

THE SPECIAL YOUTH
LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

OUR WORK.
OUR IMPACT. OUR FUTURE.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SPECIAL FOUNDATION

The Special Foundation was established to address one of Nigeria's most pressing challenges — the high number of out-of-school children, driven largely by poverty and lack of access to quality education.

With over 20 million children currently out of school in Nigeria, we are working to bridge the gap by providing underserved children with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to thrive. We believe that for Africa to realise the full potential of its population, stakeholders must play an active role in shaping an inclusive and educated future.

By the year 2030, our objective is to have facilitated access to quality education for at least 100,000 children across Africa through our foundation.



WHO WE ARE

The Special Foundation is a privately funded, non-profit organization committed to educational access, equity, and empowerment.

Since its inception, The Special Foundation has:

Impacted

103,758+

Nigerian children directly and indirectly over the last 5 years

Provided

642+

Nigerian children with scholarships

Empowered

31,737+

Nigerian children with access to educational and vocational training through the free Summer School Program yearly

Mentored

11,293+

Nigerian children through our Mentorship/Career Day Program

Facilitated

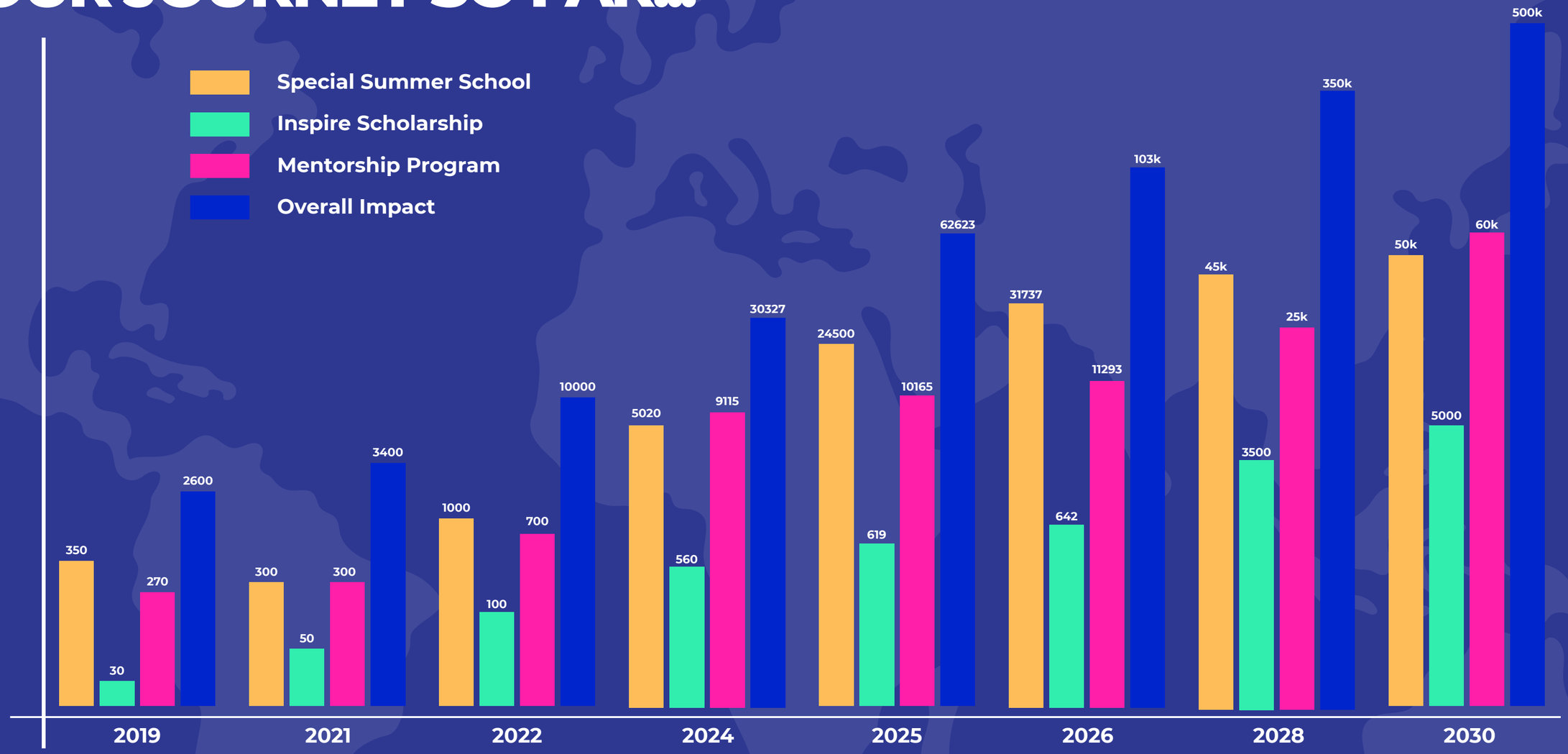
15+ infrastructural development for Nigerian Schools through our school build project.



