THE PARTNER SI4DEV'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE



Announcing the 2019 Class of SI4DEV Partners!

(Lagos, Nigeria. March 1, 2019) STRATEGY AND INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SI4DEV) is thrilled to announce our trainee Partners (Fellows, Interns or Ambassadors) for 2019 through the SI4DEV Partners Program. Our Partners are a vital part of achieving the SI4DEV goals of a 21st century Nigeria where every citizen has a just and fair access to the resources and opportunities needed to achieve their full potential.

SI4DEV announced the inaugural class for its Partners Training in 2018, a program based on a train-the-trainers logic model. Since then we have selected and trained over 150 influencers. These young leaders have made visible and measurable impact in the focus areas of SI4DEV and have extended our projects to multiple communities across several states, and the FCT.

The SI4DEV Partners training program is a 6-month intensive capacity development opportunity that offers selected change makers and influencers the chance to gain leadership and project management training, mentoring and experiential skills development needed to accelerate their impact as community builders.

Partners are exposed to opportunities to collaborate on community improvement work with a wide range of committed, inspiring and influential experts and professionals. Subject-matter experts and practitioners provide detailed information on issues and trends to help generate new ideas and share best practices.

Through interactive social media groups, staff provide support on a daily or weekly basis to challenge individuals or teams in ways that maximize their strengths and develop competencies in making effective decisions, partnership and collaboration, time management, leading and communicating.

There is leadership as well as management development activities, including: coaching, e-learning courses, knowledge and behavioral development, speaker opportunities, peer learning, in person meetings or training and development sessions and visits to national and global events and institutions.

Nested within this 6 months training program is a 3 month mentoring module. This module is organized by The Spring Development Initiative (the US based affiliate of SI4DEV) to offer participants project direction advice, management and technical expertise as well as international exposure and connections.

TSDI provides Mentors who are paired with the SI4DEV Partners to mentor them. Such mentors could be either a Wisdom-of-Age Mentor or a Peer Mentor. The mentoring is expected to promote strategic thinking, partnership opportunities, research and innovative solutions as the Partners develop action plans to address critical social issues in their communities. SI4DEV will also work with these Partners to establish their suitability and alignment of their goals with TSDI objectives to promote capacity building and sustainable community development.

At the end of the six months, successful Partners will have developed their action plans to structure their community development work. The top 10 proposals will get opportunities for online and offline crowdfunding and TSDI will support with matching funds. The generated resources will be disbursed to the successful partners to help accelerate their efforts and grow their impact.

Successful trainees will graduate into the SI4DEV Alumni Network at the end of the 6 months as Fellows of the program. Those who submitted proposals will become full partners and will receive support to pilot their funded community projects.



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LOCATION GROUPS MINI PROJECTS IN MARCH

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT STANDARD BASIC SCHOOL ABUJA

The Abuja group in collaboration with Discover Purpose Initiative celebrated International Women's Day with the theme "Balance for Better" with the children at Standard Basic School at New Nyanya.

100 young girls were in attendance It was a women's day awareness Lecture and mentoring opportunity with the students.



MARKET CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN IN OSOGBO, OSUN STATE

The Cleanup Exercise held at Orisumbare Market Osogbo Osun State, 30th March, 2019 from 7am.

The Osun state SI4DEV Osogbo location group joined others from different organizations like YALI, JCI and LeadOn to clean up the environment. This was organized by JCI Osogbo.



AWARENESS ON TUBERCULOSIS ON WORLD TUBERCULUSIS DAY

SI4DEV Ovo location group joined Damien Foundation to create Tuberculosis, the awareness on and causes. symptoms. sians. preventive measures, it was anchored by medical practitioners. Participants were screened. drugs were administered, and everyone had in person counselling sections. About 120 participants were tested and treated for other aliment aside tuberculosis.



MARCH - THE MONTH FOR WOMEN

WHY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY?

