# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FOR PEACE IN NIGERIA.

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### PROBLEM STATEMENT

 Increase in youth unemployment in the Eastern region of Nigeria.

- Youth involvement in acts of delinquency due to lack of encouragement to get involved in apprenticeship.
- Many youth have a lack of good direction in their lives.

### **OBJECTIVES.**

To empower the youth through providing skill acquisition training which will help develop their entrepreneurial skills necessary to create positive change.

 To encourage youths to utilize arts and crafts as an employability avenue.

### **ACTIVITIES**

# Organise training on the following:

- 1. Bead making,
- 2. Baking,
- Making hand made cards and picture frames,
- 4. Sewing, tailoring and fashion design,
- 5. Poultry and Fish farming.

### **EVALUATION STRATEGIES**

- Feedback from target groups and volunteers
- Feedback from consumers of produced goods
- Feedback from trainees
- Follow-up 6 months later on utilization of acquired skills

# **CHALLENGES**

- Gender challenges difficulty in persuading some male youth into beading and baking.
- Monitoring/getting feedback from trainees over time
- Evaluating impact of the goods produced

# FUTURE EVENT CHRONOLOGY (Tentative)

ACTIONS	TENTATIVE DATES	
Project Research	Ongoing/in progress	
Recruiting Volunteers	June	
Arts and Craft training	September-October	
Main Event (Bringing together all the supporters, stakeholders, volunteers, friends, students and youths that participated in the workshop and training).	November	
Feedback from people, target groups	December, and June	

# ESTIMATED BUDGET PLAN (IN USD).

ITEMS	QUANTITY AND SIZES	AMOUNT
Venue		400 USD
Publicity	100 A3, 100 A4 sizes and 3 banners	300 USD
Training equipments	300kg of beads, baking equipments, frames and sewing materials	4000 USD
T Shirts	120 [30 small, 30 medium, 30 large and 30 extra large].	120 USD
Security guards	4	400 USD
Postal stamps and envelopes		150 USD
Transportation for volunteers		1000 USD
TOTAL		6, <sub>37</sub> o USD

### POTENTIAL FUNDERS

- Alliance Française Nigeria,
- National University Commission,
- Intercontinental Bank Nigeria,
- Zenith Bank Nigeria,
- Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS),
- Institute of Fisheries Management UK
- Junior Chambers International Nigeria,
- The state and the local government,

# Follow-up

- Scaling up from smaller trainings to larger ones
- The money gained by the goods will be used by the participants for schooling and further education
- Evaluation over time to measure long-term impact

# Conclusions

 Give a man a fish, and you have fed him once. Teach him, how to fish and you have fed him for a lifetime.

Coined by Anne Ritchie in 1885.

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