

PROJECT A.C.E

Progress & Impact Report



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17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



Educating, Enlightening, Empowering

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Message from the Founder



In 2018, when we reflected on the essence and purpose of our existence as an organisation, we knew we were on a long journey that would take years to materialise into tangible impact.

At Elevate, we are fully aware of the amount of work it takes to truly create impact, and we are 100% committed to this journey of transforming lives, no matter how long it would take.

It is for this reason that we launched Project A.C.E in 2019 - One of our principal projects that is targeted at youth development in Makoko, Lagos Nigeria. In 2019 when this project was launched, we kickstarted with an intensive reorientation program dubbed the Mental Liberation Conference 2019. Many didn't understand our end goal, especially as we diverted our resources from Christmas in Makoko (our annual Christmas party), towards more salient yet impactful and sustainable projects like Project A.C.E.

With the leaps of transformation we have seen in the lives of our Project A.C.E beneficiaries, we are confident that we made the right decision. Mindsets have shifted, many have been mentally, intellectually and economically empowered. So much has been achieved since 2019, and we are only just beginning.

Given the long term nature of the project impact, this is an interim progress report. The report is intended to depict a culmination of the various Project-A.C.E activities we have embarked on since 2019, under Project A.C.E; Primarily two of the sub-projects - Mental Liberation Conference and the Social Impact Accelerator.

We appreciate our volunteers, partners and donors who have supported this project selflessly since its inception. It is because of you that we are able to do the work that we do, and we do not take your support for granted.

For the rest of 2021, we look forward to expanding our impact capacity in Makoko and recording even more lives transformed.

Abiola Adebisi
Founder, President (Projects)



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Who we are Our Vision, Mission & Impact

We are a youth driven non-profit organisation *Educating, Enlightening and Empowering* vulnerable Nigerians living in underserved communities, starting with Makoko, Africa's largest floating slum.



To defend and help Nigerians who are vulnerable to social challenges and enlighten youths on the importance of social responsibility and accountability.

Our Mission

Our Vision

Through Education, Enlightenment and Empowerment, Nigerians in underserved communities will be equipped to excel among their privileged counterparts, and become problem solvers in their communities.

Our Impact



7214 lives impacted



7100 relief packs distributed



50 youths trained in vocational skills



51 children provided with SDG education



13 social entrepreneurs



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Our Project ethos

If we exist for our beneficiaries, then it is imperative that strong social projects are the backbone of our work. Due to this, we don't embark on short term or one-off projects that lack **trackable, tangible or measurable** impact in our beneficiaries' lives.

Kindly take a few minutes to read the ethos behind our social projects [here](#)

Since 2016, we have embarked on various projects relating to the areas of relief provision (food, clothing etc), educational programs (exam sponsorships, school fee payments etc), skills acquisition programs and most recently, education for sustainable development programs.

All our projects take place in Makoko, and are designed to address the **3 key thematic areas** below, in line with our Vision and Mission;



Economic Prosperity



Leadership

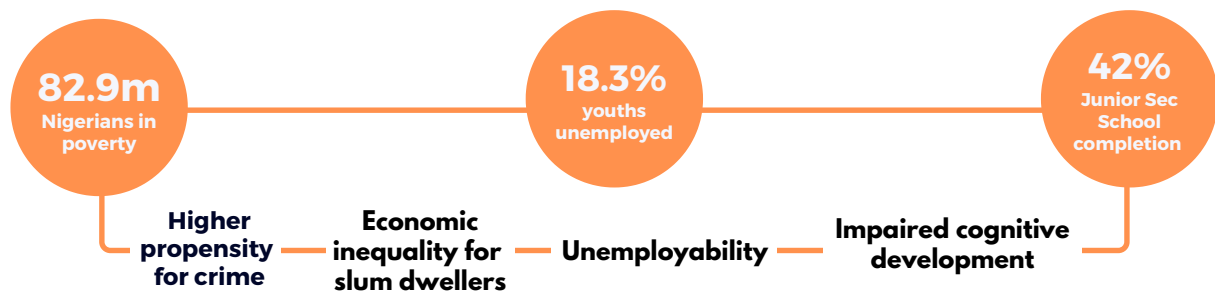


Social Responsibility





Project A.C.E (Access, Community Development, Education) is a 3-part project aiming to attain economic equality for disadvantaged youths, and equip them to become social change agents.