By Patricia Okolo

After women gained suffrage in Soviet Russia in 1917, March 8, became a national holiday there. The day was then chiefly celebrated by the socialist movement and communist countries. Finally, in 1975 it was officially adopted by the United Nations. This is the point of focus in the movement for Women's Rights.

As we celebrate international women day today with the theme, BALANCE FOR BETTER, we should be innovative for change, as women we should not be limited to take up actions, leadership positions and decisions. You're an epitome of beauty with brains, each and every woman is uniquely special and precious in their own beautiful way.

There is a thin line between equality and justice and yes on this women day, we need to work rigorously in empowering women around us, so that they can live with respect, equality and honor in our society today.

WOMEN-LED PILOT PROJECTS SPONSORED BY SI4DEV AND AFFILIATE PARTNER.

International Women's Day (IWD) is an occasion for celebrating women's achievements worldwide – including strides in the political and social sectors, as well as continuing the call for gender equality. The day was first observed in the early 1900s and is now recognized each year on March 8, in a month filled with events to motivate and inspire women around the world.

This year, the theme for the International Women's Day is Balance for Better which addresses work-life balance for women and the challenges women face juggling responsibilities at work and home. Towards this theme, we are asking you, as a man or woman, how can you and your community support women to balance their life and work better?

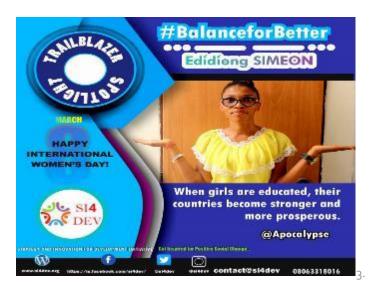
Below are stories from eight (8) of our partners and volunteers in Nigeria, and we are helping them break glass ceilings and make a difference for women and girls in their communities.

1.Patricia Okolo

Trish is piloting a girls' continuing education club in 2 secondary schools in Abuja. She has received approval from relevant education authorities and the pilot will be starting soon.

2. Tomisin Adefare

Tomisin was showcased on TVC News for her project to provide learning tools to 200 under-resourced students in Osun State. She will be mentoring 10 high performing students too.



Emmanuella Ikomon

Peer groups for Life Skills is being piloted by Emmanuella at the UBE Girls' Junior Secondary and at the Apostolic Co-ed School. Over 70 students have enrolled to support each other grow into healthy and confident adults.

4. Julie Obi

Julie is an enterpreneur and has trained 50 Pakuro men and women on confectionery making. 10 women have received start-up funds to begin a cottage business. Read more

5. Veronica Agana

Veronica collaborated with the local government council and community stakeholders to clean up Doka Boys School. The initial waste removal is complete, and work is ongoing on a fence to stop future dumping. Read more...

6. Monisola Aiyekusehin

Monisola is providing vocational training, to include 1 tailoring and 2 shoe making apprenticeships, as well as fashion and catering skills training to another 30 youth. Read more and donate here.

7. Ruke Ejegreh

Ruke is an optometrist and her pilot will give Accessible Eyecare to 1000 school children. The benefits of good eyesight for learning cannot be over-emphasized. So far more than 500 students have been screened!

8. Nwamaka Osu

Barrister Nwamaka is supporting a school in rural Lagos with seminars and counseling unit to reduce mental health issues, depression and drug abuse among students.

Launching of the Crop Processing machine in Abak Village

It was very great at the launching of the Crop processing facility in Abak village. The community representative, traditional rulers, women and youth leaders were part of the organizing committee and turned up for the event.

The Local government chairman ably represented by supervisor of Agriculture said the local government will grade the road to the facility and provide 3500 capacity water tanks as well as an oil tank.

One of the board members from our Sponsor organization in the USA, The Spring Development Initiative, sent in a congratulatory message, saying; "Great work, Grace. I am happy that the residents of the community will have an easier time processing their crops. My hope is that this will be a sustainable venture. Hopefully the sustainability

We are indeed working towards that.

team is up to the task."



The project lead says she has not seen such high community participation like this before...and there has been massive capacity transfer so far.







