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2014 Activity Report

Promoting positive business footprints through sustainable partnerships



2014 in Figures

- 30 Projects, Programmes and Initiatives
- 20 Locations across Nigeria, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Geneva and Singapore
- 21 Implementing Partners
- Over 20,000 direct beneficiaries
- 100,000+ indirect beneficiaries
- 200+ staff volunteers
- 1500+ volunteer hours from members of staff

About Sahara Group

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Sahara Group is a leading privately owned Power, Energy, Gas and Infrastructure Conglomerate established in 1996 with operating companies active in the downstream, midstream, upstream, infrastructure and power sectors. Sahara has presence in different locations including Africa, Asia, Europe and South America.

The Group's strategy is to replicate its Successes in Oil and Gas sector in the Energy & Infrastructure sector. To achieve this, Sahara has set out a roadmap for investing in people, processes, strategic acquisitions, principal investments and continuous expansion within, initially, the West African energy & infrastructure space, and then globally.

Our Locations

we are open...to the world

**Great ideas are never shackled by the constraint of time and place.
That is why for us at Sahara, we say the horizon is our starting block.
As long as there are needs to be satisfied, no spot on earth will
be too far away for us to reach.**



About Sahara Foundation

...To date, Sahara Foundation has reached over **20,000** direct beneficiaries through its various projects and programmes...

Mission:

Sahara Foundation is committed to activities that ensure positive business footprints, promotes the well-being of the society and touches lives through sustainable partnerships with our communities.

Vision:

To make Personal and Corporate Social Responsibility (PCSR) a way of life embedded in all we do.

Mantra:

- *Promoting positive business footprints through sustainable partnerships.*

Objectives:

- *To promote access to quality Healthcare*
- *To create avenues that promote conducive learning*
- *To empower youth to self reliance*
- *To provide a platform for emerging talents*
- *To promote the use of alternative sources of energy*
- *To provide basic social amenities to enhance the wellbeing of our host communities*

Focus Areas:

From the diverse areas of intervention available, we have selected our areas of focus. They are-

1. *Health*
2. *Education & Capacity Building*
3. *Environment*
4. *Sustainable Community Development*



Message from the Executive Director

Our roadmap to becoming the sole provider of choice wherever energy is consumed has fuelled our commitment to ensure the progress of the various locations where we operate. The Corporate Social Responsibility journey at Sahara Group is aimed at attaining the goal of sustainable development through continuous measurement and disclosure of the impacts of our activities and accountability to internal and external stakeholders for organizational performance and social progress.

For us at Sahara, Personal and Social Corporate Responsibility (PCSR) is embedded in our everyday life. We constantly promote and engage in activities that build sustainable business excellence in partnership with our communities, the civil society and the government in the areas of health, education, environment and sustainable community development.

In this report, we have summarized the achievements recorded in 2014 under our four main areas of focus in the implementation of our PCSR mandate. It is obvious that no individual or corporate organization can solve societal problems alone, therefore, we continuously count on your support as we collectively march towards social reconstruction.

Tonye Cole
Executive Director; Sahara Group

Message from the Managing Director

While we are proud of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects that have been implemented since the beginning of the Millennium, we are even more excited about the journey ahead of us. Our mission to 'promote the wellbeing of the society and touch lives through sustainable partnerships' remains extremely relevant and underscores the validity of our vision to make Personal and Corporate Social Responsibility (PCSR) a way of life in all we do.

In December 2013, the Sahara Foundation was officially launched in Nigeria, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire and since then, a number of projects were successfully executed in these regions. The details of the projects are highlighted in this report.

I will like to thank all the funding companies, implementing partners and staff who gave up their time as volunteers. You have demonstrated that you believe in the Foundation's vision and objectives and have helped to make them a reality. Without your support, our journey would not have been this successful.

As we start another year, we remain committed to the cause and will continue to impact lives in positive and sustainable ways and count on your support to make 2015 a fantastic year!

