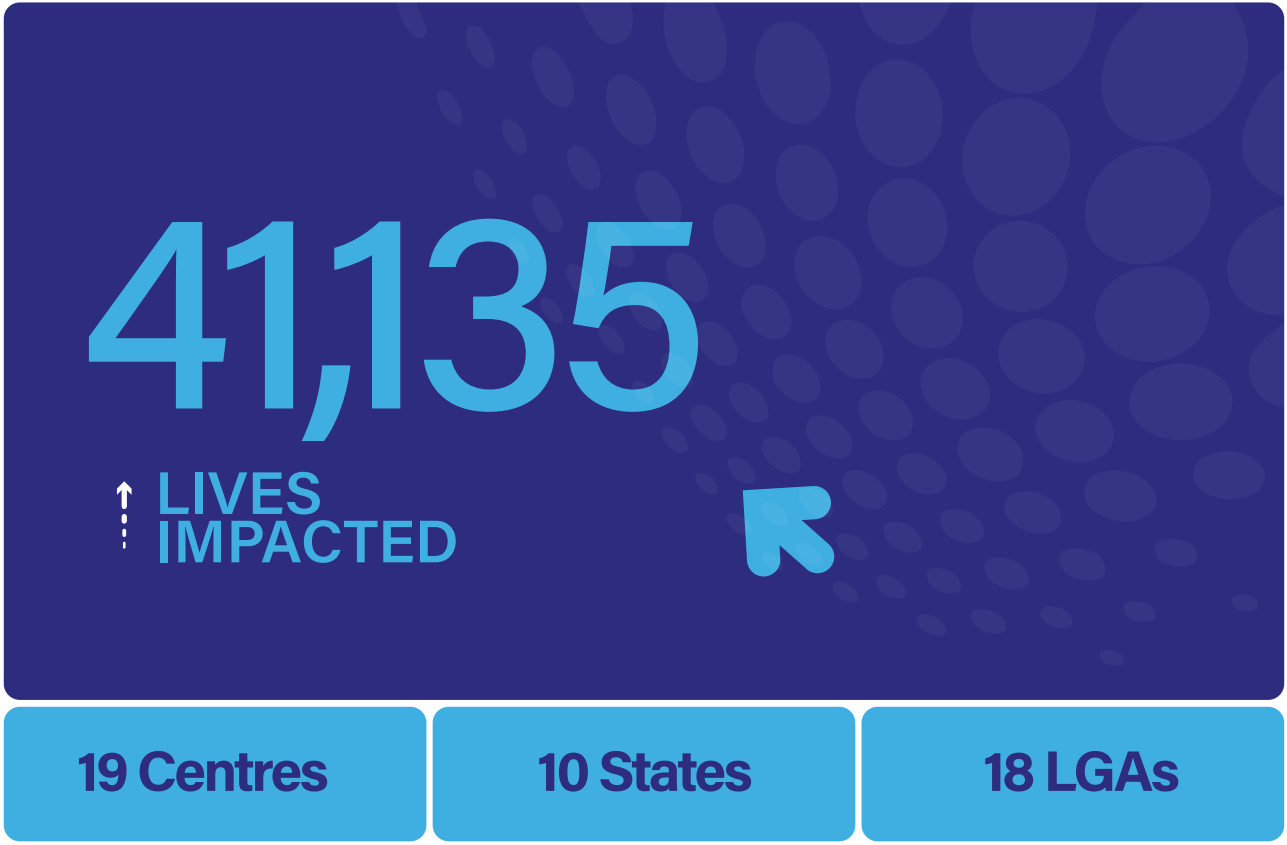


THE SPECIAL YOUTH
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2026 Special Summer School

A Future-Ready Learning Experience

Video Link



Note: The 2026 impact figures use an updated Nigerian household multiplier of 5.5, compared with 4 in previous years.



Why The Special Summer School Matters

The Special Summer School brings free academic enrichment and practical learning into communities where children face barriers to education. It helps children who are out of school or at risk of falling behind to strengthen foundational skills and enter the Foundation's continuous circle of learning.

Through academic instruction, STEAM learning, digital exposure, vocational training and collaborative projects, participants learn by doing and develop skills that can support their education, confidence and future choices.

By delivering the programme within participating communities, the Foundation also identifies children who may benefit from scholarships, mentoring and other forms of longer-term educational support.

From The Founder's Desk

"Every child is your child. Every child has a right to dream."

The Special Summer School began with a single centre in Kuje, created to provide learning opportunities for children who were out of school or had limited access to structured learning during the long break.

The programme has grown steadily. In 2025, it reached more than 24,500 children across 14 centres in 9 states. In 2026, it expanded to 19 centres across 10 states and the Federal Capital Territory, recording an overall impact of 41,135.

Across the centres, children strengthened academic skills, explored technology, completed practical projects and learned to work with others. The revised curriculum placed greater emphasis on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, extending digital learning into communities where access had previously been limited.

Participant safety remained central to programme delivery. Safeguarding and security measures were applied across the centres to support a safe learning environment.

What began in one community now reaches children across a growing national network. We remain committed to helping every participant learn, develop practical skills and pursue a future shaped by opportunity.

Seyi Akinwale
Founder, The Special Foundation




A Timeline Of Impact
2026
(19 centers, 10 states)
impacted 41,135+ lives
2025
(14 centers, 9 states)
impacted 24,500+ lives
2024
(8 centers, 4 states)
impacted over 5020+ lives
2022
(3, centers 2 states)
impacted 1000+ lives
Started in
2019
(1 center, 1 state)
Impacted 350+ lives
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What Makes Learning Future-Ready

The 2026 Special Summer School curriculum was organised around five connected areas of learning:

01 Foundational learning and critical thinking

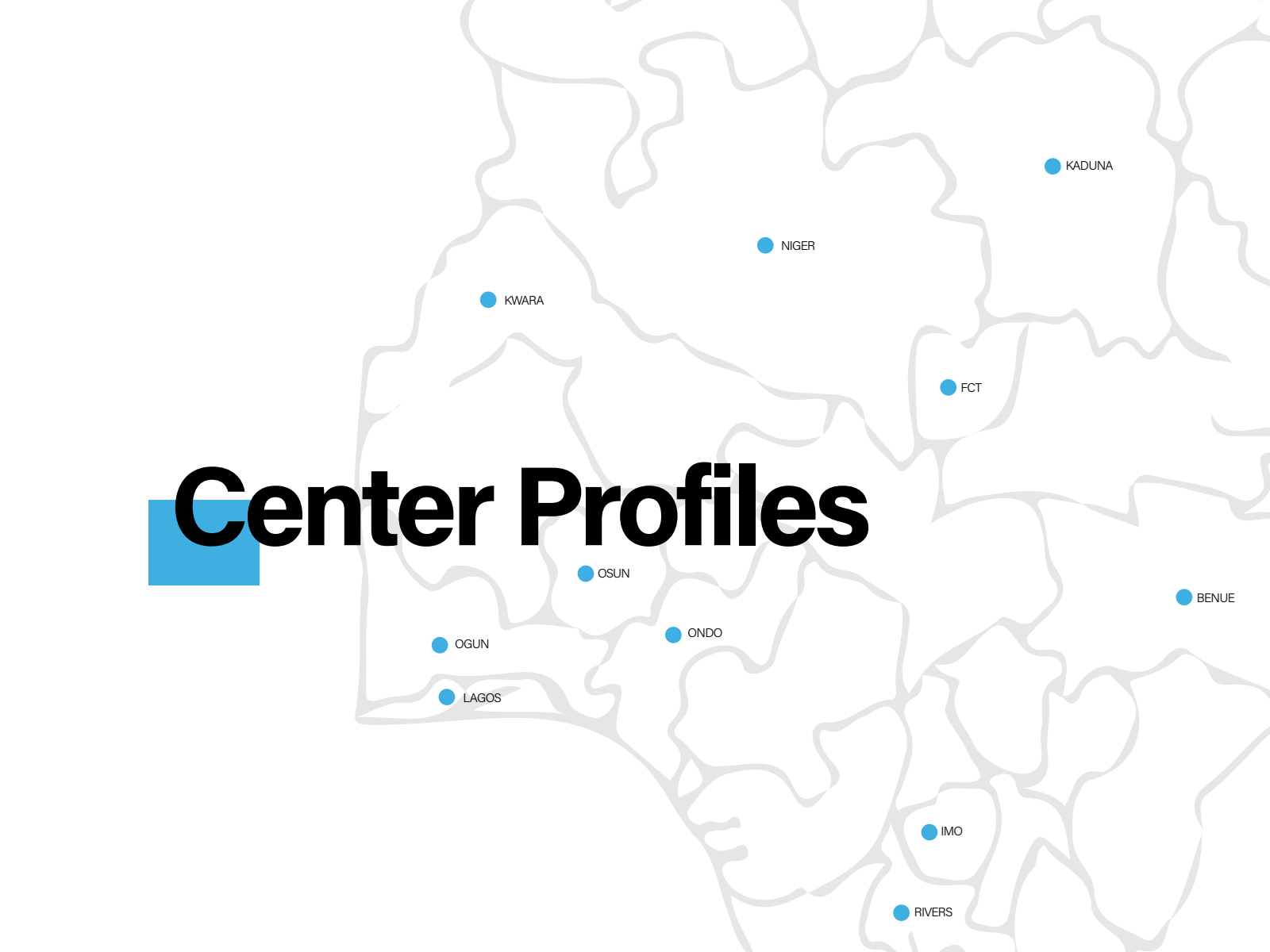
02 Digital skills and artificial intelligence literacy

03 Vocational and entrepreneurial skills

04 Creativity, collaboration and communication

05 Leadership, confidence and practical problem solving





Center Profiles

Paladin, Kaduna State

VIDEO LINK

Hosted at Good Guide Academy, the Paladin centre combined instruction in science, mathematics and literacy with practical vocational training. Learners selected from coding, bag making, cap sewing, tailoring, catering, soap and cosmetics production, and make-up artistry.

The centre also widened access for out-of-school children and participants travelling from nearby villages, enabling more learners to take part in a structured summer programme.

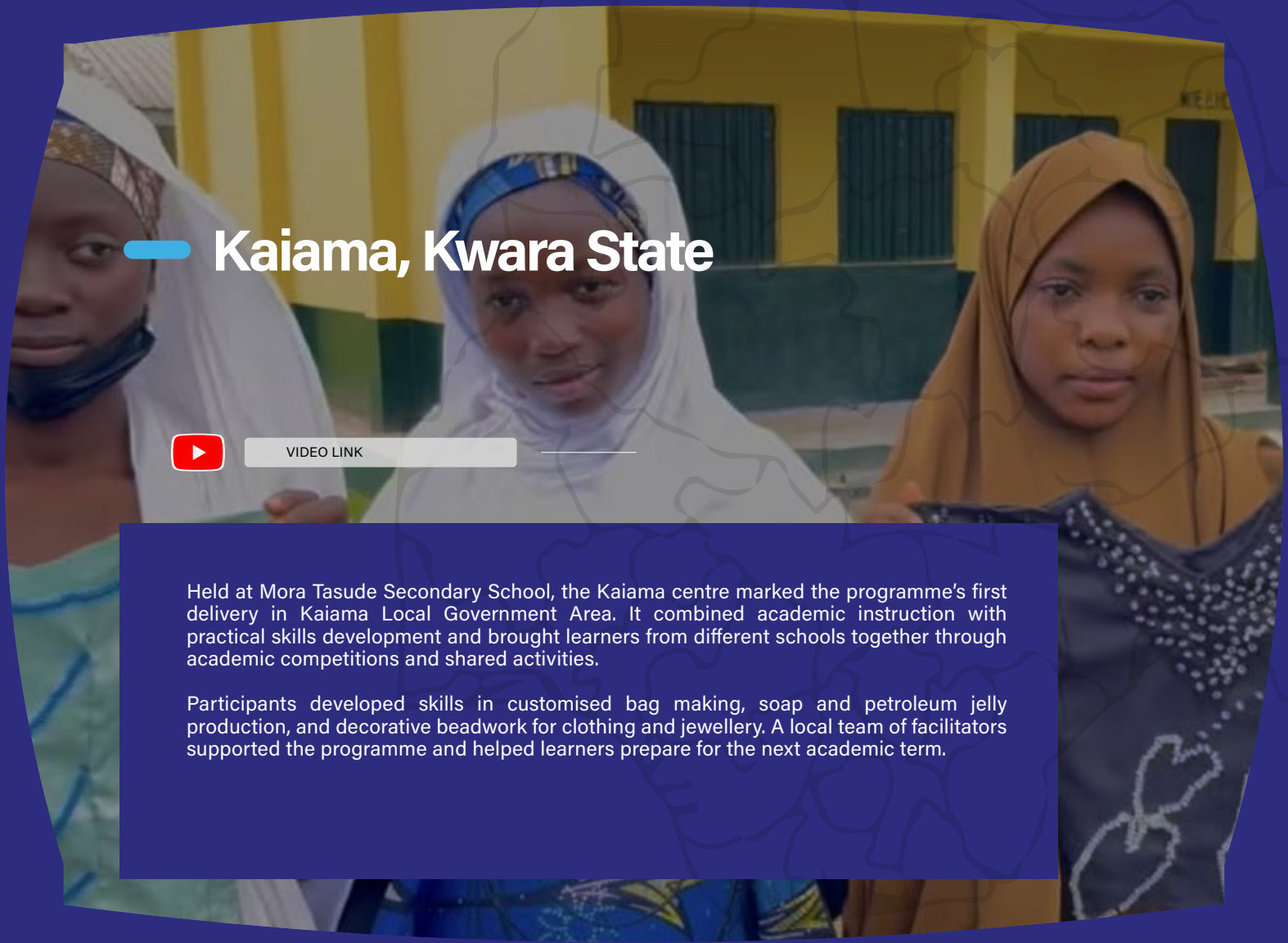
Limawa, Niger State

VIDEO LINK

Delivered with Limawa Schools in Minna, the Limawa centre maintained an inclusive environment for girls, children without parental care and learners with disabilities.

