



THE DESTINY TRUST
Empowering destinies

Annual Report 2018

Our 2018

It is that time of the year again when we look back on what we have accomplished with our Partners' great support. 2018 has been a productive year for us with significant improvement in our care programme, increased school enrolment and back-to-school drive and the birth of the Kids Innovation Hub, a new initiative to empower underrepresented children with computer programming skills. Looking back at our 2018 goals, we see many targets that could not be attained. These include initiatives aimed at improving the quality of learning in public schools where we work. There was also a 14% shortfall in our school enrollment target for the year but we achieved a 41.8% growth on the number in the preceding year.

In our yearly review, our primary interest has always been to demonstrate the difference you make by partnering with us. We also re-evaluate missed opportunities and failed outcomes to learn new ways-what we can do differently to serve the children better. This sets the basis for what we are doing next and opens a meaningful communication with our partners on how we can collaborate to further highlight their commitment in promoting the best interest of children.

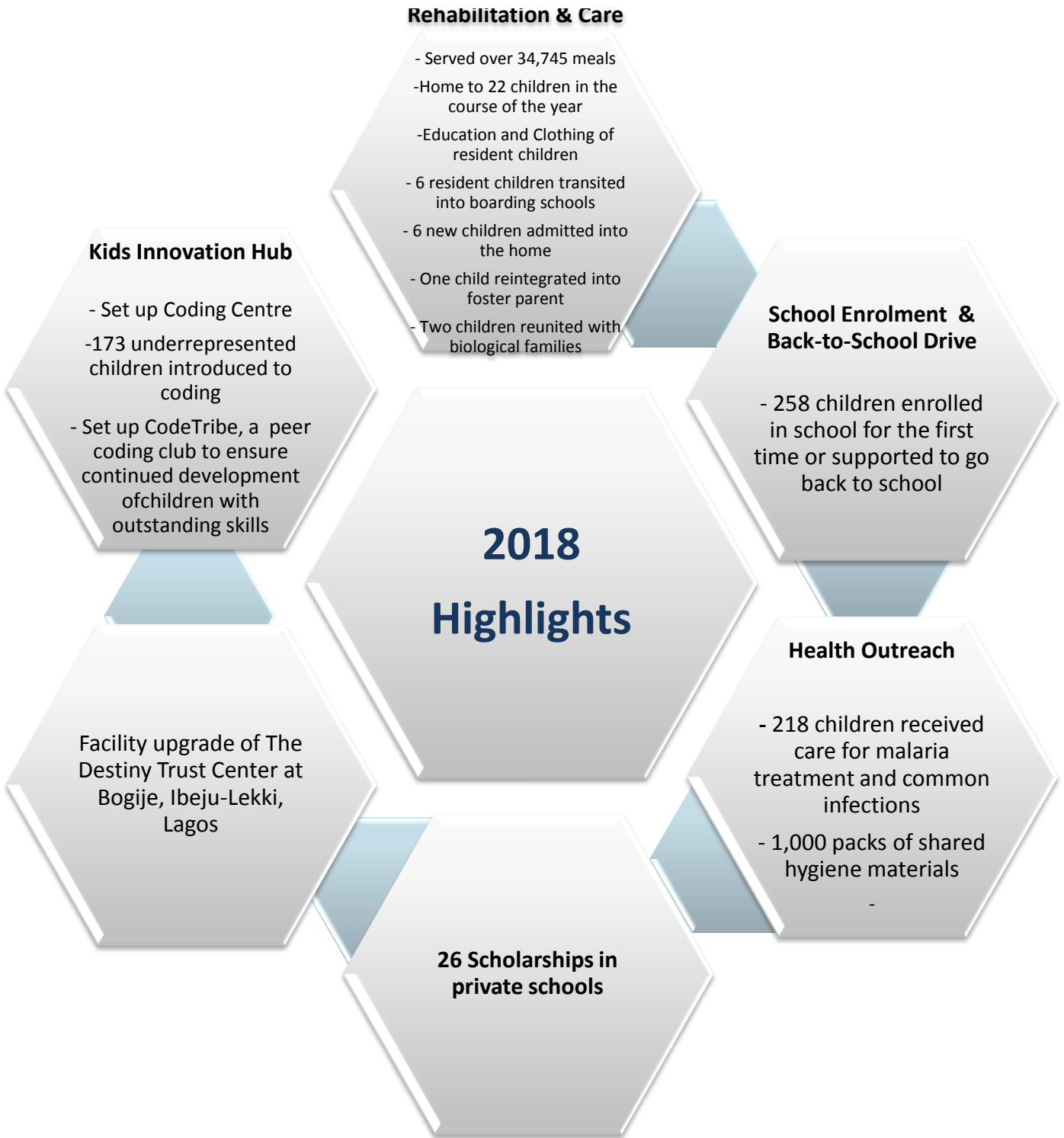
We recognize the immense potential of our work to do more for children in areas of our current priority: care, education and empowerment. We no longer have the ease to hold back on pursuing

