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LETTER FROM OUR BOARD MEMBER

Children with disabilities are among the most marginalised and vulnerable groups in the society. Millions of these children are being denied access to their basic rights. Raising Star Africa has made a commitment to reduce this marginalisation by 25% in 2025 through access to positive classrooms, learning and acquisition of lifelong skills that will foster interdependence in the nearest future so that these children can also contribute their quota to the development of our nation and continent at large.

One of our core program is getting out-of-school children back to school. Last year, we were able to get 40 children off the street back to school. This year, our aim is to get 100 out-of-school children back to school and continuously monitor their developments and learning.

To our community of support, there is so much more we can do together. Thank you for your amazing support in 2021. We look forward to achieving more with you in 2022



Duduyemi Oluwatomi

FROM THE Founder

You are welcome to Raising Star Africa which is all about Education for all; no child must be left behind. Beyond education, acquiring a lifelong skills is our priority for them to become independent in life. Every child has a unique ability/abilities and our aim is to make their voice heard

VISION

To inspire an inclusive African society, where every differently-abled and less privileged child has a voice and equal opportunity.

MISSION

Our Mission is to support, empower and inspire quality education and life skills among differently-abled and less privileged children across Africa.



Objectives



To reduce vulnerability and dependency among the differently-abled and less privileged children.



To empower over 15,000 with differently-abled and less privileged life-long skills through vocation and self-sustainability skill training by 2025.



To advocate and give a voice to differently-abled and less privileged children through different advocacy campaigns, publicity programs, community, and social sensitization.



To offer differently-abled and less privileged children a chance for a better life with self-reliance, food security, and improved quality of life through educational aids and scholarship.



To promote quality learning and development among differently-abled and less privileged African children through school and classroom improvement and refurbishment.



Core Values

Integrity

Empathy

Community

Influence

Transparency

Our Programs



Catering and Advocacy for Children with Disability



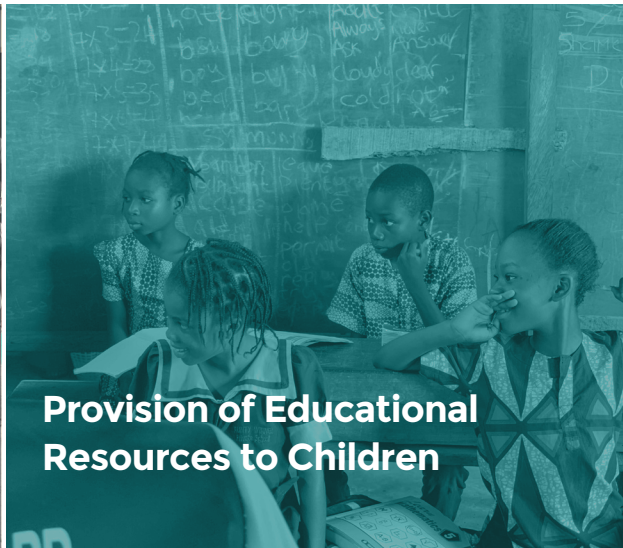
Vocational and Self Sufficiency Skill Trainings



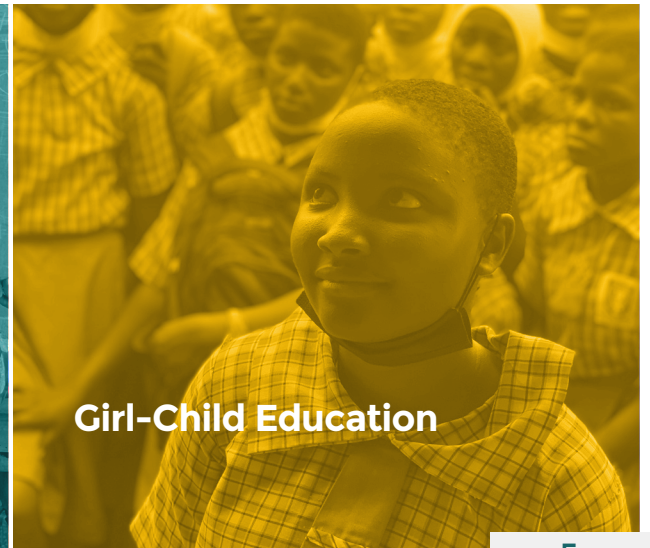
Getting Out-of-School Children Back To School



Renovation of Schools and Classrooms



Provision of Educational Resources to Children



Girl-Child Education

Our Impact

In 2021, we had 26 projects which impacted 2870 direct beneficiaries and 4000 indirect beneficiaries. We touched 3 states in Nigeria and impacted over 40 communities.