Participants rotated through five vocational tracks: barbing; catering and baking; soap, pomade and disinfectant production; and hairdressing and henna design. Twice-weekly classes in foundational learning and leadership complemented the practical sessions.

One eight-year-old participant learned henna design and successfully applied the skill for members of her family, demonstrating how practical learning can build confidence at an early age.

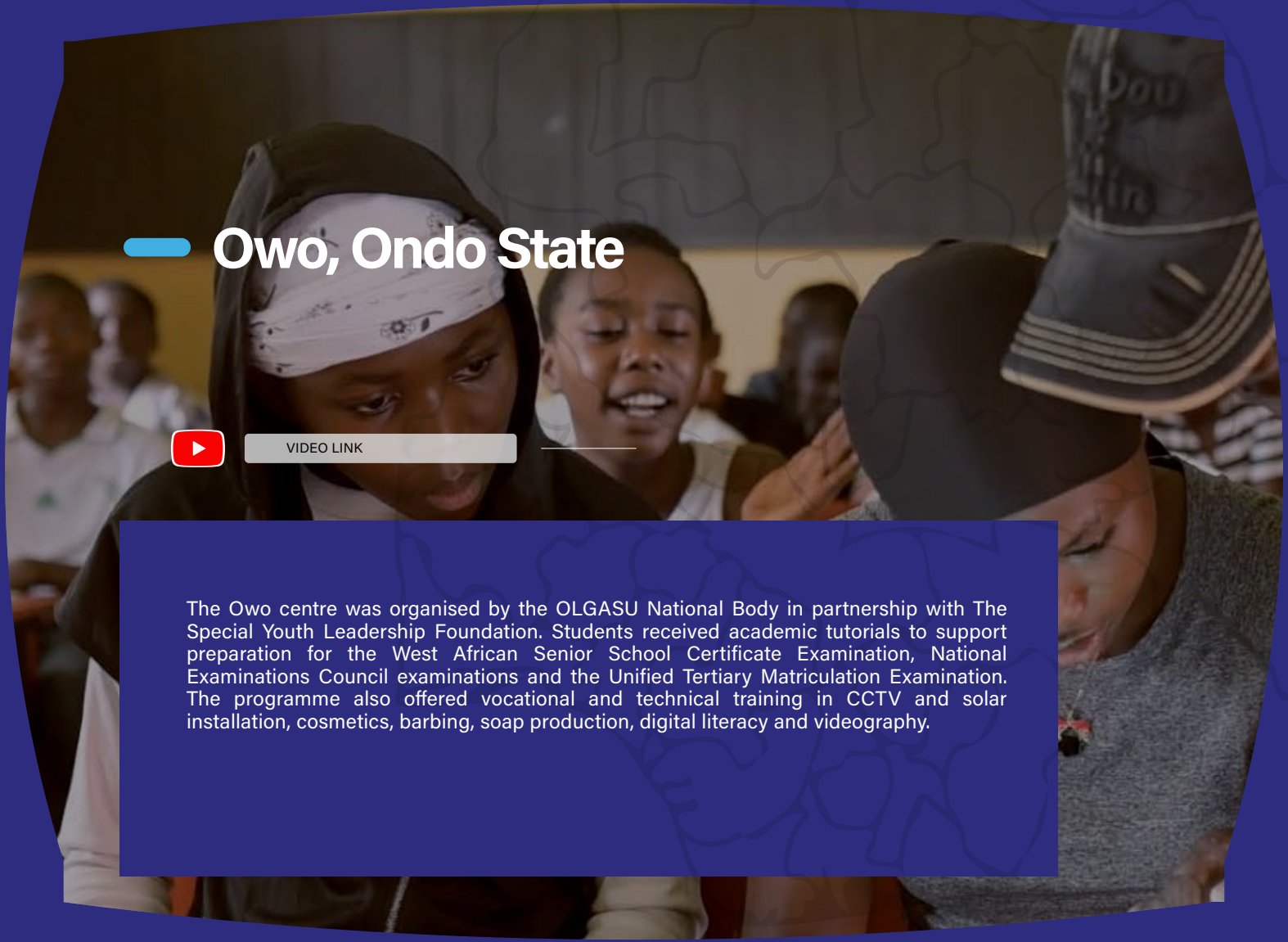


Kaiama, Kwara State

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Held at Mora Tasude Secondary School, the Kaiama centre marked the programme's first delivery in Kaiama Local Government Area. It combined academic instruction with practical skills development and brought learners from different schools together through academic competitions and shared activities.

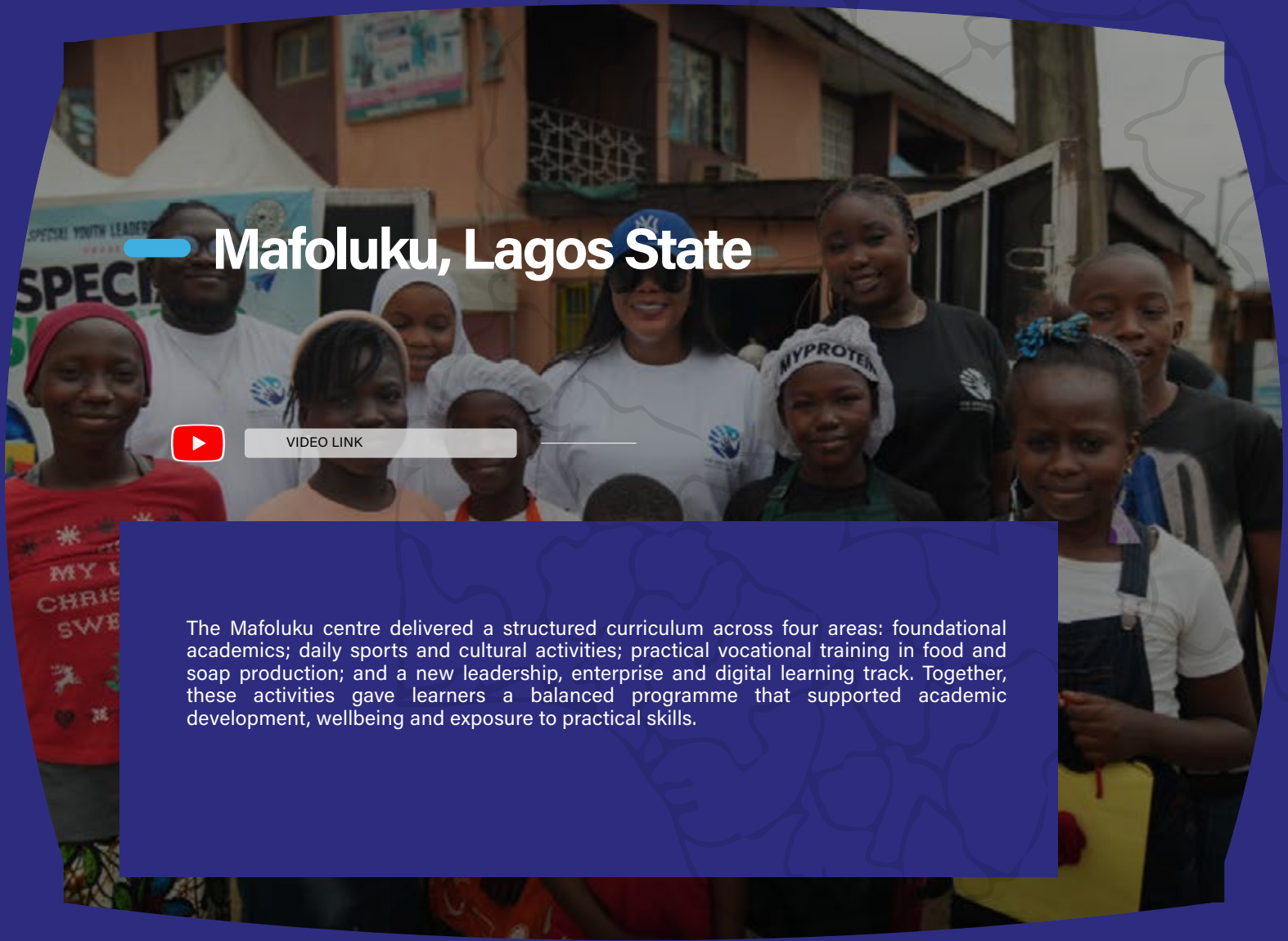
Participants developed skills in customised bag making, soap and petroleum jelly production, and decorative beadwork for clothing and jewellery. A local team of facilitators supported the programme and helped learners prepare for the next academic term.



Owo, Ondo State

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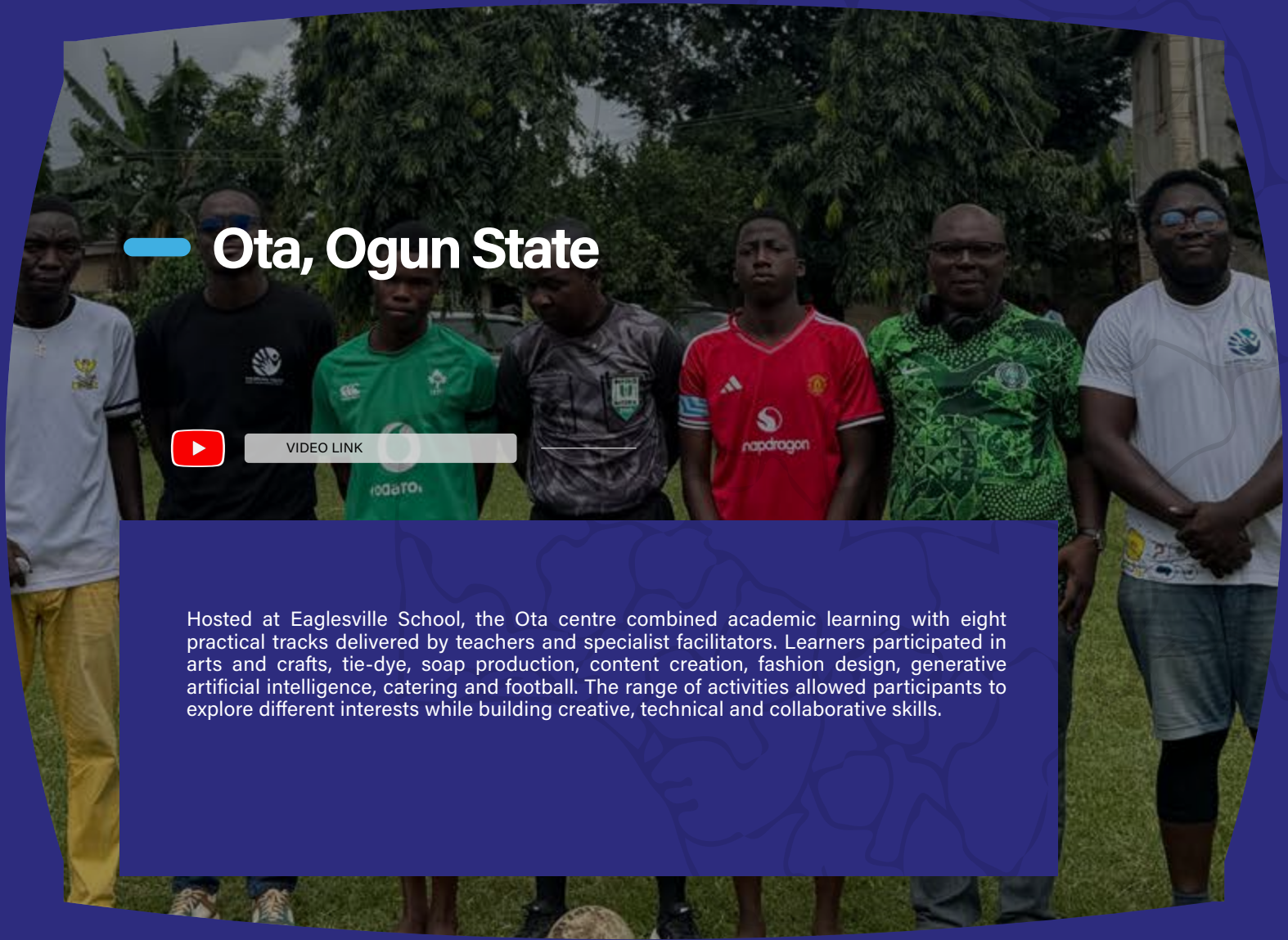
The Owo centre was organised by the OLGASU National Body in partnership with The Special Youth Leadership Foundation. Students received academic tutorials to support preparation for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination, National Examinations Council examinations and the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination. The programme also offered vocational and technical training in CCTV and solar installation, cosmetics, barbing, soap production, digital literacy and videography.