Anthony Youdeowei
Managing Director; Sahara Group

Message from the Foundation Manager

At Sahara Foundation, our commitment is to promote activities that create positive business footprints through sustainable partnerships in the areas of health, education/capacity building, environment and sustainable community development.

The level of success achieved so far can only be attributed to the collective effort of Management, the various Sahara Group companies, volunteering staff and the various implementation partners whose service of sacrifice and generosity remain invaluable and serve as an inspiration to those who benefit from the activities of the Foundation.

As we work towards attaining our world class status, the stakes are even higher. We however believe in the goodwill and support of our supporters and friends to realize this dream. This is a challenge my team and I are proud to take on.

Babatomiwa Adesida
Manager, Sahara Foundation



Project and Partner Selection Structure

Project Monitoring and Evaluation

Project and Partner Selection

Sahara Foundation partners with private and public organizations to implement sustainable and impactful projects. The Foundation remains steadfast in ensuring that the mode of partner selection and project approval remains transparent, effective and efficient while promoting its mission and objectives. To achieve this, pre-approved guidelines are strictly followed in the selection of projects and partners.

Pre-requisites for Project Selection

- * Must be in line with the Foundations key focus areas.
- * Evidence of baseline studies or assessment including information that supports a need for the project.
- * Can be replicated in all our host communities .
- * Must not be for profit, i.e. have no commercial intentions but be purely for PCSR objectives.
- * Must be sustainable for a foreseeable future.
- * Must have a broad community impact, both direct and indirect.
- * Must be of value to the target beneficiaries.
- * Must create room for staff engagement i.e. members of staff can volunteer.

Partner Selection Criteria

- * Must be an incorporated entity and must have been in operation for at least 2 years.
- * Must have a proven record of successfully implementing projects.
- * Must demonstrate technical expertise in the focus area of the project.
- * Must show evidence of adequate manpower and a reputable Board and management profile.
- * Must have a functional financial system and up to date audited financial statements.
- * Must have adequate geographical presence in relation to the roll out plan of the proposed project.

The Foundation places emphasis on Monitoring and Evaluating (M&E) of all ongoing and concluded projects. The M&E unit plays a major role in the efficient and effective execution of projects. This enables the Foundation monitor, track and evaluate all its personal and corporate social investments.

All projects are monitored and evaluated and the data collected is analysed and used to make informed decisions about the various projects.

Benefits realized from the Foundations M&E exercises include:

- Determine the impact of the project on beneficiaries
- Provision of justification for funding the next phase of the project
- M&E adds to the retention and development of the Foundation's memory.

2014 in Perspective

Education Projects

Upgrade of LEA Primary School, Abuja:

Acquisition of qualitative education is only possible under a conducive learning atmosphere. Unfortunately, the level of infrastructural decay is appalling. In line with our PCSR commitment to reduce the declining state of educational infrastructure, Sahara Foundation developed an interventionist approach for LEA Primary School, Bassa Jiwa village, Abuja.

This public primary school which is 10 minutes away from the Abuja airport has a population of 240 pupils. After a recent rapid assessment of the school, it was observed that the decaying infrastructure required urgent upgrade, hence our decision to refurbish some parts of the school.

This is in addition to a School Based Management Training (2 part training for the committee of parents, community leaders and school management).

In the spirit of our commitment to the 'P' in our PCSR mandate, some staff from the Abuja office were on hand to help with the refurbishment project. The refurbished section was recently commissioned and handed over to the Local Education Authority for the use of the pupils and the local community.



Upgrade of Community Vocational Centre, Oshodi, Lagos State

In line with our commitment to create an avenue for youths to discover and develop an entrepreneurial spirit towards self-reliance, Sahara Bulk Storage Facilities Limited recently upgraded the Community Vocational Centre at Oshodi, Lagos State.

The overall objective of this initiative is to encourage entrepreneurship training towards creating an enterprise culture in the society. It is our belief that the acquisition of basic education alongside vocational training is the impetus needed for national development.

