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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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| ANC | Antenatal Care |
| CRT | Coaches Refresher Training |
| CSV | Coaches Support Visit |
| FCT | Federal Capital Territory |
| FGD | Focus Group Discussion |
| FIFA | Fédération Internationale de Football Association |
| FP | Family Planning |
| GBV | Gender Based Violence |
| HIV | Human Immunodeficiency Virus |
| LASUTH | Lagos State University Teaching Hospital |
| LLIN | Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets |
| NTD | Neglected Tropical Disease |
| OSY | Out of School Youth |
| PPFP | Postpartum Family Planning |
| PWD | Persons With Disabilities |
| SRHR | Sexual & Reproductive Health/ Rights |
| TOC | Training of Coaches |
| UAP | Urban Achievers Program |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| WAD | World AIDS Day |
| WMD | World Malaria Day |
| YEDI | Youth Development & Empowerment Initiative |
| YFC | Youth Friendly Centre |
| YMC | Young Moms Clinic |
| YPE4AH | Youth Powered Ecosystem for Adolescent Health |



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

It has been another amazing year for YEDI, and I am very excited to share our annual report for the year 2022 with you.

The past year has been full of opportunities and its fair share of challenges. With YEDI's unwavering, 'can-do' attitude, we made the most of 2022, and recorded significant progress towards achieving our goals as you will learn in the pages of this report.

I want to express my deep and sincere gratitude to all our partners, supporters, volunteers, and staff, who tirelessly contributed to our success. Your passion, dedication and commitment continue to be invaluable in helping us make a positive impact in the lives of those we serve. A special thank you goes out to our partner Grassroot Soccer, who in 2022 celebrated 20 years dedicated to improving the health of youth worldwide.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to learn, listen, expand, adapt, and adjust to continue to be relevant in the communities we serve and for the benefit of the youth whose lives we help to improve. We know there is a lot to be done but are confident that we, with your continued support, can make a real difference.

I hope you will enjoy reading about our achievements in 2022 and look forward to working with you to achieve many more in 2023!

Charlotte Obidairo
Founder



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We stepped into our second decade working to improve the health and well-being of young people in Nigeria. Our strategy for 2022 was anchored on expanding the depth and breadth of our programs' impact. This included increasing the number of adolescents who have the knowledge and skill, as well as the motivation to promote healthy behaviours among peers and communities. In the past year, our organisation has made significant progress towards achieving our mission. We are proud of our accomplishments and are grateful to our supporters for their contributions.

Our efforts have impacted the lives of 54,687 young people in underserved communities in five states - Abuja, Akwa Ibom, Kano, Lagos, and Ogun State, and another 3,392 community residents with sensitisation and free basic health services/ products in the implementing states including River State where we expanded our project activities in the past year.

The SKILLZ, Hello Lagos, and Beat NTD programs were the main vehicles through which YEDI reached out to communities in 2022. Over 22,000 adolescents were reached with comprehensive education in relevant areas of adolescent health including SRHR, mental health, malaria, HIV, and NTDs prevention. Through the Hello Lagos Project, additional 14,372 adolescents participated in SRHR education programs, counselling, and services including uptake of Family Planning (FP) services. 170 young moms also enrolled on the Hello Lagos program, with 553 Antenatal Services offered. The YPE4AH project launched two hubs in Kano state making the six hubs of the project functioning. 12,020 adolescents took up usage of family planning services in the year and the project benefited 24,537 youths through SKILLZ United.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our mission of promoting the health and development of adolescents in Nigeria. To this end, we will expand to one more state in the coming year, while we also consolidate our achievements in the existing locations. We will continue to work towards achieving the goals of our 5-year Strategic plan and expand our programs to reach even more beneficiaries. We are excited about the possibilities ahead and are grateful for the continued support of our community.

We are grateful to our donors and supporters – Grassroot Soccer, Exxon Mobil, USAID-DAI, UNFPA, Spotlight Initiative, FIFA Foundation, ACT Foundation, Common Goal, The END Fund, all the implementing State Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Social Development, Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Lagos State University Teaching Hospital Community Outreach Unit, Meek Foundation, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Child Protection Network, Justice Development & Peace Commission (JDPC), and the National Malaria Eradication Program and many others. Your contributions have made our work possible. Without their generosity, we would not have been able to achieve our goals and make a positive impact in the community. Together, we can create a positive change and we look forward to making a greater impact in 2023."

