

GLOBAL SUPPORT FOR KIDS' INITIATIVE NIGERIA

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1. About Us

Empowering Young Dreams, Transforming Lives

Imagine a world where every child has access to hope, opportunity, and a brighter future. At Global Support for Kids Initiative (GSKI), we're dedicated to making that vision a reality. As a community-based, non-governmental, non-profit organization, we're passionate about providing vulnerable children with the support, resources, and love they need to thrive.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

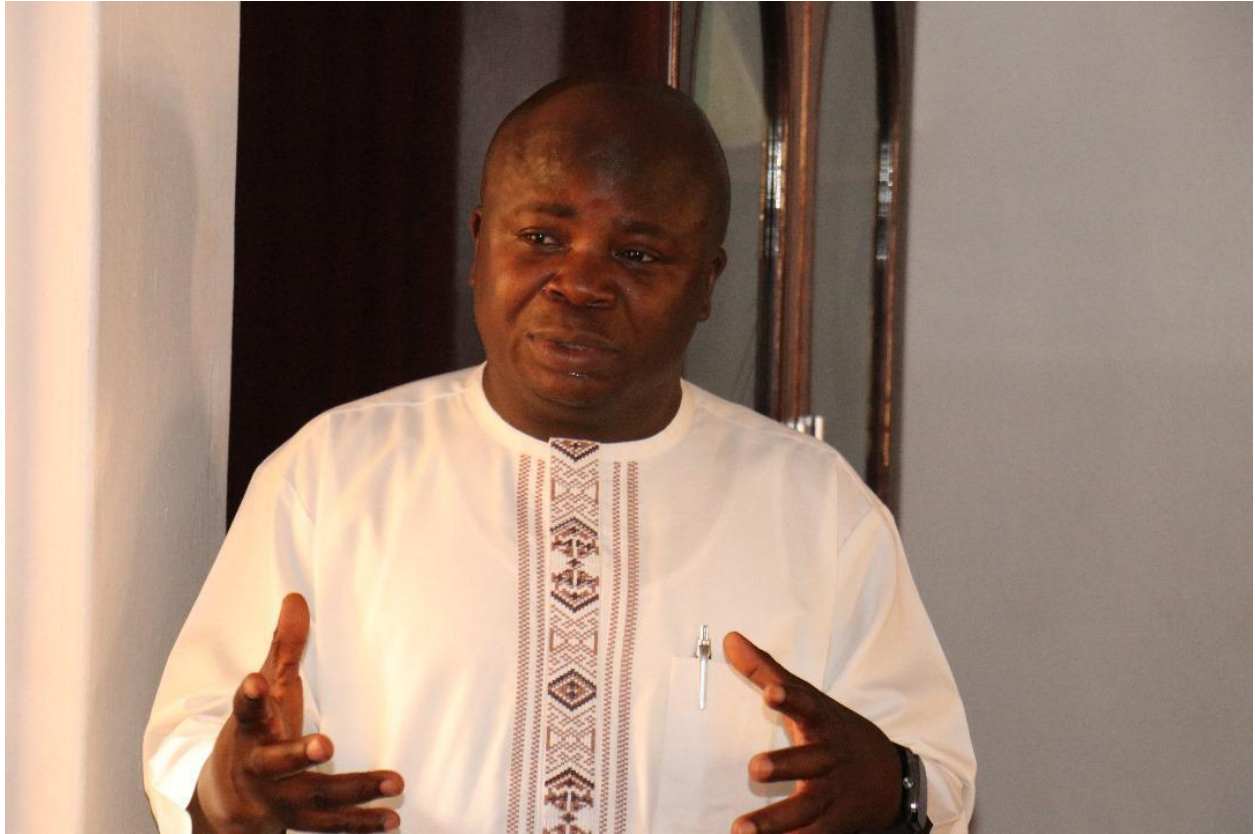
Recognition and Partnerships

GSKI is recognized by the Ministries of Women Affairs and Education, as well as security agencies in Ekiti and Ogun states.

Impact

Through our efforts, GSKI has made a significant impact in the lives of children and communities we serve

2. *A Message from the President*



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt

As we reflect on the state of our children in Nigeria, it's clear that they face numerous challenges. Terrorism, tribal clashes, and social unrest have left many young lives shattered. Some have been deceived into fighting for the wrong cause while others, have fallen victim to violence and abuse.

