges in Ojuelegba and Tejuoso areas of Lagos
2. YEF also contributed to the palliative and relief materials support to Aralile community, under the auspice of Surulere Covid-19 CSO Emergency Intervention Team



### Sample of IEC material distributed

**Coronavirus**  
**Covid-19**  
 Prevention Tips

- WASH** your hands regularly or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to avoid contamination
- Cough** into a tissue and dispose properly. If tissue is not available, cough into your elbow to avoid spreading germs.
- Avoid** touching your face regularly, especially eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid** close contact with people
- Use** a mask if you need to step out of your house
- Stay home** and **Stay Safe**



## MRS OIL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship for Educational Empowerment (SEE) is a scholarship program supported by MRS Oil in partnership with YEF. This scheme invested in secondary education to create realistic opportunities that motivate students to complete primary education, thus increasing primary school completion rates and the achievement of SDG 4 (Quality Education).

Secondary education also has strong impact on gender equality (that is SDG 5) and improves maternal mortality. Data from 24 sub-Saharan countries shows that adolescent girls with secondary education are 6 times less likely to be married than their peers with primary education. They are also 3 times less likely to get pregnant than their peers with only primary education. However, access in Nigeria is poor as a result of high costs, poor secondary educational outcomes, poverty, poor support systems, high demand for tertiary education without a corresponding increase in number of schools and a host of other factors.

It is on this premise that MRS Oil has provided scholarships through YEF for three students who face challenges or lack access to support structures needed to ensure they have access to good education. This scholarship ensured that beneficiaries access education and are also supported through increased access to health, nutrition and social resources that will enable them concentrate on their studies.

Scholarship for Educational Empowerment (SEE) is a holistic scholarship project it provides not just educational support but nutritional, mental health and social support so they can excel in their studies.



# PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

YEF partnered extensively and implemented several projects and programs in 2020. Through various interventions, millions of persons were reached in the areas of leadership capacity building training, vocational skills acquisition, scholarships, gender based violence prevention, community outreach, palliative distribution and sensitisation.

This section has the summary of YEF partnerships and program activities for 2020.

## CHANGING THE NARRATIVES THROUGH GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION CLASSES IN NIGERIA

Young girls across Lagos, Ibadan and FCT Abuja on monthly basis are engaged with seasoned health and human right advocates for discussions on gender-based violence (GBV) prevention. These meetings have helped some of the girls who are victims or friends/relatives of victims to speak up and report their experiences. In recent times, YEF have handled several cases of GBV's and early pregnancies. Consequently, some of the cases have been resolved, while few others are still pending in the law court. YEF has used GBV class to reach over 50,000 young girls in the 3 sites.



YEF has enjoyed the partnership of child protection network (CPN) Nigeria, Lagos Domestic Sexual Violent Response Team (DSVRT), Mirabel centers, Lagos Ministry of Youth & Social Development, Ministry of Education, Lagos office of the public defender (OPD) and a host of international organizations to address issues of GBV and child abuse in Nigeria.

# PUBLIC Lecture

SECURING THE FUTURE THROUGH  
ADOLESCENT NUTRITION

SPEAKER  
**MRS IWALOLA AKIN-JIMOH**  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMANSHIP OF  
**PROFESSOR R. A SANUSI**  
PROFESSOR OF NUTRITION, UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020

TRENCHARD HALL,

UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

# SECURING THE FUTURE THROUGH ADOLESCENT NUTRITION;

*A Public Lecture by  
Nutrition Society of Nigeria*

YEF has over 2 decades of experience working with youths and adolescents in Nigeria and has been recognised by Lagos state government as a youth focused and youth friendly organisation in the state. In our efforts to improve human condition and to contribute to the body of knowledge, the Executive Secretary YEF, Mrs. Iwalola Akin-Jimoh delivered a public lecture titled "Securing the Future through Adolescent Nutrition" on the 11th of February 2020 at Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan.

The lecture termed "one of the best" in the nation's premier university generated questions and concerns especially on nutritional state of adolescents in Nigeria. The lecture was massively attended by students, top academicians, members of Nutritional Society of Nigeria, media agencies and the general public.

In his remarks, Professor R. A Sanusi, on behalf of the university appreciated YEF for their giant



**“ Adolescent nutrition is very important for optimal growth and for a healthy future of any nation. Development bodies, agencies, researchers and government of nations must always key in their policies and plans in line with global development goals in accordance with number of years such plans were targeted”**

- Iwalola Akin-Jimoh (2020).

strides in youth empowerment for over 2 decades. He further commended the speaker and admonished the guests to avail themselves of all the important lessons learnt during this lecture for a healthy living.