We believe
Every child is your child and
Every child has a right to dream.

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OUR JOURNEY SO FAR...



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TARGET IMPACT STATES

To impact

500,000

African children by 2030!



OUR CARDINAL PROGRAMS

INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIP

Created to support children from low-income families, orphans, and those who have lost a breadwinner, the Inspire Scholarship provides access to quality education for primary and secondary school students, ensuring no child's future is defined by their circumstances.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A merit-based scholarship that identifies and supports gifted students under 21, providing access to local tertiary education and a pathway to leadership through academic excellence.

SPECIAL SUMMER SCHOOL

A free, annual summer program that equips in-school and out-of-school children with practical skills like craftsmanship, mental math, creative writing, ICT, and public speaking, building confidence and competence beyond the classroom.



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SCHOOL BUILD PROGRAM

An infrastructure-driven initiative committed to building and renovating schools, ensuring more children learn in safe, dignified, and inspiring environments.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

A mentorship initiative connecting young minds with professionals across industries, offering guidance, real-world insight, and leadership development for the next generation.

LIFELONG DEVELOPMENT

The true impact of our programs lies in their lasting value, nurturing lifelong growth, opportunity, and leadership in every child we reach.

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Our People

Our Volunteer team consists of over 423+ professionals who dedicate their time, resources, and expertise to ensure we can provide access to education to thousands of children across Africa.

