



W`help Project
Nigeria

W`HELP PROJECT NIGERIA

Releasing Individual and Collective potential,
creating Self-Sufficiency and Maximising project capacity.

WE HELP PROJECTS...

We are a Non-government and a Non-profit organization established in June 2004 in NIGERIA with the aim of improving the relationship between different states of the country. Our main concept is to promote technology transfer from state to state there by contributing to the economic, educational and cultural development of the different states in Nigeria.

We believe that by initiating, promoting and realizing very relevant micro projects, a better understanding of cultures of different states can be achieved.

Its first project in this direction is the W'HELP PROJECT (W'HELP means WE HELP).

Project Justification

This is a project to promote information technology among youth and the general public in Nigerian. The *main objectives* of this project is the establishment of information technology center in Nigerian urban and rural areas so as to:

- (a) Reduce the existing deficit between theoretical and practical learning
- (b) Enable young school leavers especially in Rural areas to attain adequate Information Technology Training
- (c) Establish computer training centers, most especially in rural areas.
- (d) Create employment opportunity for on-going information Technology specialist in Nigeria.
- (e) Bridge the gap of information technology between the older and the younger generation.

This document highlights the work W`HELP PROJECT NIGERIA is doing in showcasing the positive potentials for helping people from different works of life irrespective of their ethnic background thereby embracing people from their different states of origin in information technology among youth and the general public in Nigeria.

TARGET GROUPS



- Children and youths especially in Rural areas
- School drop-outs
- Unemployed
- General public
- Primary and Secondary schools that cannot afford I.T. Education for their students.
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- Retirees that cannot afford I.T Education

After Program(Project follow-up strategies)

- Scouting for / Securing of employment for our former students.
- Provision of support materials for empowerment/self employment for our former students (eg. Computer System)..
- Sponsoring/securing of admission for our former students into higher institutions.



Engr. O.T. Salawu, a retired staff of Kaduna Polytechnic during a practical session at the W'help center in Kaduna



W` help project centre Kaduna

KADUNA W` HELP PROJECT CENTER

Kaduna project center also the first project center, was established in July 2004, a 3 Bedroom apartment was adapted to serve as a training center. Our information technology partners in Nigeria, Ecalpemos Technologies Ltd and Beulah Electronic/Computer Engineers Ltd had over the years assisted us in developing a logical approach in the training of the less privilege youths from all over the country in different skills in the information and communications technology sector. We started by admitting different categories of youths for various skill acquisition training, some on industrial attachment training from higher institutions of learning, some are fresh graduate from the Nigerian Universities and Polytechnics while majority are Secondary School Certificate holders.



There is a saying that, "The Devil tempt some, but an idle mind tempt the Devil." Our aim is to take away these youths from idling away their time, build them up, give them skills and eventually secure a gainful employment for them or send them to higher institutions in the case of secondary school certificate holders. Since all the youths can not come to our whelp project center to acquire skills and the act of entrepreneurship because of limited space and distance we decided to encourage and assist in various programs of a student organization known as Student In Free Enterprises (SIFE) of the Kaduna Polytechnic. This youth organization primary purpose is to foster entrepreneurship culture in our community through teaching of the principles of free enterprises which will empower them to reach their full economic potential. So far we have trained ninety four (94) SIFE youth members in computer hardware repairs and installations, eighteen (18) of them were enrolled into an advanced apprenticeship program for computer repairs and maintenance with Twelve (12) of them eventually gaining employment after the apprenticeship program. The SIFE team of the Kaduna Polytechnics represented Nigeria twice in an international SIFE competition in France.



A whelp project center volunteer Miss Riki (from Europe) at mercy home orphanage kaduna



Students In Free Enterprise Kaduna Polytechnic during an I.T seminar conducted by the W` help project Center.