Similarly, the president, Nutritional Society of Nigeria, Dr. Bartholomew Brai appreciated the guest speaker and emphasized that one of the measures of a healthy society is the nutritional status of its citizenry.

**Mrs. Iwalola responding to questions from media representatives after the public lecture at University of Ibadan, Oyo state**



# SCB VIRTUAL CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR GIRLS

Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) in partnership with Youth Empowerment Foundation (YEF) trained selected young girls virtually across Lagos, Ibadan and FCT Abuja on various leadership and career enhancing skills during the COVID19 School lockdown.

Below are the topics and resources person during the training.

Standard Chartered Goal YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION

PRESENTS

STAYING CLOSE YET SO APART:  
MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS  
DURING PANDEMIC

16TH JULY, 2020

Facilitators:

Aminat Abah Uyoyoemena Ezaga Sade Aluko

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PRESENTS

THE NEW DIGITAL U:  
ESSENTIAL DIGITAL SKILLS  
POST COVID-19

13TH AUGUST,  
2020

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PRESENTS

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MADE EASY:  
DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES  
IN YOUR IMMEDIATE  
ENVIRONMENT

Date: 10th September 2020

Oluwatosin Olowu Uzoamaka Morakinyo Chidi Essell

zoom

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PRESENTS

AGRICPRENEURSHIP  
AT A TIME LIKE THIS

25TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

zoom

Chidi Essell Olaitan Olatunde Sade Aluko

Standard Chartered Goal YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION

Presents

CHANGING  
WORLD OF WORK  
...are you ready?

Date: 27: 08 : 2020

Martins Oshoke OGANYO Dine Dagun

zoom

# YOUTHS EMPOWERED WITH VOCATIONAL SKILLS

Since one of the core intervention areas of the Foundation is secure-livelihood, First City Monument Bank (FCMB) in partnership with YEF empowered 55 youths with various vocational skills in Lagos (36) and Abuja (19). This is the 3rd phase of Empowered for the Future (E4F), and over 200 youths have benefitted from the project thus far.

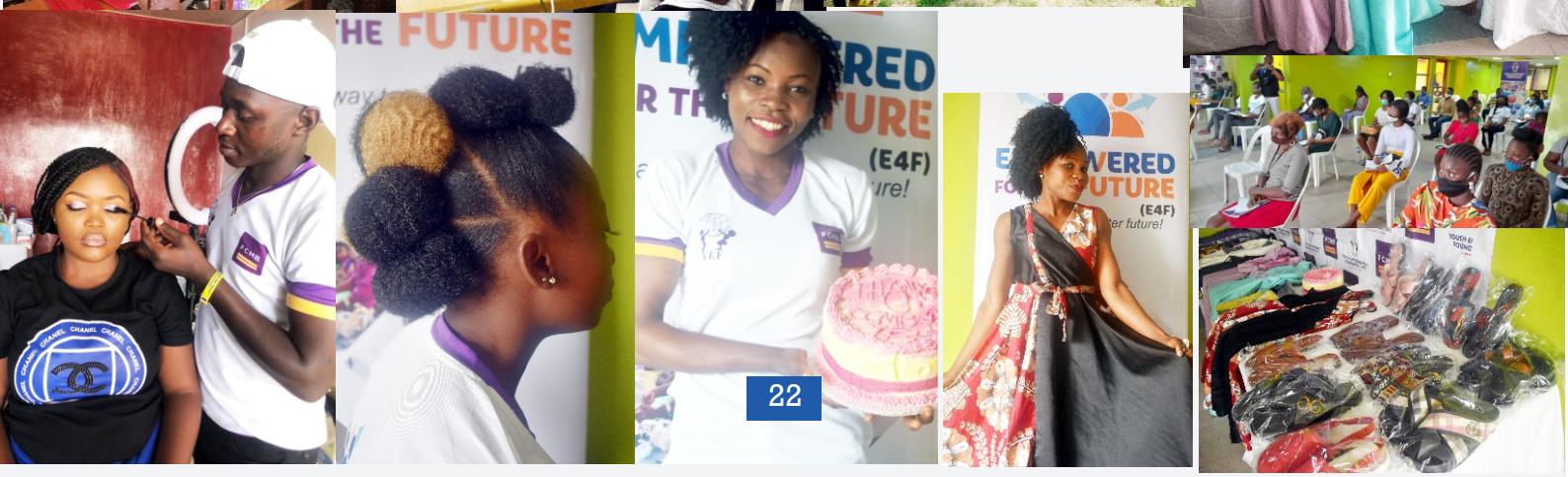
During the virtual graduation ceremony, beneficiaries exhibited their handworks and appreciated FCMB and YEF for the opportunity. Mr. Idiah Jah'swill (beneficiary), said that the project greatly impacted him;

**" I sincerely thanked FCMB and YEF for choosing me among so many others for this opportunity. I have completed my training in tailoring and I am amazed by the kind of jobs and income coming in now. I feel very fulfilled and can take care of my family now"**

The FCMB Group Head, Corporate Affairs, Mr. Diran Olojo encouraged the beneficiaries to utilize their skills to improve their lives, those of their families and also to become better persons in the society.