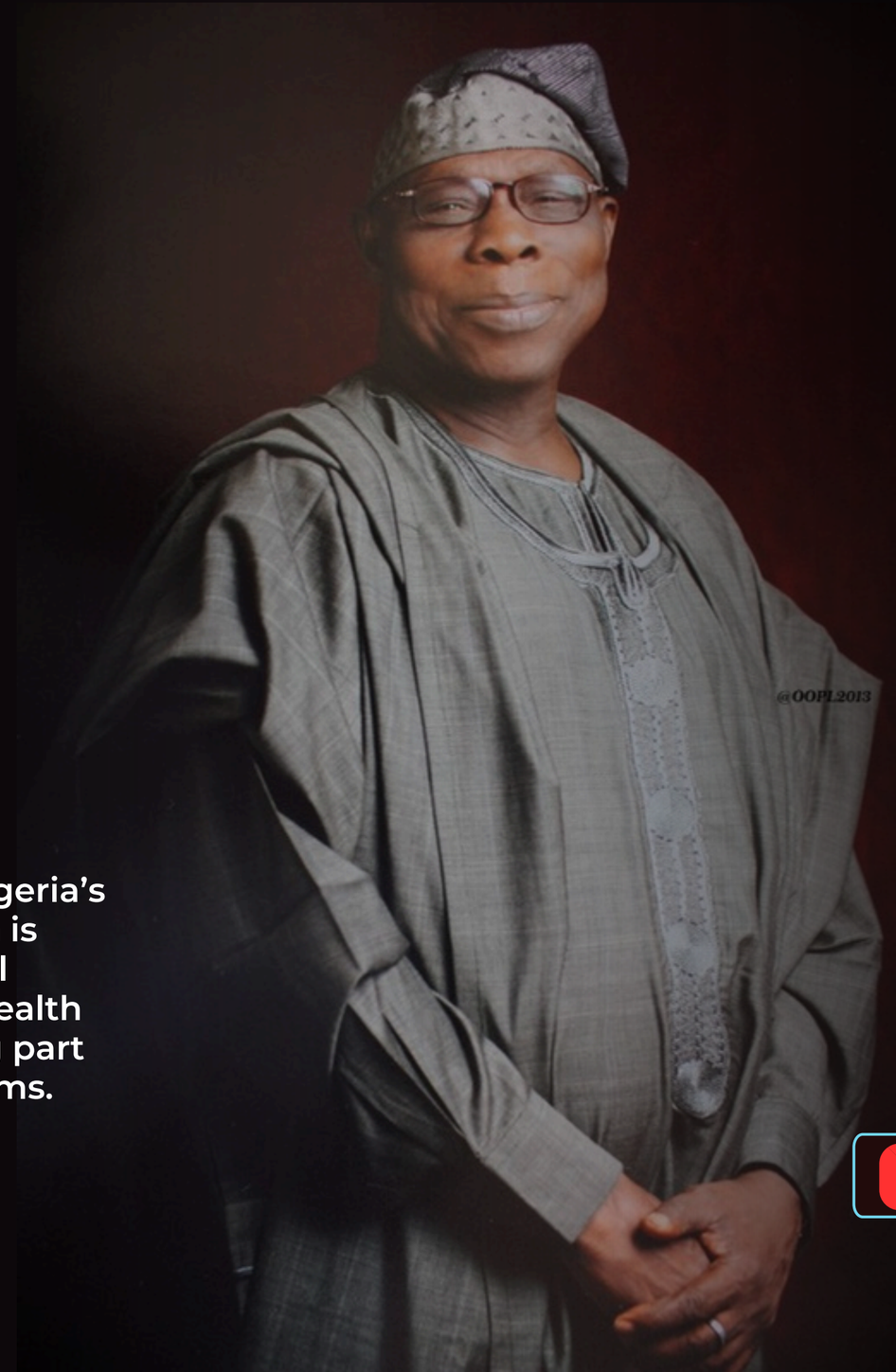


GOODWILL MESSAGE

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Former Nigerian President,

His Excellency, Olusegun Obasanjo



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Youths by themselves are the solution to Nigeria’s problems, and what The Special Foundation is doing by helping young people through skill acquisition, employment generation, and wealth creation is contributing to youths becoming part of the solution to youth and national problems.

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INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program was created to provide scholarships for children of low-income earners, orphaned children, and families that have lost a breadwinner. The initiative focuses on primary and secondary school students.

We are committed to supporting and sponsoring the educational needs of children under this scholarship. This scholarship covers the cost of tuition, books, stationery, and other necessary materials for school.

Join us in our fight to reduce the number of out-of-school children and the level of illiteracy, poverty, and bad leadership by equipping the next generation with quality education. It costs about ₦300,000 to sponsor a child for a year.





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MEET SOME OF OUR INSPIRE SCHOLARS

Daniel Akinlade

Daniel loves coming first in class, and his favorite subject is mathematics. Through the support of The Special Foundation, he continues to thrive, excelling in his studies, enjoying football, and constantly seeking new things to learn. Once a quiet student in an overcrowded classroom, Daniel is now growing into a confident learner with big dreams and a bright future.





Daniel Akinlade & Family – A Powerful Voice of Hope & Resilience

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Oluwashindara Ramat Moronfolu

Shindara dreams of becoming a doctor so she can help and heal others. She has a deep love for reading and studying, and her curiosity shines through in everything she does. With continued support from The Special Foundation, she's finding her path and holding fast to her dream of making a difference.



Oluwashindara Ramat Moronfolu –
A Voice of Hope & Inspiration

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Special Scholarship Program supports exceptional students from underserved communities who demonstrate excellent academic potential and resilience. It covers tuition and essential education costs for university and tertiary-level students, ensuring that financial hardship does not stand in the way of their future.

By investing in bright minds, this program helps build the next generation of changemakers, students who are not only succeeding in their fields but are also committed to giving back.



