



# 2023 YOUTHCARE DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

ANNUAL REPORT



# **How Youthcare Began**

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Youthcare Development and Empowerment Initiative (YCDEI) formerly known as Youth Care 2000 AD & beyond was started in 1997 by a group of concerned women who were passionate about the education of youths in schools. YCDEI was registered in 2014 as a non-governmental and non-religious organization that is determined to effect changes in the society by working with teachers and students in and out of school settings.

## **Vision**

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Ensuring a safe, healthy and equitable flourishing society for children, youths and women.

## **Mission**

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Enhancing inclusivity of children, youth and women through collaboration, helpful interventions, evidence-based research, shared learning, capacity building and supporting quality programming.

# Board Members

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## **Oluremi Iyun**

She is a retired Chief Consultant Anaesthetist (Ring Road State Hospital, Ibadan). A passionate woman, leader, advocate for gender equality, mentor and entrepreneur.

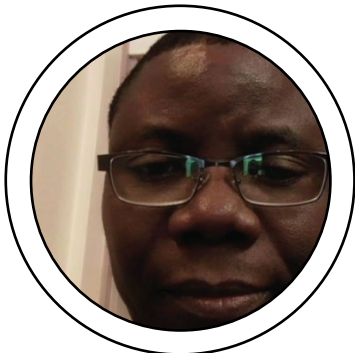
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## **Olatutu Odelola**

She is a School Administrator, Educationist, a lover of Children and an Advocate of Quality Education.

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## **Olubokola Adeosun**

Adeosun Bukola works as a Project Manager Practitioner at Prince 2 with over 30 years' experience in Corporate Strategy, Planning, Performance and Risk management. He has worked for the NHS, Local Authority, Charity, all in the United Kingdom. While in Nigeria he worked with Shell Petroleum Development Company, Port Harcourt and The Federal Ministry of Health, Lagos.

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## **Adesola Adesokan**

She is a professional social worker, educationist, human resource person and administrator with several years of experience in the educational sector and Faith Based Organization.

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## **Dear Friends and Partner's,**

Please find herewith our annual report for the year 2023! We sincerely apologize that this report is coming a bit later than usual due to some internal staff restructuring we needed to conclude before producing this report. However, we are still very much on course for the new year. As I reflect on the past year's progress and milestones, I am filled with immense gratitude to each and every one of you who played one role or the other in our organization's journey. The year 2023 was a year of resilience, innovation, and unwavering dedication to our mission. Despite the challenges we faced, we remained resolutely committed to our cause and continued to make meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve - the marginalised community especially the girl child.

As we look back on the accomplishments of 2023, it is impossible not to be inspired by the collective efforts of our dedicated staff volunteers, donors, and community partners (the 17 schools we worked with). Together, we have made great strides in reaching over 3000 girls and 2395 boys and inspired them to raise their voices against School Related Gender Based Violence. We have supported four young ladies with scholarships to pursue their education, partnered with schools (both public and private) to conduct monthly assembly dialogues dealing with current issues affecting children and adolescents.

We have also trained over 150 teachers to be gender responsive in their classrooms as a practical approach to reduce Gender Based

Violence in schools.

I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together and can boldly say without any fear of contradiction, that none of this would have been possible without the generous support of individuals like you. Your belief in our mission, your willingness to give your time and resources, and your unwavering commitment to creating positive change have been the driving force behind everything we were able to accomplish.

As we move ahead in 2024, I am filled with hope and optimism for the future. With your continued support, I am confident that we will build on the successes of 2023 and continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you once again for your dedication, passion, and unflinching belief in our organization. Together, we are truly making a difference.

Warmest regards,

**Dr Adefunke Ekine**

Executive Director  
Youthcare Development and  
Empowerment Initiative.

# **Acknowledgements**

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**Our staff and volunteers  
Our sponsors, donors and friends  
This was a challenging year but we were  
able to carry out several impactful projects  
as enumerated in this report.**





## School Outreach

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This was one of our major programs in 2023.

