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ESMI Christmas Miracle Project

GREETINGS FROM THE FOUNDER AND BOARD CHAIR

Adaobi Ezeadum
LL.B. LLM., MBA

My heart is full of joy and thanksgiving! The lord has brought us this far and He is taking us far (even beyond our imagination- thank you, Lord).

It has been a great honor to lead this wonderful organization for the past 7 years. But I have not done so by my strength alone, but in the company of great allies and friends. and most importantly, our AMAZING volunteers who have continued to remain selfless by going above and beyond!

2022 has been awesome! We were able to launch our flagship project "The Women Economic Empowerment and Sustainability Project - WEESP". We also formed new partnerships and impacted more women and children. I am grateful to all our sponsors, partners, team members and the ESMI Board.

2023 is around the corner, let's get ready for more impact. Thank you!



ABOUT ESMI



ESMI is a non-governmental organization that seeks to provide solutions to socio-cultural women & girl child problems through Community projects and activities while leveraging innovative advocacy strategies. Through advocacy and outreach activities, our team works tirelessly each day to contribute their part to the greater good.

VISION

.We envision a world where women and the girl child are resourceful and enterprising, living without negative socio-cultural barriers.

MISSION

To educate, empower, build, inspire, and equip women & the girl child with the requisite knowledge and skills to become resourceful and enterprising.

OUR FOCUS AREAS

1. Education
2. Women Economic Empowerment
3. Advocacy
4. Leadership



Like every other year, 2022 began with lots of expectations and excitement. We started the first quarter with our leadership training (for all Team Leads The training covered and Assistants). areas on Volunteering, Leadership, and Project Management. Our Team Leads also participated in other workshops, like the Organizational Effectiveness Workshops at American Spaces and the



GIVE THEM A VOICE

School Outreach Project

We had our School Outreach Projects in Port Harcourt and Onitsha



The topics we discussed with students ranged from STEM (Growing up in the Digital World) to Child's Right (Child Marriage as an impairment to the Development of the Girl Child).

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2022 LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT

Theme: Empowering Women for Sustainable Development



The Leadership Summit was created because of the need to raise female leaders who will be change agents that are passionate about social impact.

This year we carefully selected our theme to reflect our 2022 project focus which is in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

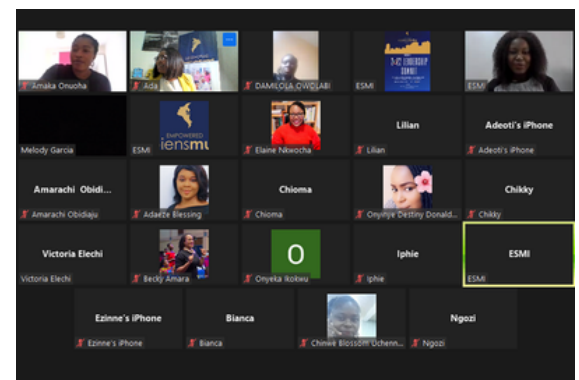
The theme for this year's summit was "Empowering Women for Sustainable Development". According to UN Women, investment in women's economic empowerment pave the way for gender equality, the eradication of poverty, and inclusive economic growth. Whether working in enterprises, farms, as workers or entrepreneurs, or providing unpaid care at home, women significantly contribute to economies.

As an organization, we are doing our part in educating women on the importance of economic empowerment and in line with our Women Economic Empowerment and Sustainability Project (WEES~P), we have trained over 400 women this year .

SPEAKERS AT THE ESMI LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

This year, we had over 57 participants who joined our 2 day virtual leadership summit. We had amazing speakers who spoke on topics ranging from Quality Education as a Bedrock for Women's Empowerment, to Women as Key Managers and Powerful Agents of Change.

As well as Destroying Stigmas and Empowering Faith and then Gender Digital Divide and How it Affects Women Economic Empowerment.



WE LAUNCHED OUR WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT



WEES-P

The Women Economic Empowerment and Sustainability Project (WEES-P) as a flagship project was created to help empower women who have little to no means of economic empowerment. The project will seek out 5 women each from 6 states in Nigeria who already have some sort of petty trading business (petty trading here means any micro-businesses).

