

EMPOWERED SAPIENS MULIER INITIATIVE

2023

Annual Report



Give Them A Voice

ESMI school outreach projects
and scholarships

WEES-Project

More insights about our Women
Economic Empowerment and
Sustainability Project/Workshop

Christmas Miracle

Helping families afford meals
when they cannot afford
decent meals

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GREETINGS FROM THE FOUNDER AND BOARD CHAIR

With immense gratitude and joy in my heart, I extend my warmest greetings to all members of the Empowered Sapiens Mulier Initiative (ESMI) in our 2023 annual report.

We have reached this remarkable milestone on our journey, and it is with deep humility that I acknowledge the divine guidance that has led us thus far. The Lord's blessings have exceeded our wildest imaginations, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

Over the past seven years, I have been honored to serve as the founder and board chair of this incredible organization. However, I must emphasize that this accomplishment is not solely mine. It is the result of the unwavering support and dedication of our remarkable allies, friends, and most importantly, our **AMAZING** volunteers, who have consistently displayed selflessness by going above and beyond the call of duty.

The year 2023 has been nothing short of extraordinary. We have continued our flagship project, "The Women Economic Empowerment and Sustainability Project - WEESP," impacting the lives of numerous women and children. Additionally, we have provided scholarships to 18 secondary school pupils and facilitated IT support skills training for youths, made possible through the generous funding secured from LEAP Africa, implementing a Ford and MacArthur Foundation project.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our sponsors, partners, team members, and the ESMI Board for their tireless dedication and unwavering support. It is through your collective efforts that we have been able to achieve these remarkable milestones.

As we approach 2024, let us stand ready to create even greater impact. Together, we can continue transforming lives and building a better future. Thank you all for your unwavering commitment to the mission of ESMI.



Adaobi Ezeadum
LL.B. LLM., MBA

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



GIVE THEM A VOICE

School Outreach Project

We had our School Outreach Projects in Port Harcourt, Abuja and Onitsha.



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Anajemba-obum Ifeyinwa | Bar. Chinwe Orji | Victoria Adeboye Bolaji | Okeke Chioma Blessing

ESMI Abuja Presents

GIVE THEM A VOICE (GTAV)
SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT

Theme: **MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS;**
NUTURING WELLBEING IN SCHOOL

Tuesday 10th October
9:00am Prompt
Star Divine Heritage
International School
Phase 4, Kubwa.
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The topics we discussed with students covered topics relating to mental health awareness such as “Youth Mental Health and Social Media: Balancing Well-being in the Digital Age” and “The Importance of Nurturing Wellbeing in School”.



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ESMI PORT HARCOURT PRESENTS

GIVE THEM A VOICE (GTAV)
SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT

Theme: Youth Mental Health and Social Media: Balancing Well-being in the Digital Age

6th October 12:30pm
IATIA International Secondary School
Woji Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

SPEAKERS:

Mrs Chinwe Blossom Uchenna-Oguayo

Mrs Chioma Clarkson

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2023 VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**Theme: Building Stronger Communities
Through Women Empowerment**



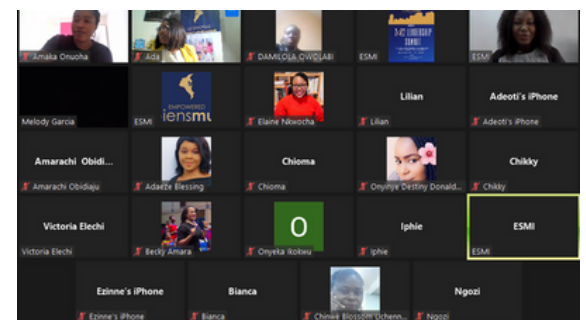
**SPEAKERS AT THE
ESMI LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT**

The inception of the ESMI Leadership Summit was driven by the imperative to cultivate female leaders who can become catalysts for transformative social change. Recognizing the urgency of this mission, we have carefully curated our summit themes to align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and address pertinent issues.

In line with our 2023 project focus and the UN's call for action, this year's summit centered around the theme of "Building Stronger Communities Through Women Empowerment." UN Women emphasizes that investing in women's economic empowerment is not only vital for achieving gender equality, but also for eradicating poverty and fostering inclusive economic growth. Whether engaged in enterprises, agriculture, entrepreneurship, or unpaid care work at home, women significantly contribute to the prosperity of economies.

As an organization, we are committed to playing our part in educating women about the importance of economic empowerment. Through our Women Economic Empowerment and Sustainability Project (WEES-P), we persistently provide training, mentorship, and support, enabling women to establish sustainable businesses. By equipping them with the necessary tools and knowledge, we empower women to forge their paths towards economic independence and a brighter future.