A philosopher once declared that "It is better to train a child than to repair an adult." We discover that for some of the youths it is not very easy to train them obviously because of their foundation and their childhood upbringing, thus we decided to also invest in the KIDS who are unarguably the most valuable assets of tomorrow and on the basis of this, We introduce the "Catch them young" concept. In collaboration with the SIFE team of Kaduna Polytechnics we launch the e-kids program aimed at teaching pupils in primary schools and introduce them to the world of computer and information technology. This e-Kids program later metamorphosed to an e-Kids academy using the e-Books, a software package to provide practical support for students in the academy. We are currently using the e-academy program to train kids from Adonai Orphanage in Kaduna State. Also in collaboration with the Center for Technology Entrepreneurship Education and Development (CTEED under the able leadership of Prof. Engr. Suleiman Ugya, we have provided jobs and trained youths in Tudun Wada, an area with a very high unemployment rate and a largely volatile neighborhood due to restless and unemployed youths.



Since majority of the less privilege youths are found in rural areas where they have no access to information, good education, road, water and other essential facilities, our focus became very strong in that direction thus we decided to setup several skill acquisition centers in rural areas normally with base at the respective Local Government headquarters'. Recently we realized that some of the communities in these areas do not have access to our project centers because of distance thus preventing them from benefiting from the program and because of these limitations, in August 2006, we launched a project called W' helpmobile (Information Technology on Wheels) amongst the IKULUS found in Zangon-Kataf Local Government area of Kaduna State. The aim of the project is to ensure that distance no more prevent them from benefiting from the skills acquisition program of the W'help Project Centers. The strategy is to put four computers in a bus with a generating set and travel from our base to Ikulu normally trice in a week. In Ikulu through the support of their prominent traditional ruler, we were able to secure a small mud house and used as our training center.

In order to contribute to the economic development of our host communities (mostly farmers) located in the rural areas, we immediately swung into action and began working toward the realization of a large community cool storage system. This project which has the capacity of empowering these communities economically and providing employment opportunities entails the construction of a prototype central refrigerating system with a capacity of generating a cold temperature of -25 degrees centigrade which can be stored in latent storage units and can then be used for the purpose of storage in these communities. This is a proposed program of the Commission for Development Studies of the Austrian academy of sciences. The Institut fur cuoperation bei Entwicklungsprojekten (Institute of Cooperation on Development Project) and Mr. Leo Obkircher (Technical Adviser) based in Vienna, Austria are our foreign technical partners in this project. However the Energy Commission of Nigeria under the able leadership of Prof. Engr. A. S. Sambo, is our Nigerian partners for this project. This storage system when implemented will enable these farmers to store perishable food items for a long time to reduce wastage and to improve their income generation capacity and consequently, reduce poverty.



An International W'help Project volunteer at Adonai orphanage, Kaduna

In November 2004, our project titled: Facing Transcontinental and subtitled in Hausa as MURYANA NEMAN HOTO, MEANING, VOICE IS LOOKING FOR PICTURE was launched in our Whelp Project Center in Kaduna. This was an audiovisual project carried out by students from Kaduna, Nigeria and Vienna, Austria and supported by a team of artistic group GECKO-ART. Students from Vienna (Austria) and Kaduna (Nigeria) created short audio features dealing with experiences of daily life. The audio features were transmitted by e-mail and by an internal website to the respective other cities where they were converted into photographic scenes. In this way, students of Kaduna invented photographic scenes based on the audio scenes of everyday life coming from the Viennese students, and the audio scenes created in Kaduna, dealing with the routine of the Kaduna students' everyday life were visualized in photographic scenes created by the Viennese students. The aim of the project was to point out that the production of ideas and fair trade of artistic contents are mutual actions and also that the web is suitable for transmitting these artistic contents. This project was presented by the Austrians in a competition titled "Bridging the digital divides," which was arranged by the Austrian ministry for science and education, e-fit Austria and by the Austrian commission for UNESCO. After the competition, our project "MURYANA NEMAN HOTO also known as Facing Transcontinental was selected for presentation at the WORLD SUMMIT ON INFORMATION SOCIETY (WSIS) between 16th and 18th November 2005 in Tunis, Tunisia.

Thus "MURYANA NEMAN HOTO (Facing Transcontinental) reached an international podium of experts in e-learning and teachers as well as students from countries who were interested in a peaceful and creative use of the internet.