Prior to this intervention, selected members of staff from the vocational centre were trained on modern day craft and art methods. We are confident that this training will be to the overall benefit of the students, improve the teachers ability to transfer knowledge to them and ensure the sustainability of the Vocational Centre.

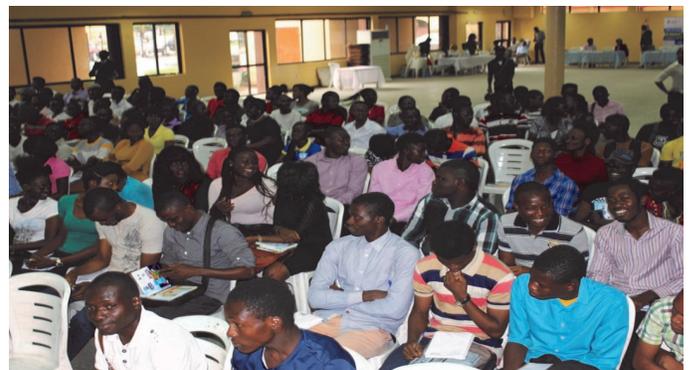


UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS 2014 CAREER WEEK

Beyond the challenge of unemployment, Nigerian youth and graduates have been described as unemployable by potential employers because they lack the necessary soft skills and information technology (IT) knowledge required for the workplace and self-development. Like young people everywhere, these youth have enormous potential to shape their own futures, be productive members of society, and give back to their communities.

The UNILAG Career Expo serves as a platform through which students are exposed to practical aspects of business. It is also an avenue where various aspects of the business profession are portrayed, with benefits, challenges and prospects highlighted by professionals in those fields.

The 2014 edition held on Thursday, October 2 at UNILAG Multipurpose Hall, where a Sahara Foundation representative served as lead facilitator for the Employability Skills session of the programme. The theme of the programme was- My Career, My Future.



2014 in Perspective

Education Projects

Job Shadow Programme

The overall objective of this programme was to expose twenty (20) senior secondary school students from Government schools to the work environment and provide the opportunity for them to learn about various career options open to them, whilst inspiring them to dream big and become positive change agents in spite of the many challenges they face.

The programme was an opportunity to further re-affirm our PCSR culture at Sahara Group. The project targeted Senior Secondary School Students from Arts, Commercial, Social Sciences, and Science classes, respectively. The beneficiaries are at the verge of making potential career choices in preparation for their tertiary education. The programme was implemented in partnership with Kasher Consulting.



DONATION OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING CENTRE, LAGOS

The education sector has received substantial criticism on poor performance of students in the country's educational institutions in recent times. One of the key turn-around strategies in addressing this challenge is the re-introduction of Guidance and Counselling (G&C) service delivery in the school system.

In achieving this goal, Sahara Foundation recently established a fully equipped Guidance and Counselling Centre that will effectively serve the academic, psycho-social, and career needs of the students through a trained counsellor. Eko Akete Senior Secondary School, Lagos Island, was selected for this initiative due to identified need, large school population, availability of existing space for upgrade and the presence of a progressive school head. The facility was recently commissioned and handed to over to the school authorities for the use of the students.

SAHARA SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT AT IBAFON PRIMARY SCHOOL, LAGOS

Ibafon Primary School is the only public primary school in Ibafon Community with a population of over 450 students. Established in 1980, the school has 19 members of staff and a functional P.T.A – Parents, Teachers Association. During Sahara Foundation's initial engagement at the school, it was very disheartening to observe the level of infrastructural decay in the school. Ibafon Primary School was selected as the beneficiary of the scholarship project due to its nearness to Sahara's tank farm. Through this scholarship, ten (10) beneficiaries from Ibafon Primary School between the ages of 5 and 10 received a full scholarship valued at N120,000 per pupil to support their education, feeding, health and all round psycho-social support for one year.



2014 in Perspective

Education Projects

TEACH A STUDENT PROGRAMME

On Tuesday August 11, 2014, Sahara Foundation reaffirmed its commitment to youth development and promotion of activities that ensure positive business footprints, the well-being of the society on Tuesday.