With our strategic plans in place (thanks to the **Nigerian Women Trust Fund N WTF**), we set out to impact more children in schools. We visited **17 schools** (6 primary and 11 secondary schools) and the records showed that a total of **2395 male** and **1912 female** students were positively impacted.

So far in the first quarter of **2024**, we have reached **2000 male** and **1700 female** students in 17 schools. As a result of the impact we have made through our monthly school outreaches, The Oyo State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, has reached out to us requesting that we expand our reach to schools in all the 33 local government areas of the state. For us to accomplish this however, we will need enormous financial, logistic and manpower support. We are very hopeful that as you read this report, you will be inspired to give us your support both in cash and kind or possibly volunteer your time once in a month to join us in visiting schools.



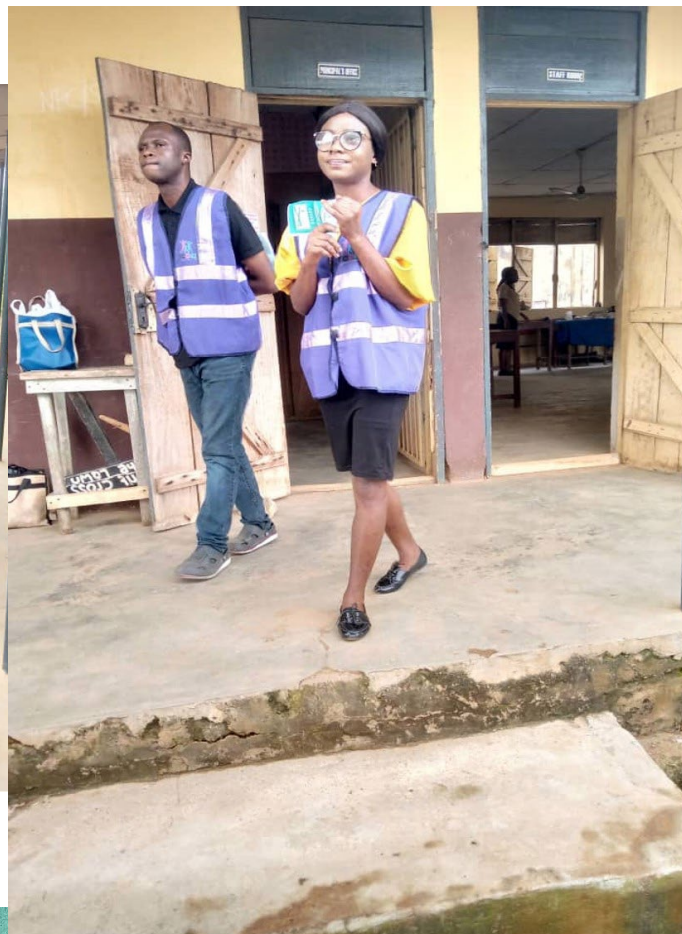
# Topics taught at the school outreaches were:

Peer pressure  
Drug abuse  
Personal Hygiene  
Mental health  
Gender-Based Violence  
Academic performance  
Goal setting  
Human trafficking





# School dialogues





# Funded Project: LEAP AFRICA

Project Title: The Nigeria We Want



Graduation ceremony

Towards the end of the year 2022, we were able to secure funding from LEAP AFRICA to train 50 young adults under our project titled "The Nigeria we want". Topics covered during this project were, leadership education, civic education, digital literacy and vocational skills.



Team Members

The 35 young adults successfully trained had 10 weeks of training and 2 weeks of internship with verified local small and medium enterprises (SME). One of the trainees is now gainfully employed as a direct impact of the new skills she acquired and some have turned their vocational skills into a side hustle to generate income for themselves.



Participants



Products made by Oreoluwa Falola



# Funded Project: Nigerian Women Trust Fund (NWTF)

Project Title: Institutional Strengthening of staff, volunteers and CSOs.