**"I challenge you all to make good use of your newly acquired skills to improve your wellbeing and become good citizens. At FCMB, we help youth to achieve their dreams. On behalf of all of us at FCMB, I thank YEF for a job well done and hope to engage more on youth empowerment in Nigeria"**

Empowered for the Future (E4F) project also trained the beneficiaries on business development and other important strategies needed for customer relations and financial literacy. Some beneficiaries and their parents benefited from FCMB/YEF COVID-19 palliative support project in Mpape, Abuja during the lockdown.





## OYO STATE GOVERNMENT VISITS YEF AT IBADAN OFFICE

YEF Ibadan office was visited by officials of the Agency for Youth Development, on the 15th of June 2020. This is part of the state's routine for recognition and registration of YEF as one of its key partners in Ibadan. The team was pleased with YEF's strong work ethics and encouraged the organization to keep up its good work.

## BUILD FOR LIFE (B4L) LITERACY PROJECT



Having completed the infrastructural and WASH components of the project, the literacy enhancement part of the project commenced with the training of teachers, who will facilitate reading sessions with the pupils for a session. The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, New World Project in partnership with Youth Empowerment Foundation established the Build for Life project: an integrated literacy enhancement, infrastructural development, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project targeted at pupils of First Baptist Primary School, Ijaiye Oja-Ale, Abeokuta and its community.

The literacy training was organised for classes 4 and 5 teachers in First Baptist Primary School, Ijaiye Oja-Ale and selected neighbouring public primary schools in January. The major

purpose of the training was to equip teachers with new skills in order to help pupils learn to read and write better by adopting new methods they were exposed to at the training.

The training was assessed using pre and post-tests and it was apparent that the participants were able to discover and understand new methods to better communicate during classroom teaching especially in areas of reading and writing effectively.



# ALAFIA-TAYO (HEALTH IS WEALTH)

Alafia-Tayo is a 3 month intervention project using traditional media (radio), social media, community-based listening groups and peer education. It is a gender-based violence (GBV) prevention, life skills and leadership development program using selected trained young advocates to facilitate the program at various communities in South-West Nigeria. The overall objectives of Alafia-Tayo is to contribute to the reduction of the increasing cases of gender-based violence (GBV) and other forms of domestic abuse in Nigeria.



Sponsored by Laureus Sports for Good Foundation, YEF organised series of outreaches to markets and hard-to-reach communities to sensitize women and young persons on gender inequality, gender-based violence and domestic violence. Alafia-Tayo a magazine radio show is aired on Oluyole 98.5Fm, Ibadan and Al-barka Fm, Ilorin every Thursdays and it adopts Yoruba and Pidgin languages to communicate to the general audience. Feedbacks from individuals who follow the radio sessions and engage on our various media platforms, as well as community have been overwhelming.



## SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE (SRTSI)

The Safe Return to School Initiative (SRTSI) was initiated to invest resources into putting selected structures in place for school resumption across 2 highly impacted States, Lagos State, Oyo State and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The overall goal of SRTSI is to contribute to the reduction in transmission of COVID19 in selected schools across the 3 sites with the highest prevalence. This will be implemented through increased awareness among prefects, students and selected stakeholders. In addition, there will be access to handwashing and hand sanitizing facilities for 3 months in 37 schools located across the 3 sites. Major activities of SRTSI is to develop

and place 74 educational pictorial posters about COVID19 in selected schools, conduct awareness building programs, train selected school prefects and Goal girls on COVID19 prevention, install paired handwashing points in 18 schools, distribute 15,000 hand sanitizers (100ml), nose masks and pouches to all JSS1 pupils and Goal girls and distribute liquid handwash (5 litres) weekly to 37 schools for 3 months. The supply and distribution of face masks and liquid handwashing soap has started, other activities like training and sensitization will start early next year (2021).

Safe Return to School Initiative (SRTI) is sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank.



## STANDARD CHARTERED BANK ENGAGED YOUNG PERSONS ON VARIOUS CAPACITY BUILDING SKILLS



As the world responds to a new normal with the pandemic COVID19, schools closed in different parts of the world including Nigeria. Over 70% of youth were out of employment and or school, leading to a lot of youth restiveness and redundancy. Gender based violence increased significantly and the urgent need to engage youth, young persons and adolescents remained a major priority for stakeholders.

