

THE DESTINY TRUST Empowering destinies

## MID-YEAR REPORT 2021

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Dear Partners.

It's quite incredible what great impact you have made with us in the first half of 2021. We take your commitment to our cause seriously and as partners in this work we are encouraged by your continued show of support and goodwill. As our work is unending, so is our gratitude.

We began the year with little respite from the uncertainties of the past year with many more poor children and low-income families desperately in need of the bare necessities for survival.

In the last six months, we have expanded the capacity of our care homes to serve more children by opening two new homes in Oyo state. We have also been able to support more children through schools and begin our hybrid coding trainings at our Kids Innovation Hub. Some of our children gained admission into higher institutions of learning and more households and communities are being supported with relief efforts. All these results make us feel proud of the support we enjoy from partners and humbled by the tasks ahead of us.

As the scale and scope of our work continues to grow, and the demands continue to rise, we find solace and strength in the community of friends and partners who are relentlessly holding our hands through the fight. We pledge that the fight to keep the children away from the street, to give them a new beginning, to inspire them to dream, to give them the tools to create their own destiny, this fight, is one we hope to continue for the sake of our shared humanity and future.

Thank you for standing with us.

Abimbola Ojenike Co-founder/Coordinator

# 100%

increase in the capacity of our in-centre care programme with the opening of two more homes in Ibadan and Ibarapa. We have more homes for homeless children

## JANUARY-JUNE,

# 100%

of children that finished secondary school gained university admission

# 29484

meals served to vulnerable children and families

513

taught daily in adopted public schools or sponsored to private schools

## REACHING FARTHER WHERE CHILDREN NEED US

One of our major plans in 2021 is to have more homes for homeless children and be in more places where children need us. With an expanded residential care programme, we believe we can support our core goal of educating children and providing opportunities for empowerment.

With your help, we achieved the target of increasing our residential care capacities by at least 100% in the first half of 2021. This means we have more loving homes for homeless children and young people who need a safe place to reconstruct a positive life. We opened a new home in Ibadan, Oyo state on the 27th of May, 2021. We call the home Idera, expressing our hope that every child who comes into the home will find respite, love and stability, away from the negativities of the street life.



## REACHING FARTHER WHERE CHILDREN NEED US

Our second home, Esther's Harbour also officially opened on April 20, 2021 to serve more children from within and outside Ibarapa area of Oyo State.

From Lagos to Ibadan and Ibarapa, our design is to set up and operate centres that will double as a day education centre for street children and a foster home to those of them who require a safe and healthy environment where they can recover from negative social conducts and the trauma of street life. Since opening, we have begun home-schooling for some of the resident children as we plan their transition to regular schools by September. Our presence in Ibadan also opens us to a new terrain of impact that is specific to the challenges of street children there.

We are excited about the new opportunity to bring respite and hope to many children outside Lagos.



## WHAT'S NEXT IN 2021



#### **BRIDGE LEARNING CENTRE**

In September, we are formally opening the Bridge Learning Centre. This alternative school is our solution for educating over-aged (10-18) who missed out on basic education and can't be accommodated in conventional schools. Here, education is accelerated for children and they learn vocational skills.



### SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR 1000 CHILDREN

Our school enrolment and back-to-school drive this year will put 1000 children in school for the first time or support them to go back to school. We will support children in new states including Kaduna, Oyo and North East of Nigeria.



#### **KIDS TECH BOOTCAMP IN AUGUST**

Our Kids Tech Bootcamp opens in August with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) activities to help 100 children learn digital, arts and self-development skills.



#### STRENGTHEN AFTERSCHOOL

We are improving our afterschool for resident children to address learning gaps that have impacted their performances. With the take off of the Bridge Learning Centre, we will also start have an expanded capacity for afternoon remedial classes for children in public schools who are far below grade-level competence.

## MAKING EDUCATION POSSIBLE FOR OVER-AGED HOMELESS KIDS

Our experience in the past 9 years of Our solution is the Bridge Learning with housing working children has been quite revealing on school that prepares children for the staggering number of children reintegration in the formal school 10-18 vears who missed out on education or had their education disrupted because they are often accelerated curriculum and teaching displaced.

These children are disadvantaged in having access to or for children who have been left reintegrating into the formal school at an age-appropriate level because they have little or no educational foundation.

This reality is challenging our thinking about planning education disadvantaged children for and inspires the need for an alternative model education that delivers gualitative and functional education to children who have missed out on all or the most part of elementary education.



insecure Centre, an acccelerated education system. Bridge Learning Centre will adopt a learner-centred, flexible and strategy. We are bringing technology into the everyday in the classroom to peculiarly create a better learning experience behind.



Considering the social circumstances that hold homeless children back school, will from we also be attending to aspects of the basic needs of the learners like providing school feeding and care. Our target is to open the first centre in Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos in September 2021. We need funding for the set-up and running of the school. We invite you to partner with us to make this a reality this September.



Meet Modinat. She is 15 years old but has never been in school. Her dream is to become an accountant.

Sadly, she is not a fit for the nursery class and can't be enrolled directly in a more age-appropriate class because she is far behind the expected grade level competence.

The Bridge Learning Centre is for her and many more children like her.

## MID-YEAR Financials



## SUMMARY

Care
Education
Empowerment
Administrative cost
Personnel Cost
Total

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13,033,993 7,872,347 384,770 615,028 2,711,753 24,617,891

## FINANCIALS

### NOTES (EXPENSES)

### 1. C**are**

This represents amount spent on the welfare of resident and nonresident children across the three centers managed by The Destiny Trust (Lagos, Ibadan and Esther's Harbour, Igbo-Ora). These expenses include feeding (the purchase of bi-weekly food items and supplies for resident children), clothing, purchase of drugs/hospital bills, payment of rent, school supplies and meal support for families of non-resident children and amount incurred on repairs and maintenance of the home.

### 2. Education

This comprises amount spent on school fees for both resident and nonresident children. It also includes other school related expenses such as pocket money, common entrance fees, purchase of books, stationery and other school needs. This also includes expenses incurred for the setup of Literacy Programs (Back to Basics and Bridge Learning)

#### 3. Empowerment

This represents amount spent on all KIH (Kids Innovation Hub) activities, the purchase and repairs of computer and other equipment for the KIH program.

### 4. Personnel Costs

This comprises the salaries paid to full time care staff (House keepers, matron, security guards) and teachers (such as KIH instructors etc.). Also, this covers amount spent on salary for PTA teachers at Lagos Model School.

### 5. Administrative Costs

This includes amount spent on transportation for official duties (this includes taking children to and from boarding schools within and outside Lagos), Zoom and G-suite email subscription, Membership and Annual Dues, and Licenses for the new centers etc.

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#### NOTES

**Partners** - School fee: This represents amount paid by partners to settle children's school fees.

**Donations-in-kind:** This comprises of food items, groceries and toiletries donated by visitors, friends and volunteers of The Destiny Trust.

**Donations - Volunteers/Public:** This represents amount donated by individual and corporate volunteers of The Destiny Trust and the public.

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# THANK YOU

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