Mafoluku, Lagos State

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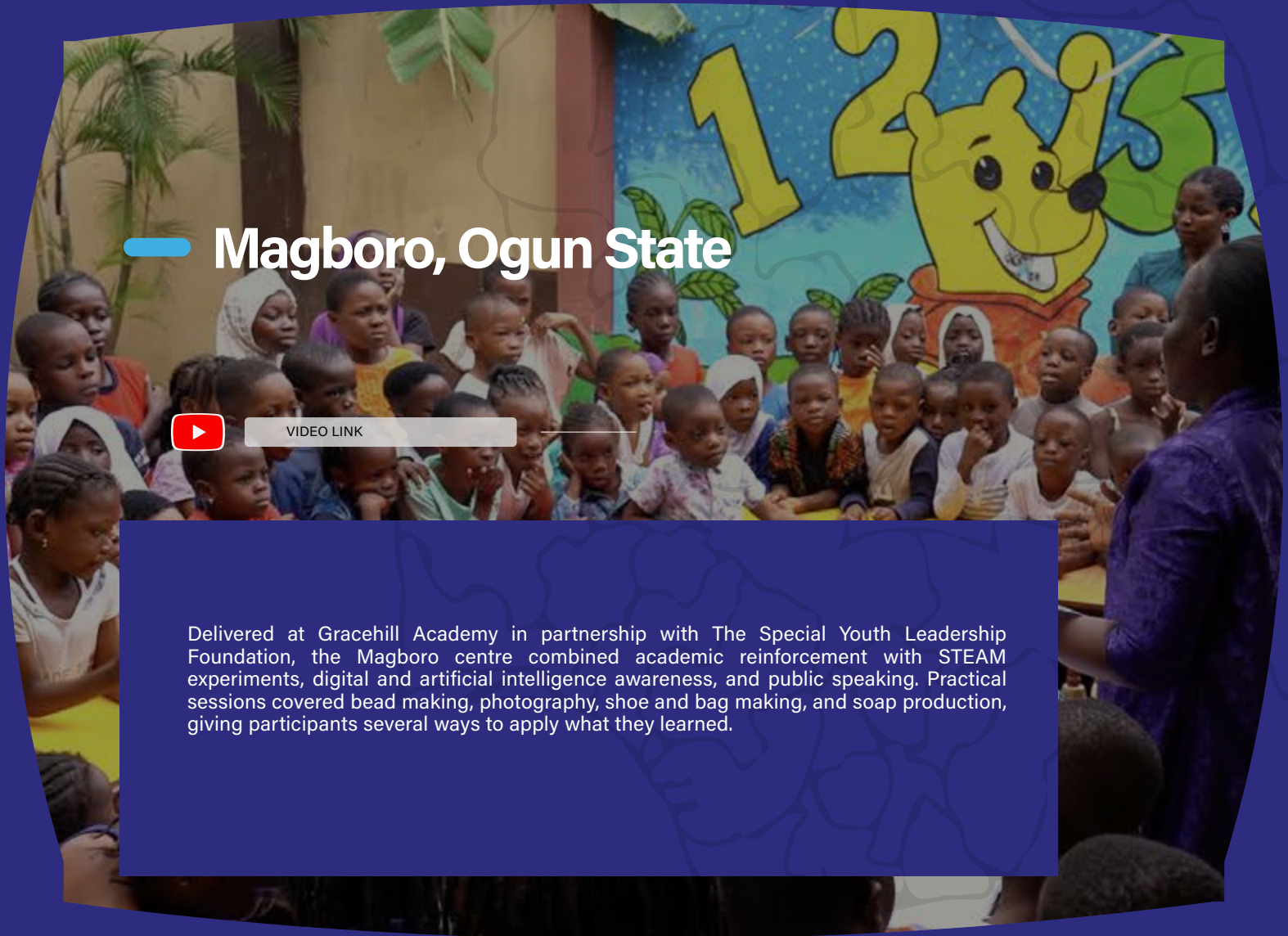
The Mafoluku centre delivered a structured curriculum across four areas: foundational academics; daily sports and cultural activities; practical vocational training in food and soap production; and a new leadership, enterprise and digital learning track. Together, these activities gave learners a balanced programme that supported academic development, wellbeing and exposure to practical skills.



Ota, Ogun State

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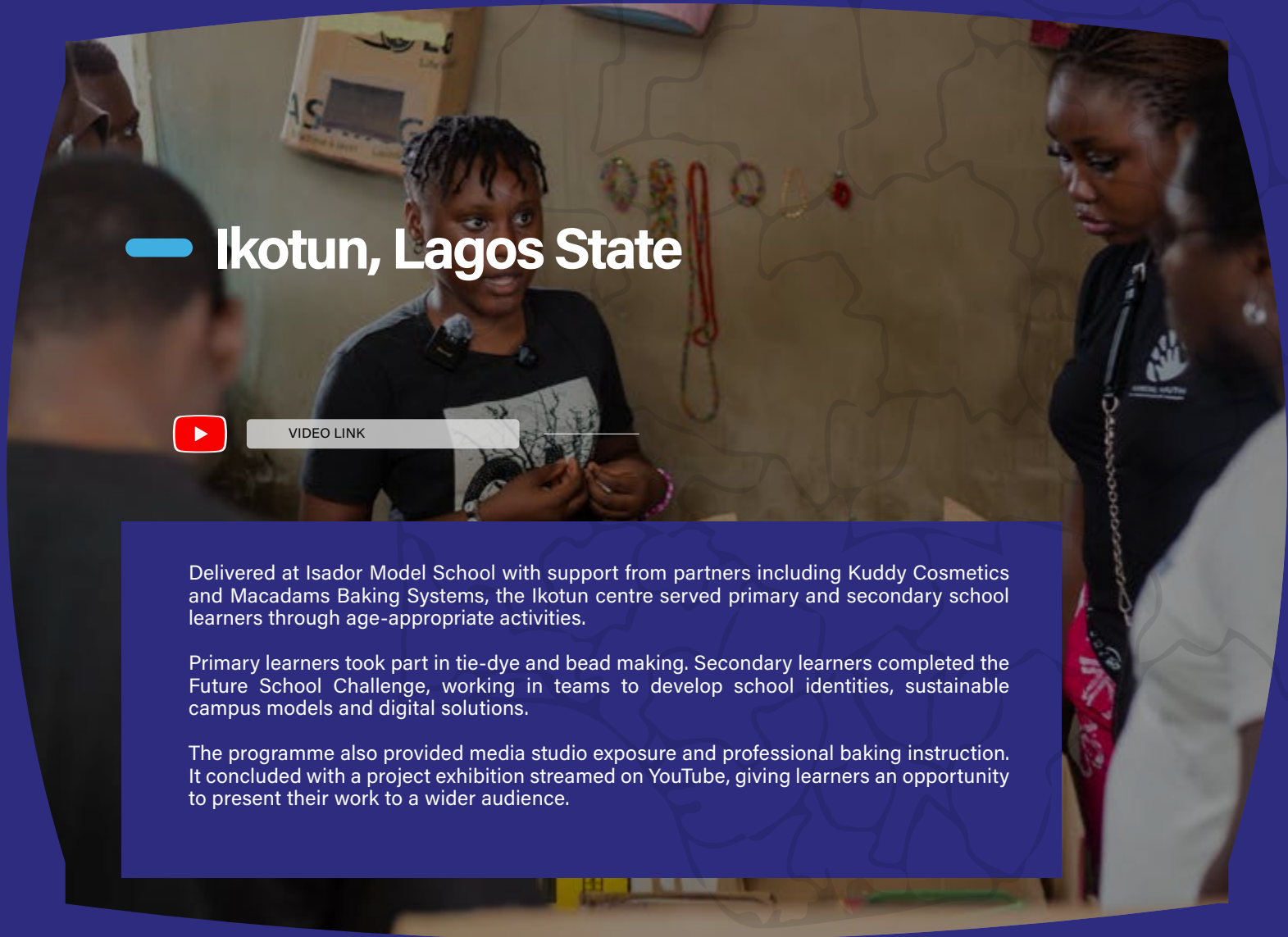
Hosted at Eaglesville School, the Ota centre combined academic learning with eight practical tracks delivered by teachers and specialist facilitators. Learners participated in arts and crafts, tie-dye, soap production, content creation, fashion design, generative artificial intelligence, catering and football. The range of activities allowed participants to explore different interests while building creative, technical and collaborative skills.



Magboro, Ogun State

VIDEO LINK

Delivered at Gracehill Academy in partnership with The Special Youth Leadership Foundation, the Magboro centre combined academic reinforcement with STEAM experiments, digital and artificial intelligence awareness, and public speaking. Practical sessions covered bead making, photography, shoe and bag making, and soap production, giving participants several ways to apply what they learned.



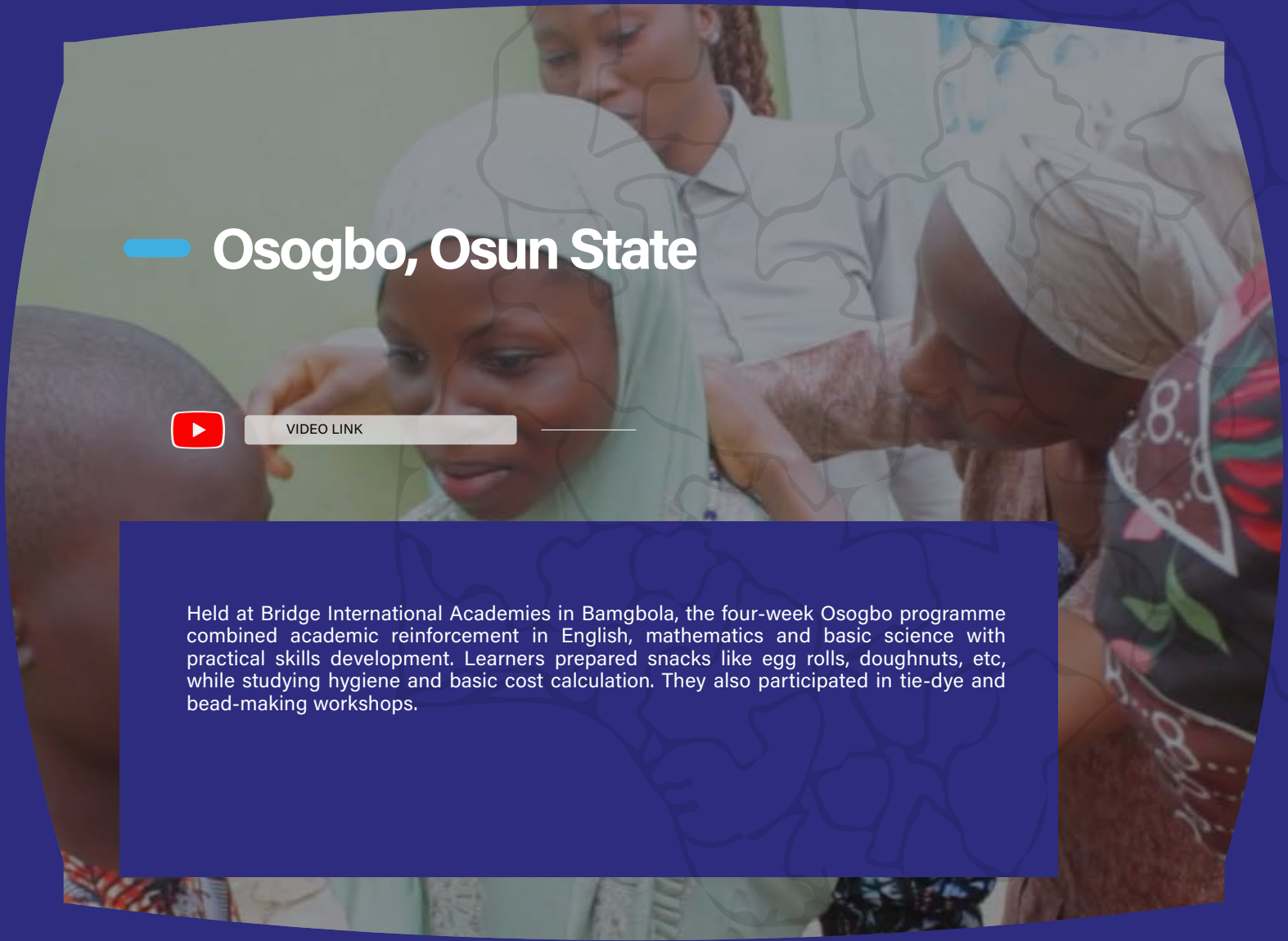
Ikotun, Lagos State

VIDEO LINK

Delivered at Isador Model School with support from partners including Kuddy Cosmetics and Macadams Baking Systems, the Ikotun centre served primary and secondary school learners through age-appropriate activities.

