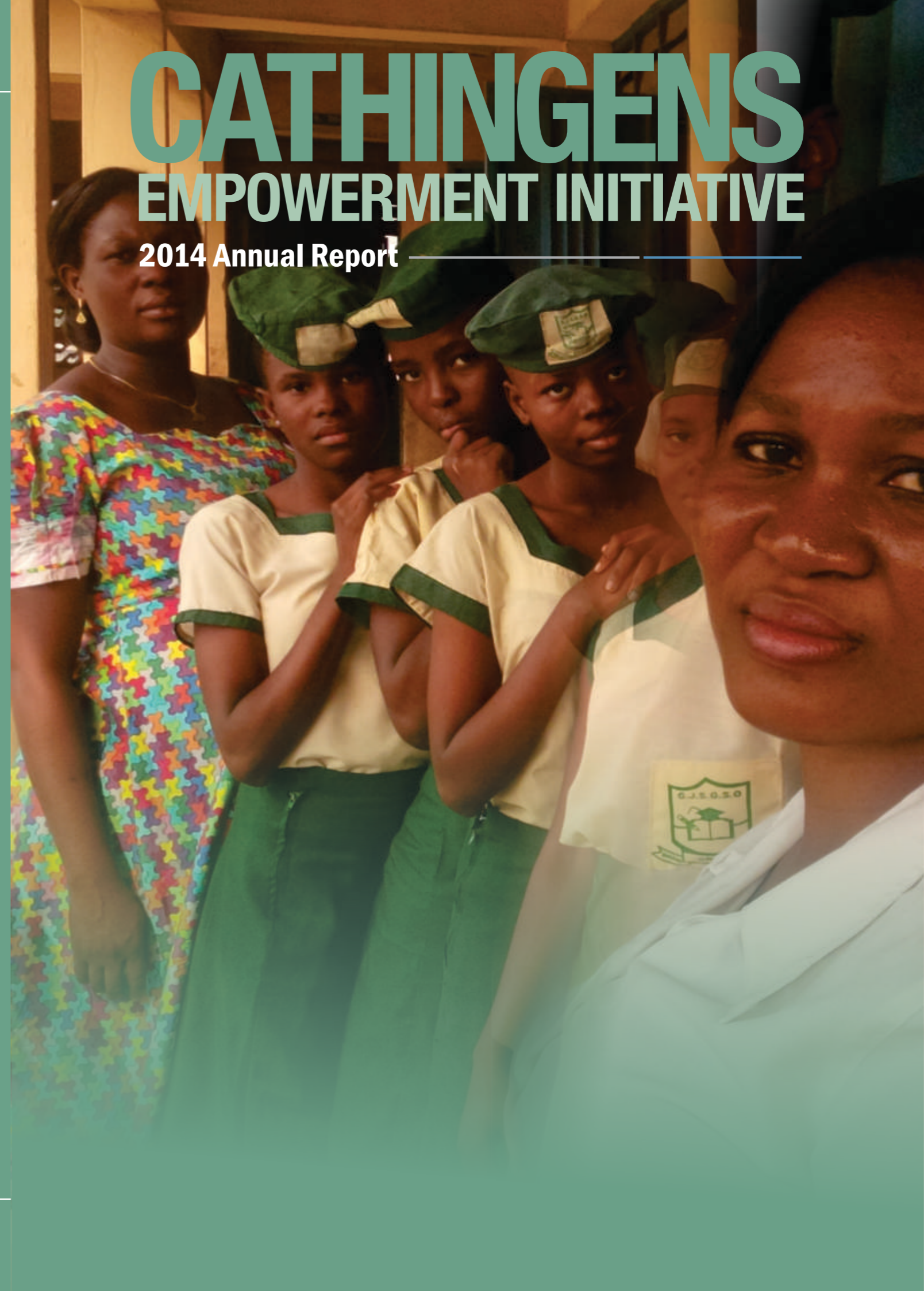


CATHINGENS

EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

2014 Annual Report





The Seed

Is a non-profit organisation, founded in February 2011. At the heart of her activities is the desire to impact positively in the lives of all our beneficiaries.

