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LOCATION TEAM MEETINGS AND PROJECTS!

Borehole Installation in Bichi Kano
Emergency Classes in IDP camp Makurdi
Autism Day Online campaign.
Fellowships, Lecture Series, and More!

"ZERO MALARIA STARTS WITH ME" WORLD MALARIA DAY



LOCATION GROUPS CELEBRATED WORLD MALARIA DAY

Gombe Location Group

SI4DEV Gombe location group joined NYSC Medical CDs group and SDGs Advocacy group to celebrate the world malaria day on the 25th April 2019 at Zagain community.

They sensitized the community, administered drugs to those infected with malaria, distributed Mosquito treated nets to the community and anti-malaria drugs.



Ibadan location group

The team celebrated the world malaria day on the 27th of April, at Beere community with the theme 'End Malaria for Good'



The community is predominantly made of indigenes who are faced with Water, Hygiene and Sanitation problems, the lack the basic health care facilities leaving the larger population with high rate of malaria and water borne diseases. The program had a sensitization exercise on malaria and environmental sanitation. 140 persons were impacted, women and children were tested of malaria, those infected with malaria were immediately treated. 50 mosquito

repellants, 50 mosquito treated nets, vitamin C and paracetamol were given to the community.

Abuja Location Group



The Abuja location group celebrated the world malaria day on the 27th of April 2019 at Karimajiji Angwan Guragore community of people living with disabilities. 225 people were impacted, they were tested for malaria, and those affected treated, chewable multivitamins distributed to the children, and treated mosquito nets given to all pregnant women and nursing mothers.

INSIGHT AS WE CELEBRATE WORLD MALARIA DAY

Chisom Okoye McManus



As we celebrate the World Malaria Day today, It is very necessary to point out the challenges of this outrageous health problem in Nigeria. Malaria is termed one of the most serious health issues facing the world today. The World Health Organization estimates that over 300 million new cases of malaria arise a year, with approximately two to three million deaths resulting from contraction. Malaria is endemic in tropical Africa, with an estimated 90% of the total malaria incidence and deaths occurring here in Africa, particularly amongst pregnant women and children. More specifically, malaria is causing various problems in Nigeria. Malaria is the only vector borne disease to be placed on World Health Organization's Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYS) list.

Nigeria has a population of about 170 million people. A large percentage of this population lives in extreme poverty in rural areas, without access to potable water and adequate healthcare. Nigeria is also a low-income country already saddled with a huge foreign debt burden. It risks sinking further into debt as it struggles with a sick populace whose good health is essential for its economic growth.

According to the WHO, World Malaria report, Nigeria suffers the world's greatest malaria burden, with approximately 51 million cases and 207,000 deaths reported annually (approximately 30 % of the total malaria burden in Africa), while 97 % of the total population (approximately 173 million) is at risk of infection.

Traditionally, Chloroquine was a common treatment for Malaria. However, with the increase in chloroquine resistant malaria, additional methods of control must be employed. However, with the increase in chloroquine resistant malaria, there is now need for additional methods of control. A multidimensional approach should be used in the control strategy, such as good management of clinical malaria, the use of insecticide-treated mosquito net, education/awareness and training programs in malaria prevention, vaccine research and the use of insecticide spraying such as DDT on breeding sites. There is need to explore the use of indigenous natural mosquito repellent plant species.

Pharmaceutical companies should study local anti-malarial herbs to determine their efficacy on malaria and effective and safe dosages should be found. The answer to malaria control may lie within local communities. Policies pertaining to the use of bed nets soaked in insecticides would be doubly advantageous and economical in rural areas. In Nigeria, the two most susceptible groups of people, are the pregnant mothers and infant children. Walls of mud huts in rural areas should be whitewashed to avoid attracting mosquitoes. Cracks and crevices where stagnant water can collect should be sealed. Partial funding for malaria control projects could be generated internally if the Nigerian government collected a levy from companies that are involved in activities that pollute the environment. Oil companies working in the Niger Delta areas, where there are many marshy swamps and a high prevalence of malaria, should also be asked to contribute to a general malaria control fund.

Remember this year's theme; "Zero malaria starts with me".

LOCATION GROUPS HOLD MICRO-PROJECTS

MINNA LOCATION GROUP

Drug Awareness Program

SI4DEV partners and volunteers at Mobil Roundabout Minna for the Drug Free Arewa movement. The street march was to hold government accountable to reducing drug abuse and trafficking in northern Nigeria. Key players included the Students Union Government (SUG) of the Federal University of Technology Minna, among others.