Primary learners took part in tie-dye and bead making. Secondary learners completed the Future School Challenge, working in teams to develop school identities, sustainable campus models and digital solutions.

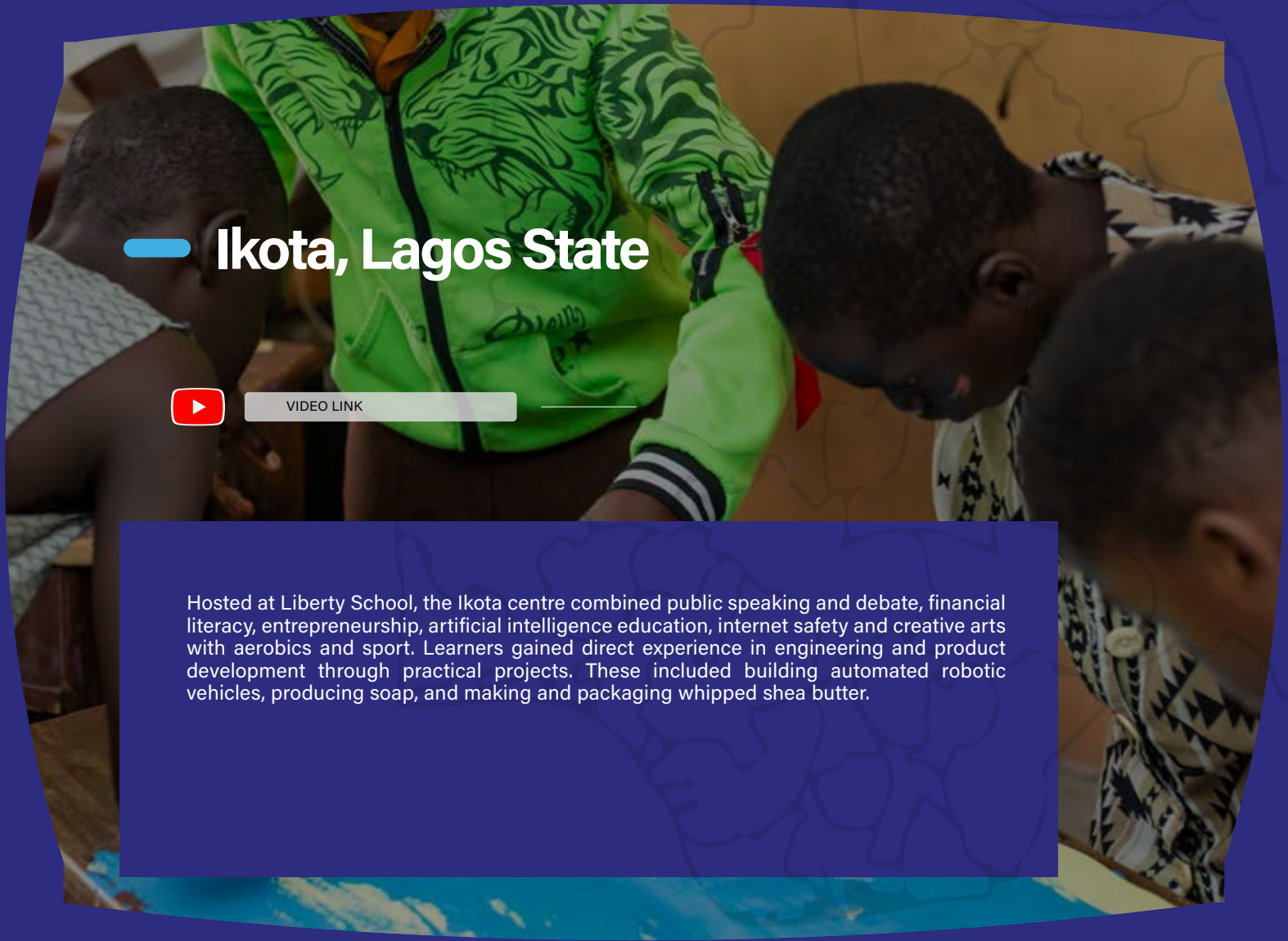
The programme also provided media studio exposure and professional baking instruction. It concluded with a project exhibition streamed on YouTube, giving learners an opportunity to present their work to a wider audience.



Osogbo, Osun State

VIDEO LINK

Held at Bridge International Academies in Bamgbola, the four-week Osogbo programme combined academic reinforcement in English, mathematics and basic science with practical skills development. Learners prepared snacks like egg rolls, doughnuts, etc, while studying hygiene and basic cost calculation. They also participated in tie-dye and bead-making workshops.



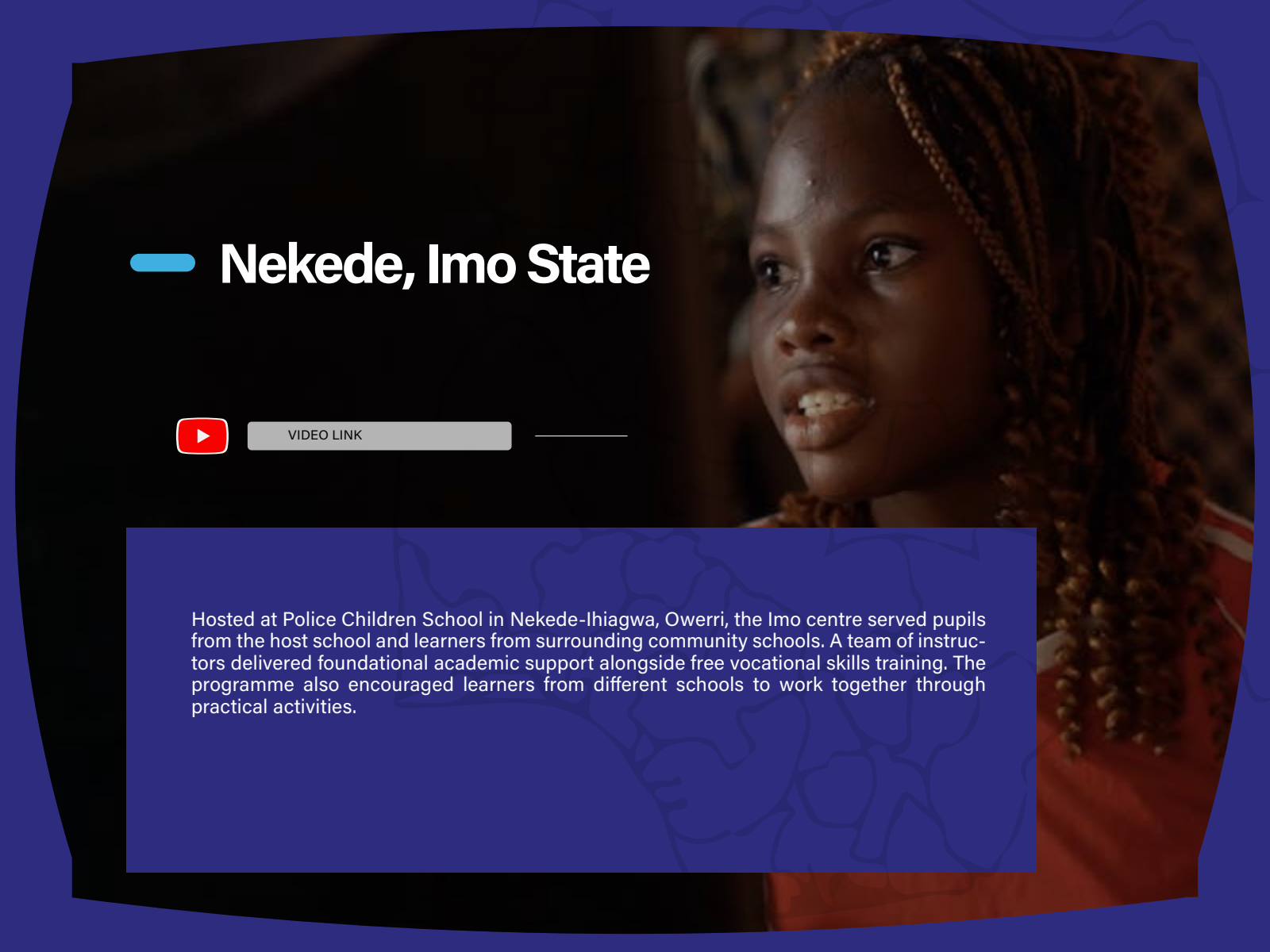
Ikota, Lagos State

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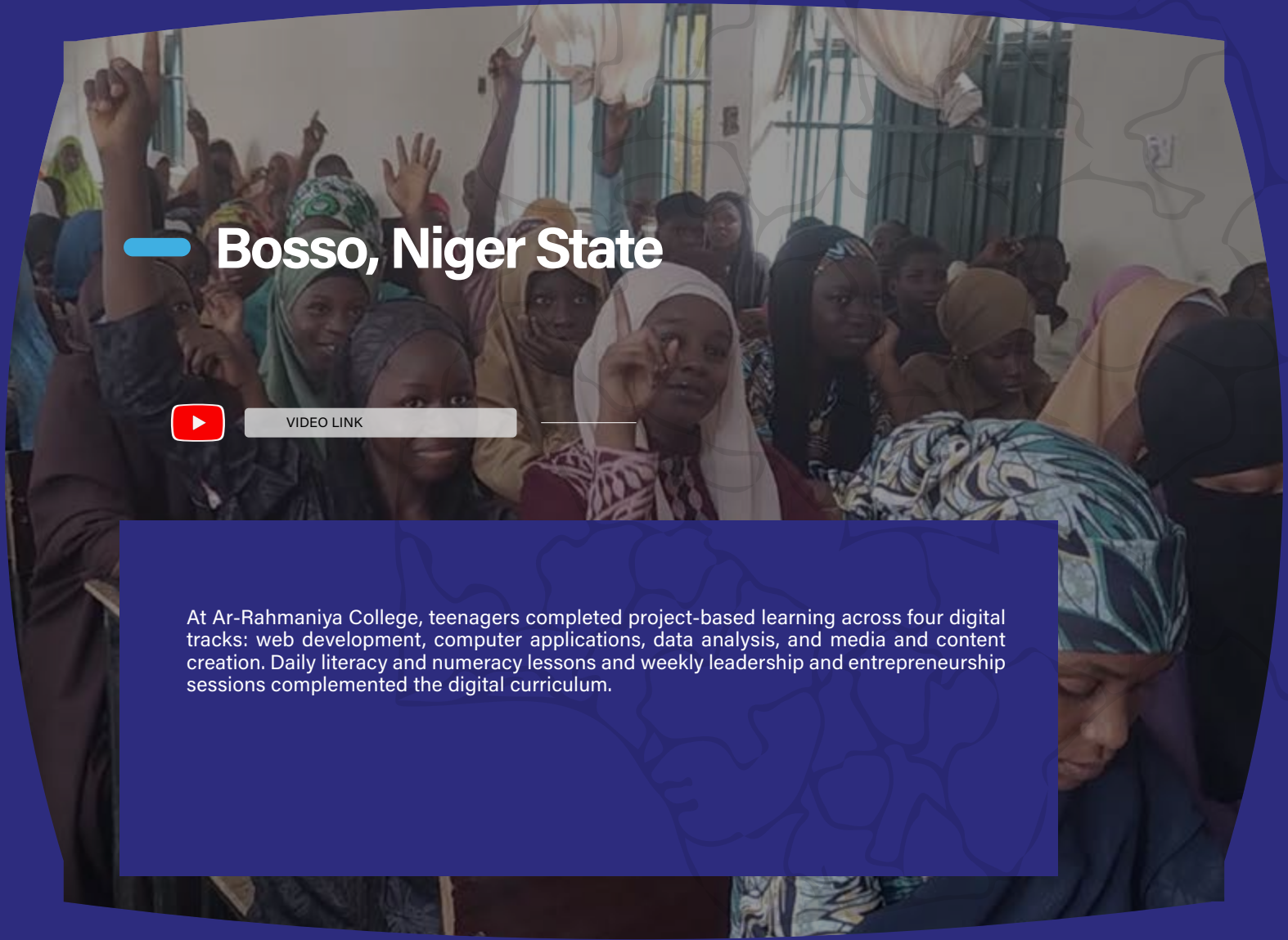
Hosted at Liberty School, the Ikota centre combined public speaking and debate, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence education, internet safety and creative arts with aerobics and sport. Learners gained direct experience in engineering and product development through practical projects. These included building automated robotic vehicles, producing soap, and making and packaging whipped shea butter.