The company is headed by our industrious and amiable sponsor, Mrs. Cathy Echeozo. The first Administrator, Mary Anne Nkeze handed over to Francisca Okere, who now monitors and supervises all the activities and projects

The company reaches out to the women in various parishes in the Archdiocese of Lagos; through the Entrepreneurial Empowerment Initiative. Through the Lagos State Education Board, she also reaches out to the secondary school students in the State, via the Education Empowerment Initiative.

The Root

THE MOTIVE BEHIND CEI

The Acronym, CATHINGENS, stands for Cathy's Income Generating Support.

It is my desire to empower children from financially challenged homes, with the tool of Education, so that their future may be better placed in the future to sustain themselves and their families.

It is also our desire to empower women to financially support their families, with the necessary Business ideas and Capital to actualize their potentials in the trade of their choice. Through this support the women are motivated to contribute meaningfully in the wellbeing of their families and at the same time, can invest part of their income for the growth of their businesses.

The big picture...

It is our dream, that through CATHINGENS, life will have a deeper meaning for many and the dashed hopes and dreams of women and children, will be revived. In other words, It's all about impacting positively to lives!

CATHINGENS SO FAR



The first administrator, Ms. Mary Anne Nkaeze, handed over to Ms. Francisca Okere, the present Coordinator/Administrator, who is supervising and monitoring all activities and projects.

CATHINGENS have really expanded since the onset. It started with three sections, the women empowerment Initiative (WEI), the Educational Empowerment Initiative (EEI) and BENFLOW, a foundation in the name of our directors' parents. Presently, it has included two more wings; the Youth empowerment Initiative (YEI) and the Community Empowerment Initiative (CEI).

In 2014, a new WEI Centre was established at St Jude's Catholic Church, Mafoluku. A selection of twenty women, who after the selection procedures were given the sum of thirty thousand Naira each to trade for six months and payback over a period of one year. According to the report of these women, it really helped them to boost their income and business.

The first set from the three parishes, who were able to payback their first loan of thirty thousand from the following parishes; St Matthew's Catholic Church, Amukoko (7 women), Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Aguda (4 women) and St Micheal's Catholic Church, Lafiaji (10 women), proceeded to the second phase. After the selection and training, a loan of fifty thousand each was given to them. Trading period remains six months and payback period is one year.

We have a total of twenty one women presently on the second phase. These women also received a certificate of appreciation and a gift for being faithful.

Youth Empowerment Initiative was formed to support the youths who couldn't go to school and wish to learn a hand work for a living. We went into contract with SBANG, an organization that runs vocational training. Cathingens sponsored five people into different vocational training which includes; photography, video coverage, to name a few.

Still in 2014, an award programme was organized at Enugu, where the founder is an old student, a computer room was put in place for them and also, awards were given to the best teachers and students. It was a fascinating event organized for cathingens by SBANG.

We also embarked on Community Empowerment Initiative, through this wing; Cathingens extends her charity hand to communities in the local areas who need assistance. A project at hand now is the construction of a bore hole for a community in Ikorodu, which is progressively on and will be commissioned soon. Some of these events pictures have been included in this report.

A discussion on ground now is the process of establishing a vocational training Centre, where women and others will be trained on sewing. We intend to sponsor about ten to twelve women. These women will also be equipped to start up on their own after the six months or one year training as the case may be.

Presently two administrators are coordinating the organization; Ms. Francisca Okere and Mr. Kenneth Eke.

Francisca Okere
Administrator



THE STEM ...

Entrepreneurial Empowerment Initiative

The Entrepreneurial Empowerment Initiative is geared towards providing financial support and vocational skills to enterprising mothers, to boost their business and provide better support to their families.

STRATEGIC PLAN: The beneficiaries of the initiative undergo three stages:

TRAINING: This includes lectures, workshops and seminars on Capacity Building, Record keeping, Savings, Changing business mindsets, Business development, etc

LOAN DISBURSEMENT AND MONITORING: Outstanding candidates at the training sessions are then shortlisted for the Loan Scheme. A stipulated amount is given to the women

without collateral or interest, solely for business purpose. The women are expected to trade with the loan, for a period of 6 months, after which they are expected to reimburse in piecemeal, over a year.

