

2019 IMPACT REPORT



**RISING CHILD
FOUNDATION**

ABOUT US

Rising Child Foundation is a not for profit making and non-governmental organization registered under the Corporate and Allied Matters Act 1990 and the law of Federation of Nigeria 2014 with registration number CAC/IT/NO 102869.

Our focus is to provide sustainable education, development to underserved communities, empower children at early age and equip them with 21st century skills that they can realize their full potentials and contribute to the development of the Nation.

We aim to use education as a tool to transform the lives of less privileged children. Our projects range from community outreaches to donations of school materials to aid learning. We also work on reviving the reading culture among Nigerian students through our storytelling sessions, annual spelling bee competition and essay competition.

Since inception, we have impacted over 3,000 kids from low income communities. As a youth-based organisation, we thrive on the numbers and expertise of our volunteers. Through partnership and collaborations, we hope to develop and execute policies that will help to develop the education system in Nigeria.



THE SECOND EDITION OF THE RISING CHILD FOUNDATION ANNUAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Rising Child Foundation is keen on achieving her set vision and mission, one of which is helping to achieve the fourth goal (i.e Quality Education) of the global goals for sustainable development in Nigeria, through reading enrichment programs such as Spelling Bee and Essay competition. In furtherance of the said commitment, the foundation organized yet another edition of the spelling Bee Competition tagged “**KWARA SPELLING BEE 2.0**” in conjunction with Kwara State Universal Basic Board. The competition held on Thursday, 14th of March 2019 at Bishop Smith Memorial College, GRA, Ilorin, Kwara state.

BENEFICIARIES AND IMPACTS

The competition was amongst Public Primary Schools in Kwara senatorial district, in which two pupils each represented twenty-five schools (25), to make a total of fifty (50) participants. At the end of the final round, **MUHIDEEN MARYAM** from Model L.G.E.A emerged as the winner of this year's edition.

A Spell-off challenge for invited pupils from Private Schools also featured in this year's edition. Participants came prepared for the competition as they all displayed great poise



and enthusiasm throughout the competition. The pronouncer ensured that new and tricky words spelt wrongly were re-pronounced and learnt by the participants before progressing to the next round. This way, the event also opened up a learning avenue alongside the competition. The confidence level of the participants was also a thing to reckon with. We believe that all of these social skills will help these pupils succeed alongside their academic feats. Consequently, we make bold to say that the event was a success as the objectives aimed at were all exhibited by the participants.

AUDIENCE

The audience constituted of officials from Kwara State Universal Basic Education Board, teachers, pupils and school owners from public and private schools respectively, volunteers and well-wishers of the foundation. Appreciable decorum was maintained by the audience, and this aided the confidence at which the participants spelt.



HIGHLIGHTS

Below are some of the major highlights of this year's edition:

- A more spacious venue helped in the creation of a better Spelling Bee setting.
- A Spell-off challenge was organized for private schools.
- Fifty participants (50) were hosted, as opposed to the first edition, where only twenty-five (25) pupils participated in the competition.
- All the participants got certificates of participation and souvenirs.
- The Logistics team streamed the event live and also gave life updates on all the foundation's social media pages.

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

The foundation appreciates the continued belief and support shown by partners and sponsors towards the success of the competition. We're thankful for:

Honorary attendance of the **SUBEB** chairman and other officials

Book donations from Auntie Talatu Reads

Media coverage from CORE news, Channels, AIT, and NTA (Ilorin)

Expertise delivery from –

- I. i_dave Photography
- II. Dasola Decorations
- III. Zealography

Cash donations from Volunteers of the foundation.

Cash donation from Prof Issa Abdulraheem of Aisha Memorial Hospital.

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Service delivery of the Spelling Bee officials.



SETBACKS

- Extension of time frame due to lateness of some participating schools.
- Audience and invited guests intrusion in the competition.
- Short uproar from members of the audience over competition modalities.

PLENARY

Kwara Spelling Bee 2.0 was more spectacular than the maiden edition and we intend to keep improving, without losing sight of our vision as a foundation. We would look into the setbacks encountered, and work towards making them highlights to be documented in the subsequent editions. The foundation recognizes and appreciates the seamless efforts of all volunteers, both far and near, indeed, volunteers are priceless jewels! Thank you Leaders.

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SMALL GESTURES BIG DIFFERENCE



Street children are lovely blossoms just dropped from the tree after a heavy storm. Now they need to be put together with a needle and threads of security and shelter to live into a beautiful circle of life's garland- Munia Khan

During its third edition of #SmallGestureBigDifference, Rising Child Foundation partnered with **Home Street Kids Initiative** to reach out to over 300 street children in Ilorin, Kwara State.

As part of the program, Rising Child Foundation introduced the MyBodyIsMyBody program created by Chrissy Sykes for the children to sensitize them (especially the girls) on sexual abuse prevention and reiterate to them the need to speak up when they have been sexually abused.

Street children are vulnerable to sexual exploitations on a daily basis and it is important

to continue to sensitize them to know that their body is their own and no one has the right to hurt them or touch their private parts.

To drill in our message to the kids, the song/message was translated to Hausa, the major language of the street children in kofar Gambari community of Ilorin.

The program ended with loads of food, music and gifts.



LITERACY FOR A BETTER WORLD



60% of primary school children in developing countries fail to achieve minimum proficiency in reading, writing, and basic math -Vice President, Human Development, The World Bank Enhancing literacy levels are not only important for academic achievements but lifelong success.

As part of Rising Child Foundation efforts to increase access to literacy and Education in Kwara State, we set up the first ever little library at Home Street Kids Initiative, Ilorin, a school for street children. We strongly believe the library will go a long way to support the children's learning and encourage them to #ReadADay.

An interesting fact about the little library is that, it is managed by the children (under the supervision of their teachers) to equip them with early leadership and management skills. As part of it's sustainability, Rising Child Foundation will hold monthly Storytelling sessions at the school to read the story books and discuss the lessons learnt



RISING CHILD FOUNDATION ANNUAL ESSAY COMPETITION

Now in its second year, Rising Child Foundation Annual Essay Competition seeks to encourage and bring forth the writing and creative tendencies of children in Nigeria. This year we ask students to submit entries on the topic- **QUALITY EDUCATION FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION: CONNECTING THE DOTS TO SDGS.**

We received 11 entries from students in Kwara, Ekiti and Abuja. After careful review of the applications by our Judging Committee, **TITILAYO ASEKUN** from GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL KUJE, ABUJA emerged the winner and **IDRIS RUQOYYAH** of AT'TAWHEED MODEL SCHOOLS, ADO-EKITI took the second place.

Here is what the Judging Committee has got to say:

"We the judges deeply appreciate all the entrants for their exhibition of knack, guts, braveness and talent in putting their respective pens to paper. It is trite that one of the main aim of the competition is to unleash the entrants' creativity and ingenuity. Unlike the previous edition, the entries weren't very rich in creativity as most entrants didn't take cognizance of plagiarism hence, falling short of our expectations.



It is recommended that the Foundation sensitize the entrants on the rubrics of essay writing for contests specifically – with emphasis on plagiarism and structure". (RCF Judging Committee, 2019).

Rising Child Foundation is aware of the dearth of writing skills among students in Nigeria and we shall keep doing more to ensure this gap is reduced.





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