



**RAISING STAR  
AFRICA**

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**ANNUAL IMPACT  
REPORT FOR**

**2022**

**Promoting Inclusive Education in Africa**



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Raising  
**STARS**  
Africa Foundation



**-KOLA OLUGBODI-**

## **THE CHAIRMAN**

For Us, Disability is not Inability. This is the mindset we want to put into these children. They can be what they want to be in life as long as they are not deprived of their basic right such as education and skills. Every child can give value to the society irrespective of their background and/or disability.



**-THE FOUNDER-**

**MICHAEL SHOWUNMI**

**The main goal for us is to make every child self-reliant through education and skill empowerment. When they are independent, they become creative; they make relationships, create or get resources and thus reduce poverty. After being independent, they can contribute their own quota to the society. To achieve this, their mindset is a priority and that's why we must make sure they have access to education to create a sense of purpose and belonging.**

**At Raising Star Africa, we believe in the dream of every child. The dream of every child is valid irrespective of their disability. The power to dream and to achieve this dream, sums up the reason for our existence at Raising Star Africa.**

# OBJECTIVES

- 01** To reduce vulnerability and dependency among the differently-abled and less privileged children.
- 02** To empower over 15,000 differently-abled and less privileged with life-long skills through vocation and self-sustainability skill training by 2025.
- 03** To advocate and give a voice to differently-abled and less privileged children through different advocacy campaigns, publicity programs, community, and social sensitization.
- 04** 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.
- 05** 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

# AWARDS IN 2022



- **FIRST RUNNER UP - BUDGIT DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**
- **FINALIST - IMPACT INVESTMENT INVESTORS FOUNDATION**

# OUR PROGRAMS



- **Supportive Inclusive School Initiative**
- **Stars Out Initiative**
- **Vocational and Self-sufficiency skills Trainings**
- **Getting Out-Of-School children back to school**
- **Provision of Educational Resources to children**
- **Girl Child Education**







# OUR IMPACT

In 2022, our impact spreads across 2 states with 22 projects implemented in 15 communities to 744 children (534 children with disabilities and 210 able children)

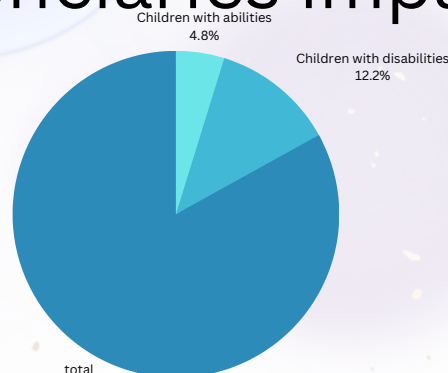
**2** States in Nigeria impacted

**22** Projects implemented

**15** Communities impacted

**744** Beneficiaries impacted directly

**1624** Beneficiaries impacted indirectly.



Since inception, we have impacted 3644 children

## SUPPORT INCLUSIVE SCHOOL INITIATIVE

This is one of our core programs at Raising Star Afirca where we make education accessible to every child. We promote inclusion by renovating dilapidated school buildings and other education interventions that make learning and a positive classroom environment accessible to all. This year, we renovated an inclusive school in Igando. This way fully funded by BIC Multinationals.



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIMARY INCLUSIVE SCHOOL



This is an inclusive school located in Igando, Alimosho in Lagos State. The school has over 700 children with 3 blocks of classroom. We renovated the block for children with disabilities which has 3 classrooms. The holistic renovation was sponsored by BIC multinationals. We had the BIC team visited three times and they carried out their education week in the school

**Location: -----Alimosho**

**Direct Beneficiaries:-----155 children with disabilities**

**Indirect Beneficiaries:----700 children**

## OVERALL IMPACT

<b>90%</b> Retention of students	<b>90%</b> Increase in attendance
<b>60%</b> Increase in teacher,s performance due to positive classroom environment	<b>55%</b> Increase in enrollment of students with disabilities

# PARENTS SPEECH

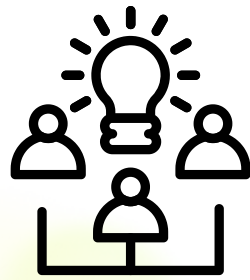


Raising Star Africa is really trying for our children. Our children now have a school bus and I don't need to stress myself to be bringing my child to school every time. My child now enjoys coming to school.



Infact, Raising Star Africa is taking care of our children. They make them happy and even take them out. My child went to shoprite for the first time thanks to them and I'm so proud of what they are doing.

# VOCATIONAL AND SKILL SUFFICIENCY TRAININGS



We trained 40 students at Oki inclusive schools with hairdressing, shoe making and tailoring skills. They made footwears which generates income for both the schools and the students, thus reducing poverty.



# GETTING OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Every child must have access to education irrespective of the background or disability.

- **Rachael whose parents has given up on her because she is intellectually challenged, was gotten back to an inclusive school. Currently, Rachael is described by her teacher as the most active student. We got 80 children with or without disabilities back to school.**
- **3 children of a mother whose husband suffered from a stroke were sent back to school with their school fees fully paid.**
- **Victor, a boy whose parents are both blind, was gotten back to school and retained. Victor is now in KG 2 . He is on our permanent scholarship.**



# STARS OUT INITIATIVE

This is the program that facilitates exposure, life and social skills of children with disabilities. We took children with disabilities in 3 primary inclusive to City Malls and National Museum. A total of 97 children with disabilities were taken outside the four-walls of the classroom. In Shoprite, the children did shoppings to increase their life skills and sense of belonging. In the museum, the children were sensitized about Nigeria's historical background and they really had fun.