The women are monitored to help keep them on track.

MENTORING: In other to assist in building role models and to give advice based on experience, potential entrepreneurial mentors are shortlisted and are committed to giving moral support to the women.

The Initiative is currently running in six Parishes in Lagos State.





EEI I AMUKOKO ZONE

(Phase II /August 2014)

ST CATHERINE'S GROUP

1. Mrs. Peace Alex Ifeako
2. Mrs. Dominica Lughas
3. Mrs Josephine Nnenna Nwachukwu
4. Mrs. Jane Amajor
5. Mrs. Catherine Sanni
6. Mrs. Christiana Chika Maduka
7. Mrs. Love Ugwulebo

ST CATHERINE'S GROUP



Ifeaka Peace Udodilim

I have learned how to manage time, knowing that it is a valuable asset. I now know the importance of building a friendly rapport with each customer. I am glad to be a Group leader in my Zone. Thank you CEI!



Lughas Ifeoma Dominica

Truly, great things start from small beginnings, and so I am not discouraged by where I am today. I have learned from the business seminars, the Power of 1, so I treat each of my customers well.



Ugwulebo Justina Love

Being a trader who used to be very quick to give out goods on credit to customers, I have now learned how to manage the demands of creditors, so that my business will not die. With the Loan, I've Expanded my Business!



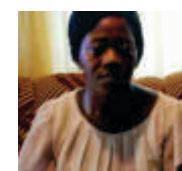
Sanni Catherine

I have learned the importance of saving on a monthly basis, and I am already reaping the benefits!



Nwachukwu Josephine Nnenna

I have learned from the CEI business seminars, the importance of record keeping and savings. It has been very helpful to me.



Maduka Christiana Chika

I have learned how to accommodate all my customers and to think about how to improve on my skills. I am glad to be a group leader in my zone!



Amajor Jane Ifeoma

I have learned how to be more sociable with my customers and to be determined in all that I do. I am privileged to be a group leader in my zone. Thank you CEI!



EEI II AGUDA ZONE

(Phase II /August 2014)

Meet The Three Groups...

1. Mrs Ekwesirike Veronica Prisca.
2. Mrs Maduka Chinwe Agatha
3. Mrs Okoeguale Helen
4. Mrs Adedotun Cecilia

MOTHER MARY GROUP



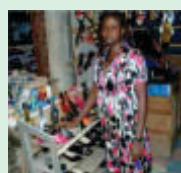
Okoeguale Mary Helen

The loan from CEI came timely after our shops were burnt. Thanks to CEI, I am back in business! It also feels good, being a group leader in the zone.



Ekwesirike Uloma Veronica

The loan from CEI came timely after our shops were burnt. Thanks to CEI, I am back in business!



Maduka Agatha Chinwe

The loan from CEI came timely after our shops were burnt. Thanks to CEI, I am back in business! Knowledge is power!



Adedotun Abiola Cecilia

Sale of Liquid soaps and disinfectants

END OF PHASE 1/AWARD DAY



The Director, MRS. CATHY ECHEZO and the COORDINATOR, FRANCISCA OKERE, during the presentation of the certificates of appreciation.



The Director, Mrs Cathy Echezo, Francisca Okere and Mr Kenneth, with the beneficiaries from St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Amukoko .



The Director with Mama Catherine Sani ,from St. Matthew's Catholic church, Amukoko.



The Director, Mrs Cathy Echezo, the Coordinator, Francisca Okere and Mrs Adedotun Cecilia Abiola, a group leader from Our lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Aguda.



The Director with Mrs Johnson Aboosed Juliana, a group leader from St Micheal's Catholic Church, Lafaji

AWARD DAY/CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST PHASE



The Director, Francisca, Mr Kenneth and Aguda beneficiaries,



The Director, Francisca, Mrs Peace Ifeacho from Amukoko zone



The director, Francisca and Mrs Abosede Johnson on the award day.



END OF PHASE 1/AWARD DAY



A group picture of the three zones of the WOMAN EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE (WEI); St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Amukoko, St Micheal's Catholic Church, Lafiaji and Our lady of perpetual Help Catholic Church, Aguda.