Following the approval from Lagos State Ministry of Education, Sahara Foundation facilitated a leadership session for Two hundred and fifty (250) students from four (4) schools at the Lagos State Education District III during the 'teach-a-student' programme organized for secondary school during the summer break. This programme aimed at equipping the student beneficiaries with skills and tools to enable them cope with life and some of its challenges and also make logical and positive choices that will influence the society. The session was successful as students invested their time in self-development, arming themselves with relevant knowledge to help them break new frontiers as they journey in life.



TEACH A TEACHER PROGRAMME

Across all ages, languages, ethnicities and subjects, teachers are meant to be some of the most widely skilled people. Annually, Sahara Foundation is involved in equipping public school teachers

The "Teach-A-Teacher" Programme is aimed at enlightening the participants on personal development and easily adaptable ways of preserving their relevance beyond the classroom in which they are mostly used to being stereotyped both in thought and action. Sahara Foundation in partnership with Ovoteri Limited implemented the 2- day programme at Sahara Learning Center in Lekki.

This year, forty (40) public school teachers in Lagos State District III were equipped with critical skills and tools to:

- Encourage self-development and motivation;
- Develop emotional competence, which will in turn help them to develop same among their pupils and students
- Develop listening skills and be able to manage difficult pupils/students



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Education Projects

CAREER COUNSELING PROGRAMME, SINGAPORE

Annually, Sahara Foundation carries out this programme to help students realize their hidden potentials, obtain requisite information on matters imperative to educational and personal achievement and harness their problem solving aptitudes towards making appropriate life choices. This year, the programme linked life challenges to a rock climbing activity which is a fun activity that is filled with its own challenges.

Sahara Foundation in partnership with CARE Singapore organized an event for identified students in Singapore. CARE is a registered charity and youth development agency established in 1997. As a premier agency in psychosocial risk prevention for youths in Singapore, CARE's research and practice- based approach, focus and contribution are specifically designed to fulfil the purpose of helping youths succeed.

Sahara Staff Volunteers organized a career counselling programme for 60 teenage boys and girls. The semi-formal presentations were focused on determination, hard work, diligence and a positive attitude to life. This was followed by the rock climbing activity.



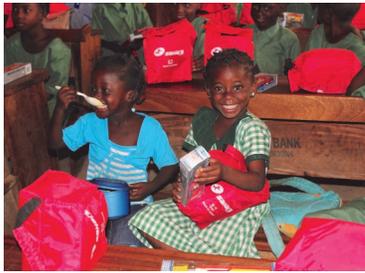
READ TO ME SCHOOL PROJECT, LAGOS & ONNE

The educational system in Nigeria has deteriorated significantly over the years, especially in the public school sector where there is inadequate infrastructure, poor teacher training facilities and hardly any in-service training for teachers. This programme is targeted at encouraging reading for both knowledge and leisure; improve the vocabulary of beneficiaries and encourage individual reading through the distribution of free story books to beneficiaries. The 'Read to Me' project was originally designed for 1,000 pupils in two schools in Lagos and Onne but the project was eventually carried out in 6 primary schools with actual reading activities in 5 schools reaching out to 2,100 pupils.



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SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

Since 2010, Sahara Foundation in partnership with Food Basket International has fed over four thousand (4,000) primary school pupils under the Home Grown School Feeding and Health Programme for primary schools in Obokun Local Government Area of Osun State and 700 children in Rivers State. The feeding programme was set up to achieve the following:

Increase enrollment in primary schools; increase nutritional status of the average school child; improve performance of the school child; alleviate short term hunger, thus increasing attention and concentration span of the children.

Following recent monitoring & evaluation, statistics show that all the objectives were met and surpassed.

KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT, SURULERE

In line with our commitment to empower youth to self-reliance, Sahara upgraded the Catering Department of the Lagos State Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition Centre in Surulere. The centre was established by the State Government to reduce the rate of unemployment through the provision of training in baking, cookery, etc. With this intervention, the centre is able to groom and produce world class professionals that will compete favourably in the local and global hospitality sector.



