

THE SPECIAL FOUNDATION

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

ABOUT THE SPECIAL FOUNDATION

- We are a privately funded non-profit social impact focused on providing educational support for underserved children in Africa.
- Our Programs: Inspire Scholarship, Special Scholarship, Special Summer School, Mentorship/Career Day, School Builds, and Life-Long Development.
- Since our inception in 2018, we have impacted over 103,758+ children
- Our goal is to impact over 500,000+ children by 2030

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OUR MISSION

To inspire the next generation of African Leaders through education.

To improve the quality of leadership in Africa by providing a platform where less privileged and highly talented children can be equipped with education, mentoring, and leadership training to positively influence their world.

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OUR VISION



"Making dreams come true"

We dream of an Africa where more young people have access to an education and the essential tools that provide them with a foundation to be positive change agents to their respective communities, the African continent and the World.

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HOW FAR WE'VE COME

THE SPECIAL YOUTH
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What began as a small summer school in Kuje has grown into a nationwide movement reaching thousands of children in over 300 communities — expanding access to education and transforming futures, one child at a time.

103,758+	*Nigerian children impacted over the last 5 years*
31,737+	*empowered through special summer school*
11,293+	*inspired by mentors and progessionals*
642+	*Inspire and Special Scholars*
15+	*school build projects*

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WHY THE MISSION MATTERS

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We are acutely aware that there are over 20 Million Nigerian Children that are Out of School...

- **Of this figure, approximately 60 % are girls, meaning over 10 million Nigerian girls are currently denied formal schooling.**
- **Around 80 % of primary-aged children out of school live in rural and underserved areas.**

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THE ROADBLOCKS TO EDUCATION

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In Nigeria and Africa by extention, the barriers are a lot, the most prominent being:

- **Poverty**
- **Disability,**
- **Gender inequality,**
- **Loss of parents,**
- **Poor infrastructure**

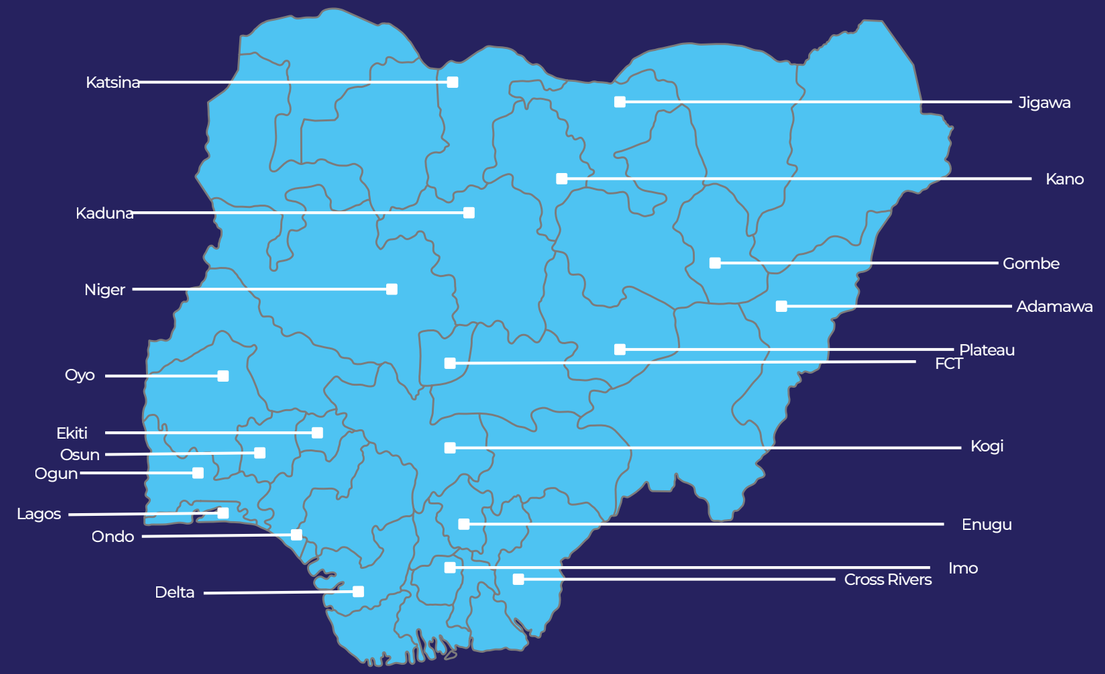
OUR MODEL AND STRATEGY

Our impact is boosted by our core year round education access model inspired by our core programs:

- **Inspire Scholarship:** Tuition and learning support for primary and secondary students.
- **Special Summer School:** Six-week program keeping children learning during holidays.
- **Mentorship:** Guidance for scholars' personal, academic, and career growth.
- **School Builds:** Renovation and construction of safe, inspiring classrooms.
- **Special Scholarship:** Support for exceptional university and tertiary students.

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OUR REACH ACROSS NIGERIA



We've extended our reach to over 21 states across Nigeria, bringing educational support and opportunities to children in diverse communities nationwide.

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KEY STATISTICS ABOUT OUR WORK

- **98% scholar retention rate —** proof that sustained support keeps children learning**.**
- **92% school return rate —** showing real success in re-enrollment and continuity.
- **56% girls served —** advancing gender equity through inclusive education.

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SNAPSHOT MILESTONES IN 2025/2026

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- We impacted over 41,135+ children impacted during our 2026 Special Summer School Program
- We inspired over 850+ students to read and be leaders through our library renovation project
- We transformed the learning experience of over 400+ students through School renovations







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THE CHILDREN BEHIND OUR NUMBERS

ELIZABETH, 16



I am grateful to find myself in Roydek Academy, where someone took an interest in my education and decided to sponsor me through The Special Foundation

DANIEL, 8 & VICTOR, 18



Daniel and Victor are the first and last of four children. Their parents were involved in an accident that left them unable to work, forcing Daniel to drop out of school for eight months before being recommended to The Special Foundation.

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WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY ABOUT US

PROF. YEMI OSIBANJO (SAN)

Fmr. VP, Federal Republic of Nigeria



Every child, regardless of where they were born or what their family earns, deserves a chance to discover who they are and what they are capable of, and this is what the Special Youth Leadership Foundation understands.

ABUBAKAR SULEIMON

CEO, Sterling Bank



Let us give through the foundation that has demonstrated that it really does get to the people in most need and that with the least amount, they are bringing out the most value that I have seen."

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THE VALUE OF COLLABORATING WITH US

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The value of collaborating with us lies in creating meaningful, measurable educational impact.

- **Access to underserved communities**
- **Credible, measurable social impact**
- **Strategic brand visibility & reach**
- **Long-term partnerships for change**

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THE VALUE OF PARTNERING WITH US

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We value all our partners and as a globally recognized, transparent foundation, we can also help with:

- Boosting your CSR visibility through real impact stories.
- Aligning with UN SD Goals 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, and 16.
- Accessing measurable outcomes and shareable brand content.

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OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS NETWORK



HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH US

There are many ways to be part of our mission that includes but are not limited to:

- **Scholarship Sponsor:** Fund a child's education through our **Inspire and Special Scholarship.**
- **Program Partner:** Support learning and community initiatives through our **Summer School and mentorship program**s.
- **Infrastructure Partner:** Support the renovation of school infrastructures through our **School Build program**.

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RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

- 2025 Anthem Awards Winner.
- Verified partner on GlobalGiving.
- 2025 Global Recognition Awards Winner
- 2026 International CSR Excellence Awards Winner.
- 2026 Communicators Awards Winner.
- 2026 .ORG Awards Finalists.
- 2026 QS Reimagined Awards Finalists.
- 2026 DTN@ 100 Trailblazer Awards Fin.

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Get in touch with us today and let us continue to inpsire the next generation of African leaders, by investing in the education of every child.

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