The Director, Mrs Cathy Echeozo, the Coordinator, Francisca Okere, Mr Kenneth, assistant coordinator, with the beneficiaries from Our lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Aguda.



The Director with Mrs Peace Alex Ifeako, a group leader from St. Matthew's Catholic church, Amukoko.



The Director, Mrs Cathy Echeozo, the Coordinator, Francisca Okere, Mr Kenneth, assistant coordinator, with the beneficiaries from St Micheal's Catholic Church, Lafiaji.





ST. MICHAEL'S GROUP

1. Mrs. Johnson Abosede Juliana
2. Mrs. Olokowo Theresa Olyemisi
3. Mrs. Donald Mary Njikem
4. Mrs. Adebayo Mary Nike Abiodun
5. Ms. Nwanya Ozoemena Bridget
6. Mrs. Beniju Ajinde Veronica
7. Mrs. Egwu Beatrice
8. Mrs. Maria Dauda
9. Mrs. Elizabeth .A. Obu- Cann
10. Mrs. Stella Osmond.



Johnson Abosede Juliana

Hair stylist, Beautician and Hair-dressing Instructor. Experience has taught me that Hard work has its rewards. With the Loan, I've expanded my business and offer Voluntary Service by training free of charge, many youths in my community.



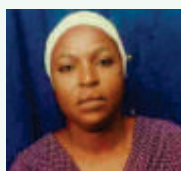
Beniju Ajinde Veronica

Wholesale of Fresh fish. Considering the current trends of non-stable power supply, the Seminar has enlightened me about various means of making the best out of my business!



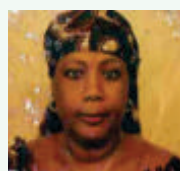
Egwu Beatrice Ogechi

Sale of Seasonal Fruits. I find it interesting having to sell different items at different seasons in a year. I have learnt various preservative methods from interactive sessions during the seminar.



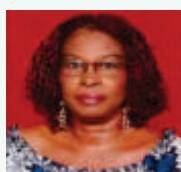
Osmond Stella Adegua

Sale of Recharge cards and Soft drinks



Dauda Sonia Maria

Managing a Restaurant can be challenging, but with the exposure and insight gained from the Seminar, I am prepared to rise to the next level.



Nwanya Ozoemena Bridget

Fashion Designer and sale of Jewellery and Fabrics. The Seminar as spurred up the creativity in me and I am prepared to explore my hidden treasures.



Obu-Cann Adetutu Elizabeth

Managing my Canteen and also rendering outdoor Catering Services is hectic but I've learnt from the seminar, the secrets to excelling in my business.



ST. JUDE GROUP

1. Mrs. Martina Udochukwu Nwokorie
2. Mrs. Franca Opara
3. Mrs. Agatha Ada Nwogu
4. Mrs. Franca Ahunna Nwoke
5. Mrs. Anne Bakare
6. Mrs. Ebube Angela
7. Mrs. Caroline Okonji
8. Mrs. Anne Ihembunuche
9. Mrs. Blessing Nnadi
10. Mrs. Tina Nwalozie
11. Mrs. Uche Ezewusi
12. Mrs. Dorothy Olamma Ibeh
13. Mrs. Ajoku Agatha
14. Mrs. Nwachukwu Justina Okwuchi
15. Mrs. Okere Ada Lovelyn
16. Mrs. Ezenwa Pauline Ngozi
17. Mrs. Ugorji Angelina
18. Mrs. Susan Okoro
19. Mrs. Anyanwu Florence
20. Mrs. Regina Ebeye



Mrs Lovelyn Ada
*Production/
sales of local soap.*



**Regina Isedeh
Ebeye**
*Production/
sales of local soap.*



Nwokorie Martina
sales of Electronics



Ann Ihembunuche
*Production/
sales of local soap.*



**Anyanwu Florence
Ngozi**
chemist/nurse



Okoro Susan
Fruit Seller



Ebube A. A.
Food stuff seller



**Mrs. Angelina
Ugorji**
*Production/
sales of local soap.*



Mrs Agatha Nwaogu
Nurs/chemist



Tina Nwalozie
Food Stuff seller



Franca Opara
Horticulturist



Mrs. Olanma Iben
Food Stuff Seller.

