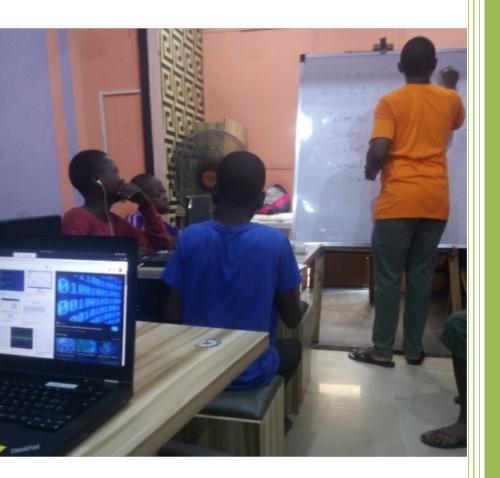
# 2021 PYP REPORT

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#### INTRODUCTION

Regardless of how disruptive the Covid-19 pandemic has been, we at PYP are grateful that in 2021, in our own way, we were able to work on our mission of providing quality 360-education that offers opportunities for young people to "Explore, Discover, Imagine and Create". The mandates from the national government trying to curb the spread of the Covid-19 Virus, affected various educational programs in Nigeria, particularly for the public school students. Programs that involved large gatherings of students were not permitted. Consequently, we did not hold our annual PYP free Tutorial and Summer programs for public school pupils in grade five or six in our Festac Town community. This program has been a core activity for us, running through 8 - 9 months of the year as PYP together with various volunteers work to prepare our students for secondary school and life in general. However, from previous years, we have built a strong PYP alumni community and have had access to bright and committed students who we signed up for our scholarship and mentorship program (SiT).

Therefore, for the year 2021, we decided to focus on our alumni, smaller groups of students that would allow us to work on our goals while abiding by the government mandates. We launched a new program that we had been planning for a while now and organized various activities for our SiT students and alumni.

The next sections provide a summary of the different PYP activities that we engaged in for this year. Thanks to the help of all our partners, donors, volunteers, and supporters, we can boldly say that together we made an impact in the Festac Community in 2021.

### STUDENTS IN TRAINING SCHEME (SIT)

In the previous year, we had combined our scholarship and mentoring program under the same umbrella to form: SiT (Students in Training), a new program open to our PYP alumni, with a goal to mentor and guide students in their chosen career path. This is done through personalized tutoring, career counseling, physical and mental health coaching, skill training, engagement in internships and projects. We now have seven (7) PYP scholars (SiT students), two of which graduated from secondary school in 2021 and are preparing for college. We believe our PYP scholars are making great strides towards a successful future and having fun doing it.

For the first time, we organized a summer program where they explored mathematical and scientific thinking, and in the months following the summer break, they were introduced to computer programming. Their individual progress is monitored to ensure that they achieve their academic goals for the year. In the new year, we look forward to their growth as they engage in various activities that would facilitate creative reasoning. Our goal is to ensure our PYP scholars become the best version of themselves and are equipped with all they need to achieve their goals, be an example to many, and a model of our 360Education Scheme.

A few donors that have committed to working with us for these selected students sponsor the SiT program. We received \(\frac{1}{2}\)795,000 in donations for 2021. Our total cost covering tuition and other programs was \(\frac{1}{2}\)713,386. Detailed financial breakdown is available to all sponsors

of this program.

#### CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

Annually our PYP activities are not complete without our Children's Day event. For this year, we planned a special event for our alumni; "a fun day out", visit to the National Museum and Upbeat Centre. It was an opportunity for the children to enjoy themselves during this pandemic while exploring the history of their country. Invitations were sent out to students from the 2015 set to 2020 set. A fundraising activity for \(\frac{1}{2}\)500,000 was successfully carried out to cover the cost for 42 students that accepted the invitations. From the tales of the students, it was one of the best times of their lives. You can find one such account here

The event was a huge success thanks to all the donors from around the world and our committed volunteers. Full details can be found in our <u>report</u>. And for picture highlights, kindly check our Instagram page. A detailed financial breakdown is available to all who donated to this program.

#### **GUILD PROGRAM**

One of our successes this year is setting up the Guild Centre. The Guild Centre has been a long-term plan of PYP. A place where young people in our community can come to explore and discover knowledge, experiences, skills, and opportunities for their growth and learning.

Pooling resources together from sponsors and various donations, the Guild Centre with a capacity for twenty (20) students, is equipped with computers, books, games, teaching resources, internet, and electrical power. It is our goal to continuously expand and improve the Centre as it becomes the ideal place for a one of a kind learning experience.

The first program we launched in the Centre is computer programming targeted at empowering the youths in our community to gain computer literacy, programming, and creative skills needed for innovation. Ten (10) students were enrolled into this program for six (6) months starting from August. Students each paid a commitment fee of \(\frac{14}{3}\)500 every month to cover basic materials they need. Students were taught every Saturday and they came in every day of the week after school to practice and learn. We have prepared a report of what we have done so far which can be found here

We raised \(\frac{\to}{9}83,500\) plus the students' commitment fee summed up to \(\frac{\to}{1}9,500\). The total cost of setting up the Centre was \(\frac{\to}{8}858,775\) and the total monthly operational cost thus far has been \(\frac{\to}{3}49,885\). Detailed financial breakdown is available to all sponsors of this program.

We look forward to more funding in the new year to be able to expand the Centre and enroll many more students, if you would like to donate to this, kindly contact us at: info@powerfulyoungproject.com

#### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Although, 2021 was not filled with as many activities as we would have loved, we had the

support of a few kind individuals and organizations within our network, who have in their own way helped us achieve our goals. Emmanuel's Bookstore provided us with materials to set up the Guild Centre at a subsidized rate and the Institute of Transport Planning and Systems, ETH Zurich, donated the used computers that have proved useful to us at PYP. Other prominent anonymous individuals donated towards the setup of the Guild Centre and we are forever grateful.

We are very excited about the future and look forward to building many more strategic and powerful partnerships in 2022.

#### CONCLUSIONS

2021 was a good year for us nonetheless as we still found a way to make a positive impact in our community, despite all the setbacks encountered, we are not deterred, rather we are determined to forge ahead and keep doing what we know how to do best which is to "Teach, Nurture and Inspire". Plans for the 2022 academic year has already begun and necessary efforts are being made to ensure it is successful. Preparations are already being made towards a successful execution of the Tutorial and Summer program for 2022 as we are working on getting the necessary approval from the State Govt. body (SUBEB) in charge.

We appreciate all our partners, sponsors, volunteers, and volunteer facilitators who make it possible for us to serve a need in our community. Thank you for believing in us by contributing towards making such a positive impact in the lives of these students. We look forward to many more years of IMPACT! We are most thankful to Almighty God for the successful completion of another PYP year.

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