Whelp Project Austrian Volunteer
with the Agwom Ikulu

Our teams of candidates who had undergone our training in our centers are now happily equipped with knowledgeable facilities to aid them demonstrate and cope with the everyday challenges with a more successful results to prove their self-sufficiency and capacity to function in the IT world.

Welp project Nigeria has expanded and set up several skill acquisition centers in different parts of Nigeria in collaboration with indigenes of those areas. Some of these centers includes:



ZANGON KATAF PROJECT CENTER

The Zangon Kataf W'help Project Center located at Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State (North-West, Nigeria) was established in may 2005, in collaboration with Hon. Mathew Gwazah (Member Kaduna State House of Assembly from 2003-2007). The project center which was commissioned by Senator Isaiah Balat, started with seven computer systems. The center which has enjoyed the support of Hon. Mathew Gwazah till date has an increased number of computers and Sewing machines and has trained more then 1560 youth from different wards in the Local Government and 30 Local Government Staff in various aspects of computer skills and more than 100 women in sewing.



KACHIA PROJECT CENTER

The Kachia W'help project center was commissioned on 4th December 2005 in collaboration with Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Maisango Audu, who was then the deputy speaker of Kaduna State House of Assembly. The center started with 15 computer systems mainly for the purpose of training the less privilege youths in Kachia and its neighboring villages. The center has succeeded in training 1120 youths.



KAGORO PROJECT CENTER

The Whelp project donated in Jan 2006, 10 computer systems for the purpose of setting-up of the kagoro Whelp Project Center in Kaduna state (North-West, Nigeria) aimed at training the youths in that community in various information Technology skills. This idea was supported by Hon. Gideon Gwani, then honorable Member represented Kaura Federal Constituency of Kaduna state.



SABO PROJECT CENTER

In March 2006, in collaboration with Bro Afam Eruchalu, the Refuge discipleship Computer Training Center, Ungwar Gimbia, Kaduna State (North-West, Nigeria) was established with the aim of training youths from all denominations across Nigeria not only in computer skills but also to inculcate godly virtues in them so that they become righteous future leaders. This center desires to produce youth who are morally upright, highly skillful and have capacity and boldness to say no to every forms of corruption and consequently changing their entire generations.



PANKSHIN PROJECT CENTER

In April 2006, the Pankshin Whelp Project Center was established. This was in collaboration with Capt. A.E Rotshak (Rtd) and supported by Hon. Anthony Goyol, the then Chairman of Pankshin Local Government Council of Plateau State. (North Central, Nigeria). The center which has 15 computers has trained 1700 people, the young and the old inclusive.



BIRNIN GWARI PROJECT CENTER

In March 2008, the Birnin Gwari Project Center was established with the support of Alhaji Zubairu Abdulrahuff, the Managing Director of Kaduna State Media Cooperation in collaboration with the Birnin Gwari Unity Forum chaired by Alhaji Abdullahi Marafa. The center is located in the heart of Birnin Gwari Local Government area of Kaduna State (North - West) of Nigeria and has so far trained 346 youths and 25 local Government Staff..

Some female students at the Birnin Gwari project center



TUDUN WADA PROJECT CENTER

The Tudun-Wada project center collaboration was signed in May 2008 in collaboration with Hajiya Ribi Danballa Maiyaki the Proprietor of UNI-RES COMPUTER INSTITUTE, Kaduna (North-West, Nigeria.)

This center which targets to reduce the number of jobless youths in that domain by training them in various information technology skills and some vocational skill such as Electrical Wiring and Plumbing has so far trained 356 youths in different skills.



NORTH-BANK PROJECT CENTER

The North-Bank Whelp project center is located at North-Bank, Markurdi, Benue State (North-Central) of Nigeria. This is in collaborating with Mr. Haruna Audu Mamza, the Proprietor of Dreams International College, Makurdi. The project center located in the college with 20 computers and with internet facilities is aimed at training student of Secondary schools in various information technology skills.