ABUJA ERASMUS FELLOWSHIP

Partners Emeka Emordi and Amarah Joseph represented SI4DEV at the Erasmus Project management, budgeting and Pitching workshop.



OBOT AKARA LOCATION GROUP Family Planning Sensitization Program

SI4DEV Obot Akara location group with the support from We-Impact Initiative held a community outreach with major emphasis on family planning for women in three locations of Obot Akara LGA...



COURTESY VISITS TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY



The SI4DEV Obot Akara location group in Akwa Ibom state continues to work toward the family planning project. The volunteers visited the sensitization facilitator who is getting all the needed materials ready.

They also visited chiefs of Nto Edino and Ikot Ukpung, who were glad to have us. They however expressed some challenges. We had foreseen the challenges and addressed them earlier, hence we had a fruitful discussion and great conclusion.



Ibadan group had two consultations with the stakeholders in the Beere community ahead of the health outreach to commemorate World Malaria Day. At the meeting, it was agreed THAT he Bere medical outreach will now hold on Saturday, 27th April 2019 due to the community having a burial on the day before, which we had originally planned the outreach to hold.



The Abuja team also visited the Karamajiji community leaders to ensure that they would be ready for a health outreach as planned.



LOCATION GROUPS FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

PORT HARCOURT LOCATION GROUP

The monthly meeting was to discuss the proposed school/community WASH project. From the minutes...

"The house received feedback from Jessica that she has scouted two schools in the community where we can implement our WASH project. They are; Elekahia community primary school one located at Elekahia and Elekahia primary school two located at Ahiamakara.

The house decided that letters

should be sent to the schools management on the 26th April 2019 notifying them of our intention. A tentative project implementation date of 22nd & 24th May was chosen, and suggestions were put forward on materials that would be required for a successful campaign.

Faith, Favor and Jessica are assigned to prepare and facilitate during the WASH project to both schools.

The house decided to meet again on the 21st April in order to finalize plans and accommodate the next

project."

Francis Eghehan (Team secretary) with the others who attended the meeting took a picture afterwards.



BENUE MAKURDI LOCATION GROUP

The Benue Makurdi location group held their monthly meeting on the 10th of April 2019 by 4pm at BEPEP office after Benue Hotel.



PLATEAU JOS LOCATION GROUP

Thanks to the SI4DEV volunteers and partners in Jos who attended the meeting with TRISH our Operations and publicity manager.

So many wonderful ideas came out of the Brainstorming Session, and the location group now has a coordinator, secretary and communication officer.



GOMBE TUMFERE LOCATION GROUP

Gombe Tumfere location held their meeting in April to talk about the Malaria outreach program and other projects for next month.



KADUNA KADUNA LOCATION GROUP

One of our most consistent and active location groups preparing for the third phase of the Happy learners project... They held their monthly meeting recently to discuss the proposed school/community WASH project.



OSUN OSOGBO LOCATION GROUP

Osogbo location held their meeting with 6 persons attending to discuss the school outreach program and projects for May.



KANO NASARAWA LOCATION GROUP

Kano location group was planning for a handover to the new set of trainee partners and volunteers but due to low turnout, they held their monthly meeting as usual to discuss project ideas and action.



SI4DEV MANAGEMENT TRUSTEE VISITED SOME LOCATION GROUPS



Lagos Ikeja location group hosted the SI4DEV Managing trustee yesterday at JTT PARK Alausa. Lovely ambience coinciding with the Easter weekend event there and inspired quite the conversation. Summary: what project can we do to improve our community?



Surulere Location Group



Abuja location group at lunch with the Trustee



Oyo Location group in the Malaria outreach at Beere with the Managing Trustee.

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS BY SI4DEV ALUMNI PARTNERS

1. UGANDA

Patricia Okolo the Operations and Publicity Manager and Babatunde Ibikunle, the Kano location group Coordinator were sponsored by SI4DEV and The Spring Development Initiative to attend the Street Business School Immersion workshop in Uganda, Kampala.

SI4DEV now has two Certified Lead Coaches of the Street Business School and we are the first and only Global Catalyst Partner in Nigeria.

The SBS curriculum helps men and women at the lower income levels to become economically independent as successful entrepreneurs.