SI4DEV PILOTS PROJECTS



LIFE SKILLS PROJECTS IN 2 BENUE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Our hearts were filled with joy as the girls facilitated the week 4 & 5 sessions. Let's bear in mind that some of these girls prior to the program could not stand in front of their own mates and talk. Now they're bursting with self confidence in their expanded knowledge and skills





EDUCATION MATERIALS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN OSUN STATE

Report by Partner and Project Lead Tomisin Adefare "I was at the students school to get the forms because they are finishing their exams today. Some didn't fill the form. From my questions, I discovered some students don't have time to read as some hawk after school, some go to farm after school and some stay with their parent at the shop while some filled the form. They only learnt from each other through group discussion. So, the problem is from their various homes. If parents can be giving their children time to read, they will always do better. I wished them all the best as they finish their exams. Their resumption is in 2weeks time."



Lesson learned: The parents need to be enlightened too. One key to share with the children if opportunity comes again is that they need to give time to what is important to them. Even if 10 mins during break time at school can be used to read.

VOCATIONAL SKILL TRAINING FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS IN YENAGOA

Report from Partner Monisola



Youths were taught Vocational Skills in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. We exhibited our work on Friday, showcasing the students and also some of the things they learnt and produced.







Congrats to our Yenagoa location group on the wonderful outing. It's amazing that the students have learnt so much. Please reach out to us if you want to support this project by buying the products.

Thank you!





READING PROJECT Books for the library at Obanliku School

SI4DEV is supporting a pilot project by partner Sulyman Luqman to improve literacy and reading skills in rural Cross River State.

Sulyman Luqman had a successful outing this past weekend at two schools for the implementation of Youths Read: Reading and Literacy Project





THE HAPPY LEARNERS PROJECT

The "HAPPY LEARNERS PROJECT" was developed to teach and create hand washing awareness in 25 schools, 5 LGA's and targeted at 2000 children within the age range of 5-12 years in Kaduna State. Strategy and innovation for development initiative (SI4DEV) partners in Kaduna State utilized Visual aids, Poems and Rhymes to teach and create handwashing awareness in 5 schools in Zaria local Government aimed at supporting children's school attendance and promoting hygiene and health education in elementary schools in Kaduna.



Objectives of the Visit

- 1. To create awareness about diseases which can be contracted through bad hygiene practices.
- 2. To sensitize kids on the importance of Hand washing and water hygiene as a measure for better health.
- 3. To Teach kids the act of Hand washing
- 4. To make the learning and the act of hand washing fun to do.
- To make Donation of teaching aids and Hand washing items such as Bowls, liquid Hand wash, Water Bucket/container aimed at sustainability of the project.

Description of Activities

INTRODUCTION

The program started off by a brief introduction of the SI4DEV, its mission and vision this was led by Mr. Ukaigweh Roberts the Project Manager, he spoke extensively about the Happy Learners Project, its outcomes and impact. Shortly after that Chukwudi the Program Manager introduced the team and the agenda for the day for each of the schools.

TALK ON HAND WASHING AND ITS IMPORTANCE

Various partners led session across schools depending on the roles delegated by the program manager. The definition of various terminologies for the kid such as germs, Diarrhea and other communicable diseases are where done as simple as possible for easy understanding and also interpretation in their local dialect which is Hausa was carried out by Mr. Musa

Abubakar. Miss Veronica Agana played a vital role in also explaining the act of hand washing such as prevents illness, reduce child mortality rate, promotes better health outcomes and contributes to academic development of a child. At the end of session, she engaged the kids on a question and answer session on hand washing and hygiene education.

RHYME AND POEM

Partners played roles in this session depending on the school delegated for the job. They introduced the poem on Hand washing and got the kids to sing along. Ultimately the kids and teachers loved the poem, and this helped to retain the kid's attention. HAND WASHING PRACTICE Partners delegated with this role in the schools started off the session by outlining the hand washing procedure and further demonstrated the procedure with the aim of teaching the kids proper hand washing methods with the use of a liquid hand wash and water. Ultimately the minimum of two kids from each school got to practice the hand washing procedure this was aimed at ensuring that the pupils get to inculcate the habit of hand washing.