ENACTUS- SAHARA LIGHT UP NIGERIA POWER CHALLENGE 2014

The Sahara Light Up Nigeria Power challenge was developed in partnership with ENACTUS Nigeria to inspire students of higher institutions across the country to develop green and sustainable power supply.. Twenty-nine tertiary institutions deployed their ingenuity and resourcefulness to become part of the solutions to the problem of power in the country. The projects included wind turbines, solar incubators and fuelless generators. The top 3 teams were awarded with cash prizes to further develop their ideas.



2014 in Perspective Health Projects

CANCER AWARENESS WALK, ABUJA & LAGOS

Reports have shown that over 20,000 people die of cancer every day. Every minute, one woman is diagnosed with cervical or breast cancer somewhere in the world. With more than one hundred types; the burden of the scourge is rapidly increasing and it is likely to continue as more people live longer, yet many do not know enough about the disease, corroborating the age long adage that says ignorance itself is a disease.

In partial fulfillment of our PCSR commitment, Sahara Foundation sponsored a Cancer Awareness Walk in Lagos and Abuja. This was done in partnership with Exquisite Magazine. The main objective of the events was to create more awareness of the deadly scourge and screen members of the public at no cost to them. The main highlights of the events included: a short fitness exercise prior to the start of the walk, a road show to create more awareness about cancer, distribution of leaflets containing information about cancer and its prevention; to people and motorists during the walk.



EBOLA SUPPORT FOR LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT

In early August, 2014, The President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Liberia, Madame Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, consistent with the obligation of her office, sounded the battle cry against the invading Ebola virus disease, and declared a state of national emergency.

SOS calls were made to International Organizations across the world, requesting financial and in-kind support for medical supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for distribution to medical facilities in Ebola affected areas of Liberia. As a result of this request, a 40-foot container with assorted medical supplies, valued at \$600,000 USD, arrived in Monrovia early November.

Sahara Foundation through the funding support of **Sahara Trade West Africa** supported this call by donating US\$30,000 towards this cause. These supplies were given to medical facilities and health workers around the country.



2014 in Perspective

Health Projects

NET TO LIVE CAMPAIGN

In an attempt to promote sustainable community development and foster good relationships with the people of Ijora Community, the 'Net to Live Campaign' took place. This was to commemorate the World Malaria Day, 2014. Insecticide treated mosquito nets were donated to over 150 households in the Community. In addition to the net distribution, a sanitation exercise and malaria prevention lecture was delivered in the community.



Construction of Six (6) Cubicle Toilet Facility Tema, Ghana

The inadequacy of clean water sources and toilet facilities have accounted for poor sanitation in Africa, with rural areas topping the list. A vast majority of rural people still practice open defecation or lack adequate sanitation facilities. The consequences of such practices are very harmful to man and the environment. Even in more developed areas where household toilets are readily available, a large number of the toilets are either connected to septic tanks that are not safely emptied or use other means that discharge sewage into open drains. In an attempt to promote and encourage good sanitation, Sahara Foundation with financial support from Sahara Bulk Facilities Limited donated a six-cubicle toilet facility to Manhean Senior High School, Tema in Ghana. The school has a population of over 500 students. The donation of this facility will account for increased hygiene and the reduction in infectious diseases among the students. We believe this facility will also bring about reduced cases of sicknesses caused by germs and fewer outbreaks of infectious diseases.



EYE CARE PROGRAMME IN NIGERIA, GHANA & COTE D'IVOIRE (CATARACT SURGERIES)

In an attempt to reach the visually impaired, Sahara is involved in Eye Care programmes in our various countries of operation. Due to the predominantly rural lifestyles of our target population, some often resort to the use of traditional treatment techniques which tend to further damage their eyes whenever such medication is applied. Some people become permanently blind in the process while others are lucky enough to get their sights restored after simple surgeries which are often too expensive for them to afford.