ST. THERESA'S GROUP



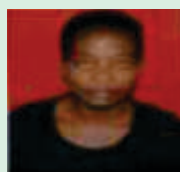
Opara Sandra Ifunanyachi

Production of Beaded Jewelry and Fashion Ornaments as well as Catering Service.



Offiong Angela

Sale of soft drinks and beverages.



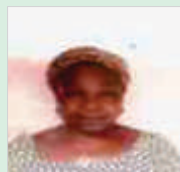
Danladi Martha

Fashion Designer



Aguma Veronica Eke

Trading of Fairly used shoes



Francis Juliet Onyeché

Wholesale of Jewelries

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP GROUP



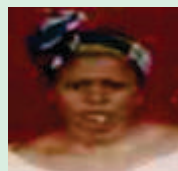
Abraham Esther

Production & Sale of Liquid Soap, Antiseptic & Deodorant



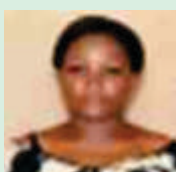
Adolphus Alice Dimie

Sale of Recharge Cards & Pastries



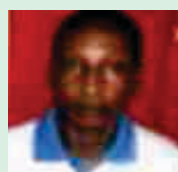
Obegu Godswill Yibala

Fashion Designer & Sale of Beverages



Alex-Arioba Blessing Ngozi

Sale of Recharge cards and staple foods.



Tarbo Maureen Iveren

Wholesale of Recharge cards and Dried Fish

ST. MARY'S GROUP



Bako Mercy Mlumun

Sale of Staple foods



Emmanuel Theresa Odinya

Sale of soft drinks and beverages.



Ndum Anna Odey

Managing a Canteen and offering catering services when offered



Igim Rose Esame

Wholesale of Palm oil



Obiem Theresa Adeh

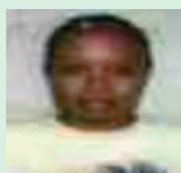
Wholesale of Palm Oil

ST. JOSEMARIA'S GROUP



Okoh Comfort Ada

Wholesale of Noodles



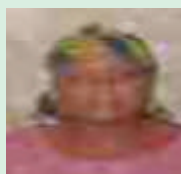
Odugbo Elizabeth Orilade

Sale of soft drinks and beverages.



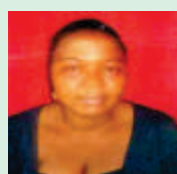
Onuoha Mercy Chinyere

Wholesale of frozen foods



Ogbese Roseline Nkechi

Sale of Beverages and Stationery



Ngene Pamela Ozoemena

Wholesale of Recharge cards and Dried Fish



UPCOMING BENEFICIARIES ORILE ZONE.



Mr. Ifeanyi of SBANG, training the beneficiaries on the benefits of savings and business ethiques

Mrs Mekuye and other JDPC representative, present at the seminar.



Francisca, Mrs Mekuye and Upcoming beneficiaries, Orile Zone.

THE BRANCH ...

Education Empowerment Initiative

The thrust of the initiative is to provide academic support to 10 boys and 10 girls selected from JSS I, every year.

The students stand the chance of enjoying the benefits of the scholarship, throughout the 6 years of their study in secondary school. As a means of encouraging academic excellence, the students must meet a stipulated academic performance, in order to remain in the scholarship scheme. Thus, their academic performance in school exams are periodically reviewed. The company intends to increase the number of beneficiaries on a yearly basis.

The Initiative is ongoing at Girls Junior Secondary Grammar School, Obalende. In 2012, Ten students in JSS II were selected after emerging with the best results in an aptitude test administered by CEI.

An additional 11 Students were selected for the 2013/2014 academic session.

Benefits of the Initiative over time

- Support throughout the students secondary education and helping them to build their future on vision and hard work.
- Increase of parents interest and involvement in the education of their children.
- Decrease in the number of School drop outs, due to financial constraints or teenage pregnancy.
- Improvement in the academic and intellectual performance of the students.