Commissioner of Education
Benue State Dr Eugene Alagba (middle)
during the commissioning of the project center



UNGWAR-SARKI YOUTH GROUP

In our resolve to remove idle youths from the street, the Ungwar-Sarki youth group was formed in June 2008. The youths undergo various computer skills training at the Whelp Project Center headquarters in collaboration with Alhaji Abdullahi Banga, who champions the Sarkin Yamma Youths Forum. This youth group is located in Ungwar-Sarki, Kaduna North Local Government area of Kaduna State (North-West) of Nigeria. So far 18 youths have been trained.



YELWA PROJECT CENTER

The Yelwa Project Center in Bauchi State (North-East) of Nigeria was established in February 2006 in collaboration with Mrs. Briskila O. Emefesi, founder of Spinster's Foundation International. The aim of the center amongst others is to train young girls of marriageable age in various skills so that they can contribute to the growth of their family after marriage. So far 136 young girls and 30 widows have been trained. 21 of the single girls trained are now happily married and are using their acquired skills in sustaining their families positively.

Kaduna Whelp Project Center
Student during Vsat internet
Installations practical



Arrival of the computer on wheel team at Ikulu

IKULU PROJECT CENTER (W'HELP MOBILE OR COMPUTER ON WHEELS)

In October 2006, the project W'help Mobile or Computer skills on wheels was launched in Ikulu, located in Zangon Kataf Local Government of Kaduna State (North-West) of Nigeria. The aim of this project was to bring computer and other skills to the youths in the hinterland. A small bus was equipped with a power generator and some personal computer and drove from Zangon Kataf to Ikulu to give basic computer training to the youths of Ikulu. This project was introduced for youths whose wards/villages are far away from our project center (mainly situated at the Local Government Councils Headquarters). 38 youths from surrounding villages in Ikulu were trained. Our Austrian Volunteer, Mr. Richard Mitterndorffer also assisted in the training which lasted for eight (8) weeks.



Birnin Gwari Project Center

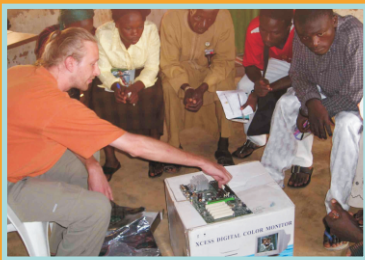
SABUWA PROJECT CENTER

The Sabuwa project center was concluded and signed in February 2008. The project which was initiated by the Deputy Government of Kastina State, Barr. Sirajo Damari will be accomplished in collaboration with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Sabuwa Local Government Council of Kastina State (North-West, Nigeria). The center which upon completion will house 40 modern computers and internet facilities is aimed at providing information technologies skills for all in that domain and other neighboring areas most especially the youths.



ORI-APATA YOUTH 'S PROGRAM

Charity is said to begin at home, thus the oriakpata skill acquisition project was initiated in February 2006 by the whelp project center to assist in training youths in its immediate environment. This training project which was coordinated by Mallam Musa Audu Rigasa comprises mostly of youths from Igbira road mosque, located in oriakpata, Kaduna North Local Government of Kaduna State (North-West, Nigeria). These youths were empowered with different computer skills to enable them face the rising challenges of the modern world. They were also thought entrepreneurship education (basically how to start and sustain a small business) and other technical skills such as basic electrical installations and plumbing. The whelp project center, Kaduna has trained 76 youths in Oriapata area and is planning to establish a skill acquisition center in that domain to take care of youths from neighboring areas like Tudun Nupawa and Tudun-wada.



Mr. Richard Mitterndorffer an international Whelp project volunteer during a practical session

RIGACHUKUN PROJECT CENTER

This center was established in March 2006 aimed at training youths from that area and its environs in different computer skills. The center which founded in colla boration with Zakari Danlami Turundu has so far train 32 youths.

At W`help Project Nigeria information technology among youth and the general public in Nigerian (IT) is at the heart of our business. We recognize the signature contribution that IT can make to the educational, personal and development of young people and are proud to have worked in close partnership with several recognized IT Companies and institutes at home and abroad.

