Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2016 and all Oando Foundation’s achievements, we are truly grateful for the role you played in making this year a success and are very excited for what 2017 has to offer.

Through key programme interventions across 80 schools, we have continued to impact the Nigerian education sector and transform lives in communities across Nigeria. Read a summary of our footprints in 2016:

**Infrastructure Development**

- OF created conducive learning environments with improved and sanitary conditions for over 10,000 pupils and teachers by upgrading educational infrastructure in 8 schools - Bauchi, Kwara, Lagos, Niger, Plateau, Kaduna, Katsina and Sokoto States.

**ICT Development**

- Through our commitment to advancing technology education in public schools, we exposed over 8,000 pupils to the use of technology and ICT by establishing 8 solar powered ICT Centres in our adopted schools. The Foundation also partnered with Theirworld UK to establish a Girls Code Club in Lagos State to empower Nigerian girls through the development of technological skills.
Teacher Training

- In 2016, OF invested in strengthening the capacity of 1,745 teachers, across 47 schools in 12 states in literacy, numeracy, science skills, and pedagogical methodologies in the classroom. Based on best practice in the sector, we provided 3,000 subject-based teacher guides and lesson plans to support deployment of training received.

Scholarship Programme

- Five hundred and forty-nine scholarships were awarded to deserving pupils under the Oando Foundation Scholarship programme to support their transition into secondary school. In addition, 111 marginalised, exceptional children were awarded scholarships to continue their education at various levels under these scholarship schemes: Gaslink Back to School Project, Ebola Education Trust Fund and Noble House College Scholarship Scheme.

Advocacy

- OF partnered with Educate a Child, Qatar to enroll 60,000 children in school by 2018. Stakeholder engagements resulted in allocation of additional funds to schools, community mobilization of resources and enrolment of over 12,000 children in school in the 2015/2016 academic session.

- Our advocacy efforts also gave rise to a Partnership with USAID Education Crisis Response in Nigeria to mainstream 500 internally displaced children from informal learning centers to adopted public primary schools in Adamawa and Bauchi states and support their reintegration with Education Starter kits.

- OF mobilized support for vulnerable kids in Ogun State, Nigeria through the "Poultry Pen to Primary School Project". The project aims to raise funds to build a befitting school for over 1,000 pupils in Itori Ewekoro Primary School who currently learn in a derelict poultry. This project was made possible by the collaboration of Corporate, Individual and Institutional donors including Nigerian Celebrity Actress, Kate Henshaw and the United States Consulate in Lagos, Nigeria. By January 2017, the pupils will start learning in a brand new school.
Trustee Appointments

- In the course of the year, three New members were appointed to the Oando Foundation Nigeria and UK Boards: Mr Johnson Ikube, Dr Nguyen Feese and Ms. Penny Holden (UK)

Awards

The power of individual donors combined with external support from business, government and development partners enables us to empower communities and strengthen institutions vested with the mandate of education. Our efforts to transform the basic education sector in Nigeria have been well received by communities and governments. Our interventions have given rise to various awards and prepares us for the challenges ahead.

Sustainability is at the very core of our interventions at Oando Foundation and education remains the most potent tool in our quest to transform lives. Our accomplishments in the past year, shows us the great task that lies ahead in transforming Nigerian public schools to modern citadels of learning.

Thank you for your contributions this year and continued support of Oando Foundation. We hope you’ll join us in 2017.

Happy New Year