In October 2022, we secured funding from the Nigerian Women Trust Fund (NWTF) to organise capacity building training/workshop for our staff and volunteers as well as some other NGO's and CSO's in Ibadan metropolis. In all, we trained 20 persons for a period of 4 months on topics such as (i) Proposal writing (ii) Report writing (iii) Funding and (iv) we developed our own strategic plan for three years 2023-2025.

This was presented to the Board of YcDEI at the end of the training. Present were the Chairperson -Dr. Mrs Adamito Iyun and Ms. Adesola Adesokan, with Rev Elekima Ekine as an observer, and all the participants. It was a bottom-up approach and it has guided our focus this year to reach more students despite paucity of funds.





# Funded Project: Collaborative Research & Impact Fund

Sponsored by the  
Center for Universal  
Education (USA)

Project Title: Understanding learning issues for teenage pregnant girls and teenage mothers in Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe. (This was a cross-country project, and YcDEI was the implementing organisation for Nigeria).



We interviewed teenage mothers in Osun and Oyo states to understand their learning issues and coping strategies since getting pregnant.

## Methodology

The methodology was based on an exploratory study design which sought to present an analytical narrative on rights of teenage pregnant girls and teenage mothers in Nigerian towards learning and their well-being. A mixed research design was utilized to address the research questions. Data collection included a combination of structured interviews, focus group discussions and key informant interviews. In all we worked with 27 pregnant girls.

## **Results & Lesson Learnt**

### **Result**

One major finding is the impact of societal stigma keenly felt by teenage pregnant girls. The weight of cultural expectations often forces these young mothers to prioritize family duties over educational pursuits. The prevalence of economic hardship, particularly in impoverished regions, compounds the struggle, as financial constraints become a significant barrier to pursuing formal education. The reluctance of partners or family support networks further amplifies the challenges faced by these girls, leaving them with limited options in securing a stable future through education. The majority of the girls/young mothers do not intend to go back to school but want to be gainfully employed to be financially independent to be able to end the cycle of poverty in their families by providing qualitative education for their young children. Only three out of the 27 teenage mothers desired to continue their education. Unfortunately, only one is married legally to the father of her child as a second wife. Within the school environment, teenage pregnant girls face stigmatization and discrimination, often being publicly used as cautionary examples rather than recipients of empathetic support. The consequence is a profound sense of isolation and low self-esteem, contributing to the reluctance to re-enter the formal education system.

Addressing the educational struggles of teenage pregnant girls in Nigeria requires a nuanced approach that considers the unique cultural dynamics, economic disparities, and social structures prevalent in the country. Efforts to dismantle societal stigma, provide financial support, and create inclusive educational environments must be tailored to the specific challenges faced by these young mothers in their respective contexts.

### **Lesson learnt**

At YcDEI, we realised the power of qualitative education, religion and family support, especially the mother's support in reducing teenage pregnancy. Efforts should be put in place to ensure that all girls especially those in rural settings and those from single-parent or separated homes are supported to complete some form of basic



education in order to be financially independent as poverty was discovered to be a major predictor of teenage pregnancy. In addition, the policy should be implemented to provide a second chance for girls to return to school after delivery without stigma. Lastly, men and young adolescent boys need to be groomed and educated to become responsible family heads.

## Scholarships

During the year under review, we were able to support four female learners with scholarships in various forms through the generous donations of family and friends. Two are on full scholarships (Oreoluwa Falola and Jemima Victor), while the other two are on partial scholarship of tuition payment only (Zainab Aperun and Bolutife Adeniji).