PRESENTATION OF TEACHING AIDS AND HANDWASH ITEMS

Partners presented the teaching aids and hand washing items behalf of SI4DEV to participating schools in Zaria LGA. Cartons of Hand wash over 2 dozens each, bucket fitted with tap and bowls were donated by SI4DEV for use by the school.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

A Project Sustainability Team (PST) was created in each of the 5 schools totaling 10 members. They are saddled with the responsibility of carrying out a Hand washing workshop in the schools at least once a month for 6 months and to be supervised by a Sustainability Supervisor (SS) to ensure accountability.

Estimated Number of Community Members Impacted - Over 800 children and 40 Teachers in 10 Schools!

TOWARDS DIGITAL ACCESS AND LITERACY

Accessories Purchased for Orphanage School in Rivers State

Pilot project by Francis Egheghan

Towards the actualization of enhanced digital literacy for orphanage school, we have be able to utilized the sum of N4o, ooo.oo disbursement in the purchase of accessories such as a set of HP 2620 Printer, a set of UPS, a piece of modem, a piece of wireless card, and a table furniture.











Output: The above items have been handed over to the school's management and they await the completion of this pilot project. The space where the project will be kept has been prepared. Basic accessories required for project realization have been acquired.

At least 74 pupils of the school are eager to have regular access to their school's computer set.

Key Milestone/ Deliverables:

- 1. Funds have been secured through sponsorship from si4dev
- 2. Key Stakeholders have been engaged
- 3. Basic accessories have been acquired
- 4. Acquisition of complete computer set
- 5. Commissioning of project

Port Harcourt Location Group Meetup

DATE: 24th March, 2019

VENUE: Mega Grill Eatery, Rumuodara junction, Port Harcourt.

AGENDA

Welcome address - Briefing on si4dev mission, vision, and strategic plan in terms of; SWAP, INVEST, ADVANCE, IMPROVED HEALTH. And how volunteers can key into the strategic plan.

Rivers state Pilot project review

School/community WASH project planning + any other project proposition

Matters arising

The meeting started at 5:15pm with a welcome address by Francis. In his address, he appreciated all who have turned out to participate in the meeting particularly those joining for the first time.

Francis explained that si4dev has a mission to empower community stakeholders who are desirous of positive change in the society, and to support them in order to fulfill any of the strategic plan of the organization. He emphasize that the vision of the si4dev is to see a just and fair society with more community participation in governance, accountable leadership, sustainable businesses and access to quality high-quality health care and education for all. Emphasizing that the organization has set forth strategic plans as follows:

SWAP (Serving with accountability and purpose), with objective to improve service delivery and increase community participation in politics through voter education and awareness

ADVANCE (Advancing Development in Community and Education), aimed at promoting community and social development through improved educational inputs, outputs and outcomes

INVEST (Innovative Ventures for Economic Stimulus) aimed at supporting business education, advisory/credit facilities and civic awareness for entrepreneurs and community-based enterprises

IMPROVE HEALTH (Sustainable Partnerships for Enhancing Care) aimed at contributing to evidence-based health care or public health interventions and policy decision making for improvement in health outcomes.









On the Rivers State Pilot project "Enhanced digital literacy for orphanage school" Mr. Francis said the project has been completed and commissioned, noting that currently the project owners are able to print some of their papers using the facility provided by si4dev. He explained that one of the challenges experienced during the project implementation, was the poor quality of local source of input at certain milestone, thereby leading to delays in project reporting. He emphasized that there is a partnership with visible charity global foundation to ensure effective project utilization and maintenance.

Next on the agenda was the location group WASH project, but the meeting convener decided that opportunity be given to any member who wishes to introduce a project. Mr. Uzodinma suggested that since the menace of accident around schools situated along busy roads is on the increase, we should embark on public awareness on the use of zebra-crossing. He also suggested that we could partner with FRSC to construct a zebra-crossing for a school within PHALGA and approach the state house of assemble to enact a law that will be enforced by the state, such that offenders that don't regard zebra-crossing will be fined. The house agreed and decided to assigned responsibilities to individuals towards the project planning.