In 2014, over 985 individuals benefitted from our Eye Care Programmes in Lagos, Onne, Ghana and Cote d' Ivoire.



2014 in Perspective Health Projects

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE (NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS)

According to The World Health Organization (WHO), women account for half of the people living with HIV/ AIDS worldwide, thereby making children more susceptible to the disease. Statistics have revealed that mother to child transmission accounts for most cases of HIV in children less than 15 years of age which occurs during pregnancy, at delivery or through breast feeding. Sahara Foundation in partnership with Biire Maternal Child Health Foundation implemented an all year round support programme aimed at reducing mother to child transmission of the disease and create more awareness for the communities in HIV preventive measures. Over 200 members of Iba Oloja community in Ibeju– Lekki Lagos benefitted from the programme.



DONATION OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLES (KUMASI, GHANA; EWU COMMUNITY, LAGOS AND OMAGWA, RIVERS STATE)

Water lies at the heart of everything that is important to human life. The significance of water in the socio-economic development of any society is no longer debatable because of its link to the resolution of the global challenges such as poverty reduction, sanitation and healthy human living as well as increased productivity. In ensuring this, Sahara Foundation donated over 30 boreholes across Nigeria and Ghana in 2014. These water systems were done to provide the people with potable drinking water and help eradicate the plague of water borne diseases .



2014 in Perspective Health Projects

NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS IN LAGOS STATE.

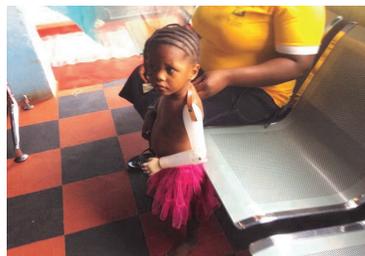
As part of our 'give back to the society' initiative, Sahara Group in partnership with Biire Child and Maternal Health Foundation sponsors an all year round support programme for people living with HIV/AIDS in some rural communities of Lagos State.

The aim of this programme is to reduce mother to child transmission of the infection and create more awareness within the communities on HIV preventive measures. This is carried out through the provision of nutritional support for over 1000 HIV/AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and the provision of medical and nutritional support for pregnant women living with HIV/AIDS in selected communities around Lagos State.



DONATION OF PROSTHETIC LIMBS TO CHILD AMPUTEES

Since 2012, Sahara Foundation has committed to supporting individuals living with physical disabilities. This year, the Foundation acquired and donated prosthetic limbs to 3 child amputees. With this intervention, the children are now able to live normal lives and most importantly live above their limitations. The programme beneficiaries include 2 year old Medinat who was born with a soft bone in her left arm (from elbow to wrist), 4 year old Kelechi who is a bilateral amputee arising from complications suffered from an injection administered to her and 13- year old Afeez who has been without a left arm for about 6 years. This programme was implemented by Irede Foundation.



2014 in Perspective

Sustainable Community Development Projects



PERIMETER FENCING OF IJORA OLOPA POLICE POST

Sahara Foundation is committed to driving sustainable community development in and around its environs and has once again achieved this through the construction of a fortified wall to help improve the ambience of the environment of Ijora Olopa Police Post.

Ultimately, this is towards playing a part in the development of the security sector of the nation. The perimeter fence was recently unveiled by the higher echelon of the Nigerian Police in Lagos State to the admiration of the Ijora Olopa Community.



2014 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF VOLUNTEERS

As part of our activities to commemorate the 2014 International Day of Volunteers, Sahara Foundation carried out a programme at Girls Remand Home Idi-Araba- a correctional facility for young, vulnerable, and under-served girls who need care and protection.