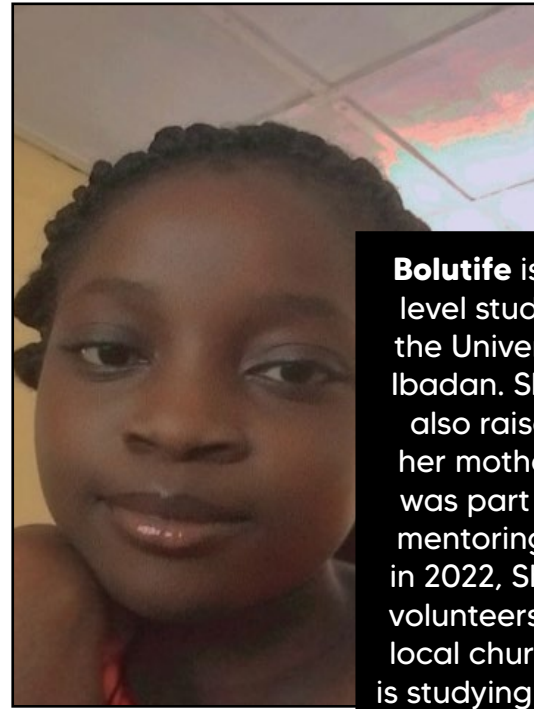
Zainab Aperun on her matriculation day with Tawa Ajao and E.D

# Faces of our Girls on Scholarship



**Zainab** lost her mother when she was young, she came to our mentoring program for two years. She was sponsored to undergo a cataract surgery and also supported to write qualifying examinations to gain admission to study English at Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun in Ogun State”

Zainab 100level English Student at TASUED, Ijagun



**Bolutife** is a 100 level student of the University of Ibadan. She was also raised by her mother and was part of our mentoring class in 2022, She now volunteers at her local church and is studying theatre arts.

Bolutife Adeniji 100 level Theatre Arts, University of Ibadan, Ibadan.



**Oreoluwa**, raised by her mother was part of our first mentoring program in 2021. She is now a second-year student at Ekiti State College of Health Technology studying Community Health. She makes bags to supplement her allowance in school.

Oreoluwa Falola 200 level Community and Social Work Ekiti State School of Health Technology, Ijero Ekiti.



**Jemima** was abandoned at a registered orphanage by the Ministry of Social Works before we took her up at 18 months. She is growing steadily in toddler class in one of the leading private schools in Ibadan.

Jemima Victor, Reception Class Ebire Schools, Felele, Ibadan.



## Testimony .....



The ED and her mentee

Good morning ma'am

I want to use this medium to appreciate all you have done for me so far. Its just like yesterday that I had the opportunity to see you. I never regret knowing you because you are the one Almighty God used to make my dreams come true. Today makes it a year that I did my cataract surgery. I can't even imagine doing the surgery in the next 5 years but with your assistance, I'm so proud to have you as a mother figure, mentor and helper. Thank you for your help in making my dreams a reality. Your guidance and shared experiences have been invaluable. Thank you for going above and beyond for me. Your dedication amazes me and inspires me to put in the work. I hope to make you proud.

Thank you for everything ma'am

On this special day, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for all that you do. Your unwavering support, belief in me, and guidance have been the pillars of my growth and success. You have not only been a mentor but also a source of inspiration and strength. Your dedication to helping me navigate challenges, your willingness to share your knowledge and experience, and your genuine care for my well-being have made a profound impact on my life. I am truly blessed to have you as my mentor.

As you celebrate another year of wisdom and grace, I want to wish you a birthday filled with joy, laughter, and all the happiness in the world. May this day be a reflection of the light you bring into the lives of others. Thank you for being the incredible mentor that you are. Your belief in me has given me the confidence to pursue my dreams and reach for the stars. I am forever grateful for your presence in my life. Happy Birthday ma. May this year be filled with endless blessings and opportunities. Here's to many more years of friendship, growth, and shared moments of success. With heartfelt appreciation and warmest wishes.

Taiwo UI 100 level

# International Women's Day: March 8th 2023

We had 18 girls from neighbouring schools and 4 teachers at an interactive session to commemorate that day. We had three facilitators who spoke on Digital literacy, Cyber bullying and the effects of social media on youths. We hope to make this a yearly program







# International Day of the Girl Child: October 11

This program was intentionally hosted to have an engaging session with our 100 level students in Tertiary Institutions at a local park around The University of Ibadan where we had a lot to share and eat. There were 26 females present.