initiatives that complement our current efforts in these key areas because they are also measures necessary for sustainability. The reality of scarce resources is not enough reason for failing to act. Instead, this challenge is inspiring new thinking about how we can work with good people and organizations in our community who also desire to bring about the change we seek.



We are grateful to you for an amazing 2018. The credit is yours for every child rescued from the destitution of the streets into a loving home, every child taken from the slums to classrooms and every child taught even a line of code and empowered to innovate technology solutions for our society. You inspire us to do more with your support and we greatly value your trust in us to apply your resources for the purposes for which you gave them. We look forward to an even greater 2019 working with you.

Our Impact





Our Education Programme caters to two categories of children. First is the class of rehabilitated street children who are now under continuing care in our shelter and other who have been resettled. The children attend affordable private schools in the environment of the home or in a boarding house. With the support of our partners, we provided 26 scholarships to resident children and those already resettled into families. The second category of beneficiaries of our education initiatives are children who are not in our home but live in slums and communities. Our expansive school enrolment and back-to-school programme is for this category of children. 258 children from Aboki Estate were enrolled in school for the first time or supported to go back to school. Newly enrolled children were admitted into Lagos Model Nursery and Primary School, Marwa.

Because homelessness is a challenge to school attendance for this category of children, our programme is aimed at giving them access to education wherever they are. The impact of this project is not measured merely by the percentage of children retained in school per time. We also see the relevance of this initiative in terms of our capacity to reintegrate children into school in new environments they relocate to after losing their temporary shelter in slums and informal settlements. We recognize the urgent need to expand the capacity of adopted public schools to support this category of children. Our intervention in the education of children who still live on the streets must also be complemented with well-coordinated Afterschool centres that provide assistance beyond the classroom and also help us to conduct more effective monitoring.



Rehabilitation and Care

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We provide shelter, daily feeding, healthcare and child protection to homeless children. In 2018, we strengthened the care programme, increased the capacity of the home to accommodate more homeless children. We also completely renovated the Home with the support of our partner, Pistis Foundation of Elevation Church. Pistis Foundation also paid the annual rent of the accommodation and provided a new generator to power the centre.

22 children lived in the home in the course of the year. We served 34,745 meals to children who live in the centre and other less-privileged children who

come in daily for food. We also have 6 new children who joined us in addition to existing children. In May, we accommodated a child referred for Care and Supervision by the Family court, Lagos Island. The child was reunited with his family on 31st October, 2018. His supervision order was vacated the same day by the court. Two children left the home this year, one with a foster family and the other child now with his biological family. Six resident kids were also admitted into boarding house. This begins the process for their transition from the home and reintegration into the society.

Hands of Care Health Outreach



Through a Medical Outreach tagged “Hands of Care”, the Destiny Trust under a partnership with health intervention initiative, Dr. Funmi Alakija Foundation, provided free healthcare to 218 homeless children at a slum on the Elegushi beachfront, Lekki, Lagos. 1000 packs of personal hygiene materials were also distributed to hundreds of homeless children and families that turned up at the temporary Point of Care set up in the area on Saturday, 24th November, 2018. The initiative was supported by Wellahealth, a health technology solutions company, Doctoora Health, short-term healthcare facility provider and Sanitary Aid NG, non-profit providing free sanitary materials to disadvantaged young people.

