



Dear Friend,

2018 has indeed been a very exciting year for us at Oando Foundation. We would like to take a moment to thank you for being part of our journey. We are particularly excited about the prospects that lay ahead in 2019 and the potential impact on thousands of children in adopted schools and communities.

Through key programme interventions, we are improving access to quality learning across 88 adopted public primary schools, changing perspectives on learning and what it means to learn and support best practices across intervention areas.



Infrastructure Development

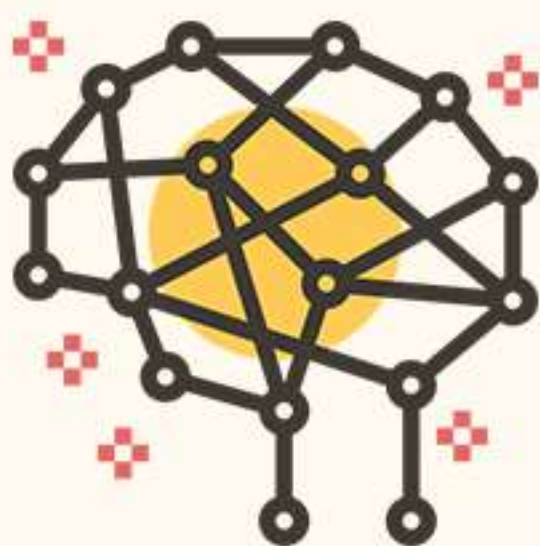
Oando Foundation created conducive learning conditions with improved sanitary conditions of pupils and teachers by upgrading educational infrastructure in 17 adopted schools equipped with 395 units of furniture.



ICT Development

We renewed our partnership with Sumitomo Chemical, and the resultant effect is the establishment of 15 solar powered ICT centers across states in Nigeria. This is part of our mandate in exposing pupils in adopted schools with 21st century ICT capabilities which is geared towards arming them with requisite knowledge to compete favorably in the ever dynamic world.





Capacity Building

We invested in strengthening the capacity of 545 teachers and Head teachers in literacy, numeracy, and science skills, using pedagogical methodologies in the classroom. 60 School support officers (SSO) were also trained to assess the capacity of head teachers to support teachers and ensure good classroom practice. Similarly, 328 school based management committee (SBMC) members were trained while 66 Local Government Education Authority (LGEA) officials received technical support.



Scholarship support

Oando Foundation Adopt-A-School Scholarship was awarded to 542 pupils across adopted schools. In a related development, 5 Oando Scholars graduated from Noble House College, Abeokuta. Since the 2013/14 session, the Foundation had facilitated the disbursement of grant to cover annual tuition fees, and other extraneous cost including uniforms, textbooks, exam fees and other extracurricular activities.



Partnerships

In recognition of the power of collective action, our partnership with **Sumitomo Chemical** – a Japanese Chemical Company – resulted in the establishment of 15 solar-powered ICT Centres in adopted schools across Niger, Sokoto, Plateau and Katsina. The Foundation also collaborated with **LaFarge Plc** to improving literacy and education through the Lafarge Africa National Literacy Competition.

In partnership with the **Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC)**, we championed the 1st Private Sector Convening for corporate organization, currently supporting the sub-sector, leading to the formation of the **Private Sector Coalition for Basic Education (PSCBE)** with a mandate to bridge the access and information gap between organized private sector and UBEC and contribute to basic education planning and delivery.





Advocacy

The Foundation continued to explore and utilize various local and international platforms to showcase its Adopt-A-School programme model, serving as advocacy tools for development in the basic education sub-sector. These platforms included the Global Business Coalition on Education (GBC-Ed), World Innovation Summit on Education (WISE), Global Philanthropy Forum (GPF) education-focused events at the UN General Assembly, the Private Sector Convening, among others.



2019

We will Consolidate on programme interventions and continue the implementation of other funded projects; utilizing evidence from the Adopt-A-School theory of change to further deepen overall quality of programme delivery across our 88 adopted schools.

We look forward to the new year with renewed vigour and with sheer determination to eclipse the achievements of 2018. Join us on this quest to transform our public primary schools to enviable academic towers. Happy New Year

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