Nekede, Imo State

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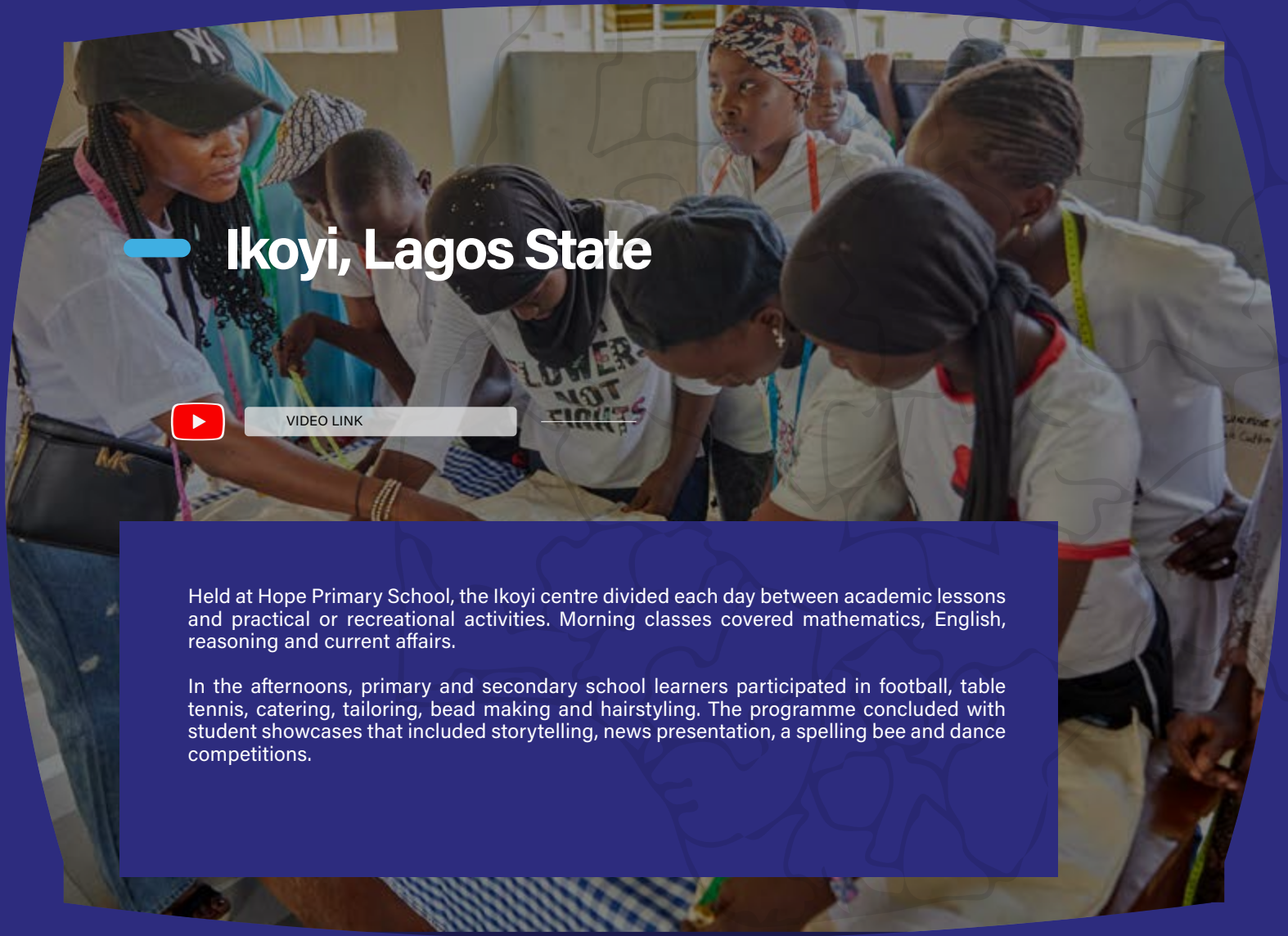
Hosted at Police Children School in Nekede-Ihiagwa, Owerri, the Imo centre served pupils from the host school and learners from surrounding community schools. A team of instructors delivered foundational academic support alongside free vocational skills training. The programme also encouraged learners from different schools to work together through practical activities.



Bosso, Niger State

VIDEO LINK

At Ar-Rahmaniya College, teenagers completed project-based learning across four digital tracks: web development, computer applications, data analysis, and media and content creation. Daily literacy and numeracy lessons and weekly leadership and entrepreneurship sessions complemented the digital curriculum.

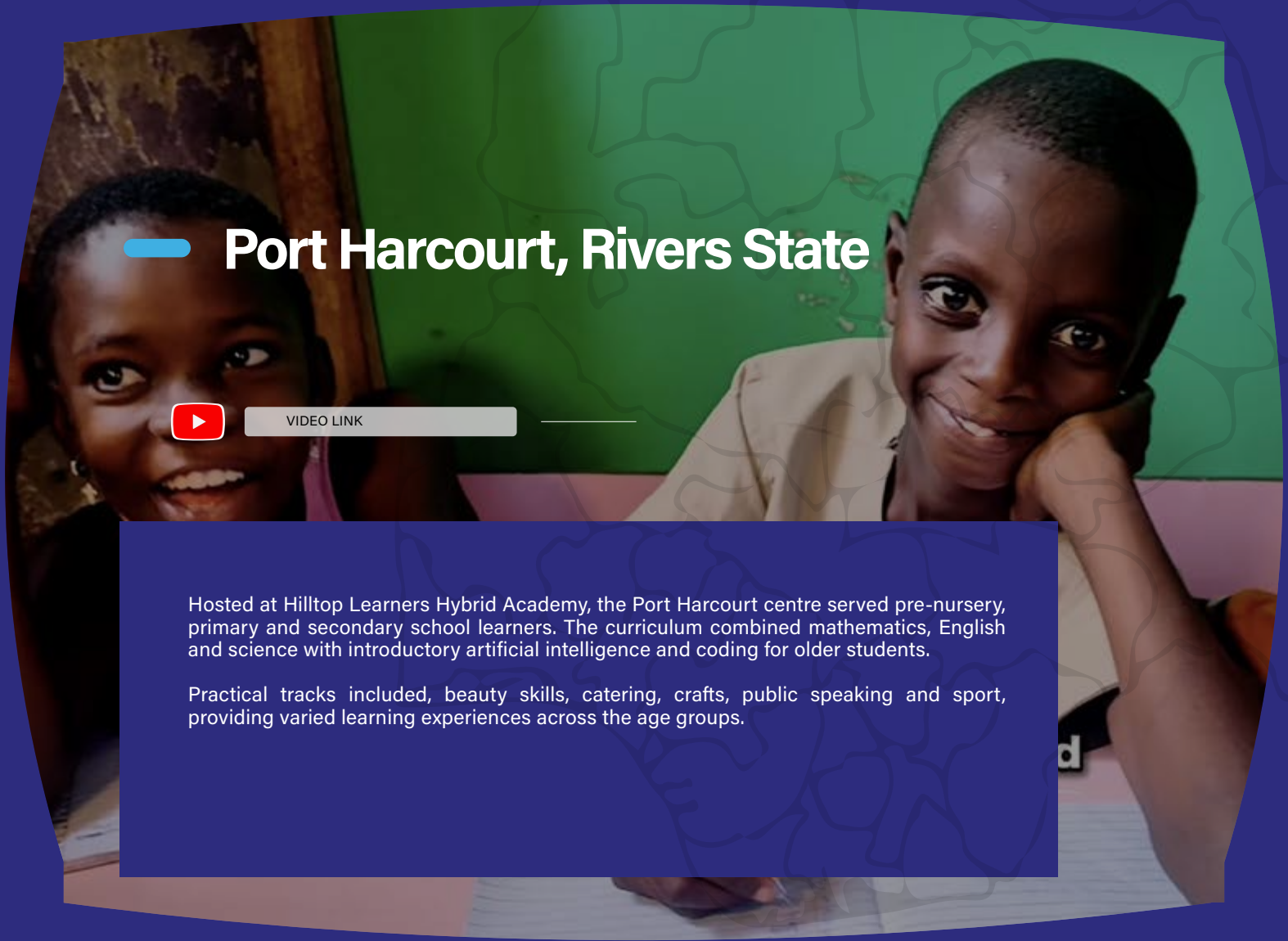


Ikoyi, Lagos State

VIDEO LINK

Held at Hope Primary School, the Ikoyi centre divided each day between academic lessons and practical or recreational activities. Morning classes covered mathematics, English, reasoning and current affairs.

In the afternoons, primary and secondary school learners participated in football, table tennis, catering, tailoring, bead making and hairstyling. The programme concluded with student showcases that included storytelling, news presentation, a spelling bee and dance competitions.



Port Harcourt, Rivers State

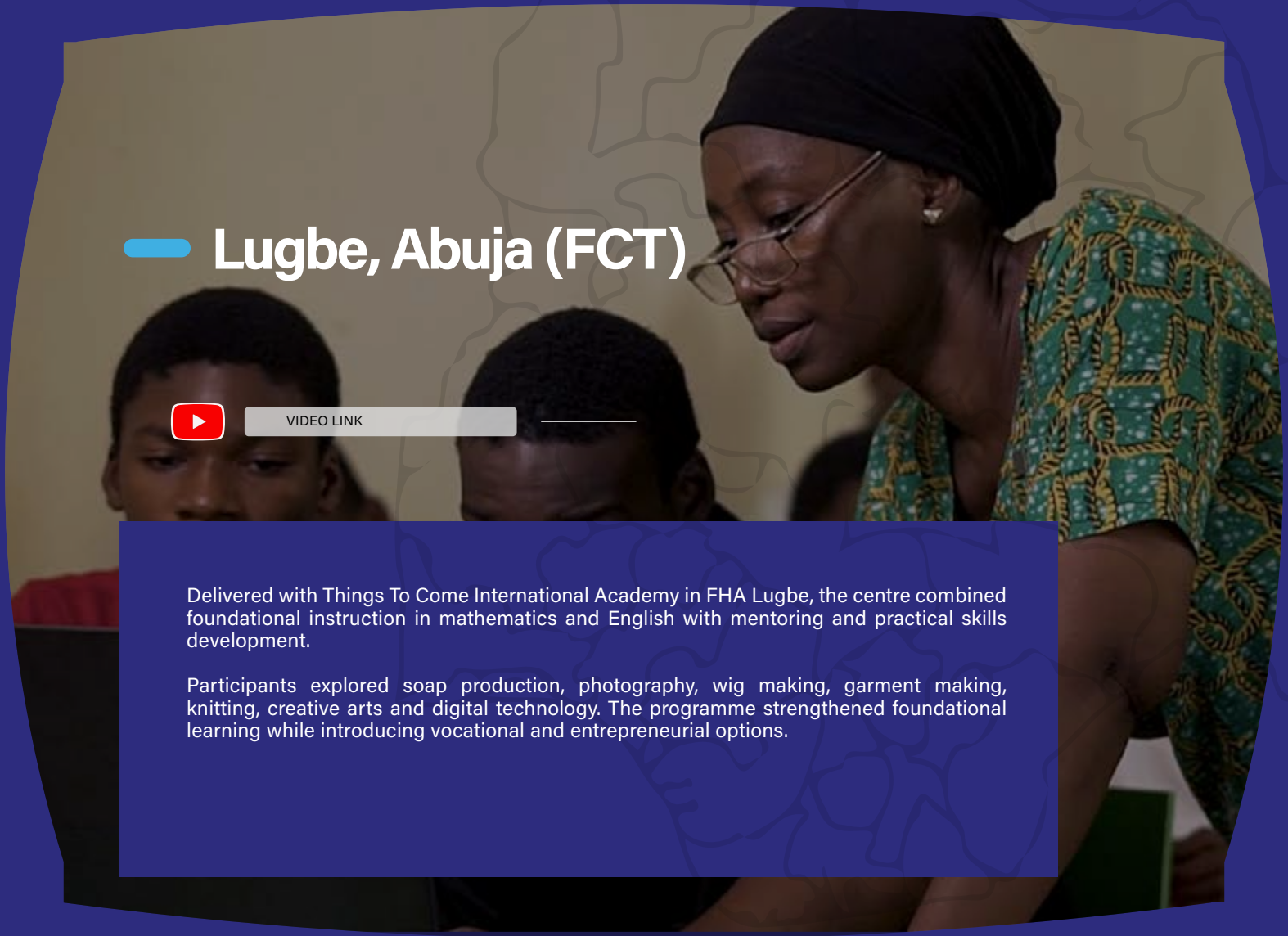
VIDEO LINK

Hosted at Hilltop Learners Hybrid Academy, the Port Harcourt centre served pre-nursery, primary and secondary school learners. The curriculum combined mathematics, English and science with introductory artificial intelligence and coding for older students.

Practical tracks included, beauty skills, catering, crafts, public speaking and sport, providing varied learning experiences across the age groups.