Tomisin Adeoye
Executive Director



WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE WORK

Youth Development and Empowerment Initiative (YEDI) is an adolescent health organisation that educates, empowers, and inspires youth and community development in Nigeria using sound, proven models that get results. Founded in 2011, YEDI has benefitted over **300,000** young people in schools and community sites in Lagos, Kano, Abuja, Akwa-Ibom, Ogun, and Rivers states with evidence-based programmes designed to build young people's assets, facilitate their access to health services, and promote their adherence to healthy behaviours.

The YEDI model trains young adult mentors aged 18-28 as community change agents to implement age-appropriate and gender-sensitive curricula that combine football metaphors and activities with high impact health information that engage youth and break down cultural barriers. YEDI runs these programmes through fixed and outreach sites, which operate as safe spaces for young people aged 10-24 years old to access engaging sport-based activities as well as health and social services across the adolescent continuum of care.

Mission Statement

To educate, empower, and inspire youths and communities in Nigeria through proven, effective and innovative health and development approaches.

Vision Statement

Communities across Nigeria, where informed young people are empowered to reach their full potential and contribute constructively to social change in the society.

Where we Work

Lagos, Ogun, Abuja, Rivers, Akwa Ibom, and Kano

2022 AT A GLANCE

Reached over **22,000** adolescents and graduated **21,500** through the SKILLZ program

Conducted eight community health outreaches, reaching **3,392** residents in five states with sensitisation and basic services to prevent HIV, malaria, and NTDs

Distributed **1,060** LLIN to vulnerable families in eight communities

12,020 adolescents took up usage of family planning services through the YPE4AH Program

Provided free HIV Testing Services (HTS) to **4,672** persons and referred 31 reactive cases for proper care and support

Provided free Malaria testing to **1,032** community members and referred **870** reactive cases for proper care and support

Recruited and trained **135** new coaches

The YPE4AH Program reached **24,537** through SKILLZ United

282 Coaches and young people benefitted from the Urban Achievers Program

14,372 young people were reached with information on SRHR through the Hello Lagos Program

COACHES DEVELOPMENT

Coaches are the engine of YEDI's adolescent health and development programs. They serve as facilitators, mentors, and role models to our young beneficiaries, hence the need for proper training to enable them to deliver on their roles effectively and safely.

Over the past year, we have made significant progress in improving the skills and knowledge of our coaches, allowing them to deliver even better services to our beneficiaries.

Through a series of rigorous training sessions and workshops, our coaches have learned valuable new techniques and strategies to improve the participants' facilitation skills, update their knowledge of Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHR) including HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E), as well as YEDI's core values and safeguarding policies.



Coaches with their certificate



Coaches training

Urban Achievers Program (UAP)

We are delighted to announce an exciting new partnership with Jobberman, a career and human resource consulting firm to deliver the Urban Achievers Program in 2022.

Through this partnership, we were able to offer a range of career development services including resume writing and interview preparation. The life skills and personal effectiveness training benefitted 282 Coaches and other program beneficiaries across all the locations in Nigeria. The UAP creates a platform for youths (graduates, undergraduates, skilled and unskilled/unemployed youth volunteers) to acquire skills to live productive lives and increase their employability.

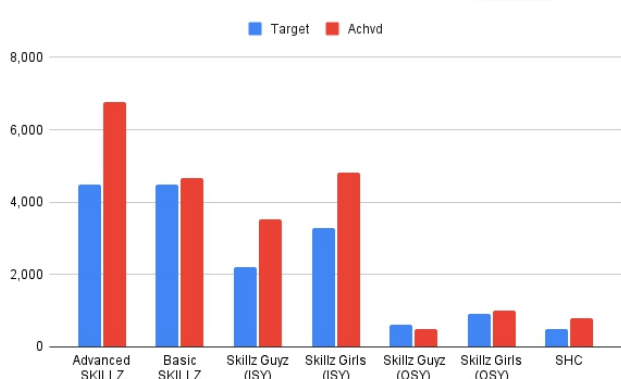
SKILLZ PROGRAM

Yedi's flagship project, the SKILLZ Program, recorded enormous achievements during the past year. The program is implemented in partnership with Grassroot Soccer, and is now being delivered to young people in 5 states of the federation; Lagos, Akwa Ibom, FCT, Ogun, and Kano.