The Hands of Care outreach is our intervention to promote the health of homeless children who can hardly access healthcare services. The wellbeing of these children is at the heart of our work of educating, empowering and caring for

them. We believe that no child should be held back in life by the scourge of disease. While recognizing the urgency for a broad-based approach to address the healthcare challenges of the urban poor children, short-term health interventions only bring a respite to those who desperately and immediately need healthcare and help us to understand the problem more so we have the right information for planning for the underserved people. Homeless children who live in squalor on the streets and slums would require a more integrated and sustained intervention. This should include addressing the challenges of homelessness and empowering poor households to take care of the children. In the short term, we are expanding the capacity of our in-centre care programmes for homeless children and lending our voice to the development of inclusive communities where the children of the urban poor can live, thrive and participate in the social and economic system of their country”.

Empowerment



Kids Innovation Hub was the anchor programme for our empowerment intervention this year. KIH was set up with initial target of reaching 500 kids by end of 2019. We have so far reached 173 children. These participants were profiled from public schools, low-income communities and rehabilitated street children at our center.

The Kids Innovation Hub was launched on 26th May, 2018 at

our centre in Bogije. 43 participants graduated in the first set of 6-weeks long training. This was followed by our Tech Summer Bootcamp where a total number of 138 children (inclusive of the initial beneficiaries) were certified to have successfully undergone another 6 weeks of intensive and extensive training in digital skills.

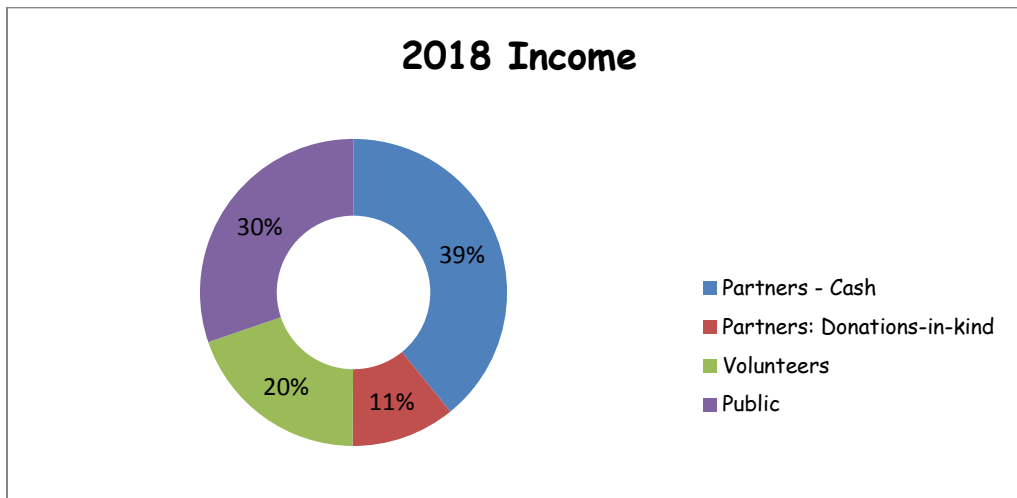
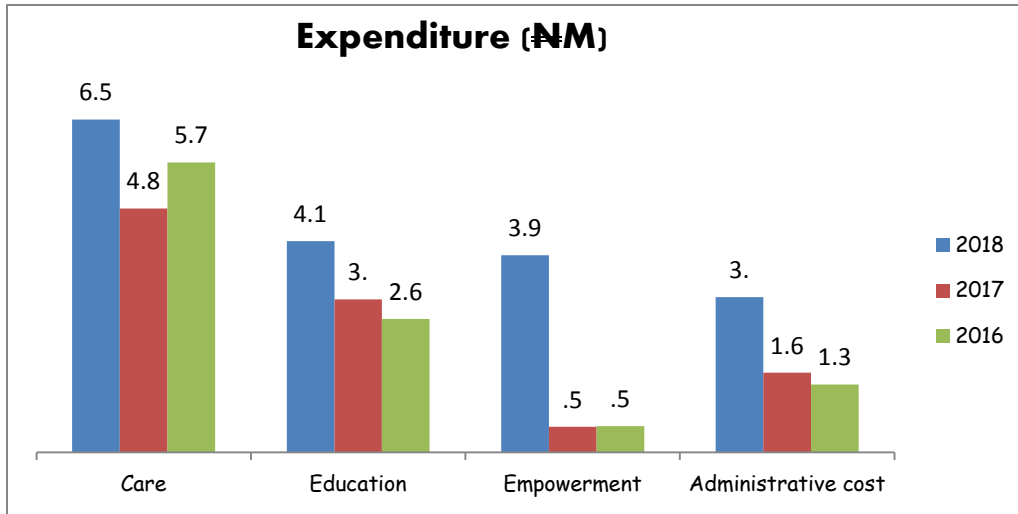