Children in Nigeria suffer violence and abuse by acts of terrorism and tribal clashes. These social menaces have made the Nigerian environment least conducive for raising a total child, calling many concerned bodies to work.

This inspires the activities of Global Support for Kids Initiative ensuring children are secured mentally, physically, and emotionally. We've broadened our scope to accommodate school kids and street-connected children.

To sustain our successes, we enjoin children lovers worldwide to focus on Nigeria where many children lack access to social amenities, are displaced, impoverished, and resort to drugs. The only favor left is to locate them with love, shelter them, and stand for their rights. It's the greatest call of all – rise to it!

""Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." - Mattie Stepanek

3. GSK Initiative's Advocacy Efforts in Nigeria

"The greatest impact comes from collaborating with others and working together towards a common goal." - Unknown

In line with this principle, GSK Initiative has been actively engaging key stakeholders in Ekiti and Ogun states to promote sustainable development and drive positive change. Building on their existing advocacy efforts, GSK Initiative team recently undertook a series of courtesy visits to Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) in the two states.

The courtesy visits were aimed at strengthening relationships and fostering collaboration with the following institutions:

- Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
- Ministry of Education
- NAP TIP (National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons)
- NSCDC (Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps)
- Nigeria Police Force

These visits culminated in a significant show of support, with all the institutions pledging their continued backing to GSK Initiative. This demonstration of commitment underscores the importance of collaborative action in achieving meaningful impact and promoting sustainable development in Ekiti and Ogun states.







4. Fostering Collective Responsibility: The Welfare Committee for Protecting the Rights of Vulnerable Children in Nigeria.

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." - John F. Kennedy

GSK Initiative recently organized a pivotal event aimed at safeguarding the welfare of street-connected children in Nigeria. In 2024, the initiative took a significant step towards protecting the rights of these vulnerable children by organizing a stakeholders' meeting and inaugurating a welfare committee. The event, themed "Roles of community actors in protecting the rights of children in street situation," brought together key stakeholders, including the Honorable Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development in Ekiti State, Mrs. Olapeju Babafemi, security agencies, street children, and Abibat Ogunjobi, the Iyaloja of Ekiti State.

The Ministry of Women Affairs' Child Officer, who led the inaugurated welfare committee, emphasized the importance of collective responsibility in safeguarding vulnerable children. The committee's primary objective is to ensure the protection and care of street-connected children in Ekiti State.

The event marked a crucial milestone in GSK Initiative's efforts to address the challenges faced by street-connected children. By fostering collaboration among stakeholders, the initiative aims to create a safer and more supportive environment for these vulnerable children.



5. Empowering Vulnerable Mothers and Children: A Pathway to Economic Independence

As the renowned philanthropist, Nelson Mandela, once said, "Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity; it is an act of justice." This quote resonates deeply with our mission at GSKi, where we strive to empower vulnerable mothers and children, breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering economic independence.

In 2024, GSKi implemented several initiatives aimed at achieving this mission. As part of its economic empowerment program, GSKi donated multipurpose grinding machines to three mothers, enabling them to generate income and improve their livelihoods. Additionally, GSKi awarded full scholarships to one child from two of these families, covering tuition fees, school uniforms, Exercise books, textbooks, and other stationery.

"The best way to find you is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi

This empowerment event was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, demonstrating GSKi's collaboration with government agencies to support vulnerable populations. Furthermore, GSKi enrolled four street-connected children in vocational training programs of their choices, providing them with skills and opportunities for economic independence and one out of four also showed interest in going back to school which GSKi took upon herself, and got him enrolled.

Through these initiatives, GSKi is committed to creating a brighter future for vulnerable mothers and children, empowering them to break free from the shackles of poverty and unleash their full potential.



GLOBAL SUPPORT FOR KIDS INITIATIVE
 Is a community based non-governmental, non-profit organization that is poised to minimize the incessant increase of child abuse in our society and give hope to street children.

OUR VISION:
 Every child attains the right to survive, protection, development and participation.

OUR MISSION:
 Support individuals and organizations who protect children from Abuse and Neglect and the world in general.