We establish computer training centers, most especially in rural areas, Creating employment opportunity for on-going information Technology specialist in Nigeria. Thereby,bridging the gap of information technology between the older and the younger generation.



Visit of the Austrian Ambassador to W'help project center Kaduna



During a courtesy Visit to the Austrian Ambassador to Nigeria in Abuja. Left-Right: Magister Kunle Banwo (Coordinator W'help Project), Engr.David Kevin (Project Manager W'help Project), Dr. Christian Fellner (Austrian Ambassador to Nigeria)



Honourary Consul of Austria in Kaduna, Engr. H. Hufnagl During the opening Ceremony of a Linux Operating system Training for Electrical Engineers in Kaduna




Visit Of Whelp Project Team To Pankshin Local Government Chairman Left-right Mr. Richard Mitterndoffer,(International W'help Volunteer), Engr. David Kevin (Project Manager W'help Project), Dr. Anthony Goyol (Chairman Pankshin LGC), And fifth from left Capt. A.E. Rotshak Rtd., (Collaboration Partner Pankshin center)



SUMMARY OF W'HELP ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA

- May 2003:** Registration of our organization in Vienna, Austria.
- June 2004:** Establishment of whelp project center Kaduna.
- Sept 2004:** Donation of computer system to Adonai orphanage, Kaduna.
- Oct. 2004:** Participation at the 2nd Kaduna science and technology week.
- Nov.2004:** Afro-European audio bridge was launched in vienna.
Our project muniya na reman hoto (facing trans-continental) was Launched in Kaduna, Nigeria.
- April 2005:** Workshop in Kaduna with St.Micheal Anglican college, Beulah youth group and youths of harvesters group, Barnawa Kaduna.
- May 2005:** Exhibition and workshops with secondary schools in Vienna.
- May 2005:** Opening of project center at Zango Kataf Local Government, Kaduna State (In collaboration with Hon Mathew Gwazah).
- Nov 2005:** Presentation of our Project Muriya na neman hoto (Voice looking for picture) at the
WORLD SUMMIT ON INFORMATION SOCIETY IN TUNIS, TUNISIA
- Dec2005:** Opening of project center at Kachia Local Government, Kaduna State (In collaboration with Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Maisango Audu).
- Jan 2006:** Donated ten (10) computer systems for setting up of a Whelp project center in Kagoro
- Feb 2006:** Donated computer systems to Spinsters Foundation International, Bauchi State
- March 2006:** A two weeks workshops in collaboration with Center for Enterprise Education and Community Empowerment Tudun Wada Kaduna State..
- April 2006:** Opening of project center at Pankshin Local Government, Plateau State(In collaboration with Hon. Anthony Goyol)
- June 2006:** collaboration with the Energy Commission Nigeria on the construction of a cold storage System in Nigeria
- Aug 2006:** The Project Whelp mobile (Information Technology on Wheels) was launched in Zangon Kataf
- In collaboration with Electrical Division of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, organized an Information Technology Training seminar for Sardauna memorial college, Kaduna.
- Sept 2006:** Whelp- web, (a project on website design) between students of Federal Government College Kaduna and Bundesreal Gymnasium Schwechat, Austria was launched.
- Oct 2006:** The project Whelp mobile (Information Technology on Wheels) was launched at Ikulu.
- Information Technology Training for members of the Student In Free Enterprise (SIFE)

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- Nov 2006:** Arrival of a volunteer, Mr Richard Mittendorfer from Austria to assist in information Technology training on Linux operating system and building of website.
- Organized an eight weeks (8) Linux Training course for I.T Engineers in Kaduna state.
- Dec 2006:** Arrival of volunteer from Austria Miss Rikkie whose mission is primarily to assist in taking Care of orphans (Worked with Adonai Orphanage and Mercy home orphanage).
- Donated a computer system to Karkara Women Development Initiative (KAWDI) Barnawa, Kaduna.

Jan2007: Commenced Information Technology training for student of center for Technology Entrepreneurship Education and community Empowerment (CTEECE) Tudun-Wada Kaduna.