**Click the statistic for more information*

The project consists of various sub-projects revolving around educational programs for youths, personal and career development programs, and social entrepreneurship for community development programs. Through our sub-projects, we support the progress of young people between the ages of 16 and 35 years in Makoko.

PART 1: Reorientation programs

Employs re-orientation mechanisms to enable the beneficiaries unlearn unproductive ways of thinking, learn and relearn productive ways of thinking to imbibe a growth mindset.

PART 2: Educational & Career Development programs

Beneficiaries are upskilled (formal education and/or vocational skill training), and are connected with figures within the industries they aim to work in, to expose them to opportunities outside Makoko.

PART 3: Community Development

The beneficiaries attend seminars that equip them with Project Management and Entrepreneurial skills to enable them become active problem solvers in Makoko.



Monitoring and Evaluation

Achieving outcomes and creating impact

Orientation - Mental Liberation Conference

ELEVATE X RESTRUCTURE AFRICA

MENTAL LIBERATION

A 5 Day seminar series aimed at bringing liberation to the minds of Makoko youths.

TUESDAY April 23 - SATURDAY April 27

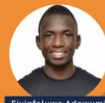
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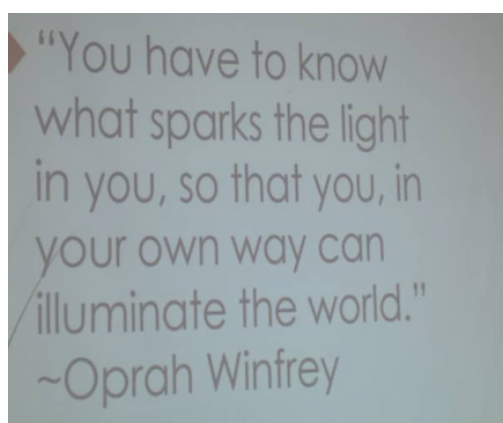


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Founder, Young Photoge Leadership Foundation

building leaders and revealing purpose...



5 days

6 champions of hope

27 participants

20 hours of storytelling and inspiration

Project outcomes

>50%

of the beneficiaries showed good understanding of the topics: Leadership, Entitlement Culture, Purpose Discovery

70%

of the beneficiaries showed adequate understanding of issues relating to global citizenship.

80%

of the beneficiaries after self reflection, identified their sense of entitlement and indicated a desire to unlearn the mindset.

>50%

of the beneficiaries noted a realisation that their existence is purposeful.

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beneficiaries, after learning about the importance of servant leadership, and formed a social impact group in Makoko: Makoko Student Association

***Outcomes were measured qualitatively via a detailed feedback form, in line with the UN SDG 4 target indicators**



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Monitoring and Evaluation Achieving outcomes and creating impact Orientation - Mental Liberation Conference

Impact testimonials

Has this conference added signi[ficant] value to you? If yes, kindly share what you've gained from the conference.

I discovered myself by discovering my main purpose. I believe that being born in Makoko is not a mistake; because God have a plan for me.

"I discovered myself by discovering my main purpose. I believe that being born in Makoko is not a mistake because God has a plan for me."

3. Kindly mention 2 key things that you believe this conference has impacted on you

This conference made me to change my thinking also to make to understand that nobody can hurt me without my permission. This conference also made me to understand that I should never put down to myself.

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Yes, a lot how to be a good leader by being a good follower and also to find solutions to problems.

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Monitoring and Evaluation Achieving outcomes and creating impact Community Development - Social Impact Accelerator



WHAT IS SOCIAL IMPACT?

A significant and sustained positive change that addresses a pressing social challenge.

- It is the result of a **DELIBERATE** set of activities with a goal matching this definition.
- It is **SPECIFIC**
- It is **LONG-TERM**
- It is **MEASURABLE**
- It is the resulting social progress of **ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES** of social challenges on People, Planet and Prosperity



Impact | Session 3



5 weeks Social impact masterclasses

10 beneficiaries

5 social projects

Funding provided

Project Outcomes

>50%

of the beneficiaries showed adequate understanding of issues relating to global citizenship.