The SKILLZ program is a curriculum-based intervention which uses soccer games, metaphors, and frameworks to engage young people around their most pressing health and life challenges. The program is evidence-based, tailored by age and gender, and empowers participants to adopt healthy behaviors that last into adulthood.

The SKILLZ program is delivered via **In-school** interventions, **Out-of-school** interventions, **SKILLZ Holiday Camps**, and **Summer School** interventions. A total of **22,100** adolescents were reached and **21,500** graduated through the SKILLZ program in 2022.

The SKILLZ program was supported by Exxon Mobil, FIFA Foundation, and ACT Foundation.



SKILLZ Program Achievements vs argets



SKILLZ Girls Participants in a session

In-School SKILLZ Intervention

Interventions under the In-school SKILLZ program included Basic SKILLZ, Advanced SKILLZ, SKILLZ Guyz, and SKILLZ Girls in all four program locations. The in-school interventions reached **19,354** adolescents aged 10-19 years across the four implementing states, and **18,821** graduated.

Out-of-School SKILLZ Intervention

2,746 adolescents aged 13-19 were reached through the out-of-school interventions across the four SKILLZ program states, with **2,679** of them graduating.



Malaria Prevention Activity



Basic SKILLZ Participants in a session

Summer School SKILLZ Intervention

The summer school program was implemented in August, seizing the opportunity of the long vacation to engage the young minds during an otherwise idle period which often exposes young people to risky behaviours and vices that could affect their health and wellbeing negatively. 670 adolescents were reached with the summer school interventions in Lagos and Ogun states.

SKILLZ Holiday Camp (SHC)

The SKILLZ Holiday camp is a 5-day non-residential camp organised for school pupils during the summer holidays, usually in August. In 2022, five SKILLZ Holiday camps were organised reaching and graduating 942 and 895 adolescents respectively.

One Day Adolescent Health Workshop

The UNFPA-supported activity, themed "A Clean and Healthy Me", leveraged the attraction of football to educate and inspire 102 in-school adolescents aged 13 - 19 in Ogun state to overcome adolescent health and development challenges ranging from substance abuse, WASH, HIV/ Malaria, and Gender-based violence.



The winners of the girls' football competition receiving medals for their victory



Participants from St. Anthony grammar school at the Workshop



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Over the past year, we have had the privilege of connecting with our community in meaningful ways. We host community health outreaches to commemorate relevant UN observance days. The aim of these outreach is to increase access to health education and basic health services in underserved communities. Highlights included the commemoration of the World Malaria Day, World AIDS Day, World NTD Day, International Day of the Girl Child, World Menstrual Hygiene Day, and International Day of Contraception.

Through our community outreach programs, we have been able to reach individuals from all walks of life and provide them with the resources they need to thrive. We've seen first-hand the positive impact that our outreach programs have had on the lives of those we serve. From improving access to health education services to fostering a greater sense of community and belonging, we are proud of the work we've accomplished and are eager to continue making a difference in the years to come.

World Malaria Day (WMD) 2022

World Malaria Day was a time for us to come together as a community and make a real difference in the fight against malaria. Through our outreach efforts, we were able to connect with individuals and organizations around the world and raise awareness about the devastating impact of this disease.

YEDI organised a medical outreach and football tournament tagged **"Kick against Malaria"**. This activity was implemented in Lagos, targeting some of the most vulnerable communities in the Ijegan area, including Olorunlogbon and Alafia CDAs.

The outreach activity and football tournament took place on Saturday, April 30th reaching members of Olorunlogbon and Alafia Community Development Associations (CDAs), and neighbouring communities in Ijegan. Over **2000** community residents were reached with sensitization during the activity, and **550** persons registered for medical services. The services provided included testing for HIV, malaria, hepatitis, referrals, counselling, and distribution of bednets. 54 young people (40 boys and 14 girls) participated in the football tournament.

Media sensitizations were also held to educate the general population on malaria prevention, vector control, and awareness of available opportunities for testing and treatment. The program also dispelled common myths about malaria and created visibility for YEDI and its partners' work. An estimated **3 million** people in and around Lagos were reached through the radio and television discussion programs.