The main objective of this activity was to refurbish the dilapidated dormitory in the premises of the centre in order to make the place more habitable for the children. The renovation works included:

- Rehabilitation of the toilet in the dormitory
- Replacement of all mosquito nets, fans, light bulbs, and bulk storage shelf in the dormitory
- Provision of additional mattresses, pillows and beddings to replace worn out mattresses, pillows, pillow cases and bed sheets.
- Repainting of the dormitory



2014 in Perspective

Sustainable Community Development Projects

THE INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROJECT (PROGRAMME FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES)

Persons living with disabilities in Nigeria go through a lot of stress and pain including shock, disappointment, anger, confusion, depression, self-blame, and suicidal thoughts. As part of our obligation to society, a programme aimed at providing support and encouragement to persons living with disabilities took place in partnership with Cedar Seed Foundation. During the programme, one hundred beneficiaries were provided with scholarships and mobility aids such as wheelchairs, elbow crutches, guide canes, hearing aids, walking sticks and sunglasses.



As always, members of staff were available to facilitate the presentation of the items.



FUND RAISING CHARITY CAR WASH

Over the years, Sahara has demonstrated that one of its core values and corporate social responsibilities is to give back to the community. Members of staff came out in their true Saharian spirit to support the Down Syndrome Foundation of Nigeria to raise funds for children in the care of the Down Syndrome foundation living with congenital heart disease to undergo surgery in India. Through this event, members of staff raised over N500,000 towards the heart surgeries. This programme was held in partnership with **Down Syndrome Foundation Nigeria**.





BENEFICIARY PROFILES

In 2014, Sahara Foundation implemented over thirty (30) projects in twenty (20) locations across Nigeria, West Africa, Europe and Asia. The locations include urban regions, rural areas, villages and towns. Of our numerous beneficiaries, we have highlighted a few below:

Being able to know Sahara is a privilege. All I have learnt today is for a lifetime. Also I love the life teaching(s) I had. I was also able to change my ambition. What I learnt today is an experience.

Alaka Al-amin, Ilado Community Senior High School



Sahara is a very wonderful place. They are accommodating. Today I learnt many things and the most important thing I was exposed to how business transactions take place in two companies.

Alaruba Aliu, Wahab Folawiyo Senior High School



Beneficiary Name: Vincent K. Nkegbe

Location: Ashanti Region, Kumasi

Nature of Illness: Cataract on both eyes (5 years)

Occupation: Farmer

Seventy Five (75) year old Vincent is one of the beneficiaries of Sahara Foundation's Eye Care Programme in Ghana. Prior to Sahara's intervention, Vincent was blind and had relied on his 70- year old best friend (Albert) to serve as a guide over the 5 years. Albert sells building materials (nails, door handles, iron rods etc) and could only attend to his business after supporting his friend. He typically shuttled between his shop and attending to Vincent.

Post Cataract Surgery: Now with his sight corrected. Vincent does not need to rely on Albert to guide him around. Albert is also back to his hardware business but still makes out time to see his best friend over the weekends.



Beneficiary Name: Laudia Okyere

Age: 14

Sex: Female

Location: Amasama, Ghana

Nature of Illness: Laudia has a congenital disease. She has no iris and is also highly myopic. Her mother and 23 years old sister are both blind from the same condition.

Occupation: JSS1 Student

Pre Sahara Intervention: She could only see figures and people that were extremely close to her. She struggled in class and found it difficult to read her books or do her assignments.

Post Sahara Intervention: She can see much clearer through the glasses prescribed for her. She is also on some medication to grant her relief from any discomfort she might feel. Due to the intervention, she is now able to do her school work unaided and can also provide support to her blind mother and sister.