This was hosted between July 23 - September 1. Participants were introduced to general computer appreciation, Python, Scratch, Animation, and various Personal Development sessions. The last training cycle benefitted 45 participants from 8th October to 8th December, 2018.

Kids who show interest in advanced learning have been incorporated into a club called Codetribe. Here, we are growing a community of young

coders who can learn together, collaborate and access the resources of the Kids Innovation Hub even after passing out of the initial training.

Summary Financial Statement



With the growth of our work, we see new opportunities to work with more partners in aspects of mutual interest. We continue to take seriously the issue of ensuring that contributions from individuals and organizations go directly to support the children. We strive to achieve cost reduction in administration by leveraging on the commitment of our volunteers and members who volunteer their services and help to reduce the cost of running our projects. All the members of the Board of

Trustees and the Team Leads for various project teams are not remunerated or compensated in any form and no allowances or reimbursement is paid for personal costs incurred in the course of serving the organization. Our annual wage bill is limited to the remuneration of our lean and efficient full-time workforce. Professional services (legal, audit and accounting) are also currently provided at no cost to us.

Our Goals for 2019

We have great hopes for 2019. Our focus would be on strengthening our current initiatives, increasing our investment in initiatives to enhance the quality of learning for non-resident children and increasing the capacity of our Kids Innovation Hub to meet our pilot phase targets.

We will continue to pursue our vision of providing adequate care, empowerment and education to children who depend on us and our interventions. Increased focus on the quality of care would further take precedence as we re-evaluate our processes in view of rising running costs. Resident children will be admitted at the maximum capacity of 20.

We hope to consolidate on our education initiatives and programmes by enhancing visibility and the measurable impacts in our coverage of our Afterschool Programme and Back2Basics campaign. With renewed targets, working to set up new Afterschool centers outside the Bogije home will be part of the immediate focus for 2019.

We would also expand the target base for the Kids Innovation Hub programme. This would require immediate investment in additional computer hardware. We would increase internship opportunities for Kids at major technology firms and hubs, plan an improved bootcamp for 150 kids or more, painstakingly work towards training 325 kids in different streams and through in-school training through 2019.

We are spurred by the success of this year's health outreach and look to making this a routine periodic activity with specific focus on medical care of homeless children, health education and distribution of medical and sanitary materials in slums and poor communities.

As we proffer improvements to ensure that our initiatives meet with success, we would make it an immediate future priority to extend our interventions to another Nigerian city with high prevalence of street children. From our work, a significant number of street children in Lagos are from outside Lagos. Our intervention in the first year would be limited to operating a day centre for street children in the new city while designing more effective ways to address their needs within their peculiar social and economic circumstances.

Lastly, we are working with partners to deploy a technology solution that addresses some of the resource challenges commonly experienced by non-profits like ours directly engaged in provision of basic needs to children on a day-to-day basis. We are hoping that this can help us and other non-profits to reduce home running cost and provide a convenient method of giving to donors.

We will continue on this journey with the constant support of partners and volunteers who share in the vision of the organisation. Once more, we thank you for an amazing 2018 and we look forward to touching more lives with you in 2019.

Our Partners in 2018



DR. FUNMI ALAKIJA FOUNDATION