Thanks to our dedicated team and the support of our donors – Grassroot Soccer, Exxon Mobil, Common Goal, and ACT Foundation, we were able to reach individuals in one of the remote and underserved communities in Lagos. We're proud of the work we've accomplished, and we're committed to continuing our efforts until malaria is eradicated once and for all.



Winners of the Kick against Malaria Football Tournament



Free Health Testing Services



Beneficiary receiving her free Bed Net



Participants at the registration point on WMD

World AIDS Day (WAD) 2022

On World AIDS Day, our team came together to make a powerful statement about the importance of HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and treatment. Through our community outreach efforts, a total of **2,309** residents of identified underserved communities were reached directly with HIV testing Services (HTS) and other related services. **200** bed nets were distributed to the most vulnerable families, and condoms were also distributed. **20** of the residents tested for HIV were positive and referred for care and support.



Free Medical testing



Counselling session with adolescent on WAD

The WAD community outreach activities were implemented in the four implementing states that previously have hosted such activities and for the first time in Rivers State. In line with the 2022 - 2026 strategic plan, YEDI will gradually expand operations to Rivers state, with WAD outreach as the first activity.

YEDI also participated in Radio and TV discussion programs around the commemoration of World AIDS Day in Lagos and Rivers states to raise awareness and sensitise the general population in Lagos and Rivers States on the need for voluntary testing, and reduction of stigma against persons living with AIDS. The program which was aired live on Eko Fm and Rivers State Television (RSTV) reached over **3 million** people in Lagos and Rivers States.

We were able to make a real difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS due to the support of Grassroot Soccer, Exxon Mobil, and FIFA Foundation.



Beneficiary with her free Bed Net



Winners of the Female Football Tournament



Stakeholders with HIV prevention message



Cross section of adolescents on WAD

HELLO LAGOS PROGRAM

Initiated by the Lagos state government in 2002, the Hello Lagos project aims to bridge the gap between safe and confidential health information and services for young people in Lagos. YEDI joined the program, in partnership with the Lagos State Ministry of Health and UNFPA, as a managing partner, to oversee the daily operations of the Hello Lagos youth-friendly centres in 2015.

A total of **14,372** young people were reached with information on SRHR, out of which **2,096** received various youth-friendly SRHR services at the Young Moms Clinics (YMC) and Youth Friendly Centers (YFC).

Young Moms Clinics (YMC)

YEDI manages four of Hello Lagos YMCs - Ikorodu, Akere, Ajeromi, and Mushin. Through the YMCs, the program created access to maternal health care for **170** pregnant adolescent girls (young moms), resulting in **100** successful deliveries, with **65** of the young moms voluntarily taking up modern postpartum family planning services. Services provided at the young moms' clinics include scan/ testing, counselling, ANC, FP services, and referrals for delivery. **40** home visits were also conducted by centre staff and nurses during the year.

| INDICATOR | Number of beneficiaries |
|---|-------------------------|
| The total number of pregnant adolescent girls reached | 170 |
| Total number of antenatal services offered | 553 |
| Total number of deliveries | 100 |
| Total number of home visits conducted | 40 |
| Postpartum family planning | 65 |

Youth Friendly Centres (YFC)

YEDI managed the operations of three YFCs during the year; (LASUTH, Agege, and Ogudu). **14,202** adolescents were reached with comprehensive SRHR information through a variety of programs in 2022, including a school assembly health talk, which involved partnering with schools' management to reach **2,352** students in 115 school visits across Lagos. Health talks, peer mentorship, and group discussions were also held in the YFCs and at the OSY learning centre. Other services provided through the YFCs included HTS, GBV Counseling, Career Guidance, FP, and STI Prevention services to adolescent boys and girls.



PROGRAM ACTIVITY

OUTPUT

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| Adolescents who received comprehensive SRH information | 14,202 |
| Adolescents who received comprehensive SRH service | 1,926 |
| Adolescents and young people who visited the centre in 2022 | 1,172 |
| In-school youth who accessed the centre | 12,979 |
| Out-of-school youth who accessed the centre | 1,166 |
| Adolescent and other community residents who assessed HTS | 133 |
| No of clients receiving condoms (Male/Female) | 923 |
| The total number of condoms dispense in a piece | 3,549 |
| Total number of adolescents that picked up FP Method | 416 |
| No of Adolescents reached through school outreaches | 3,953 |
| No of Adolescents reached through community outreaches | 2,352 |