Support Inclusive School Initiative

This is one of our core programs at Raising Star Africa which amplifies inclusion in all areas from accessibility, lifelong skills to renovation of classrooms so that no child will be left behind irrespective of the challenges they face. Its focus is on bridging the gap between learning for children with disability and the regular children.

This project was carried out in two schools where we focused on:



Renovation of classrooms



Sanitation and Covid-19 Safety



Vocational and Self-Sufficiency Skills Training



This project was fully sponsored by
The Platform Capital and Diatom Impact.



Amosun Inclusive School

Location:

Agege, Lagos

Direct Beneficiaries:

40 children with disabilities

In-Direct Beneficiary:

200 children



OVERALL IMPACT

100% retention of students

40% increase of enrollment of children with disabilities due to beautification of the school

60% Increase in teachers performance due to availability of digital and teaching materials

45% Increase in skill acquisition

Oore Ofe Inclusive Schools

Location:
Dopemu, Lagos

Direct Beneficiary:
73 children with disabilities

Indirect Beneficiary:
300 children



OVERALL IMPACT

80%

Increment in Attendance

55%

increase of enrollment of children with disabilities

40%

Increase in skill acquisition



Teacher Speech

Teaching now is fun with a positive classroom and exciting students. Now we have computers in our classrooms to make learning easy.

In December, we welcome our sponsors 'platform capital and diatom impact' to the schools we renovated



Getting Out-of-School Children Back to School

No child must be left behind is our slogan. We moved from one community to the other looking for children who are out on the street to get them back to school. In total, we got 40 children back to school. 18 live and go to school in Lagos State while 26 live and go to school in Ogun State .

Our Visit to Ogun State, Nigeria: At Ogun State, we visited 4 different schools in 4 communities. We engaged 120 students and helped get 18 children back to school.



Advocacy and Publicity for Children with Disabilities:

Towards the end of the year, we celebrated different inclusive schools we support to amplify the voice of every child living with disability by organising inter-house sports and a Christmas party for each of the schools.



Amosun Inclusive Schools

Location:

Agege, Lagos

Activity:

Inter-house sports

Direct Beneficiary:

40 children with disabilities

Indirect Beneficiary:

300 (parents and children)



OVERALL IMPACT

Holistic Development of Children with Disabilities

Bridging the differences between children with Disabilities and regular children



Oore Ofe Schools

Location:
Dopemu, Lagos

Activity:
Inter-house sports

Direct Beneficiary:
73 children with disabilities

Indirect Beneficiary:
540 (parents, teachers and children)



OVERALL IMPACT

Helped maintain a meaningful living process

Reduced feelings of isolations

Improved cognitive health of children with disabilities

Parents became so proud of their children

Roman Catholic Mission Inclusive Schools

Location:

Ayeteju, Ibeju-Lekki.

Activity:

Christmas Party

Direct Beneficiary:

55 children with disabilities

Indirect Beneficiary:

680 (children and teachers)

In this school, this is the first time a party is being organised for children with disabilities. The party meant the world to them. We organized the party for just the children with disabilities but all the regular students in the school attended the party.



OVERALL IMPACT

The synergy between the regular children and children with disabilities was stimulated

For the children with disabilities, there was a reduction in the feeling of being isolated

Girl Child Education

This is one of the programs of Raising Star Africa which seeks to cater for the menstrual hygiene of girls to stimulate attendance in school. We organized an outreach called 'my voice, our equal future' on International day of the girl-child.



My Voice, Our Equal Future:

We collaborated with Clarecares Foundation to donate sanitary pads, give talks on drug abuse and menstrual hygiene for the girls in the community high school at Ijaiye, Lagos.



Ijaiye Ojokoro Community High School, Lagos

Location:
Ijaiye

Indirect Beneficiary:
610 (students and female teachers)

Direct Beneficiary:
560 girls



OVERALL IMPACT

Knowledge and means to manage their menstrual hygiene was stimulated

Stimulated reduction in misconceptions and discrimination.

Increase their chances of staying in the school for the next one month by 80%

Increase in skill acquisition

End of the Year Outreach

Feed The 1000:

This is an outreach where we collaborated with Clarecares Foundation and IBI Foundation to raise awareness on the poverty level of the less privileged children. We gave food to over 1000 less privileged children to reduce vulnerability to hunger.

Location:

Shogunle, Oshodi, Lagos

Direct Beneficiary:

1000 children

Indirect Beneficiary:

1450 (parents inclusive)





Volunteer Speech

I volunteer with Raising Star Africa because i want the voice of the voiceless to be heard and i want to be a beacon of hope to them.

- Volunteer Caroline Itiola

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Your time, skills, and resources help us carry out our mission and vision across Africa. Through them, you have an opportunity to make a significant impact on the wellbeing and education of children and differently-abled persons.

Visit: <https://raisingstarafrika.org/volunteer/>

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