ACTION ITEMS

- Victor Elemchukwu to scout a school within PHALGA where the project will be implemented and report back in 7 days.
- Uzodinma to carry out a project cost estimate and report back in 10 days
- Kosi to explore means of partnering with FRSC on zebracrossing and report back in 10 days
- Francis to carryout SWOT analysis on proposed project and report back in 2 weeks when the house will reconvene for another meeting.

Francis suggested that towards the Children's day celebration on May 27th 2019, we should embark on a WASH awareness campaign by adopting a community school of choice where there is need for awareness, and to sensitize the pupils on good sanitation practices.

SI4DEV LOCATION GROUP MEETINGS

SI4DEV LOCATION GROUPS MEET EVERY MONTH TO DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PLAN PROJECTS



NIGER STATE, MINNA LOCATION GROUP



ANAMBRA STATE, NNEWI LOCATION GROUP



OYO STATE, IBADAN LOCATION GROUP



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ABUJA LOCATION GROUP MARCH MEETING



RIVERS PORT HARCOURT LOCATION GROUP

WORLD WATER DAY

BY Simon Salawu

World Water Day - What is the theme?

The theme for World Water Day 2019 is 'Leaving no one behind'. This is an adaptation of the central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: as sustainable development progresses, everyone must benefit.



Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) includes a target to ensure availability and sustainable management of water for all by 2030. By definition, this means leaving no one behind.

What is the problem?

Today, billions of people are still living without safe water – their households, schools, workplaces, farms and factories struggling to survive and thrive.

Marginalized groups – women, children, refugees, indigenous peoples, disabled people and many others – are often overlooked, and sometimes face discrimination, as they try to access and manage the safe water they need.

What does 'safe water' mean?

'Safe water' is shorthand for a 'safely managed drinking water service': water that is accessible on the premises, available when needed, and free from contamination.

Why is it important?

Whoever you are, wherever you are, water is your human right. Access to water underpins public health and is therefore critical to sustainable development and a stable and prosperous world. We cannot move forward as a global society while so many people are living without safe water.

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What is the human right to water?

In 2010, the UN recognized "the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights."

The human right to water entitles everyone, without discrimination, to sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic use; which includes water for drinking, personal sanitation, washing of clothes, food preparation, and personal and household hygiene.

Why are people being left behind without safe water?

People are left behind without safe water for many different reasons. The following are some of the 'grounds for discrimination' that cause certain people to be particularly disadvantaged when it comes to accessing water:

- Sex and gender
- •Race, ethnicity, religion, birth, caste, language, and nationality
- •Disability, age and health status
- •Property, tenure, residence, economic and social status

 Other factors, such as environmental degradation, climate change, population growth, conflict, forced displacement and migration flows can also disproportionately affect marginalized groups through impacts on water.

What needs to be done?

To 'leave no one behind', we must focus our efforts towards including people who have been marginalized or ignored. Water services must meet the needs of marginalized groups and their voices must be heard in decision-making processes. Regulatory and legal frameworks must recognize the right to water for all people, and sufficient funding must be fairly and effectively targeted at those who need it most.

By Salawu Simon Aliyu



VOTESQUAD CAMPAIGN PLANNING AND OUTING - FAGGE KANO STATE

VENUE: ADO BAYERO SQUARE NEW ROAD, SABON GARI,

FAGGE L.G.A. KANO STATE DATE: 6TH MARCH 2019

TIME: 10AM

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE: TO ENCOURAGE VOTERS TO GO OUT WITH FRIENDS AND VOTE

LIST OF ATTENDEES: NATHANIEL ECHIYE, LAWAL, TUNJI OLUGBENGA, FOLASHADE, SUNDAY ATTAH AND SEUN OMATAYO



AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED: Discussions were based on how to encourage shop owners, passerby, residential electorates and traders ...on going out with friends to exercise their civic duties/responsibilities