The aim is to help them gain some level of financial literacy through training and mentorship. They will also be guided on how to scale their businesses and remain economically empowered while making sure their businesses are sustainable. The best amongst them will get an interest free loan to help them scale up their business.

WEES - PROJECT

To learn more about how you can help volunteer, visit www.sapiensmulier.org

ESMI WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

The Women Economic Empowerment and Sustainability Project (WEES-P), as a flagship project, was created to help empower women who have little to no means of economic empowerment. The project will seek out two (2) women from six (6) states in Nigeria who already have petty trading businesses (petty trading here means any micro-business). The aim is to help them gain some level of financial literacy through training and mentorship. They will receive guidance on how to scale up their businesses and remain economically empowered while making sure their businesses are sustainable.

THE WEES-PROJECT WORKSHOPS

WEES-P



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**WOMEN ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT
&
SUSTAINABILITY
WORKSHOP**

■ SELF AWARENESS AND DEVELOPMENT ■ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS ■ ACCOUNTING

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY

SPEAKER

SPEAKER

SPEAKER

Mrs. Ify Obinabo
Madam Commissioner
for Women and
Social Welfare

Dr. Nelson Omenugha
SPAD on Youth
Empowerment Programme
to the Governor
of Anambra State

Barr. Jane Raluchukwu
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11:00AM WAT
Saturday, 17th September 2022
De Destination Hall, Opp. Hollywood Event Place
[Onitsha-Enugu Expressway] Awka, Anambra State

We hope to empowered more women and train more women in 2023.

We had our workshop in Awka, where we partnered with the Anambra State Government, through the office of the Special Adviser to the Governor on Youth Development. Our team in Abuja also had their workshop. We trained at least 400 women on basic business accounting, financial management, personal development and the legal requirements of starting a business.

**EMPOWERED SAPIENS MULIER
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SPEAKERS

**MR. OBAFEMI
RICHARD JEDEDE**
President Women Reform
Organization
KEY NOTE SPEAKER

**OTU CHINYERE
THEODORA**
MD/CEO Gezelle
kobi concept

MACANNE OBIZE
Master of Ceremonies and
Personal Development
Strategist

**BARR. REJOICE
EMEKE-UKAEGBU**

Topics

■ Budgeting/Financial and Money management ■ Self development and Awareness ■ Legal requirements for starting a business and compliance

10am WAT
24th September
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Kings and Queen event center Gldanmangoro Orozo, along Nyanyan-karshi road, Abuja.
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Impact Story

Mrs Ebele



In order to help Mrs. Ebele, we started raising funds and asking friends, families, and the general public for support. From the money raised, we found a one bedroom apartment for her, paid her 2 years rent and started her on her mentorship program. By 2023, Mrs. Ebele will start her business as a Bean Cake vendor. All materials for her business have been purchased and we cannot wait to walk on this journey with her.

In August of 2022, we received a distress call from one of the beneficiaries of our ESMI Christmas Miracle Project Outreach. This is a project we carry out annually to help reduce hunger in our communities. The information we received was very heartbreaking, because a widow was just thrown out of the “uncompleted” building she was squatting in and managing with her children, because she refused to be sexually exploited by the caretaker.

She was left in the rain (it rained for 2 days in the city) and she was outside in the rain with her children.

We knew it called for action. Here was a woman in need of economic empowerment. Getting her a home as well as mentorship and training on how to start and manage her business became our focus.



Portraits of Impact



2022 GTAV

The 2022 School Outreach took place on the 14th of October at Community Secondary School.

Over 400 students were impacted. They were taught about the advantages of growing up in a digital world. The students were encouraged to learn skills and utilize the digital space beneficially.

The disadvantages was also highlighted (the vices of using social media) as well and how students should be mindful and careful of the digital footprints they leave on the internet.

Port Harcourt GTAV



Portraits of Impact



2022 GTAV

The Onitsha Branch had its' school outreach this year at New Era Secondary School Nteje and 91 girls were impacted. It was observed that majority of the girls were unable to pay their fees and they have to engage in menial jobs before coming to school.