- Improved performance in external examinations such as O' Level examinations.
- Exposing the students to the concept of Leadership and offering them the tools and skills for effective leadership.
- Extension of the educational support to tertiary level.

Everyday, many students bear the brunt of the economic conditions of their family. Due to the level of poverty, they are forced to help make ends meet, by hawking goods, after school hours. Annually, lots of students drop out of school, due to the inability of their parents to cater for their educational needs. Often, these cuts short the dreams of some students with promising future.

This initiative not only keep the students in school, but help keep their dreams alive, and provide inspirational support to the students.

The Education Empowerment Initiative is geared towards providing educational support via scholarship, provision of text books, stationery, extra morale classes, and motivational talks to intelligent students, who otherwise, would become drop outs, due to the economic hardship faced by their family.

Education is the bedrock of nation-building. It is indeed the best Legacy that can be given to these children, who have a promising future. In addressing this need, the initiative also addresses one of the Millennium Development Goals.

According to the gazelle, life is a race, once you wake, start running as fast as you could CATHINGENS encourages student to intensify effort in their academics for a better tommorrow. »



Meet

The Gladiators



Akingbehin Aminat Oladunni

Position Held: Assistant Assembly Prefect
Best Subject: Basic Science
Hobby: Reading & Dancing
Future Career: Medical Doctor
Mentor: My Father



Marcus Paulina

Best Subject: Mathematics
Hobby: Reading & Writing
Future Career: Medical Doctor
Mentor: My Parents



Chilaka Ruth Chinwe

Position Held: Assistant Labour Prefect
Best Subject: Basic Science
Hobby: Traveling & Studying
Future Career: Medical Doctor
Mentor: Dr. Ben Carson



Nmeribe Esther

Position Held: Assistant Assembly Prefect
Best Subject: English
Hobby: Athletics & Reading
Future Career: Medical Doctor
Mentor: My Parents



Edet Mary

Position Held: Section Representative
Best Subject: Mathematics
Hobby: Reading & Singing
Future Career: Engineer
Mentor: My Father



Martins Fausat Anike

Best Subject: Mathematics
Hobby: Sporting Activities
Future Career: Accountant
Mentor: My Father



Kolawole Adijat Adepeju

Position Held: Assistant Time Prefect
Best Subject: Mathematics
Hobby: Reading
Future Career: Medical Doctor
Mentor: My Mother



Rahman Mariam

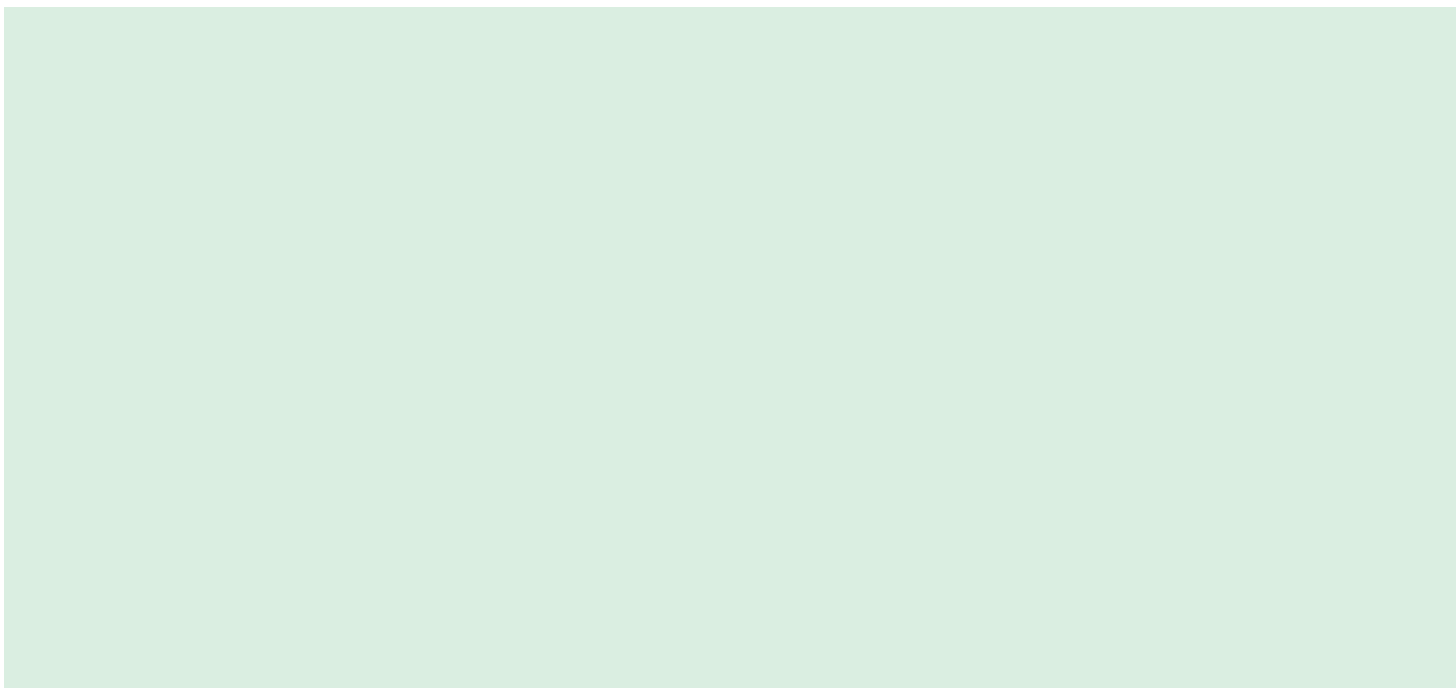
Best Subject: Mathematics
Hobby: Reading
Future Career: Medical Doctor
Mentor: My Mother