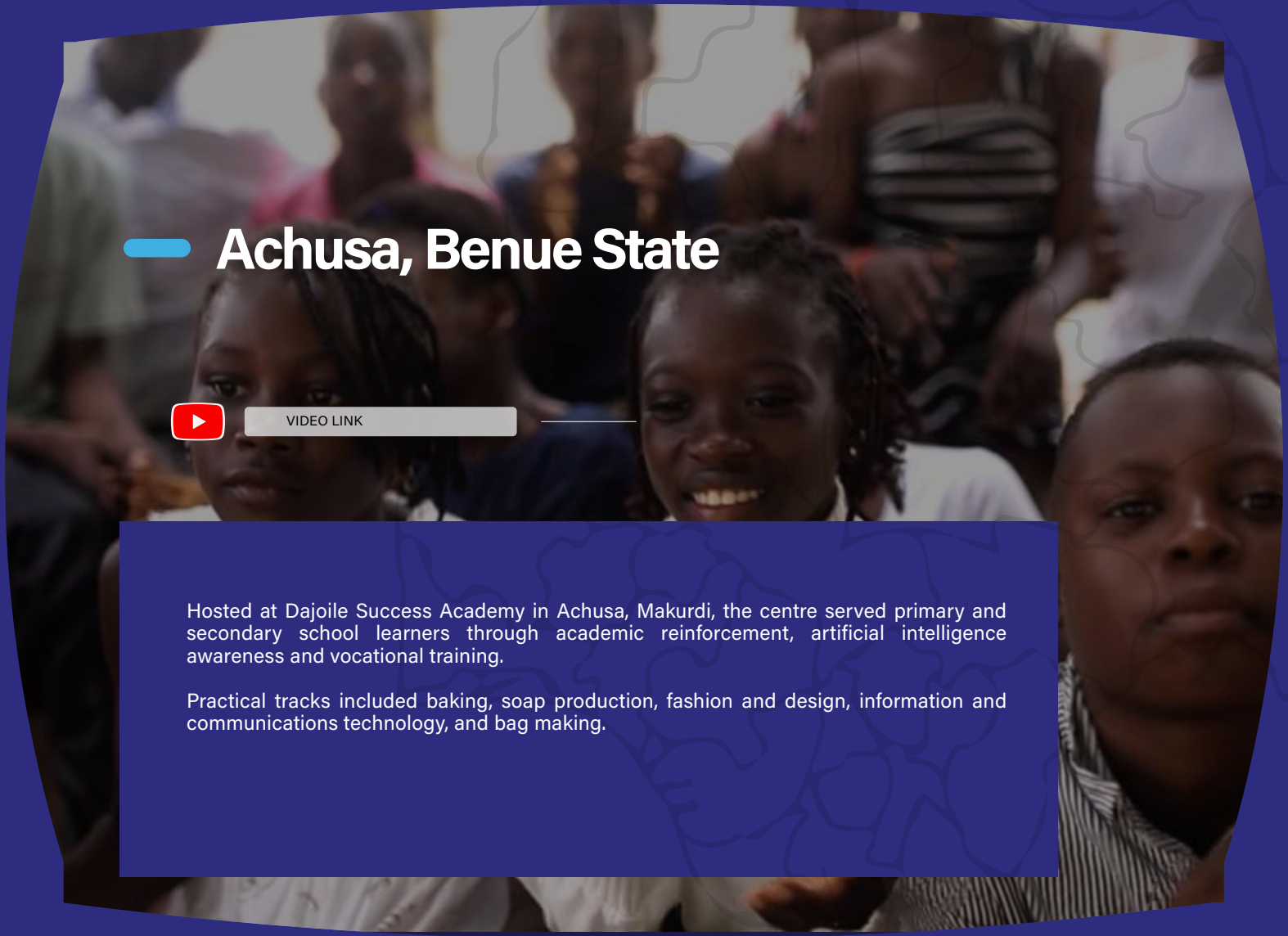
Lugbe, Abuja (FCT)

VIDEO LINK



Delivered with Things To Come International Academy in FHA Lugbe, the centre combined foundational instruction in mathematics and English with mentoring and practical skills development.

Participants explored soap production, photography, wig making, garment making, knitting, creative arts and digital technology. The programme strengthened foundational learning while introducing vocational and entrepreneurial options.

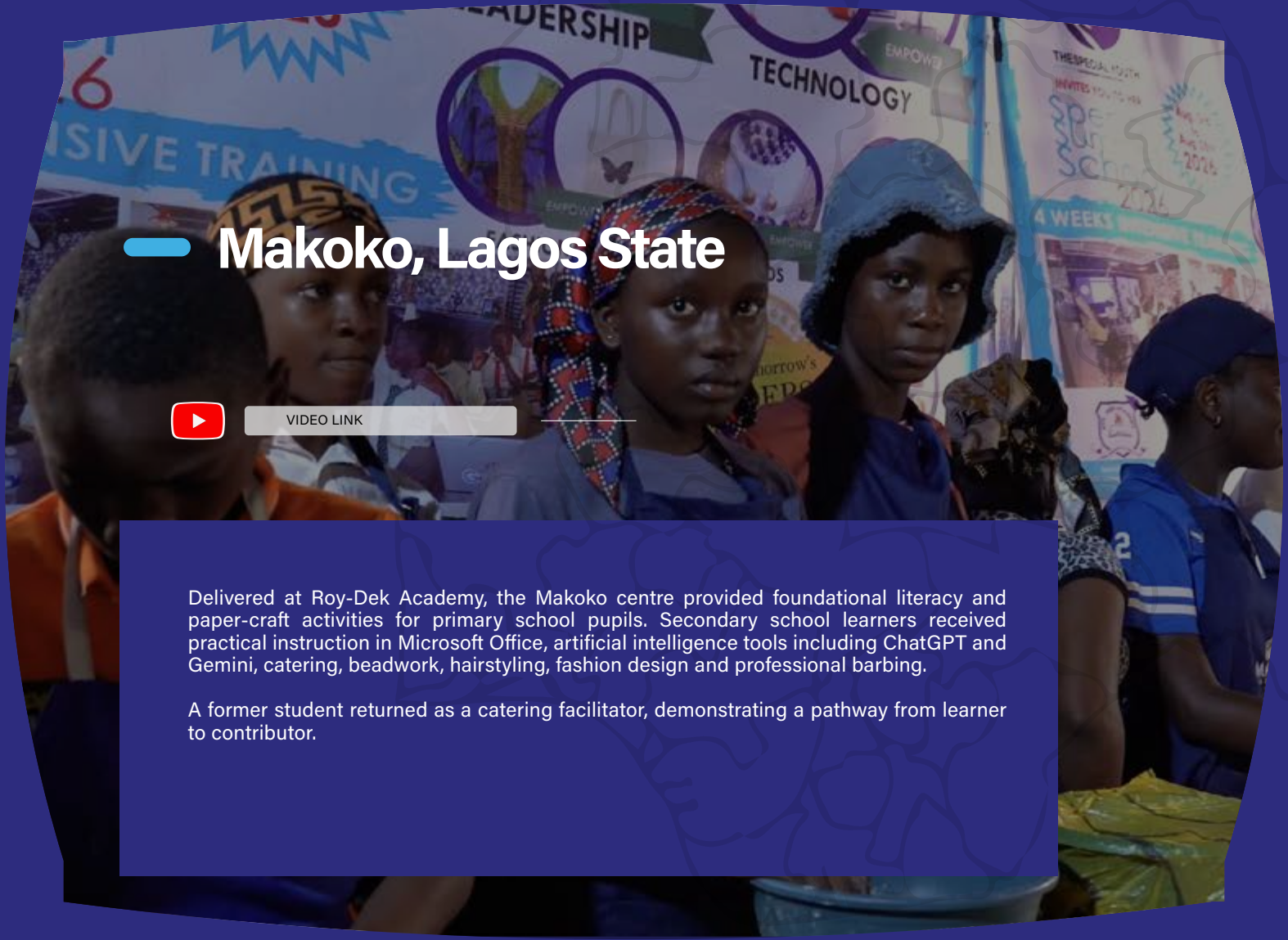


Achusa, Benue State

VIDEO LINK

Hosted at Dajoile Success Academy in Achusa, Makurdi, the centre served primary and secondary school learners through academic reinforcement, artificial intelligence awareness and vocational training.

Practical tracks included baking, soap production, fashion and design, information and communications technology, and bag making.



Makoko, Lagos State

VIDEO LINK

Delivered at Roy-Dek Academy, the Makoko centre provided foundational literacy and paper-craft activities for primary school pupils. Secondary school learners received practical instruction in Microsoft Office, artificial intelligence tools including ChatGPT and Gemini, catering, beadwork, hairstyling, fashion design and professional barbing.

A former student returned as a catering facilitator, demonstrating a pathway from learner to contributor.

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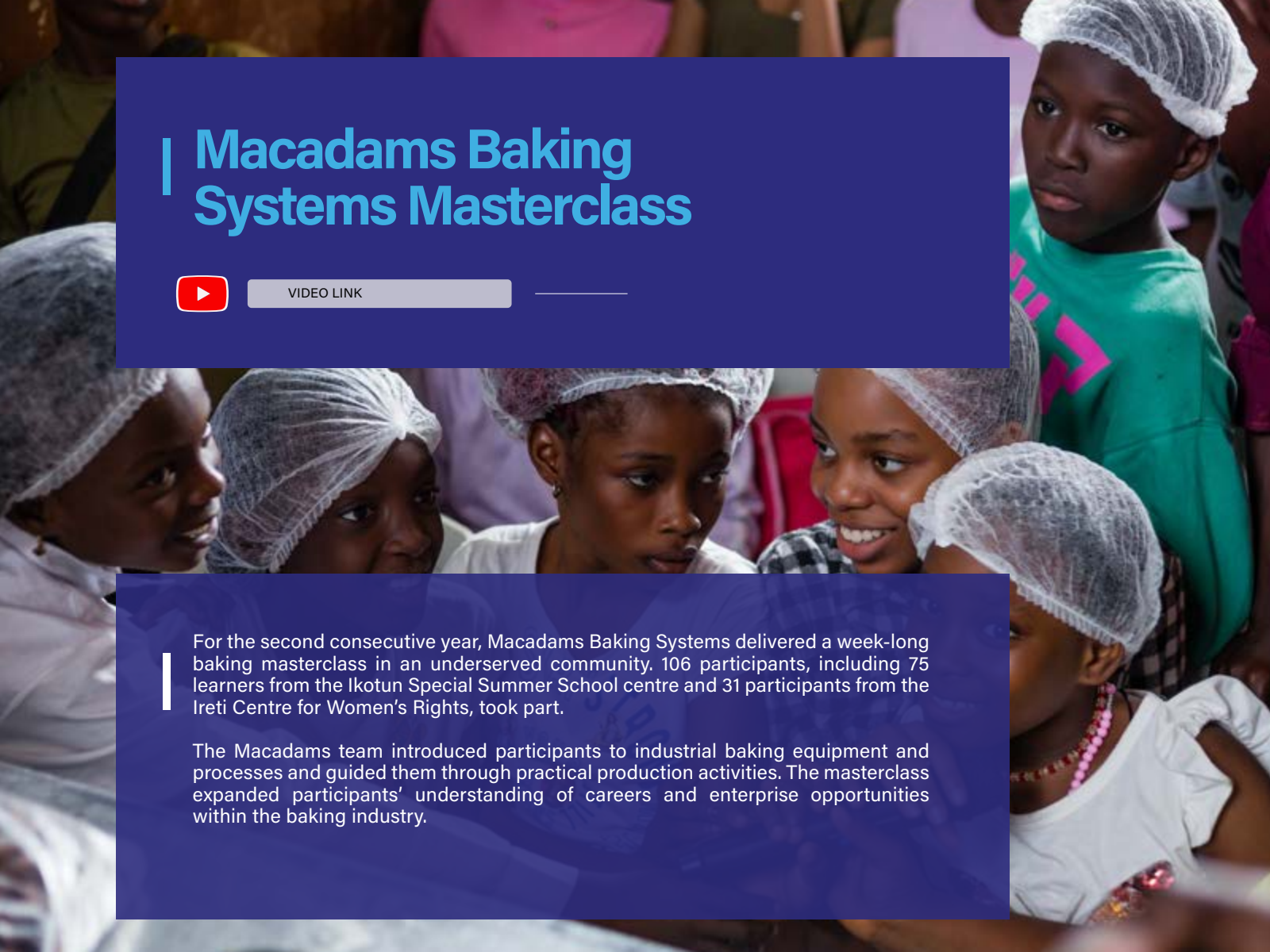