Participants at a Youth Friendly Centre



A young mom receiving counselling services



YOUTH POWERED ECOSYSTEM TO ENHANCE URBAN ADOLESCENT HEALTH (YPE4AH) PROJECT

The YPE4AH project which is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) aims to improve the health and well-being of out-of-school youths in urban slums in selected communities in Lagos and Kano States. Working with 4 consortium partners (DAI, Grassroot Soccer, Yellow Brick Road, Women Friendly Initiative, the project targets **84,000** adolescents in Kano and Lagos state by 2025. The following activities took place in the year:

PROGRAMING

SKILLZ Program and FP Uptake: In the year 2022, **30,780** adolescents were mobilised and enrolled into SKILLZ United interventions out of which **30,493** of the participants graduated from the interventions. A total of **25,155** adolescents took up usage of family planning services in the year out of which **16,544** of them were new users of family Planning methods.

Launch of Ikorodu Hub: To further increase visibility and increase reach, Ikorodu Youth Hub was launched in March 2022 by the executive Governor of Lagos State. During the launch of the Hub, the role of YPE4AH in engaging adolescents in the area and promoting their health and development was acknowledged.

Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Engagement: New set of Youth Advisory Committee were inaugurated in Lagos state. Eleven adolescents who were past SKILLZ participants from across the four hubs in Lagos state were selected. Three of the new YAC members also transitioned into becoming Youth Coaches.

Parental Engagement Meeting: YPE4AH held its first parental engagement session across all the implementing LGAs and the two states. A total of **158** parents were informed about the project activities and had their capacities built on engaging their wards on SRH matters.



Governor Sanwoolu at the Launch of Ikorodu Hub



Cross section of Parents during the meeting

TRAINING

Youth Coaches Refresher Training: A refresher training was held on 7-12 September for all youth coaches in the four TEENSMATA hubs in Lagos State. The training was aimed at improving the coaches' capabilities to deliver the SKILLZ curriculum and their knowledge of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Nutrition Education Training for Youth Coaches in Kano State: The Kano State Ministry of Health Nutrition team visited TEENSMATA Youth Hubs to provide nutrition training to Youth Coaches and Hub Coordinators in response to USAID's request that Nutrition also be included in the project.



Training of Youth Coaches



Training of Youth Coaches

Capacity Building on Fire Safety Procedures: YPE4AH adapts program delivery in line with the needs of the adolescents. To ensure the safety of adolescents and Coaches who access the Hub, the project partnered with the Lagos State Fire Service and Rescue Services department to build the capacity of 66 Youth Coaches on Basic Fire Safety Procedures.

OUTREACH AND SENSITIZATION

Community Mobile Health Outreach: A total of 264 adolescents were reached in both Lagos and Kano with adolescent's sexual reproductive health education and services, 636 counselled while 505 took up FP Services.

Single Session Outreach: A total of 4,032 adolescents were reached with adolescent's sexual reproductive health education and services, 1,994 counselled while 747 took up FP Services.

Community Sensitization targeting Husbands, Religious, and Community Leaders: A total of 3,362 community members including religious leaders were sensitised about the USAID YPE4AH TEENSMATA hub activities in both Lagos and Kano to further enhance community acceptance and increase awareness of the project.



Cross section of community sensitisation



Youth coach addressing the participants during community mobile health outreach

BEAT NTD PROGRAM



Free Medical Testing Service



A Community Member with Elephantiasis

YEDI in collaboration with Street Football World, the END Fund, and the Lagos state Ministry of Health implemented another round of the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) awareness project aimed at educating adolescents and communities on NTDs prevention and control. The program combined curriculum-based training for adolescents aged 10-16 years in selected communities within Lagos, community sensitisation and health outreach activities, targeting communities most at risk of NTDs in Lagos.

500 In-school adolescents from six schools participated and completed the training, while **533** residents of two underserved communities in Lagos (Ferry Oworo and Maidan/ Mile 12) were reached with sensitisation and relevant health services/products through the community outreach activity. During the outreach, four persons were detected with NTDs (3 Elephantiasis and 1 Hydrocele) and referred to the NTD Unit of the Lagos State Ministry of Health.

The outreach featured sensitization by health educators, free medical testing, medication, and bed nets.