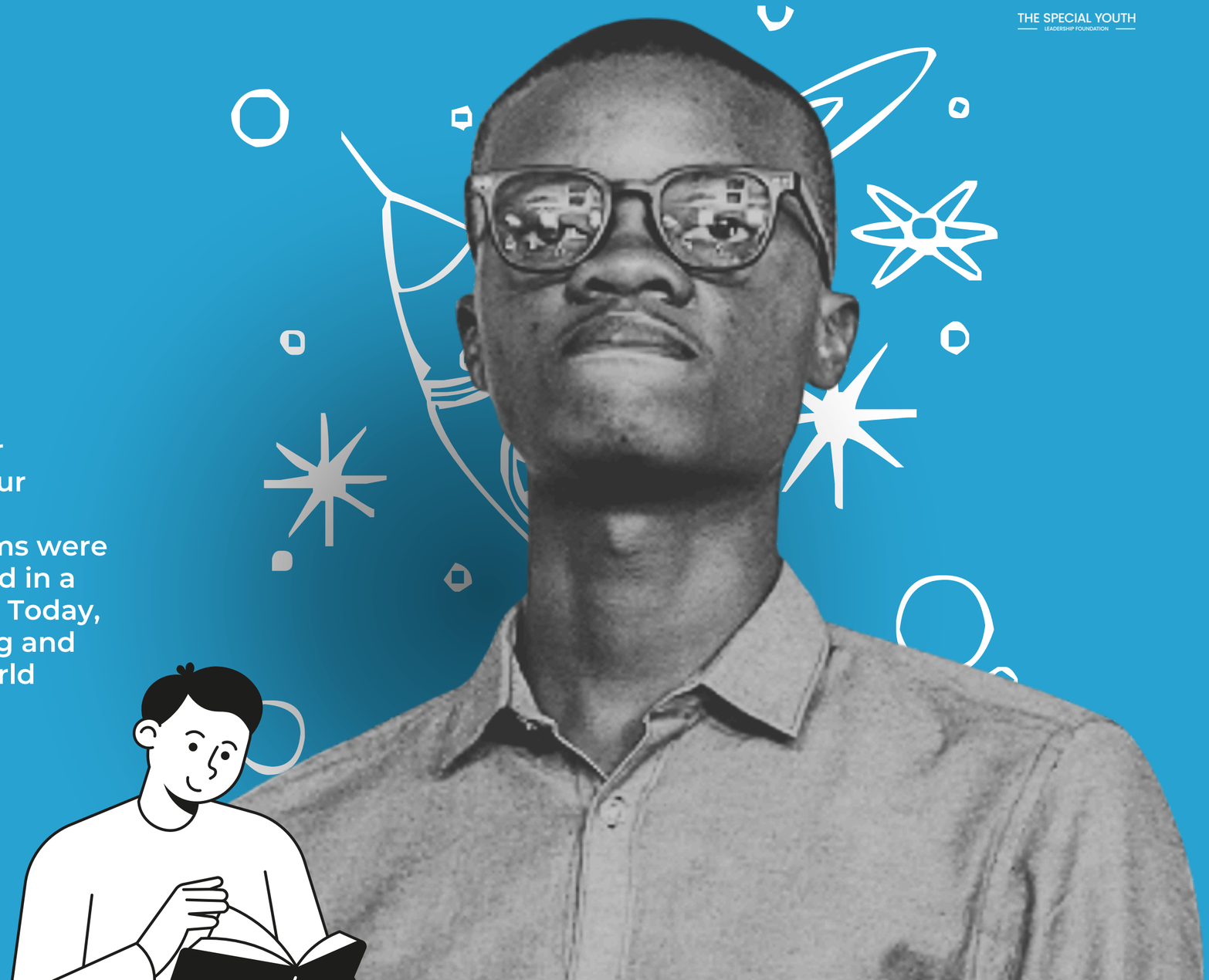
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MEET ONE OF OUR SPECIAL SCHOLARS

Victor Akinlade

Victor Akinlade is currently studying Computer Engineering at the University of Lagos under our Special Scholarship Program. After scoring an outstanding 335 on his UTME in 2024, his dreams were nearly cut short when his parents were involved in a serious accident that left the family struggling. Today, with the Foundation's support, Victor is thriving and determined to use technology to solve real-world problems and uplift others like him.



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SPECIAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The Summer School Program is a 4–6 week intensive program that provides hands-on learning and practical skill-building in areas such as soap making, tailoring, coding, catering, leadership, and entrepreneurship for children across primary and secondary school levels. Fully funded by the Foundation and its partners, the 2026 edition reached over **41,135** children across 19 centers and 10 states and the Federal Capital Territory, equipping them with lifelong skills while fostering creativity, teamwork, and self-confidence.



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SUMMER SCHOOL GALLERY



















SCHOOL BUILD PROGRAM

Many schools lack the infrastructure needed for effective learning. Research shows that most public schools fall short of the recommended standards for safe, supportive learning environments.

Our School Build Program tackles this by constructing and renovating resilient educational facilities, helping students thrive in spaces designed for growth.

Schools are selected through trusted partner referrals. So far, we've improved over 15 schools, impacting over 8,500 students.

Each center is funded with ₦7,000,000, fully covered by the Foundation and partners.







This School's Glow-up Will Leave You Speechless!

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SCHOOL BUILD PROGRAM |

HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL, IKOYI

At Hope Primary School in Ikoyi, we led a major renovation project to revive the school's infrastructure and learning environment. This included the full upgrade of the Oasis Library, renovation of classroom blocks and the staffroom, as well as the installation of solar panels and ceiling fans to improve comfort and energy access.