2. INDIA

As part of the Global Programme for Women Leadership, SI4DEV partner Grace Jimbo visited an NGO called Goonj meaning Echoes as a fellow of the Global program for women leadership. "The NGO collects resources from the urban areas to the rural areas to meet the needs of the poor community. They collect clothes, toys, books, musical equipment from the urban dwellers to meet the need of the rural people."

They also make recyclable pads for poorer women.



PILOT PROJECT MONITORING

1. BOREHOLE IN BICHI KANO

SI4DEV partner Hezekiah Ibrahim went to monitor the usage of the Sabo community borehole project and also to hear feedback from the community and users this morning.

In an interview with a community member on the usage, it emerged how the borehole has not only helped them in Sabo but also neighboring communities.

This is the first time this part of Bichi local government area is having potable water and we are proud to be supporting this project.



2. IDP CAMP CLASSES

After enumerating over 1200 children in the camp, more than half of the school population is in Early childhood care and development and primary ONE. Mrs. Kajoh, a seasoned educator came to train the local community volunteers who will be teaching the children. She has a master's degree in curriculum instruction and assessments and is board- certified in the state of Texas, USA to teach Early childhood through secondary school.



WORLD INTERNATIONAL DAYS

AKO OKU



International Days are days mapped out by the United Nations to remember or consider certain global issues. They are sometimes called Commemorative Days or Awareness Days. The purpose of international days is to promote global awareness on certain areas. There are many international days in a year. As international days are celebrated, we gain insights into how their subjects matter and affect the world. Examples of international days are: World Cancer Day International Women's Day, World Autism Awareness Day, International Day of Peace, Global Handwashing Day, United Nations Day, etc.

Celebration of international days calls for stakeholders to gather globally in international conferences or in different locations across the world, where papers are presented, speeches made and discussions are open in order to address the issues in focus- often closing with a resolution on the way forward.

As global citizens, we should get involved in the celebration of international days by creating awareness of their importance to our society and to the world at large. We can also identify those that are in line with the areas we are passionate about and decide to support their course.

Over the years, I have been involved in some international days, including World Cancer Day, World Water Day, World Press Freedom Day, International Youth Day, Malaria Day, International Day of Peace, Global Handwashing Day, among others. Most times I get involved in awareness campaigns, by attending conferences, some other times in projects that serve their essence. They have been really nice experiences for me.

What can you do for/on international days?

1. Have a calendar of international days.
2. Plan to attend conferences and meet-ups to commemorate the international days of your interest.

3. Determine to become awareness ambassadors. In other words, you will enlighten others on international days- on what they mean, why they should be considered and what should be done to celebrate them.
4. Have a calendar for international days you want to be personally involved in. They could be 5, 12, 29, etc. Make sure that the issues of these days interests you and that you are passionate about and will be committed to them. On a cardboard paper, draw a table of four columns with the dates in progressive order, the name of the international day, and your planned action or activity and an assessment portion. Your activity must be attainable and realistic.
5. Join community development groups or organizations like NGOs, CBOs, voluntary associations, etc. If you are already a part of one or more, suggest small achievable projects in line with your group's objectives which your group can execute on international days.
6. Make sure you document all activities you do for international days by writing a summary of your events and achievements; as much as possible, include photos. You can have soft copies and publish them online on your personal blog, social media or on your group's website.
7. You can do short documentaries on your international days projects to remind you of what you had done. That would give you lasting memories and spur you to do better next time.
8. Your documentations would help you when applying for opportunities and when you are accessing yourself. So, don't forget to tick on your international days calendar you had earlier created when you have successfully executed your plans, by grading on a scale of 10, how well you had done the execution.

You should be able to tell how far you have ascended in your global citizen ladder through international days. Remember that being a global citizen means that you are aware of what is happening in the world and that you are actively engaged in them and making inputs to make the world a better place.

In conclusion, I would love to ask: What international days are you involved or intend to get involved in? and how do you get involved or intend to get involved?

A VISIT TO PAKURO VILLAGE, OGUN STATE

Nkem Akinsoto



Over 50 women in Pakuro Village in Ogun State have been part of the pilot project by Strategy and Innovation for Development Initiative (SI4DEV) partner Juliet Obi to acquire confectionery making skills, become business owners and improve their community.

The women embraced the training and at completion, all received certificates of training as well as mentoring for a selection of participants. Since then, 10 women have received a small grant of 10000 naira to support them in setting up a cottage industry with the skills they learnt.