After a strategic engagement with young persons, youth and selected stakeholders, the need to facilitate productive engagement over a 3 months period was identified. These sessions provided opportunities for employee volunteering for Standard Chartered Bank and certified engagement sessions for Goal Champions. The overall goal of the sessions was to ensure that youth particularly girls were fully prepared for post-COVID life and have the necessary skills for emotional upliftment, financial literacy, economic empowerment and academic excellence



## GIRLS SCORED HIGH WITH GOAL



A total of 2125 adolescents 'girls' were empowered with Goal project's life skills, financial literacy, personal hygiene and martial art skills in the year. The girls were also trained to identify and report cases of child abuse, gender-based violence in their communities and schools. The project used classroom training, community-based life skills sessions and radio listening groups to engage young persons in Nigeria.

The COVID19 school lockdown gave rise to series of child abuse, gender-based and domestic violence, which if not addressed, would have threatened the lives of young persons in the community. Thus, the (Goal) project was handy during this period to alleviate the effects of the pandemic on students and young girls at home.

Goal is a reproductive health, HIV/AIDS prevention, life skills, sports for developments and Martial Arts project for young girls in selected communities and secondary schools in Lagos, Ibadan and Abuja. Goal Nigeria started in 2010 and has reached over 150,000 adolescents. This year, Goal was implemented in 36 schools and 33 communities across the 3 sites.





# PROGRAMS BY YEF YOUNG LEADERS

This segment of the report captures programs planned and implemented by young leaders trained by YEF. For over 10years YEF has trained more than 100,000 young girls on leadership and as gender based violence (GBV) advocates.

Every year, some of these girls from their respective schools and those volunteering at YEF across our offices in Lagos, Ibadan and Abuja organise and carry out programs to commemorate special United Nation's (UN) international days. Programs such as International day of the girl child, children's day, world environmental day, International day of the African child and many more.

# CHILDREN CELEBRATED

As COVID19 lockdown took away the fun and celebration of the usual May 27th Children's day anniversary, YEF mobilized children in Ibadan, Oyo state to mentor and guide them on the effects and prevention of Coronavirus infection. The event which strictly maintained physical distancing and proper hand-washing exercise gave the children opportunity to share their experiences on their long break at home. The children expressed their gratitude to YEF and appealed to government to reopen their schools as soon as possible. Issues on child labour, abuse, rights and gender-based violence were discussed, while questions were addressed.



## WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY 2020



YEF has a culture of celebrating United Nations special days. We believe and support the calls of UN for safe and conducive environment for all. World environment day also known as people's day; recognises efforts by people to take care and preserve the earth and keep their environment clean especially in this period of COVID19 and spread of other communicable diseases. The 2020 theme was 'Time for Nature,' with a focus on its role in providing the essential infrastructure that supports life on earth and human development. YEF marked the 2020 world environmental day in Lagos and Oyo States. Adolescents and young

persons in the community were educated to always keep their environment clean, healthy and nurture trees if possible. They were informed about dangers and hazardous effects associated with abuse of the environment and were implored to be good ambassadors of environment. YEF has organized several outreaches and programs centered on improving and encouraging healthy environment across schools in Lagos, Ibadan and Abuja.

# GIRLS CALL FOR EQUAL SOCIETY



To commemorate the International Day of the African girl child, YEF Goal champions across Lagos and Ibadan reinforced calls against child abuse, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and gender inequality in Nigeria. They emphasised that for a sustained socio-economic development of the society, the incessant breach of women's rights through gender-based violence and gender inequality must stop. They encouraged parents and government to show love and respect to female persons and treat them as equals in terms of resource allocation, political appointments and job placements as their male counterparts.

## SAY NO TO DRUG ABUSE



2020 World Day against Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking called for improved action and decisions against drug abuse in the world. According to United Nations publications, more than 7 million people suffer from an illicit drug disorder, and one in four deaths results from illicit drug use. In fact, more deaths, illnesses and disabilities are associated with drug abuse than any other preventable health condition. This year's theme, **Better Knowledge for Better Care** underlined the need for more awareness and preventive strategies to curtail drug abuse in the world. YEF Goal volunteers mentored adolescents on dangers and effects of drug abuse in Ajegunle community in Lagos State and Molete in Ibadan, Oyo State.

## CELEBRATING THE GIRL CHILD

International Day of the Girl Child (11th October) was one of the events we celebrated at YEF. This year's theme '**Our Voice, Our Equal Future**' was used to raise awareness on the importance of the girl child in the society. It was also to advocate for their rights and the power they have in their voices. This year, YEF mentored over 500 young girls across Lagos, Ibadan and Abuja. Key topics of discussion were child rights, gender inequality, career choice and sexual abuse. YEF Abuja further trained young girls about cake making and confectioneries. YEF Lagos on the other hand, mentored young girls on child marriage, career choice and gender-based violence (GBV), while YEF Ibadan carried out community outreach; sensitizing the general public on this year's theme and the rights of the girl child.



