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ABOUT US

Global support for Kid's initiative (GSK) is a community based non- governmental, nonprofit organization that is poised to minimize the incessant increase of child abuse in our society and give hope to street children. Our children on the street are denied the rights to standard living for the child's physical, mental, moral and social development. It is in order to nip this in the bud that we at GSKi work to make sure they are adequately catered for through:

Interactions with the street children to give them sense of belonging.

Engaging them in psychosocial activities to help them improve their well-being

Making referrals when there is need for medical attentions.

We have been operating since 2003 in Nigeria and our activities and campaigns have recorded tremendous positive impacts on those children.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Children are the source of hope and inspiration for the society, they have the rights to be protected, supported and brought up in a positive environment. Unfortunately, they do not only live in poverty but tens of millions of them around the world find themselves living or working temporarily or permanently in the streets. The 21st Century presents a hostile face to many children in many African countries. An increasing number of them are being forced to the street as a result of poverty, abuse, wars, banditry and the likes. Denial of basic needs of life including the rights to life, and security are now a defining future of the African social and economic landscape. Living on the streets is an option as a last resort for children who have no alternative accommodation but the street. Street life is extremely traumatic, exposing children to high level of substance abuse, hunger, violence and diseases of various forms. Both boys and girls face high level of physical and sexual abuse with the girls most endangered. Street connected children face discrimination as they are labeled criminals and thus prevented from gaining the support they need. Our primary objective of this year 2021 was to advocate for the street connected children for the public to see them as the strength of any nation of the world. I am therefore wishing you a prosperous year 2022 in making impacts and touching lives of the vulnerable children.

Sincerely,

Opeyemi Olajide Olowookere

INAUGURATION OF WELFARE COMMITTEE FOR THE STREET CHILDREN

On 11th February 2021, GSK begin the year with the inauguration of a welfare committee saddled with the responsibility of caring for the street children. The committee comprises market leaders, security agencies, religious leaders, the youth leaders, the unit leaders of road transport workers and tricycles riders associations. A Day training was also organized for the members of the committee and the representatives of the street connected children.

The Ogun State Commissioner of Women Affairs and Social Development ably represented by the Director, Child Development, Mr. Akinola T.K gave a goodwill message to encourage all participants to see the training as an opportunity to be enlightened on the danger inherent in looking the other way on issues that may eventually jeopardize the peace and progress of our society if not promptly and properly addressed. In fact he told all inside the hall the support of the government on the stride taken by Global support for Kids Initiative. He thanked GSKi profusely for taken this initiative at this critical time in the history of the state.



INTERVENTIONS

In the course of the year, the initiative carried out some interventions and with the support of the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development and the cooperation of the security agencies a lot of great feats were achieved in all the interventions.



GSKi OVC BENEFICIARY WAS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC ADO EKITI

OBOT GLORY one of GSKi Orphan and Vulnerable (OVC) beneficiaries has being on a full sponsorship program since 26th May, 2017 when she was in jss2. On 2nd July 2021, Glory was admitted into Federal Polytechnic Ado Ekiti, Ekiti state for her Ordinary National Diploma (OND).



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GSKI ENROLLED SOME STREET CONNECTED CHILDREN INTO VOCATIONAL TRAININGS

Skill acquisition has been one of the tools utilized by our organization to permanently get the street connected children out of the street. Hence in September 2021, GSKi enrolled some street connected children into vocational training of their choice. The one-year training, which was closely monitored, was on weekly basis.





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VISITATION TO STELLA OBASANJO CHILDREN HOME

In a bid to extend our program tentacle with a view to strengthening the SDGs 11/& 16 and supporting the children homes; the Initiative visited the Stella Obasanjo Children Home in Abeokuta, Ogun state of Nigeria with gift items, hygiene products,



GSKI NIGERIA STAFF & OVC'S TOUR TO OLUMO ROCK

As part of the activities to round off the year, a tourist visitation was made to Olumo Rock in Abeokuta, Ogun State. The president, staff and OVCs in training all went on the tour.



END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION WITH THE VULNERABLE CHILDREN

In order to show gratitude to God; appreciate the effort of the Staff; rejoice with the vulnerable children and round off the year, the Initiative in December, organized an end of year get-togetherness. The joyous event, which was held in Lafenwa, Abeokuta, Ogun state, greased the lives of the street connected children and Youths at Risk. This was because gift items were not only distributed to all the children at the gathering but everyone also wined and dined.





GET INVOLVED

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We look forward to hearing from you and exploring ways to work together

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