The Managing Trustee, Nkem Akinsoto and project coordinator Julie Obi who was in charge of the vocational skill training for women in Pakuro Village visited the town which is in the Mowe area of Ogun state to meet with some of the participants of our SI4DEV project. The women were engaged and happy to have the SI4DEV team.

62 women had been equipped with skills in making confectionery and 10 ready entrepreneurs received 10k each to start/support their ventures. The 10 women were the ones we met yesterday. Some were interviewed one on one and there was group chat too.



Please contact us for more details and to get involved in this project or donate directly to our bank account.

THE INTERNET FOR PEACE FORUM 2019

Report by Thomas Isreal

The Internet For Peace Forum 2019 was held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NIRA), Lagos, with the theme: Breaking Down Barriers: FUTURE POSSIBILITIES.

The event commenced at 11am, moderated by Ify Onyegbule, with the recognition of special guests and singing of the first stanza of the National Anthem.

Amb. Obuesi Phillips, president of Community Agenda for Peace (CAP), appreciated all presentees. He spoke on the impact of internet (social media) in the last election. He also spoke on the negative usage of social media in propagating problems facing Nigeria.



Mr Felix Iziomoh, Executive Director of International Centre for Leadership Development Nigeria (ICLDN), commented on the negative usage of social media. He said that since the arrival of internet we've never known peace. He concluded that the negativity of the social media outweighs the positivity.

Mrs Eytayo Iyortim, Chief Operating Officer of NIRA, spoke on "Internet for Peace: The roles of regulatory agencies". She said whatever you don't want to be broadcasted on CCN shouldn't be on social media. She informed that regulatory agencies engage law enforcement agencies, prevent cyber threat etc. She added that regulatory agencies need to be closer to the people and people need to question the activities of the regulatory agencies.

Comr. Chris Ibe, Founder/Executive Director of African Youth Initiative on Crime Prevention (AYICRIP), spoke on "Strategies for Preventing Radicalism and Violent Extremism". He said that people who can't physically challenge you can easily use social media; if you deny people a physical space for expression they can resort to cyber space.

Mr Yemi Emiola, MD/CEO of Soul-Rich Consultancy, spoke on "Youthful Possibilities for Peace in the Internet". He said Nigeria is filled with potentials. He added that the way you label yourself is based on your value.

Richard Amuwa, On-Air Personality, spoke on "Internet, Insecurity and Peace Building: Role of Young People". He said young people need to know that life is a process.

An opportunity was given for participants to refresh and network. After which there was an interactive session and opportunity for questions and answers. Points raised include: internet doesn't forgive, internet doesn't forget; control is different from regulation; government should regulate not control the use of media.

Hon Samuel Obodo, Head of Admin of CAP, thanked supporters, participants and volunteers.

The event ended at 2pm with the singing of the second stanza of the National Anthem and group photographs were taken.

WARRI EYESIGHT PILOT PROJECT

As a part of the SI4DEV pilot project, 'Sight for Development' a team of eye care professionals and volunteers conducted visual screening and an onsite eye checkup for school children at Primeseed School, Airport Road, Warri, Delta state.

The common belief that children do not normally have eye problems is one narrative this project is working hard to change, as early detection of eye problems is crucial to proper management of certain eye conditions.

SI4DEV partner Ruke Ejegreh is concluding the vision screening program at Federal Government College, Warri supported by the Alumni and Aubaine Eyecare. The project provides a preliminary eye exam for the students to identify those requiring more thorough optical care.

The screening was rounded up with the presentation of Visual Acuity Chart to the principal of Federal Government College, Warri, Delta state.

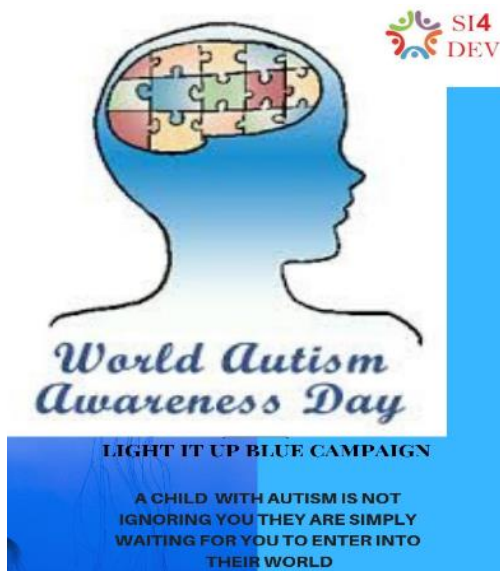
Strategy and Innovation for Development Initiative (SI4DEV) wishes to thank FEGOCOWOSA-NA Alumni, Federal Government College Warri school authorities, Aubaine Eyecare, and other supporters for their assistance during the implementation of the vision screening programme.



AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Ndidiamaka Ani

Autism Spectrum Disorder or Autism as popularly known, is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by difficulties with speech and language (communication), social skills and interaction and repetitive behaviors. It is a lifelong disorder without any cure presently, but with treatments & Services autism is managed to improve a person's quality of life. 1 in every 60 (1.6%) children in Nigeria is affected by Autism and boys are mostly affected by this disorder than girls. Before 3 years of age, toddlers in the autism spectrum show clear problems in Social Communication.



Autism spectrum disorder requires early detections to enable prompt intervention, allows parents make adequate planning for future school placements and community support.

Autism is caused by a number of factors:

1. Genetic factors
2. Maternal age older than 40 years
3. Paternal age older than 40 years
4. Threatened abortion at less than 20 weeks
5. Low birth weight (2.5kg)
6. Presence of birth deficit
7. Environmental Factors: environmental toxins

Restrictive interest, repetitive pattern of behavior, difficulty with communication and interactions with people are peculiar with Autistic kids, however some of the red flags of ASD in the 2nd year of life are:

- Lack of showing
- Lack of sharing interest
- Lack of coordination of non-verbal communication
- Repetitive movement with objects
- Lack of appropriate gaze
- Lack of response to name
- Lack of warm, joyful expression
- Unusual prosody
- Lack of pointing
- Lack of play with variety of toys.

Parents with autistic kids need training on how to help children with Autism maximize their skills. We need to use Assistive Technology through Active Participation for individuals with Autism.

REPORT ON BOREHOLE USE - BICHI

Hezekiah Mba Ibrahim

The pilot project site was visited by Hezekiah Ibrahim the coordinator and he monitored on the usage and was able to hear how it has been of help to the community. (Sabo community of Bichi LGA Kano state Nigeria).

Here is what a community member has to say about the water project 'we are very glad of having this borehole in the community which has reduced stress of going far distance to get clean and affordable drinking water', as he continues he said the borehole has not only been of help to them in Sabo community alone but another neighboring community comes to fetch clean water from the borehole project and also Fulani herdsmen come with their cows to feed them with the water. The Sabo community spokesman went further to say, at around 11pm in the night people still come around to fetch water there especially women who are not allowed to go out in the daytime. Then he concluded by saying: 'the best gift to be given to community is clean and affordable drinking which SI4DEV has provided for through Hezekiah their partner'.

Sustainability plan:

This is ongoing since the borehole installation was completed. For instance, one of the bolts loosened but the children did not notice it, it was when the community head came to fetch water and also to check the borehole to ensure everything is fine with it that he realized one of the bolts was loose and he had to tight it back very well again. Which he said since then he has be ensuring everything is fine with the borehole so that it can last very long.

He thank SI4DEV and Hezekiah for availing themselves to be use to help the less privilege that the government has forgotten in terms of social amenities.

God bless SI4DEV (Sponsors)

God bless Hezekiah (sponsored partner)

Thank you.



INAUGURAL HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOW LECTURE SERIES

Akeem Gbadamosi



On Friday, 5th April 2019, I attended inaugural Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow Present lecture series titled, NEXUS LEADERSHIP: LEGACY OF HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP organized by Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Alumni Association, Nigeria at the Public Affairs Section of United State Consulate, Victoria Island, Lagos.

The programme started exactly 10:00am by the recitation of United State Anthem and Nigerian Anthem and Mr. Stephen Ipalibo Lawson was the Master of Ceremony.

The Consul-General, Mr. John F. Bray gave the opening speech, and gave us the brief historical background of Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Programme. Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Programme started in 1978, the participants were chosen around the world and it has trained more than 5000 Alumni.

He gave some statistics about Nigeria: 2.5% growth, the population would be 450 million in 2050, and her economic growth is 2% or less. He finalized that Leadership is the most important trait and today's youth is tomorrow's leader.

The President of Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Alumni, Mrs. Mojisola Onifade said HHH lecture series would be organized quarterly where the Alumni would share their experiences while on HHFP and after the programme. She said the US Government spent \$100,000 per fellow and at the present, 97 fellows were undergoing training in the American Universities. She concluded saying "As leaders we should mentor the youth".