# TESTIMONIES

“FCMB and YEF ‘Empowered for the Future’ project helped me a lot. As a young Secondary School graduate, I needed to have a vocational skill and a better knowledge about my life. The project exposed me a lot; I learnt about financial management, business development, life skills, leadership and tailoring. I am now a better person and have a business of my own”

**Deborah Ewenike** (*Empowered for the Future beneficiary, Abuja*)

“With gladness and a heart filled with appreciation, I say-thank You to YEF and FCMB for making my life more interesting and most importantly adding value to it. Looking back... I can only smile with joy in my heart, knowing the decision I took to join the empowerment training program to master my chosen vocation (tailoring) was not in vain. Now, I am confident that I have learned so well to stand out amongst millions out there. May God continue to bless FCMB and YEF once again. And to all the beneficiaries, may we not forget the hands that made us what we have become. As we have started receiving the rewards of their investment in us, please let’s remember them also. Who knows! We might be laying a foundation for future beneficiaries”

**Idiah Jah’swill** (*Empowered for the Future beneficiary*)

“I feel like I am the luckiest person on earth since I won YEF MRS oil scholarship award. Before the scholarship opportunity, eating three square meals and paying school fees was very difficult for my aged mother. At some point, I was contemplating dropping out of school. I am happy that YEF found me worthy of this opportunity. Since I won the scholarship, I have enjoyed peace of mind and my academic performance has tremendously improved. I passed my WAEC exams with distinction and also scored very high in my JAMB exam. I just wrote NECO exams; I am very optimistic about my chances to gain admission unto university next year. I am grateful to God and sincerely appreciate YEF and MRS oil for this rare opportunity”.

**Kaylah Jime** (*a beneficiary of MRS OIL SEE scholarship scheme*)

“YEF’s level of professionalism and selfless sacrifice in the discharge of humanitarian service is second to none. Their free camp program for adolescents yearly is commendable. Lagos State Ministry Youth and Social Development is pleased and proud of YEF and will continue to partner with them in their selfless efforts to

improve the lives of Lagos youth to an enviable height”

**Mrs. Taiwo** (*Director of Youth Mobilization, Lagos Ministry of Youth and Social Development; during YEF stakeholder’s meeting in Ikoyi, Lagos*).

“YEF is doing incredibly well, using sports to empower young persons on life skills and GBV. Lagos State Sports Commission has partnered extensively with YEF and will continue to do so for the benefits of our teeming youths”

**Dr. (Mrs) Oluyomi Olaide Oluwasanmi** (*Director, from Lagos Sports commission*)

“I am happy that my school (Wesley Girls Junior Secondary School) was shortlisted for ‘Goal project’. I observed that all the school prefects and other key student’s leadership positions are occupied by girls who have benefited or benefiting from Goal project. This, I believe tells much more about the importance and integrity of the project. We will continue to work with YEF to implement Goal successfully in the school”.

**Mrs. Ajayi Rachel** (*Principal, Wesley Girls Junior Secondary School, Lagos*)

“Thank you so much AHF and YEF for the foodstuffs and hygiene material that you gave us at Pyakasa secondary school. God Almighty will bless you all”.

**Mrs Folasade Adepeju**, Pyakasa

YEF has come to our rescue by sharing palliatives. Thank you for remembering us in these difficult times”

**Mrs Ake**, Mpape Community, FCT Abuja

“Thank you so much YEF, I am so happy to be a Goal Girl. Thank you for the palliative.”

