# Oando Foundation

...transforming lives through education

Newsletter

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#### Dear Reader,

We are excited to share our half year 2016 Newsletter. Thank you to all staff, partners and volunteers who make our project delivery and implementation seamless.

Best,

Adekanla Adegoke Head, Oando Foundation

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Oando Foundation and Educate a Child (EAC), Qatar Partner to provide quality primary education to 60,000

Out-of-School Children (OOSC) in Nigeria

Educate A Child (EAC) Qatar have picked their first Nigerian partner, Oando Foundation (OF) to jointly execute a project aimed at providing quality primary education to 60,000 Out-of-School Children (OOSC) in Nigeria.

This partnership is a timely intervention that will tackle issues of access to quality education and enrollment of out of school children. EAC will co-fund projects in 46 OF adopted Schools across 9 Northern states.

# Oando Foundation Partners with USAID Education Crisis Response (ECR) to Enroll Internally Displaced Children in North-East Nigeria

Oando Foundation (OF) and the USAID Emergency Crisis Response (ECR) recently partnered to mainstream internally displaced children from informal learning centers to adopted public primary schools in Adamawa and Bauchi state.



To better integrate these vulnerable children into mainstream schools, the Foundation distributed education starter kits to 500 learners in Bauchi and Adamawa State. The Executive Secretary, Bauchi State Agency for Mass Education (BASAME), Hajia Tafawa Balewa, Executive Chairman, Adamawa SUBEB, the Permanent Secretary Adamawa State Ministry of Education, Alhaji Bashir Tukur and the Executive Secretary Adamawa State Agency for Mass Education (SAME), Mrs. Charity Buni were part of the entourage that distributed education starter kits to children in Bauchi and Adamawa state.

### Kwara State Government Hosts Oando Foundation

In line with this, Oando Foundation team led by the Head of Foundation, Adekanla Adegoke paid a courtesy visit to His Excellency, Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed, Executive Governor of Kwara State on the 24th of February, 2016. The Commissioners for Education, Budget and Planning were also in attendance.



# **FUNDRAISING**

Oando Foundation Initiates Crowd Funding Project to Re-build Poultry Pen to Primary School

Local Government Nursery and Primary School, Itori Ewekoro Ogun State serves over 1,000 of Nigeria's most disadvantaged children and needs our urgent attention.

Our plan is to rebuild the Local Government Nursery and Primary School in Itori, Ewekoro. We need your support to do this. We aim to raise \$100,000 to transform the poultry pen into a proper school by constructing new classrooms, providing furniture for pupils, as well as water and sanitary facilities.

### RENOVATION

## General Muhammed Buhari Primary School, Daura, Katsina receives ICT Centre

In April 2016, the Foundation completed an ICT Centre at General Muhammed Buhari Primary School, Daura, Katsina. The school was adopted in 2011 by Oando Foundation and has received infrastructural and learning support from the Foundation since then. This school has produced many notable alumni including the President of Nigeria, General Muhammed Buhari.

# Olisa Primary School and Special Inclusive Unit Gets a Major Facelift

In January 2016, students of Olisa Primary School and Special Inclusive Unit, Papa Ajao Mushin, Lagos had their school completely transformed. Through funding received from Oando Gas and Power, the Foundation completed the renovation of two blocks of Eighteen Classrooms and an ICT centre. Over 300 pupils have access to improved learning environments and sanitary conditions.



#### PARTICIPATORY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Oando Foundation continues to promote evidence based initiatives and result oriented intervention projects across target communities. Our continuous engagement has resulted in support for our projects ranging from counterpart funding to community assistance in enrolment of OOSC.

# **IMPACT STORIES**

# "I want to be a doctor so I can save the lives of poor people"

Faith Williams is a 12 year old girl and one of the recent beneficiaries of Oando Foundation education starter kits in Adamawa State. She lived in Damaturu, Yobe State with her family and had great memories of a pleasant childhood till one black Friday when her home was raided by insurgents and her father was killed.

# Blessing gave me hope to live again, all thanks to Oando Foundation"

Blessing is a JS2 student at Sacred Heart Secondary School, Ubiaja, Edo State. Her Mother Mrs. Roseline Aghama became a widow over 12 years ago and was left to fend for 3 children on a meagre income from petty trading. Mrs Aghama was ecstatic when she received the news of the selection of Blessing her 12 year old daughter as a recipient of the Oando Foundation Scholarship. She is very proud to be associated with Oando Foundation.



International Days and Observances

### Children's Day

As part of the Children's Day campaign and to improve the quality of teaching in adopted schools, Oando Foundation distributed Teaching and Learning Materials to its adopted schools across Lagos, Adamawa and Bauchi States.

### International Women's Day

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marked a call to action for accelerating gender parity. At Oando Foundation we carried out a campaign to ask staff to "Pledge for Parity" and support our call for reduction in gender inequality in education.

#### World Water Day

Did you know that over half of the developing world's primary schools don't have access to water and sanitation facilities? Lack of clean water has serious effects on students' academic performance and attendance rates.

As part of our commitment to provide water and sanitation in all adopted schools, OF joined other concerned citizens to celebrate World Water Day. Water and sanitation form a core part of the work we do at OF.



Want to help?

Help raise awareness through family, friends and colleagues about Oando Foundation's work. Let us all play our part and transform lives through education together!

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