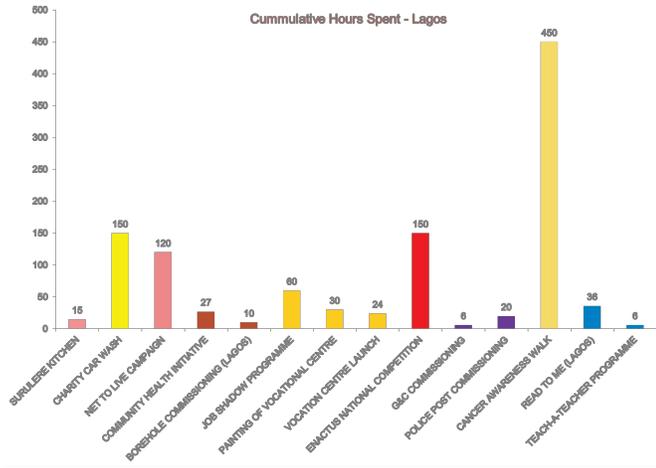
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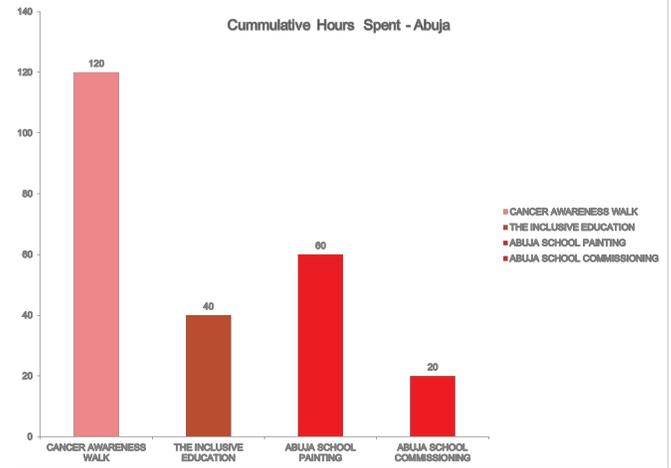
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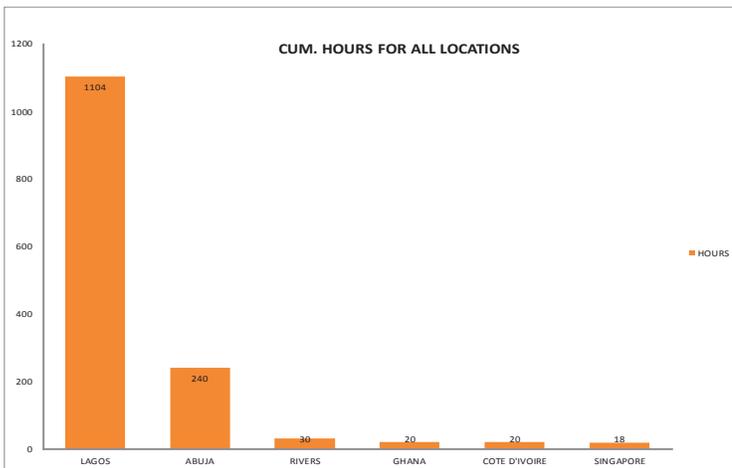
Volunteering Efforts in 2014



Cumulative Volunteer Hours, Lagos



Cumulative Volunteer Hours, Abuja



Cumulative Volunteer Hours, All Locations

Below is a breakdown of monetary contributions from staff members in 2014

S/N	ACTIVITY	MONTH OF IMPLEMENTATION	AMOUNT REALISED
1	CHARITY CAR WASH	MARCH	N550,000
2	BOOK DRIVE	SEPTEMBER	N80,000
3	ADOPT-A-CHILD INITIATIVE	OCTOBER	N2,165,000
		TOTAL	N2,795,000

Monetary Contributions from Staff Members

Appreciation



Implementing partners

- Irede Foundation
- HEWS Foundation
- Biire Maternal & Health Foundation
- Carter Centre Nigeria
- Unite for Sight Nigeria
- Cedar Seed Foundation
- Down Syndrome Foundation of Nigeria
- Exquisite Magazine Against Cancer (EMAC)
- C.A.R.E Singapore
- Hopi Clowns Geneva
- LE CARE Geneva
- Light First Foundation Cote d' Ivoire
- Kasher Consulting
- Food Basket Foundation International
- Empowerment Support Initiative (ESI)
- Arclight Foundation
- ENACTUS
- Youth Empowerment & Skills Development Initiative
- Water in Africa Through Everyday Responsiveness (W.A.T.E.R),
- English Speaking Cancer Association (esca) Geneva
- Ghana Health Service

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