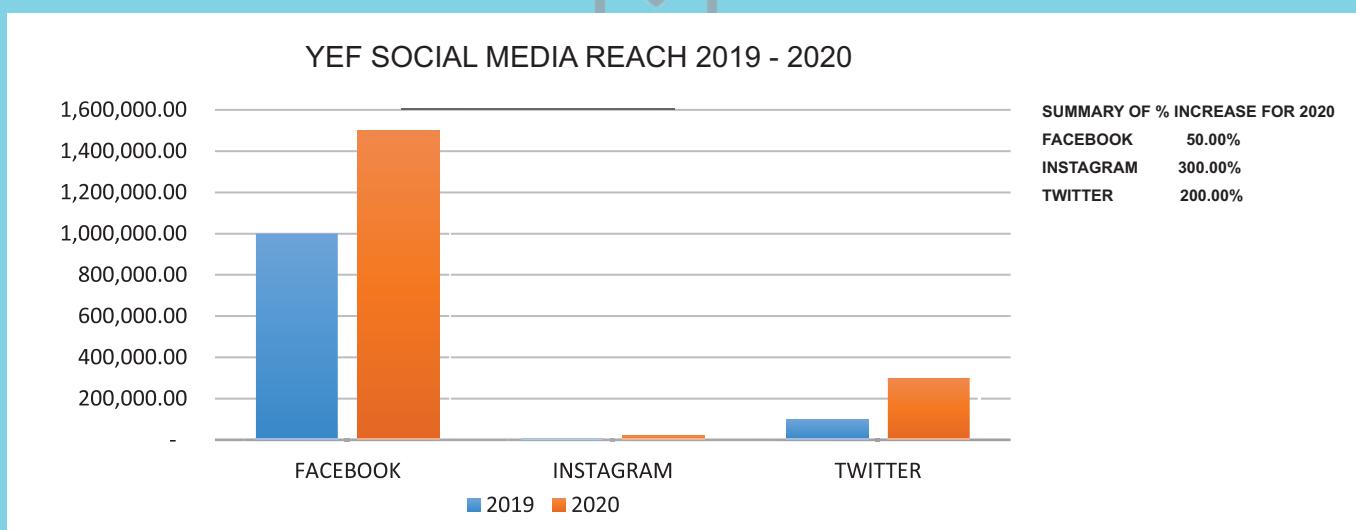
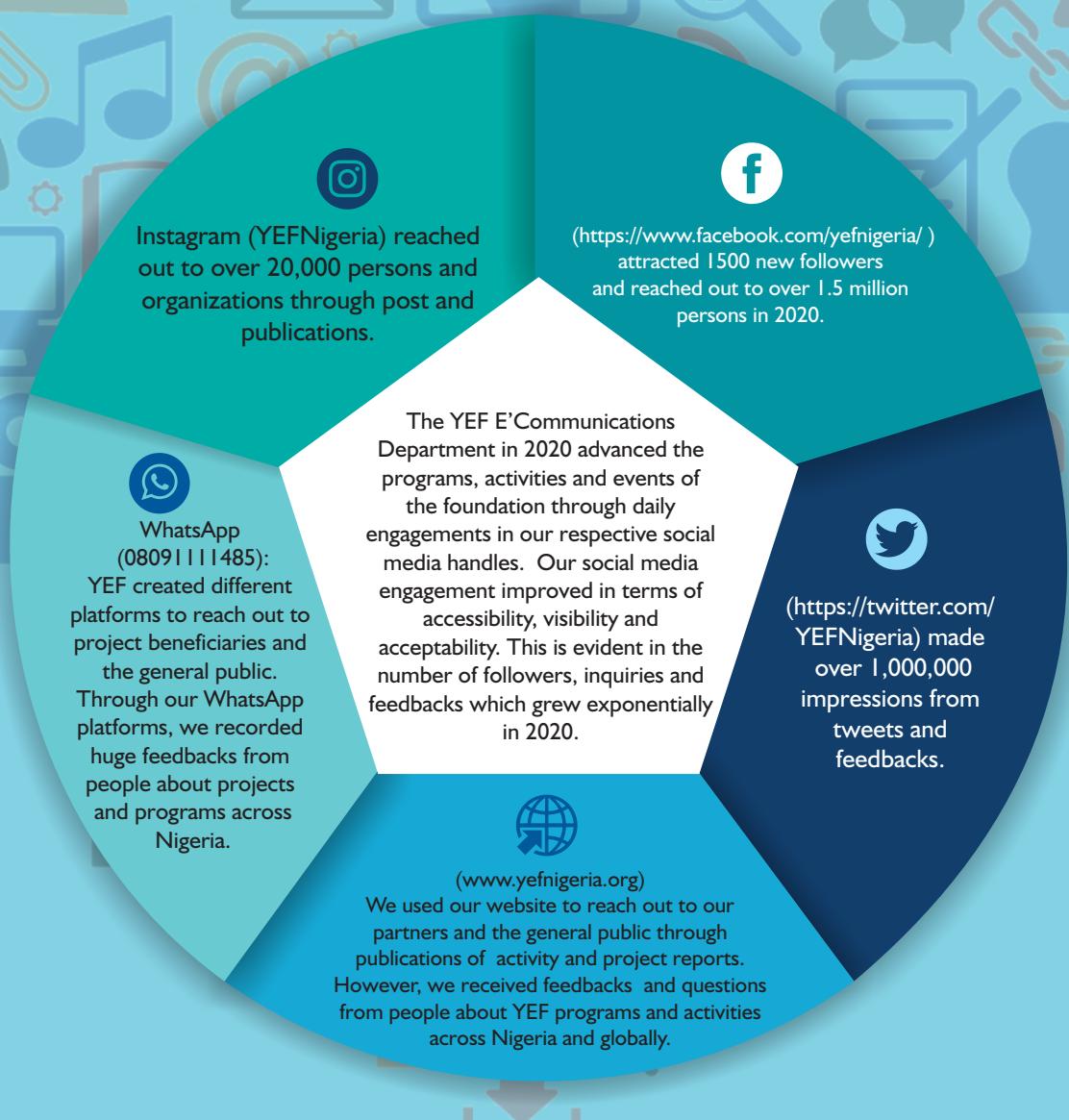
**Nezifat Oyiza**,  
Goal Girl 2020 set, Pyakasa.