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTNER WITH OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS: Yes, we are trying to collaborate with Nasarawa group to enhance more volunteer towards future meetings and campaigns

WHAT COULD WE HAVE BEEN DONE BETTER: Logistics and refreshment

NEXT STEPS: Attendance of the next monthly meeting while proceeding with the ongoing online courses and quiz



REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON SAT 16TH MARCH 2019 BY NNEWI LOCATION GROUP IN ANAMBRA STATE

Commencement- The meeting started around 1:30pm, with a prayer said by Miss Anita Ogbonna. The following People were in attendance: -Nwaku Chidimma, -Nneoma Darawuzie, -Nzube Dike, -Chidiebere Ojiego, -Anita Ogbonna. the location Coordinator Miss Chidimma Nwaku elaborated on what SI4DEV stands for to new members.

Agenda: Three projects was brought up.

- 1. Plastic recycling was talked on.
- 2. Building Hostel for kids with special needs, a school we visited last year.
- 3. Health talk/ medical outreach for the Community where College of health sciences, nnewi resides and also for a secondary school in a community in Nnewi which one of the members nominated.
- On Building Hostel for Kids with special needs, one of the problem was funding. We decided that it will be revisited if the Ngo will fund it or any grants it's seen
- On plastic recycling in the school. We looked at the possible barriers. One, if there is plastic recycling company in nnewi to take the collected plastic bottles to. And another, if it's going to be feasible because there are people collecting it already for business(zobo, soy milk and kunu). It was later decided that one of us is going to ask around if there is any recycling company doing that in nnewi. Also, it was decided that we're going to observe how this small businesses do the assembling.
- On the Health talk/ medical outreach for the community. We brainstormed on the possible health issues prevalent, For the age group we want to visit. After considering it, we decided to do a health talk on the theme: Nutrition and stress. The outreach will be on 6th March 2019. we decided that we will involve Christian Medical and dental association (CMDA), for free drugs and professional advice to the community members. There will also be, Free Blood pressure and weight check. We want sponsors too for logistics etc.

For publicity, we said we will meet the health centers, churches and town cries in the community.

- Then one of our members, Chidiebere Ojiego, said he will Nominate a school in his community for a health talk. The outreach will be by May.

The meeting ended with three people nominated for the following posts:

Secretary - Anita Ogbonna Publicity- Nneoma Darawuzie Logistics- Nzube Dike

- Closing prayer was said by Nneoma Darawuzie
- Refreshments was donated by Chidiebere Austin Ojiego

VOTESQUAD MINNA TEAM WAS AWESOME!

The #votesquad campaign targets audiences both online and offline, meaning social media users who are mostly students and those working, as well as market women and men, commercial bus drivers, Okada riders, full house wives etc.

The message is simple. Turn out to the polls with at least 3 other people and make your vote count without fear or bias.

The campaign in Minna Niger state took place on Thursday March 7 ahead of the election for governor and state assembly. Minna location group turned out at the main market for voter awareness and education.





Starting in January 2019 – SI4DEV with technical assistance from TSDI began an intensive online and offline campaign to turn out the vote and engage citizens. Each votesquad is made of a lead and a minimum of 3 friends. So far 11 locations have been activated.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - BY HEZEKIAH IBRAHIM



To a Woman

You were born as life givers, creators, homemakers and a man's backbone

You were born with hearts of a thousand mothers, open and fearless, beautiful and sweet

A baby girl, little girl, a young lady or a woman you carry the spirit of tender care, deep affection and love the world needs

To a Woman

Any real man values you and appreciates who you are You play your roles and responsibilities with grace You are a wife and a companion to a man throughout his lifetime

You are a sister to a brother who needs your help You are a mother to your children when they need your love and direction

To a woman

Remember, you are more than you can see Remember, you are deeply loved and respected You are a divine creation.

To all Women

Happy International Womens Day

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