6. GSKi Beneficiaries Celebrate Milestone Achievements at Graduation Ceremony

In 2024, GSKi marked a significant milestone with the graduation ceremony of four beneficiaries, including two street-connected children, one Orphaned and Vulnerable Child (OVC), and a youth at risk. The graduates, Faith Matthew, Afolabi Seun (aka KAKO), and Olaifa Sunday, successfully completed their vocational training in hairdressing, bike mechanics, and barbing respectively.

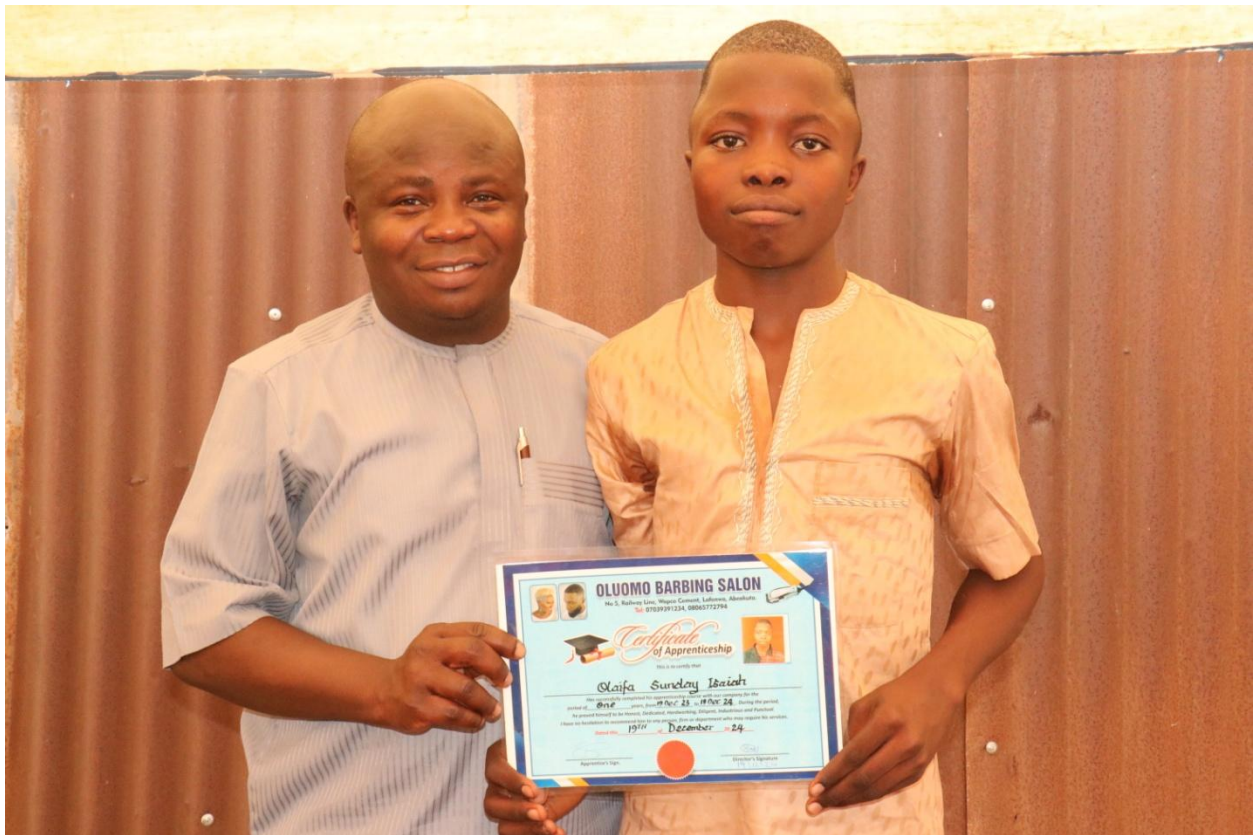
During the ceremony, the beneficiaries received their working tools and certificates, symbolizing a major achievement in their personal and professional lives. Additionally, Olaolu a youth at risk received vital support from GSKi, including a clipper and financial assistance, to help him overcome challenges and build a better future.

GSKi's vocational training program aims to empower vulnerable children and youth with skills and resources to break the cycle of poverty and achieve economic independence.

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

As the graduates embark on their new journey, GSKi remains committed to supporting vulnerable children and youth in achieving their full potential. The organization's dedication to providing vocational training and resources has transformed the lives of many, and will continue to do so in the years to come.