- Feb 2007:** Visited Adonai orphanage and donated food items.
- Linux training for members of Nigerian institution of Electrical and electronics Engineers, Kaduna .

April 2007: The project, 'E-kids', commence with the Kids from Adonai orphanage.

Sept 15, 2007: Participated in the world free software day

October 2007: In collaboration with Nehemiah Foundation International, youths and Children empowerment project for Primary School at Samaru –kataf was launched.

Nov 2007: Commencement of Whelp editorial project with Federal Government College Kaduna.

Dec 2007: Arrival of an European volunteer , Mr. Richard Mittendorffer to Nigeria for a six Months Volunteer Program

Feb 2008: Visit of Austrian Ambassador Dr. Christian Fellner to Whelp Project Center in Kaduna, Nigeria

March 2008: Setting up of an I.T center with 20 computers in Makurdi (Dreams International College) in collaboration with Mr Manza Haruna Audu the proprietor of the School.

- Opening of an I.T center with 8 computers at Birnin Gwari (In collaboration with Birnin Gwari Unity Forum).

April 2008: Angwan Sarki youth skill acquisition training program was launched (In Kaduna North Local Government, Kaduna State). .

May 2008: In collaboration with Rabi Danballa Maiyaki the Tudun wada youth training Program commenced



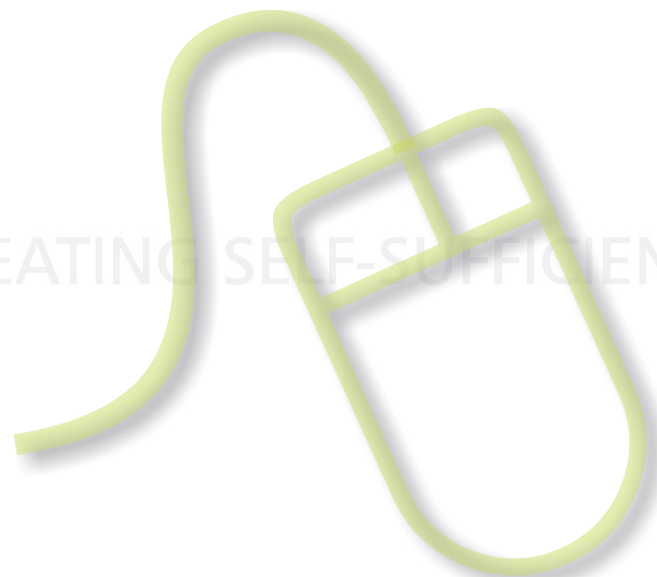


June 2008: I.T Training programs for Engineers in collaboration with the Nigerian Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineers was launched.

- In collaboration with Kaduna State Staff Development Center, an I.T program for Kaduna State Civil Servants was launched.(Voluntary Provision of our Equipment and Staff as resource persons to facilitate sessions).
- Donation of Computer equipment to Whelp project center by the Austrian ambassadors to Nigeria in Abuja, Nigeria.

RELEASING INDIVIDUAL AND
COLLECTIVE POTENTIALS

CREATING SELF-SUFFICIENCY



MAXIMISING PROJECT CAPACITY.

Support:

W`help Project **Nigeria** Initiative

If you believe that W`help Project Nigeria Initiative work and mission as outlined in this document is worth supporting, please consider becoming a partner or applicant in w`help project Nigeria's work. You can do this in a number of ways.

- Support the building of a model youths skills acquisition centers in different parts of Nigeria
- Support the concept of W`HELP MOBILE (Computer On Wheels) for Rural areas in Nigeria by providing Buses, Generators and Computers for the project.
- Support the Women development initiative program of the W`HELP PROJECT center in empowering women with different vocational skills. These donations can be either in terms of equipment or otherwise.
- Support our international project collaboration program by sponsoring international volunteer to Nigeria for the purpose of achieving technology transfer between Nigeria and the developed countries.

For further information about W`help Project Nigeria including links to projects referred to in this document, publications, resources, staff and our latest centers see

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