YEDI, in collaboration with the Lagos State Ministry of Health (LSMOH), featured in a television discussion program- Morning Delight, Talk Time Segment- aimed at sensitising the public on NTDs.



Cross section Of Beneficiaries



Community stakeholder addressing participants at the NTD outreach

STAKEHOLDER REVIEW



Stakeholder giving feedback to YEDI



Stakeholder giving feedback to YEDI

Our annual stakeholders review meeting was a great success, bringing together a diverse group of individuals and organizations committed to creating positive change in the society. Our attendees included community leaders, parents, heads of schools, and representatives of relevant government institutions and civil society organisations, all of whom shared their unique perspectives and insights on our work. **56** stakeholders participated in the engagement meetings.

Separate program review meetings were held with project stakeholders, coaches' advisory committees and representatives of the SKILLZ program beneficiaries. The coaches advisory committee is a select group of coaches that serve as a link between the coaches and the organisation. Coaches participate in decision-making on the program through the committee.

To foster beneficiary participation in program review and design, YEDI also organised meetings with representatives of the SKILLZ program beneficiaries across the states.

Our stakeholders provided valuable feedback, sharing their thoughts on our successes, challenges, and areas for improvement. They also suggested new ideas for programs and partnerships that could help us achieve even greater impact in the coming years.

Overall, the stakeholders review meeting was a powerful reminder of the importance of collaboration and community engagement in creating positive change.



Group picture of stakeholders with the YEDI team



A stakeholder giving feedback to YEDI

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

YEDI received the #EDcertified status through NGOsource! Our #equivalencydetermination certificate is now on file in the NGOsource repository for US-based grant makers to request and access.

YEDI was invited as speaker at the quarterly Government-Government Policy Dialogue on Demographic Diversity and Dividends (4D), organised by UNFPA, the African Union Commission, the government of Germany and UH Habitat on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Topic: Urbanization and demographic dividends. YEDI ED was an expert on the breakout session: **"Delivering Universal Access to Health and Family Planning in Cities"**.

The YPE4AH team presented an abstract at the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) 2022; five project staff attended the conference to present project abstracts via oral presentation and three poster presentations. The oral presentation was themed **"Innovations in urban reproductive health interventions: Increasing access to counselling and provision of FP services among out-of-school adolescents in urban slums"**. While the poster presentations were as follows:

- 1) Barriers to access to contraceptive methods among sexually active adolescents aged 15-19 in Nigeria: Utilizing community-level factor analysis.
- 2) USAID YPE4AH Youth Hubs as safe spaces promoting access to family planning for adolescents in urban Nigeria slums.
- 3) Adolescent preferences for non-traditional private health outlets to access family planning services: A case study of two Local Governments in Lagos State, Nigeria.

Among over 300 applications, Grassroot Soccer and YEDI were one of Seven organisations selected to make a presentation at the Interagency Gender Working Group's Male Engagement Task Force Webinar on September 13, 2022. YEDI's presentation was titled **"Engaging Adolescent Boys to Promote Reproductive Health and Prevent Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria: The SKILLZ Guyz Approach."**



Poster Presentation at the ICFP 2022



YEDI's ED speaks to the presa during an intervention activity

SUCCESS STORIES

Soliat Disu, Lagos

"I heard that YEDI was bringing a program to my community, and it would involve a football competition for both male and female youth. I was excited but I didn't not feel so confident about playing although I used to play for my school team some years back. Yes, it was fun training with other youths in the community, and the few hours we spent with our coach over the weeks before the programme also made me realise so many things about myself and others.

Although my team didn't win the tournament, it became glaring to me that the spirit of football is oneness, it has a way of bringing people together no matter the age and class. It also teaches determination, discipline, and care for others, and these are necessary on and off the pitch.

I can never forget the fact that outside the experience of the football tournament, I also went home with a treated bed net. I started making use of it after the programme and sleeping has never been better, I fear that I have now become addicted to not sleeping except the bed net is intact. Perhaps, the net includes "sweet dreams" charm, whatever it is I am thankful beyond words".

- Soliat Disu (Football Tournament Player)

Mrs Hope Clarkson, Lagos

"The advantage of the program to children is helping them with exposure and making them better people. The programme will help them to discover themselves more and help them to understand their social values, set standards and what they can achieve in life."