# YcDEI Community Library

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The library is open daily from Mondays to Fridays to any user. We intend to expand this because when we have other meetings or programs the library becomes unavailable. We also need to increase the books in the library. So we are considering writing some bookshops to donate books to us. We had about 50 new additional library users in the year 2023 precisely **27 males** and **25 females**.

There are some challenges identified in using the library which include

- (i) Late closing time of Schools
- (ii) Non-provision/ Unavailability of transportation fare to get to the library



# **Failed project: Women Economic Empowerment**

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We embarked on a two-month project to empower women economically by trying to form a cooperative society. Unfortunately, we did not succeed (though we were not surprised).

## **Challenges were**

- (i.) Insufficient number for membership**
- (ii.) Low contributions**
- (iii.) No business plans presented by members**
- (iv.) Unstable Funder**



# Income

## Youth Care Development and Empowerment Initiatives

### Income for the year 2023

INCOME		N	:	K
PROJECT -NWTF		1,250,000.00		
PROJECT - LEAP		526,800.00		
PROJECT- DEV - RESEARCH		90,000.00		
SCHOLARSHIP A		960,300.00		
SCHOLARSHIP B		250,000.00		
OTHERS		4,910,307.90		
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# Expenditure

## Youth Care Development and Empowerment Initiatives

### Expenditure for the year 2023

PROGRAMS	N	:	K
STAFF SALARIES			845,000.00
TRAINING			3,234,200.00
GIFT/WELFARE			161,000.00
PUBLICITY/ADVERT			181,200.00
PRINTING			164,900.00
BANK CHARGES			19,419.37
COMMUNICATION/TELEPHONE			93,490.00
OFFICE EXPENSES			5,800.00
TRANSPORT/TRAVELLING			729,050.00
RENT			230,000.00
STATIONERIES			10,950.00
AUDIT FEE (DARAMOLA & CO)			120,000.00
ENTERTAINMENT			95,250.00
GENERAL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE			36,000.00
FUEL			12,000.00
SANITATION			60,400.00
MEDICALS			100,000.00
SCHOLARSHIP			1,095,850.00
COOP SOCIETY			100,000.00
LEGAL FEE			69,000.00
			7,363,509.37
Surplus income over Expenditure			623,898.53



# List of Donors /Grants

## DONORS FOR THE YEAR 2023

Adefunke Ekine

Adesokan Sola

Bukola and Kemi Adeosun

Centre for Universal Education (CUE) DC. USA

development Research and Projects Center (dRPC)

Dupe Coker

Nigerian Women Trust Fund (NUTF)

LEAP Africa Ltd

Mary and Michael Ekine


Mrs Motunrayo Gbadegesin

Olatutu Odelola

Tamunotonye Ekine

Wunmi Ogunrotimi

Yinka Ajayi



“We know you have a lot of choices when it comes to donating, and we are so grateful that you chose to donate to our cause”



# YOUTH CARE DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

Presents ▼

## YOUTH EXCEL & THRIVE 2020

Participation, Learning, Leadership, Digital Skills



Date: Jan 10, 2020

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YOUTH  
FUTURE  
FUNDS

### Conclusion

We are happy we made it and you were a part of our greatness. Thank you. We can aspire for more as we celebrate 10 years.







**YODEI**

“When you educate a girl you educate a Nation”.



**Support Now**

You can support a girl with as low as **N5,000** or **\$10** or **£5** only.

With your support, we can offer indigent students scholarships to take WAEC, NECO, Tutorial classes for JAMB, and vocational skills for income-generating ventures.



You can send your donations to any of our accounts as listed below

**NAIRA ACCOUNT:**

**ACCESS BANK UCH Branch, 0046370155,**  
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**DOMICILIARY ACCOUNT:**

**ACCESS BANK, 0044198818,**  
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