One of the speakers, Hon. Justice Opeyemi Oke, the Chief Judge of Lagos State titled her paper, LEADERSHIP; A DISTINCTIVE SKILL OF EVERY HUBERT HUMPHREY FELLOW. In 1998, she applied for the fellowship which happened at a time when proceedings were recorded manually and as a judge, you practically had to handwrite every word that proceeded out of the mouth of every counsel, witness, and litigant.

She gave series of definition for leadership from the likes of Peter Drucker, Stephen R. Covey, and Keith Davis and also gave us the qualities of an effective leader viz: Integrity, the I can or can do spirit, vision, innovation, empathy or emotional intelligence, commitment and consistency, and team spirit.

Her closing remarks, the knowledge she garnered from the lectures series of the fellowship which had made who she is today, through the grace of God, HHFP.

The second speaker, Dr Jude Ememe spoke about his experiences in Boston University at Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Programme. He polarized his speech into two: (1) Boston experience, (2) Leadership experience. The Boston University experiences gave his life a meaning, opportunities to network with World Bank officials, Federal Reserve Bankers, IMF, and the likes.

His leadership experiences gave him a philosophy of giving and capacity building which helped as former managing director of a bank, president of excellence programme in Nigeria and founded NGO.

His NGO trained inmates about capacity development and correctional learning in collaboration with Rockefeller fellowship. Dr Ememe finalized his speech saying Knowledge not updated will be obsolete, "No end to learning, and Every opportunity to service is a celebration.

The MC, Mr. Stephen Lawson called on the Mr. Tom to be the moderator of the panel session which includes the speakers, the MC, and the moderator.

Mrs. Moji Onifade gave the closing remarks and encouraged every attendee should try to apply for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Programme which consists of ten fields of human endeavour.

Dr Mathew gave the vote of thanks at 12:00pm.

Ibadan Location Group Malaria Outreach at Beere Community

Report by Amaka Ani

Strategy and Innovation for Development Initiative, Ibadan Location Group carried out Health Outreach to mark the world malaria day in local community in Ibadan. The outreach was held at the densely populated Beere community predominantly dominated by the indigenes who are faced with WASH (Water, Hygiene Sanitation) problems; they lack basic health care facilities leaving the larger population with high rate of malaria disease and water borne diseases like typhoid and diarrhea. The Outreach featured:

1. A walk against malaria by SI4DEV
2. Health talk by the Oyo State Ministry of Health Representative, with focus on;
3. Prevention and control of malaria
4. Symptoms of Malaria
5. Dangers of self-treatment etc.



The highlight of the program was

- Administering of free malaria test (RDT) for 140 participants (including women and children)
- Free antimalarial drugs
- Free repellent for 140 indigenes
- Free Long-Lasting Insecticide-treated nets for those present.

The health outreach left joy on the faces of all those present, as the nets will go a long way in protecting them from mosquito bites and the free drugs will help them save. More importantly the sensitization will help them live healthy and contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.



LATE POST – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY OUTREACH BY ABUJA LOCATION GROUP

Report by Amarah Grace Joseph

International Women's Day is celebrated on the 8th of March every year, and the month of March is marked as the women's month. This is to celebrate and recognise women for their achievement irrespective of cultural, economic and political status.



The aim and objective of this program is to promote the participation of women and up coming girls as equal partners with the men in achieving sustainable development. It is in this light that SI4Dev Abuja location group in partnership with Discover Initiative organized an inspirational and mentorship class for the female students of Standard Basic School.

The team paid a visit to Standard Basic School Karu, for an inspirational and mentorship class which lasted for 60 minutes with a total of 60 girls in attendance. Miss Amarah gave a brief introduction of SI4Dev and the purpose of the visit by the team. Miss Trish was the first speaker, she had an interactive section with the girls demanded to know what they would love to study few stated they would love to study medicine while most where uncertain about what they would study or be in future. Miss Trish encouraged them to think outside the box and grow to become problem solvers and not feel limited by their gender.

Mr. Samuel the second speaker, also had a brief chat with the girls he challenged them on becoming great women not to feel intimidated by their male counterparts or their society. He further stated that the should learn to see themselves as equals to their male counterparts and take challenging professions.

Miss Amarah the last speaker encouraged the girls to be agents of change and development within their communities and aspire to set a pace. She finally left the girls with an assignment to do a research on women that made an impact in the society, write down what is inspiring about the story and why they feel its inspiring.

Questions were asked by the girls and responses were given accordingly.



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