7. Listening to the Voices of Street-Connected Children: A Step towards Empowerment

Every child deserves to be heard, and their voices matter in shaping their futures. At GSKi Nigeria, we believe that listening to the voices of street-connected children is crucial in understanding their needs and developing effective interventions to support them.

In 2024, GSKi Nigeria held its first quarterly meeting with children in street situations and youths at risk in Lafenwa, Abeokuta, Ogun State, and Atikankan, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State. This groundbreaking event brought together 100 children and youths at risk, providing a platform for them to share their experiences, concerns, and suggestions for improvement.

The focus of the gathering was to listen to the views of the children, promote their interests, and discuss ways to enhance their general welfare. This initiative aimed to gather insights on how GSKi can develop a robust intervention plan to support these vulnerable children.

"Youth is the spark that ignites the flame of progress." - Abdul Kalam

As we continue to listen to the voices of street-connected children, we are reminded of the importance of empowering them to take control of their lives. At GSKi Nigeria, we remain committed to supporting these vulnerable children and youths at risk, providing them with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.



8. GSKi's Week-Long Stand against Violence for Hope and Resilience

Violence against children is a pervasive issue that affects millions of young lives worldwide. At Global Support for Kids Initiative (GSKi), we believe that every child deserves a safe, nurturing environment that fosters their growth and development. To raise awareness about this critical issue and promote a culture of non-violence, GSKi organized a week-long celebration in 2024, featuring a range of engaging activities designed to educate, inspire, and empower vulnerable populations.

The program kicked off with community service and public sensitization initiatives, raising awareness about GSKi's mission and impact. This was followed by vocational training and public awareness campaigns, which aimed to equip beneficiaries with valuable skills and knowledge. GSKi also facilitated quarterly chats with street-connected children and youths at risk, providing a safe space for them to share their experiences and concerns. The organization visited various vocational training centers, where some of her beneficiaries were enrolled, to monitor progress and provide support. The week-long event culminated in a novelty match featuring GSKi FC, promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and community bonding.

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." - John F. Kennedy

Through these outreach efforts, GSKi effectively reached diverse audiences across the city, fostering greater awareness, engagement, and support for its initiatives. As we continue to work towards a world where every child can thrive, we remain committed to promoting a culture of non-violence, compassion, and empathy.







9. Back to School Initiative Supports Education for All

Education is the foundation upon which the future of a nation is built. It is the key to unlocking the potential of young minds and empowering them to become active contributors to society. At GSKi, we believe that every child deserves access to quality education, regardless of their background or financial situation.

In line with this vision, GSKi organized a "Back to School" program with the theme "Supporting Children through Education" for 50 beneficiaries in 4 local governments in Egba Central and Ado Local Government. The program aimed to support indigent children by providing them with essential educational materials.

Relief materials such as school bags, notebooks, pens, socks, school uniforms, and school sandals were distributed to the beneficiaries. This initiative was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Women Affairs in Ekiti and Ogun states.

"The education of children is the foundation of a nation's future." - Unknown

Through this program, GSKi demonstrated its commitment to supporting the educational needs of vulnerable children and promoting a culture of learning and empowerment.





10. Celebrating Hope and Joy: GSKi's End of Year Party

As the year came to a close, it was a time to reflect on the accomplishments and challenges faced by vulnerable children and youths. At GSKi, we believe that every child deserves to experience joy, love, and celebration, regardless of their circumstances. To mark the end of the year, GSKi organized a special party for its beneficiaries, including street-connected children and youths at risk.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including representatives from the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Ministry of Education, and the Child Protection Network (CPN). The children had a wonderful time dancing, playing games, and receiving gift items. The party aimed to promote the welfare and well-being of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) and street-connected children, and to appreciate the organization's efforts in supporting their education and development.

As the curtains dropped on GSKi's End of Year Party, we were reminded of the power of joy and celebration in transforming the lives of vulnerable children. We remain committed to creating a brighter future for these children, where they can thrive and reach their full potential.

"The best way to predict your future is to create it." - Abraham Lincoln



Join the Movement

We welcome your participation and support in our initiative to transform the lives of street-connected children. Your involvement can bring about a significant positive impact on their lives.

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As we work together to empower street-connected children, we create a ripple effect of kindness, compassion, and hope. We look forward to hearing from you and exploring ways to work together.