The Gladiators

student beneficiaries of Cathingens NGO, with their teachers, Mrs Dauda and Ms Oyegunle.



Cathingens organises extra classes for the above secondary students



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE (YEI)



Name: Taiwo Hassan Sulaimon
State of Origin: Lagos State
Date of Birth: 12/12/1992
Gender: Male
Course Registered: Tiling & Fitting (Masonry)



Name : Olorunjuwon Peter Adefemi
State of Origin: Ondo State
Date of Birth: 14/08/1997
Gender: Male
Course Registered: Tiling & Fitting (Masonry)



Name : Atoyegbe Tajudeen Oyewole
State of Origin: Lagos State
Date of Birth: 25/09/1959
Gender: Male
Course Registered: Electrical Wiring & Technology



Name : Stephen Gabriel John
State of Origin: Benue State
Date of Birth: 11/04/1990
Gender: Male
Course Registered: Audio-Visual Technology



Name : Adekoya Sunday Adeodun
State of Origin: Ondo State
Date of Birth: 14/08/1997
Gender: Male
Course Registered : Audio-Visual Technology



Francisa Okere, with the first graduating set of the Youth Empowerment initiative (YEI).

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE (YEI)



Audio-Visual Technology

Beneficiaries involved:

1. Stephen Gabriel John
2. Adekoya Sunday Adeodun

These two beneficiaries have successfully completed the following course modules:

1. Photography and Video coverage, sizes, types and importance of various types
2. Tools and equipments in Audio-Visual technology; parts and features of photo and video camera
3. Safety precautions in Audio-Visual technology; challenges and difficulties to envisage
4. Various shots in photography and video coverage
5. Photojournalism and principles of photojournalism

Students Learning Path status



These are details of students' accomplishments and level of involvement so far.

Tiling and Fitting (Masonry)

Beneficiaries involved:

1. Taiwo Hassan Sulaimon
2. Olorunjuwon Peter Adefemi

These two beneficiaries have successfully completed the following course modules
Introduction to tiles laying; history, purpose and benefits

Safety precautions involved in tiles laying; hazard controls, wall, floor and drain tiling rules.