## MUSEUM

# PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

To foster learning, we donate basic and educational materials to children. Through this program, we donated basic and educational materials to 255 students in 4 schools in Lagos and Ogun state, Nigeria. One of the donations was fully funded by BIC multinationals. Donation of 270 exercise books and other writing materials with disabilities at Igando inclusive schools.





# OUR COLLABORATIONS



We collaborated with Toyin FSanni foundation to provide a school bus which conveys 30 students with disabilities to and fro school. This has relieved the parents of the stress and logistics expenses involved in taking the children to and fro school.



# **OUR COLLABORATIONS**

## **BACI**

We partnered with BACI to organise her annual conference for 130 secondary school students in ogun state to imbibe character, mental wellness and prevent drug abuse amongst teenagers.

## **GHEI**

We collaborated with GHEI to provide sanitary pads to over 30 girls with disabilities in Oki inclusive schools to increase menstrual hygiene education among girls with disabilities.



# DISABILITY AWARENESS EVENTS THIS ABILITY

- This is an annual event that sheds spotlight on the talents and skills of children with disabilities. It creates awareness about the talents that are embedded in children with disabilities. It informs the society about abilities in disabilities to reduce stigmatization and marginalization in the society.
- The event is used to commemorate children's day celebration on May 27th. 4 schools took part in this event namely- Oki inclusive schools, Olisa, RCM and Igando inclusive schools. 120 students and 10 teachers took part in the event. The children were awarded a cash prize from the 1st position to the 4th position. The 1st position from Olisa schools won 100,000 naira and the 4th position from RCM primary inclusive school won 20,000.
- The students sold the materials they made during the skill exhibition and made more money for themselves. In the event, we had guests from Abuja, an actress from the USA (Diamond Sonpon), the former Deputy Governor of Lagos state (Sarah Sosan) and the present Senior Special Assistant to Lagos state Government on Disability (Adenike Oyetunde).



# SPORT FEST

This is our annual sporting event which is done to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The event took place on December 3rd at Igando Inclusive schools. 4 schools participated namely- Igando inclusive schools, Oore Ofe, Oki and Olisa inclusive schools. A total of 80 students, 15 teachers and 6 sports officials participated. We created each house with a disability term namely Ability house, Independent, Inclusion and Special House. The children participated in relay races, fill-in-the-bottle, sack races, table tennis and so on. The Ability house came first and Bukola Boderin from Igando Inclusive schools was awarded the overall best student with a cash prize of 50,000 nairs. We had a special guest appearance of His Royal Majesty, Ooni of Ife. This event highlights the abilities in children with disabilities and showcased their sporting talents. This created awareness about persons living with disabilities and their special abilities thus reducing stigmatization in the society.



# OUR END OF THE YEAR PARTIES

We did christmas parties in two schools- Oore Ofe and Roman Catholic Mission (R.C.M) Inclusive Schools. Oore Ofe inclusive school party was fully funded by the Toyin F Sanni Foundation and the RCM Christmas party was funded by individual donations.



## ★ OVERALL IMPACT

The children had a sense of belonging. The social skills of the children was stimulated

### Oore Ofe Inclusive as School

Location;  
Activity;  
Direct Beneficiaries;  
Indirect Beneficiaries;

Dopemu, Agege  
Christmas Party  
70 children with disabilities  
85 (including teachers)

### RCM Inclusive Schools

Location;  
Activity;  
Direct Beneficiaries;  
Indirect Beneficiaries;

Ayeteju, Lgos island  
Christmas Party  
55 children with disabilities  
110 (including teachers)

## VOLUNTEER'S SPEECH

The passion, storytelling and vision of this organization is what compelled me and I will continue to serve these children till they become who God has called them to be. Raising Star Africa is more than a family to me, and I'm glad to belong here.

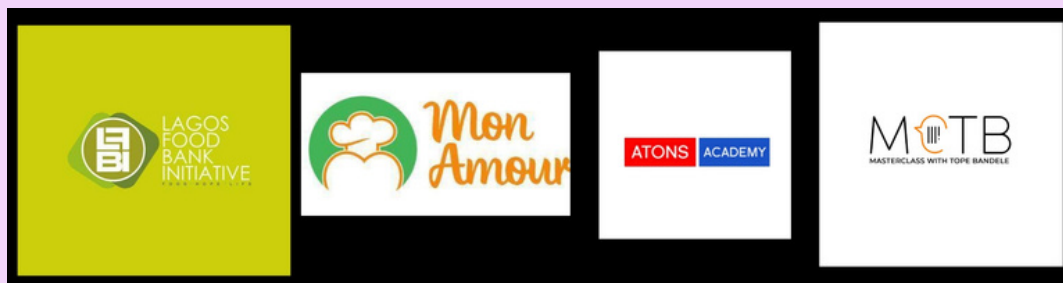


## TEACHER'S SPEECH

Raising Star Africa came to our school and renovated it completely. Before they came, most of our children with disabilities do not come to school environment and our dilapidated building. They gave us computers, created a positive and 21st century learning environment. Since then, 90% of our children never missed school. They love coming to school to learn and be empowered all thanks to Raising Star Africa.



# PARTNERS



## PARTNER WITH US

Our foundation provides you an opportunity to make significant impact in the wellbring and education of children and differently-abled persons.

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