Programs & Community Spotlight



Macadams Baking Systems Masterclass

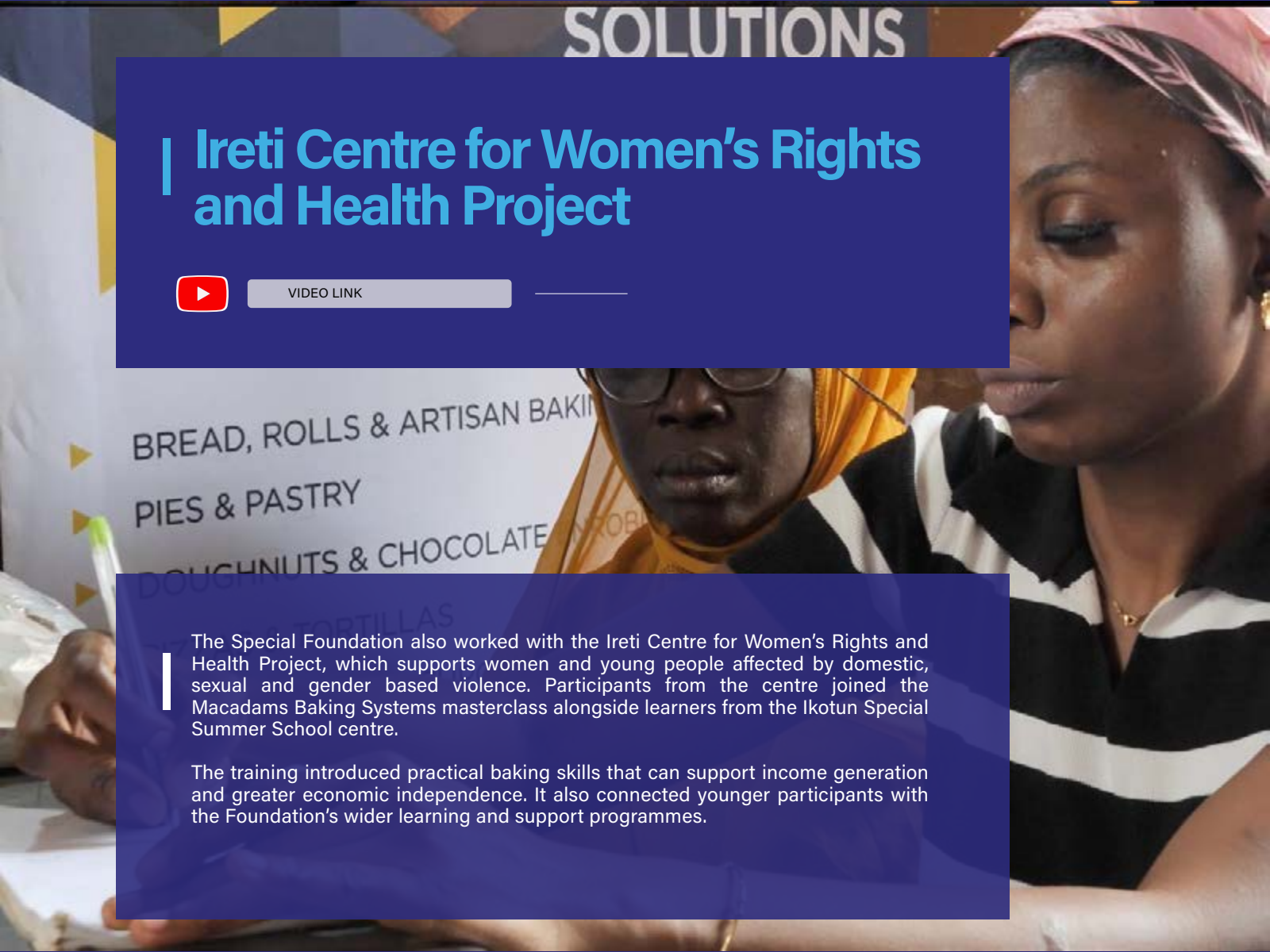
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For the second consecutive year, Macadams Baking Systems delivered a week-long baking masterclass in an underserved community. 106 participants, including 75 learners from the Ikotun Special Summer School centre and 31 participants from the Ireti Centre for Women's Rights, took part.

The Macadams team introduced participants to industrial baking equipment and processes and guided them through practical production activities. The masterclass expanded participants' understanding of careers and enterprise opportunities within the baking industry.

Ireti Centre for Women's Rights and Health Project

VIDEO LINK



The Special Foundation also worked with the Ireti Centre for Women's Rights and Health Project, which supports women and young people affected by domestic, sexual and gender based violence. Participants from the centre joined the Macadams Baking Systems masterclass alongside learners from the Ikotun Special Summer School centre.

The training introduced practical baking skills that can support income generation and greater economic independence. It also connected younger participants with the Foundation's wider learning and support programmes.

Partners & Acknowledgments

We are grateful to the organisations that supported the 2026 Special Summer School. Their financial, technical and in-kind contributions helped the Foundation deliver relevant learning experiences across participating communities.

- Blue Sands Academy
- CardForte
- Credit Direct Limited
- De Miller Farms
- Golden Morn
- Kuddy Cosmetics
- Lines & Clause Legal
- Macadams Baking Systems Nigeria Limited
- McKinsey
- Milo



Blue Sands Academy

In partnership with Blue Sands Academy, learners used virtual reality as part of the Summer School curriculum. The immersive sessions allowed them to explore simulated environments, including snowfall and the interior of a volcano, and demonstrated how technology can support experiential learning.



CardForté

CardForte supported the distribution of essential educational materials across several centres, helping learners participate with the basic tools required for their lessons and activities.



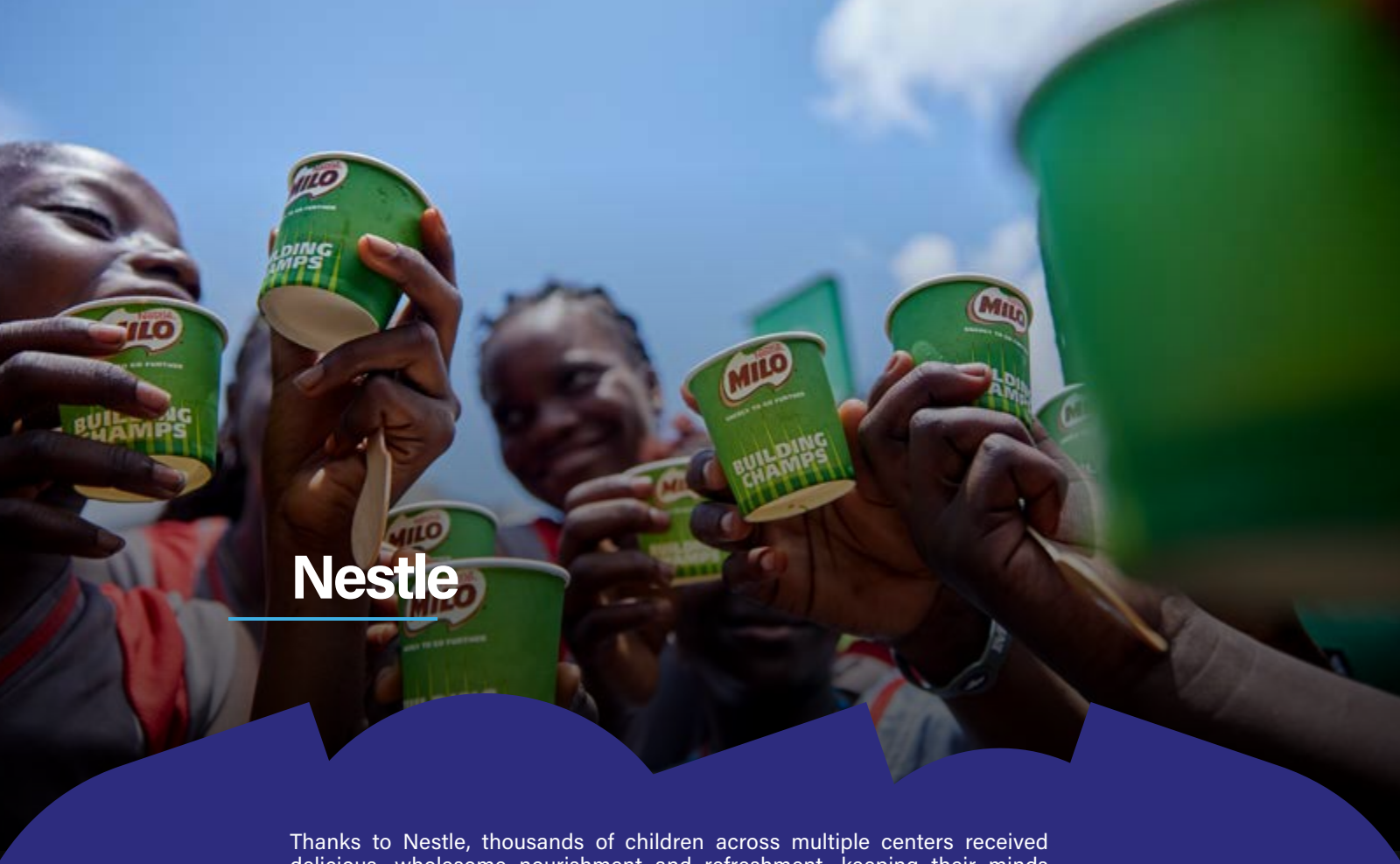
Credit Direct Limited

Volunteers from Credit Direct Limited visited the Mafoluku centre, distributed learning materials and provided mentorship and guidance to participating children.



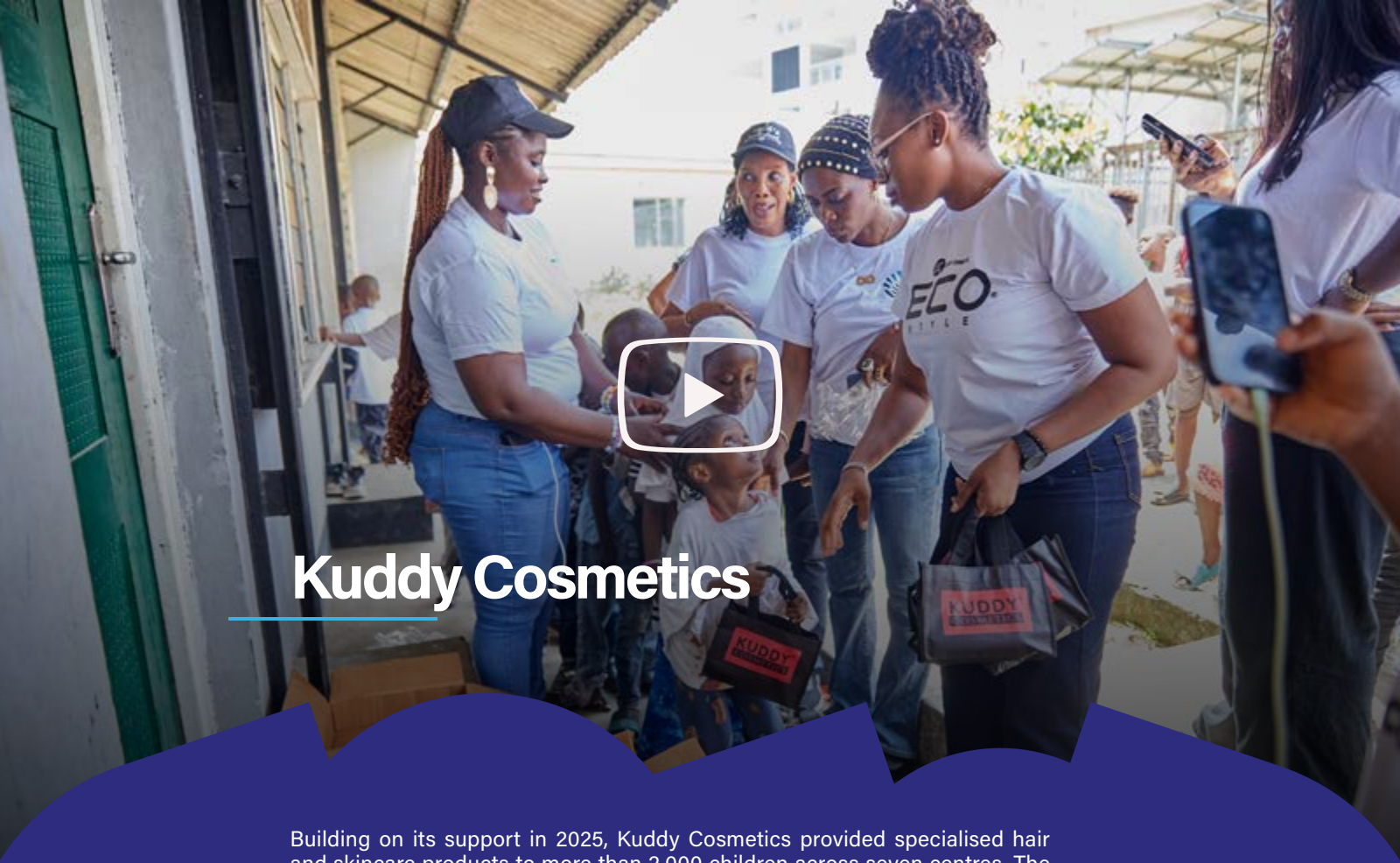
De Miller Farms

De Miller Farms provided product donations to seven centres: Ikoyi, Mafoluku, Ota, Magboro, Ikotun, Ikota and Makoko. The contribution supported refreshments and learner wellbeing during programme activities.