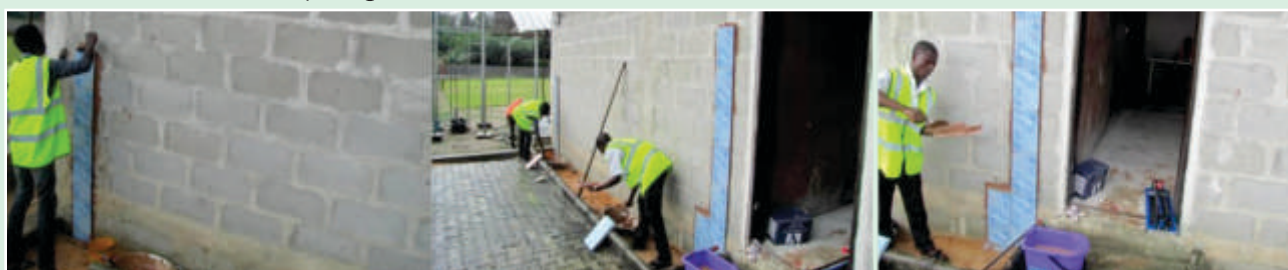
Tools and machines used in tiles laying; types and functions of tools and machines, uses and measurements

Measurements and calculations involved in tiles laying; floor measurement, border calculation, conventional units e.g. mm to m², ft to m², etc, how to determine number pieces of tiles in an area square metre

Origin of tiles and tiles laying; types and uses, advantages and disadvantages of different types of tiles

Application of wall and floor tiles; scrapping and soaking, measurement of sand and mixing of mortar, screeding, mock tiling, erection of gauges, laying, cleaning and finishing methods

Practical already begun!!!



EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE (EEI)

BEST TEACHER AWARD AT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE ENUGU (FGCE)

Pictures of Pre-Address to FGCE students and rating proper



Cathingens conducted a best teacher award at Federal Government College Enugu (FGCE) as a way of encouraging teachers hardwork. Nomination and selected was by the student above

The listed items below were donated by cathingens empowerment initiative to support students academic pursuit

- i. HP 250G 500GB, 4GB RAM Laptop
- ii. 250G 250GB RAM Desktop fitted with a Wifi card for internet
- iii. 2000W UPS power charge regulator
- iv. APC power surge for safety of systems

Picture gallery of delivery of systems and gadgets to Mr. Kiwamuo by SBA affiliate Kalu Emmanuel



Mr. Kiwamuo always (left) and Kalu Emmanuel (right) on December 17 , 2014.

BENFLO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

S/N	NAME OF BENEFICIARIES	LEVEL/CLASS
1	Anyaoha Victor Chukwujekwu	SS 2
2	Anyaoha Ann Amarachi	200 Level
3	Aso Glory Onyenaturuchi	JAMB Class
4	Aso Elozonachukwu	Nursery 3
5	Aso Chimazurumkpam	Nursery 3
6	Egbosimba Malachi Ugonna	HND 2
7	Egbosimba Stanley Chukwubuike	Primary 1
8	Egbosimba Janeglad Chinwe	OND 1
9	Egbosimba Darlinton Chinazaepkere	Primary 3
10	Egbosimba Maduabuchi Kingsley Gabriel	SS 3
11	Egbosimba Stella Oluchi	100 Level
12	Egbosimba Jenifer Chinazaekpere	Primary 1
13	Egbosimba Anthony Ikenna	JAMB Class
14	Egbosimba Stella Onyinyechi	JAMB Class
15	Egbosimba Juliet Ijeoma	SS 1
16	Egbosimba Chikodi .A	HND 1
17	Ehirim Anthonia Chioma	100 Level
18	Ehirim Chimaobi Onyemauche	400 Level
19	Ehirim Onyinyechi	400 Level
20	Ehirim Anthony	JSS 3
21	Ijeoma Eugene Chika	JAMB Class
22	Iroha Chioma Roseline	100 Level
23	Obiora Chiamaka Jenifer	JAMB Class
24	Ubah Chukwubuikem .C	300 Level

The above listed names are the beneficiaries of BENFLO Scholarship Programme sponsored cathingen empowerment initiative. Their activities is been monitored at Enugu by **Ubah Elizabeth Nwakaego**.

THE BUDDING ARTISTS...

The Next Level

Further Projections

The Flower

- Keeping alive our Vision and Mission
- To empower vibrant young students and enterprising women, who have the capacity and vision, to translate their dreams into reality
- To assist in community development