“These food supply will last my family for up to 7 weeks, thank you AHF and YEF. You did not have to do this but you did. My girl is a Goal Champion and it is indeed a blessing. Thank you”

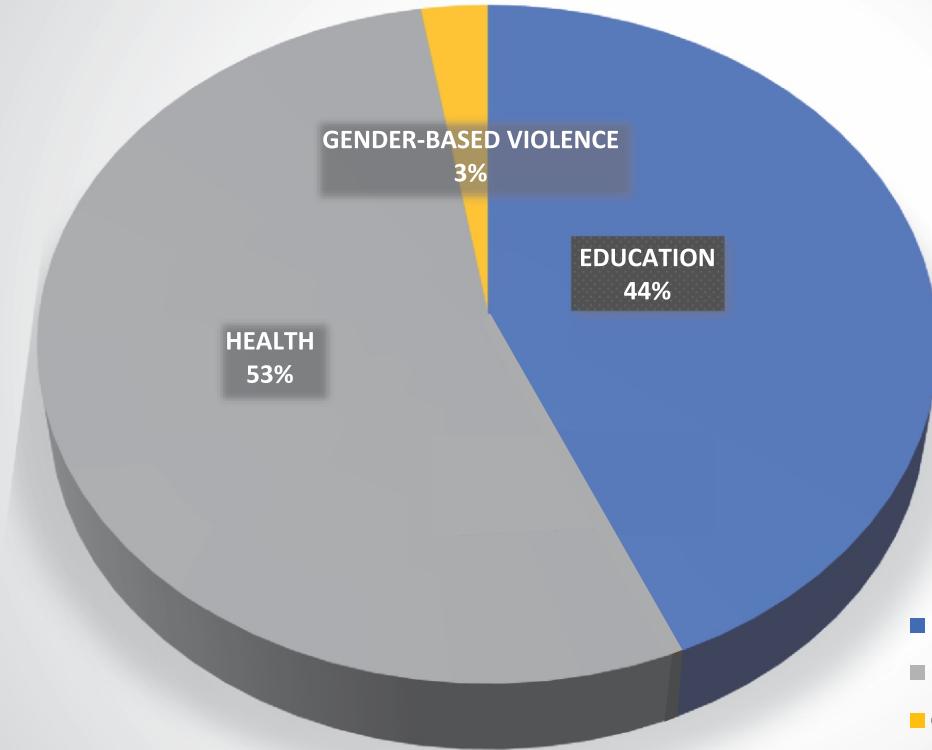
**Mrs Adekunle Bose**, Mpape

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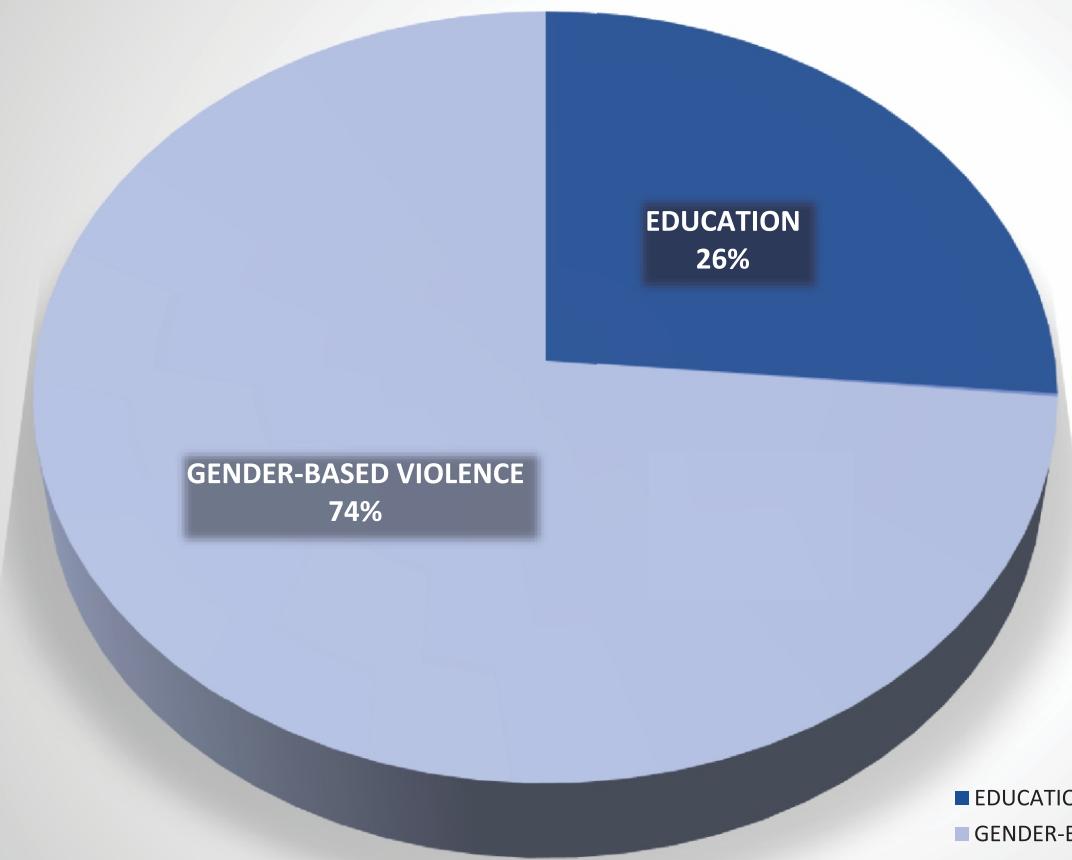
## SOCIAL MEDIA REACH