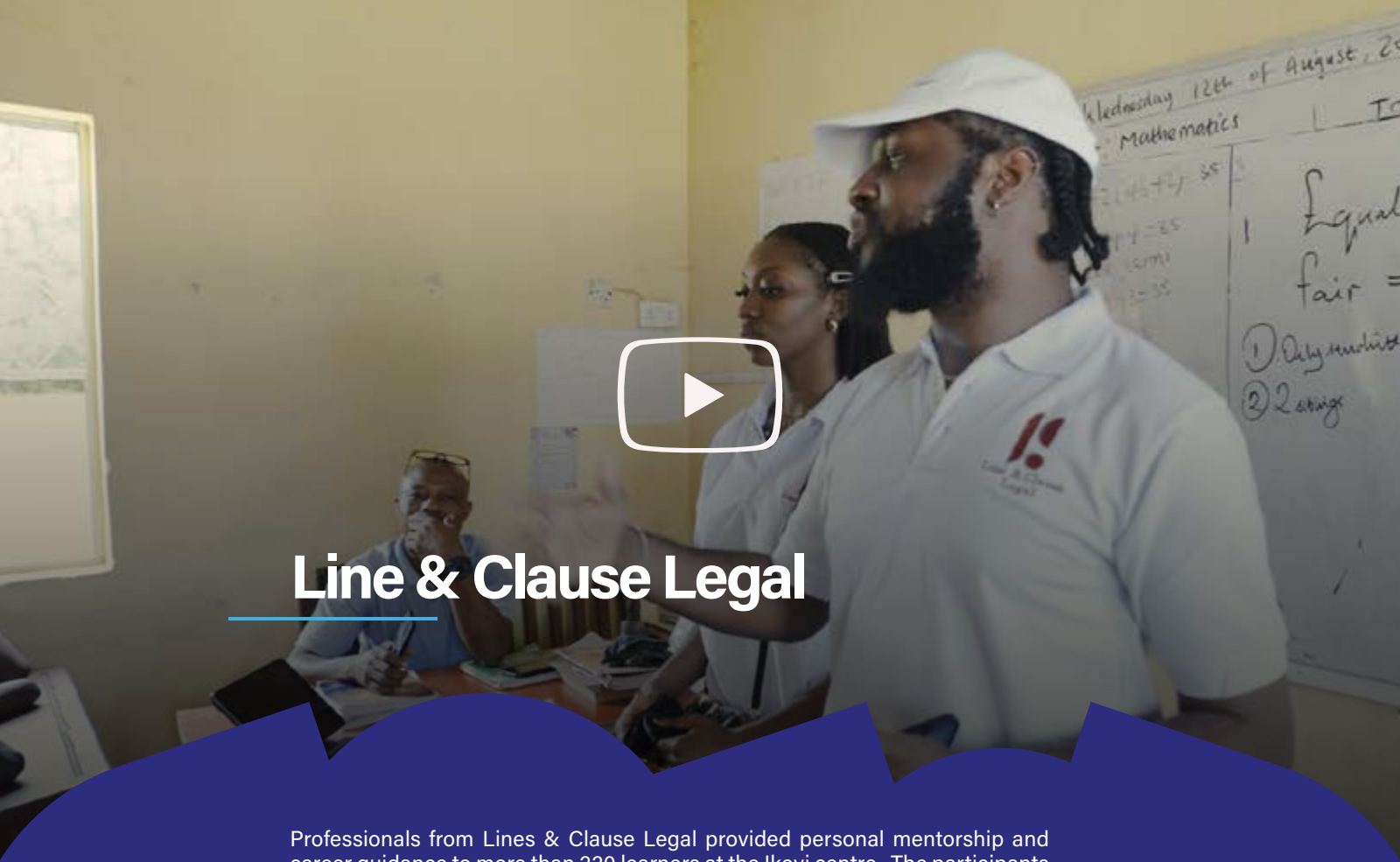
Nestle

Thanks to Nestle, thousands of children across multiple centers received delicious, wholesome nourishment and refreshment, keeping their minds sharp and spirits bright throughout their daily summer lessons.



Kuddy Cosmetics

Building on its support in 2025, Kuddy Cosmetics provided specialised hair and skincare products to more than 2,000 children across seven centres. The contribution supported practical self-care sessions and encouraged healthy personal-care habits.



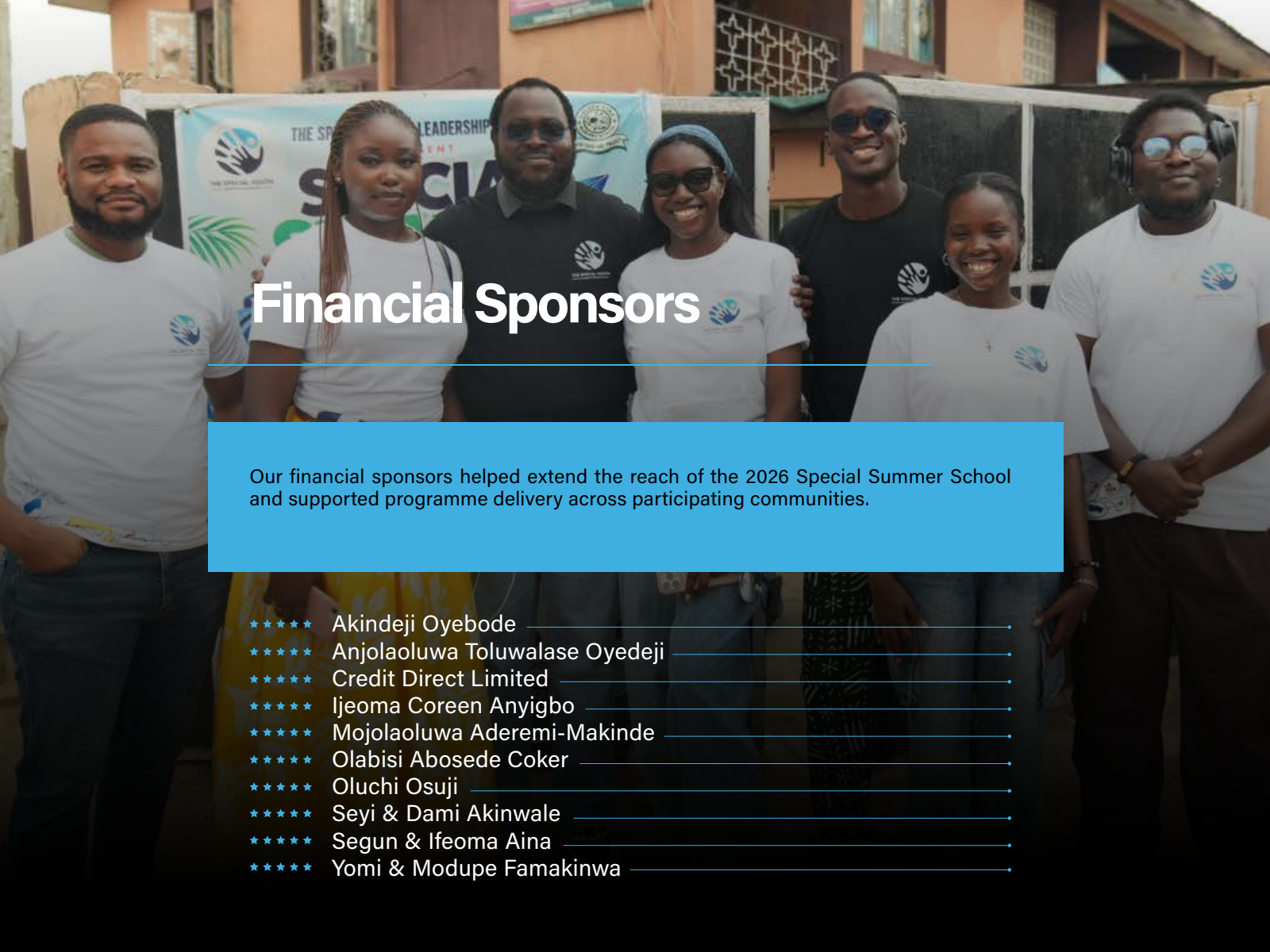
Line & Clause Legal

Professionals from Lines & Clause Legal provided personal mentorship and career guidance to more than 220 learners at the Ikoyi centre. The participants were taught about their rights and the importance of fairness and justice in a society, drawing on everyday scenarios they could relate to.



McKinsey

With support from McKinsey, learners across several centres received quality back-to-school materials that strengthened their readiness for the new academic term.



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Our financial sponsors helped extend the reach of the 2026 Special Summer School and supported programme delivery across participating communities.

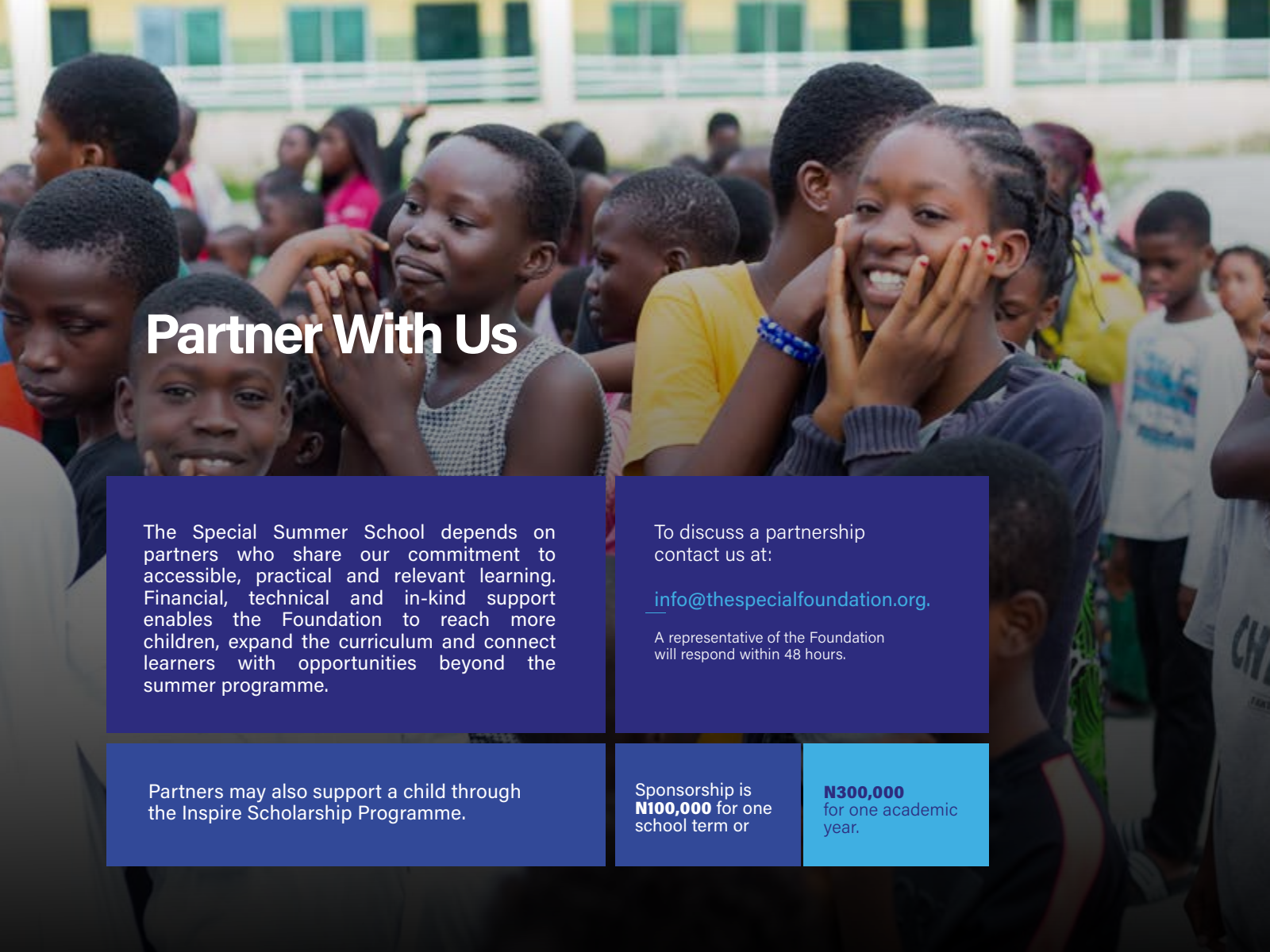
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The Special Summer School depends on partners who share our commitment to accessible, practical and relevant learning. Financial, technical and in-kind support enables the Foundation to reach more children, expand the curriculum and connect learners with opportunities beyond the summer programme.

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A representative of the Foundation will respond within 48 hours.

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Sponsorship is **N100,000** for one school term or

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