**- Mrs Hope Clarkson
(SKILLZ Camp participant's mom)**

Mary, Akwa Ibom

Mary, (pseudonym) is a teenage mother and a victim of rape. She participated in the SKILLZ Holiday Camp in Akwa Ibom where she learnt that rape is not her fault, and the need to speak out and get help.

During the Camp closing ceremony, Mary spoke to her coach and had this to say; "I wish I knew what I just learnt in these 5 days camp earlier I won't be a victim and drop out of school. But from today with what I have learnt, I will never make such a mistake again, no matter what it takes I will take care of my child and I want to go back to school.....I also learnt that rape is not the victim's fault and that victims of sexual and gender-based violence need to speak up and get help".

**- Mary
(SKILLZ Holiday Camp Participant)**

Tamilore Adeyemo, Lagos

"I know that I am already beautiful as I am now and I know different types of abuse in case when people abuse me or anyone else is being abused. With the programme I know where to go or who to talk to."

**- Tamilore Adeyemo
(SKILLZ Holiday Camp Participant)**

Eric Archibong, Akwa Ibom

Receiving calls from participants' parents and from my participants themselves on the new day of the year makes me feel extremely happy and fulfilled. As peer educators and coaches, we have positively impacted their lives in a variety of ways, and these will have a multiplier effect on society.

- Eric Archibong Adeyemo (Coach)

Anonymous, Lagos

A family came to the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) Awareness Outreach at Ferry Oworo Community seeking assistance for their two children suffering from rashes all over their bodies without any idea what they were. Their rashes prevented them from going to school and socializing with friends as the kids in their neighborhood avoided them because they were ill. An HIV test was conducted, and they tested positive; they were connected with care through YEDI's efforts, and are now healthy, and are ready to return to school.

- NTD Community Outreach Beneficiary

OUR COLLABORATORS

During the year, YEDI partnered with a few organisations and individuals in Nigeria and beyond to make a greater impact on improving the health and well-being of adolescents and youths/entire communities in the various projects' locations

| Collaborator | Location(s) | Role |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| State Universal Education Board (SUBEB) | Akwabom, Lagos, FCT, Ogun | Granted approvals for in-school interventions, supported program M&E |
| State Secondary Education Board (SSEB) | Akwabom, Lagos, FCT, Ogun | Granted approvals for in-school interventions, supported program M&E |
| State AIDS Control Agency (SACA) | Akwa Ibom, Lagos | Support capacity building for staff |
| LASUTH Community Outreach Unit | Lagos | |
| Meek Foundation | Lagos | Testers for HIV, Malaria, Hepatitis |
| Ogun State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology | Ogun State | Granted approvals for in-school interventions |
| Community Development Initiative | Ogun State | Facilitation support for SKILLZ Holiday Camp |
| Justice Development and Peace Commission | Ogun State | HIV testing services and referrals |
| UNFPA | Ogun State | Supported the SKILLZ Workshop |
| National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) | Akwa Ibom, FCT | Facilitation support for SKILLZ Holiday Camp |
| Theo-light Global Foundation | Akwa Ibom | Facilitation support for SKILLZ Holiday Camp |
| JHUPIEGO | Akwa Ibom | HIV testing services and referrals |
| Rare Gem Foundation (RGF) | Akwa Ibom | HIV testing services and referrals |
| Heal the Land Initiative of Nigeria (HELIN) | Akwa Ibom | Out-of-School Youths Mobilization |
| Child Protection Network | Akwa Ibom | Technical Support and Referrals |
| General Hospital, Bwari and Nyanya | FCT | Health Testing Services |
| Mrs. Totolayo | FCT | Donation of Story Books on Malaria for SKILLZ Holiday Camp |
| SS Peter & Paul Society | FCT | Psychosocial Support |
| Community Development Offices in Kuje and Kwali | FCT | Community Entry |
| Federal Ministry of Health | FCT | Donation of Malaria RDT kits |
| Kuje Youth Friendly Center | FCT | Testing Services and Referrals for Rape Survivors |

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2023, YEDI's work will be guided by the following objectives:

- Reach at least 40,000 young people through the different projects.
- Conduct Community outreaches - World Neglected Tropical Disease, World Malaria Day and World AIDS Day.
- Review Curriculum to include Mental Health.
- Support 500 coaches and community members through the Urban Achievers Program.
- Develop and implement strategies to ensure 80% of YEDI beneficiaries are game changers.

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