## YEF 2020 PHYSICAL REACH



## YEF 2020 VIRTUAL REACH

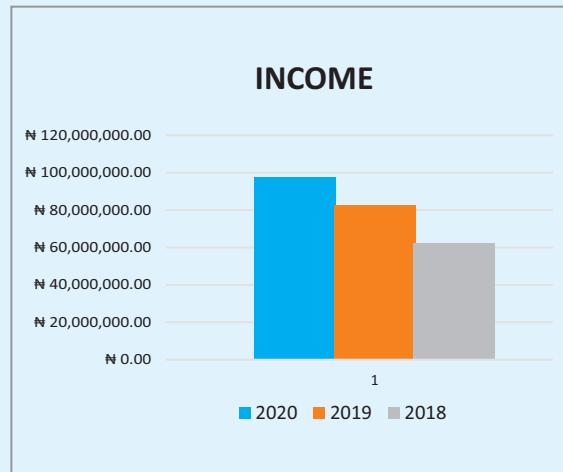


# YEF ANNUAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

## INCOME

For year ended 31st December

	<b>Total income</b>
2020	<b>₦ 96,538,189.36</b>
2019	<b>₦ 82,034,163.00</b>
2018	<b>₦ 61,866,566.00</b>



## EXPENDITURE

Direct Cost (Project Expenditure)

## PERCENTAGE

66.94%

Support Cost

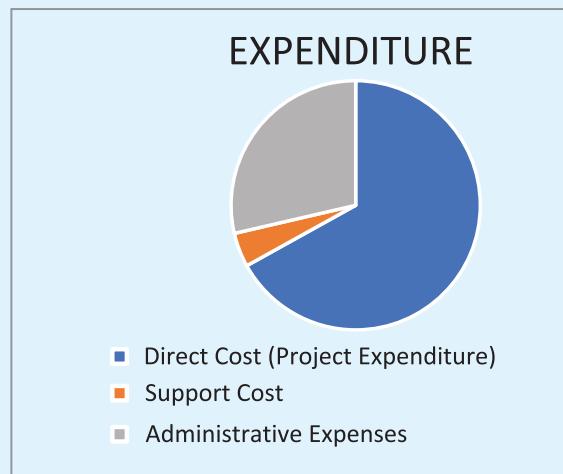
4.44%

Administrative Expenses

28.63%

**Total**

**100.00%**

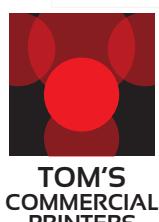


## EXPENDITURE

For year ended 31st December	2020	2019	2018	TOTAL (2020+2019+2018)
Direct Cost (Project Expenditure)	₦53,322,612.95	₦43,916,175.00	₦ 63,415,584.00	₦ 160,654,371.95
Support cost	₦ 3,717,821.95	₦ 3,316,540.00	₦ 3,613,570.00	₦ 10,647,931.95
Administrative Expenses	₦ 18,797,182.11	₦ 25,100,569.00	₦ 24,804,126.00	₦ 68,701,877.11
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>₦ 75,837,617.01</b>	<b>₦ 72,333,284.00</b>	<b>₦ 91,833,280.00</b>	<b>₦ 240,004,181.01</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	₦ 20,700,572.35	₦ 9,700,879.00	-₦ 29,966,714.00	



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