ACTION PLAN

ESMI will work towards making sure the students who are unable to pay school fees are awarded scholarship. This will not only help to reduce the incident of child labor (UNICEF states that "nearly 1 in 10 children are subjected to child labour worldwide, with some forced into hazardous work through trafficking"...) it will help us advance the rights of children and ensure that Quality Education which is one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals is achieved.

Onitsha GTAV



Portraits of Impact

2022 WEES-P

Awka had a massive turnout for the WEES-Project workshop thanks to our teams and the partnership we had with the Anambra State Government. We also had the honor of having the Commissioner for welfare speak to us during the workshop.

We hope to continue training more women through this workshop.

AWKA WEES-Project Workshop



Portraits of Impact



2022 WEES-P

The women in the Orozo region in Abuja were trained during the ESMI WEES-P workshop.

Abuja WEES-Project Workshop



CHRISTMAS MIRACLE



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AWKA



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By the Numbers



**2022 GTAV SCHOOL
PROJECT**

STUDENTS IMPACTED

600

**2022 WOMEN
ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT
WORKSHOP**

WOMEN TRAINED

430

**CHRISTMAS MIRACLE
PROJECT**

FAMILIES REACHED

100



2022 Financial Report

We had a total of N1,028,013.66 as of January 2022.



Income

BOARD ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

1,000,000

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MRS. EBELE

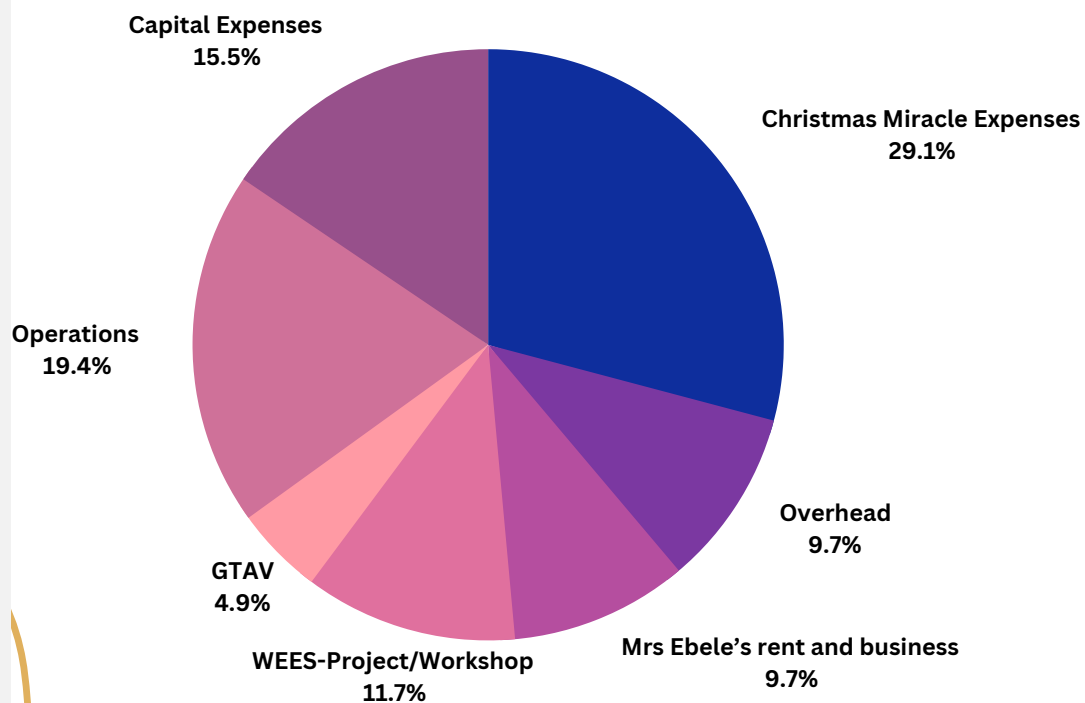
N394,100

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WEES-P

\$950

TOTAL OF CHRISTMAS MIRACLE CONTRIBUTIONS

N 1,800,000



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None of the work we did in 2022 would have been possible without your donations! Thank you to all of our generous donors for supporting our mission to empower women economically and protect the rights of the girl child. Your donations make a real difference in the lives of those we serve, and we are deeply grateful for your support. Together, we can create a brighter future for women and girls around the world. Thank you!

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