100%

of the beneficiaries noted their confidence in solving some social issues after the project compared to 67% who didn't know how to address social issues in Makoko before the project.

100%

of the beneficiaries drafted project plans addressing either Waste, Education or Unemployment issues in Makoko.

100%

of the beneficiaries gained presentation and pitching skills by giving a 5 minutes pitch for their social projects

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beneficiary was awarded a pilot grant to execute a waste management project in Makoko, with the potential of impacting 100's of lives, and making Makoko cleaner and safer.

***Outcomes were measured qualitatively using pre and post session self assessments in line with the UN SDG 4 target indicators.**

Other Project A.C.E activities embarked on include:

- Sponsorship of Post UTME exams and forms
- Financial support for beneficiaries' welfare
- Financial & Advisory Business support
- Payment of University tuition fees and short-term educational scholarships

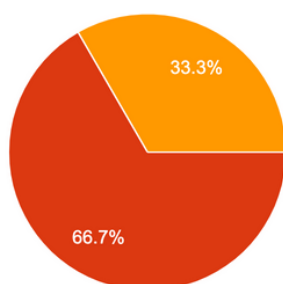


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Monitoring and Evaluation Achieving outcomes and creating impact Community Development - Social Impact Accelerator

Impact testimonials

Before the project:



- I'm bothered about the issues in Makoko but I don't think I can solve them
- I'm bothered about the issues in Makoko, I want to solve them but don't know how to
- I'm bothered about the issues in Makoko and I know how best to solve them
- I'm not bothered about the issues in Makoko, and I'm not interested in solving them

By the end of the project, the beneficiaries had developed project solutions such as:

SOLAR LIGHT (CLEAN & AFFORDABLE ENERGY IN MAKOKO)

Our plans in order to achieve this are as follow:

- * Sourcing for funds from our families and friends to produce some solar lights and buying of solar panels
- * Empowering/teaching other youths in the community on how to make solar lights as a better alternative to light generated from electricity (NEPA).
- * Advocating to the people on the importance of solar lights

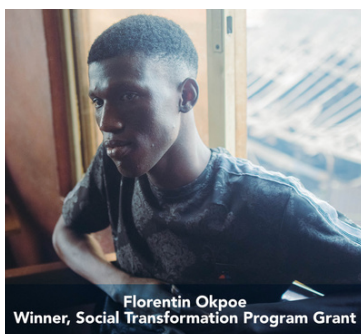
AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES (QUALITY EDUCATION)

The first action to be taken is to organise educational programs and also organise lesson for the pupils to keep them busy after school. And also their should be an establishment of schools where the teachers or staffs will be monitored and the performance of the pupils are measure from time to time. Furthermore, for the secondary school students, there should be mentorship class and also scholarship programs to motivate them in their performance in school.

MACI/Makoko Clean-up Initiative (CLEAN WATER & SANITATION)

Makoko waste issue can be solve by combine methodic use of recycling (turning solid waste into use products) and incineration (It is a process by which solid waste that cannot be recycle are burn) method. How can work? The community most collective provide a designated location(s) for waste collection with designated waste bins (larger in size) or structures. These bins or structures are to be use to collect waste for recycling separately and waste to be incinerated separately.

How can this be finance? This can be fund through periodic contribution from members of the community and selling out the waste labelled for recycling at an agreed rate, in this case partnership with recycling companies is required.



Florentin Okpoe
Winner, Social Transformation Program Grant

**Click the image to listen to Florentin share his experience during the program*



- 1 Digital skills training**

We will be improving the employability and career prospects of our Project A.C.E beneficiaries by providing them with specialist tech skills which they can commercialise into an income source.
- 2 Social Impact Accelerator**

The program will be morphed into a more intensive program, which will provide social investment funding to support innovative solutions developed by the community members to tackle development issues in Makoko.
- 3 Expansion to Oko-Agbon and Waterside communities in Makoko.**

Thus far, Project A.C.E. has ran in Adogbo, Makoko. We will be expanding the program to Oko Agbon and some Waterside communities, and have already begun so by onboarding new beneficiaries.

To facilitate our expansion plans, we are seeking passionate volunteers, strategic partnerships and well meaning donors to support our work

Support us by becoming a partner, donor or volunteer

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