We also brought life and creativity to the school through vibrant mural paintings, alongside providing books, furniture, and learning resources. These changes were designed not just to improve academics, but to restore pride and possibility in a space that serves hundreds of children.

Today, Hope Primary is a transformed learning hub and a model for what's possible in public education **impacting over 800 lives**. The project was featured on Channels TV and continues to inspire hope in the community, calling for more partnerships to expand this impact nationwide.













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ST. FRANCIS JUNIOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL, IWAYA

We recently completed the full renovation of the school library at St. Francis Junior Grammar School, Iwaya-Yaba. Once a forgotten space, it is now a vibrant hub for learning, curiosity, and imagination. With new shelves, books, furniture, and muraled bright walls, students finally have a safe, inspiring place to read, study, and dream.

Impacting over 1700 lives, this library is more than a renovation. It’s a promise to every child: Your future matters.







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MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Our Mentorship Program connects junior and senior secondary school students with professionals from diverse fields. Through interactive classroom sessions, students gain exposure to real-world experiences, career insights, and life skills that go beyond the school curriculum.

In a system where students often lack access to practical guidance, this program helps them understand the steps needed to reach their goals. Mentors share personal stories, answer questions, and offer clarity on subjects like career paths, decision-making, and personal growth.

To date, over 11,000 students have benefited from this initiative, many leaving inspired, informed, and better equipped to make meaningful choices about their future.



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POTENTIAL BENEFITS

INTRODUCING VEAL FRAMEWORK

V

VISIBILITY (COMMS & PR PLAN)

The Partners:
Traditional media and digital media.

The Volunteers/Public:
Social media, Word of mouth, Peer referral.

E

ENGAGEMENT

The Partners:
Program reports, Celebratory milestones (ours and theirs).

The Volunteers/Public:
Give them responsibilities and an opportunity, and a platform to express themselves as positive change agents through outreaches and programs.

A&L

AFFINITY & LOYALTY

The Partners:
Accountability (Programs and Finances), Progress Report, Consistency.

The Volunteers/Public:
Spotlight/Recognition, Awards, Reports.

The Schools:
Gift items & Awards for students and school administration. Follow up with recipients of awards and scholarships.

EXPECTED IMPACT

The expected impact of the implementation of the proposed strategy on different stakeholder groups:



The Students/Parents

Increased awareness, higher knowledge/skill set, support, and organic success stories.



The School/Community

Recognition, reduced crime, and unemployment.



The Volunteers

Fulfilment, success stories.



The Partners

Improve the quality of the future workforce and, by extension productivity of the businesses. Strong corporate portfolio, good PR and positive brand representation.

ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

Our accountability is essential to our continued ability to work and deliver our impact-driven objectives. We apply the resources at our disposal — the experience, skills, and knowledge of our team alongside personal and third-party financial contributions. The networks and value-adding support of our army of Volunteers and Ambassadors are also utilized.

We have pledged to tackle the educational deficit in Africa through our various interventions and infrastructure development programs. Our accountability is maintained through:

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- A vibrant board of trustees and Advisory council that provides general oversight to the activities of the Foundation.
- A set of operating principles to which our team, board, advisory council, and ambassadors are held accountable, supported by a robust control framework to ensure these principles are followed.
- Regular reports that assess our performance against pre-defined impact targets and milestones.
- Periodic management accounts by a third-party company – Arkounting Professional Services.
- Annual audit accounts by external auditors – UHY Maaji & Co.
- External legal advice and guidance provided by Greychapel Legal.

MONTHLY GIVING PLAN

Because every child has a right to dream.

At The Special Foundation, we believe that transforming Africa starts with educating her children, and you can be part of that transformation, one month at a time.

Our Monthly Giving Plan is a simple, powerful way to create lasting impact. With a fixed monthly donation automatically debited, you'll help sustain scholarships and life-changing programs for underprivileged children across Nigeria.



Your monthly support helps to:

- Fund school fees and learning materials
- Provide mentorship and leadership training
- Equip children with real-life skills through workshops

No amount is too small. Every gift helps us build a future where no child is left behind.

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INVEST IN A CHILD'S *Future*

Account details:

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Account number: 0131522788

Bank name: FCMB
Account name: The Special Youth Leadership Foundation
Account number: 8763293012

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Account number: 0058487342

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Thank you!