This year, we had over 40 participants who joined our 2 day virtual leadership summit. We had amazing speakers who spoke on topics ranging from "Empowering Women in Rural Communities", to "Navigating the society factor and Owning your leadership space". As well as Social Conscious Leadership and Overcoming societal oppression that are often faced by women in developing



WE LAUNCHED OUR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDED IT SKILLS TRAINING

IMPLEMENTED BY LEAP AFRICA, NIGERIA'S YOUTH FUTURES FUND AND FUNDED BY FORD FOUNDATION AND MACAUTHUR FOUNDATION

IT training is crucial in today's world for several reasons. Firstly, technology is rapidly advancing, and IT skills enable individuals to stay relevant and adaptable in the digital age. Proficiency in areas such as coding, software development, and IT support opens up a wide range of career opportunities and enhances employability. It equips individuals with the skills to develop and launch their own tech-based ventures, creating opportunities for economic growth and job creation.

ESMI received a grant last year from LEAP Africa through the Nigeria Youth Future Funds award. Our proposal was to conduct an IT SUPPORT SKILLS TRAINING PROJECT for 30 youths aged 20-35 years, focusing on Front-end Development, Backend Software Development, and Python Programming. The objective was to address the issue of youth unemployment, which often leads to poverty, unrest, and criminal activities. Recognizing that many of these youths lack the necessary resources such as computers, electricity, and internet access to learn these IT skills, ESMI collaborated with TEK HUB, an IT training center. Together, we secured access to a well-equipped Computer Lab for the training. We engaged local area Expert Facilitators to train the selected youths, and their performance was regularly monitored and evaluated throughout the designated training period.



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO PUPILS



Last year, ESMI Onitsha Branch had her school outreach 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

This year, through ESMI's scholarship scheme, 18 students were able to complete your 2022-2023 academic sessions.

We hope to help more students stay in school in 2024 by giving out more scholarship.



Impact Story

Mrs Ebele



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.

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.



Impact Story

The Present Story



We are thrilled to share the incredible journey of Mrs. Ebele's transformation since August 2022!

After successfully completing our dynamic mentorship and financial training program, Mrs. Ebele embarked on her path to economic empowerment with unstoppable determination. We stood by her side every step of the way, providing unwavering support.

Together, we nurtured her entrepreneurial spirit and helped her unleash her full potential. With our guidance, Mrs. Ebele transformed her dreams into reality by establishing her very own business. And oh boy, has it been a game-changer!

Her business has taken off like a rocket, generating remarkable revenue that has opened up a world of possibilities for her and her children. Now, she can proudly provide her kids with quality education, ensuring a bright future for them. Not only that, but she can also cater to their welfare, offering them the care they truly deserve.



This success story is a testament to the incredible power of empowerment and the unbreakable spirit of individuals like Mrs. Ebele. We couldn't be more thrilled to witness her journey unfold and see the tangible impact it has had on her life and the lives of her children.

Stay tuned for more awe-inspiring updates as we continue to empower individuals, transform lives, and create a ripple effect of positive change in our community. Together, we can achieve extraordinary things!

Impact Story

The Present Story



Portraits of Impact



2023 GTAV

The 2023 School Outreach took place on the 6th of October at IATIA International school Woji Port Harcourt Rivers State. Over 100 students were impacted. We took them on the topic "Youth Mental Health and Social Media. Balancing Well-being in the Digital Age". It was an interactive section with two speakers and it was an interesting section. The students were learnt the the advantages and disadvantages that internet has on their mental health and how healthy it is to balance their time on the internet with their time without internet for a better performance.

Port Harcourt GTAV



Portraits of Impact



2023 GTAV

For the Onitisha branch:
It's GTAV session was with
regards commemorating the
International Day of the girl
child.

Onitisha GTAV



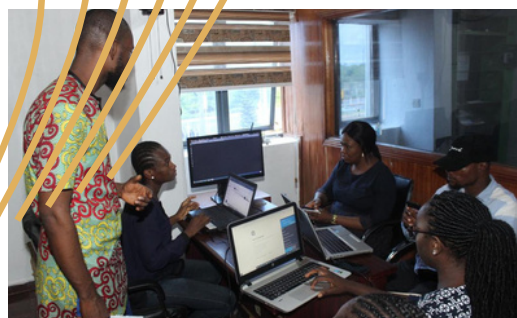
Portraits of Impact



2023 Youths IT Skills Training

We hope to continue training more youths through this youth development program .

AWKA IT Support Skills Training



Portraits of Impact



2023 GTAV

The Abuja Give Them a Voice School Outreach Project took place on the 10th of October at Star Divine Heritage International School.

Abuja GTAV



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By the Numbers



2023 GTAV
215 students impacted

Scholarships Award
18 students

2023 Christmas Miracle
55 families impacted



2023 Financial Report

We had a total of N2,209,479.14 as of January 2023.



Income

BOARD ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

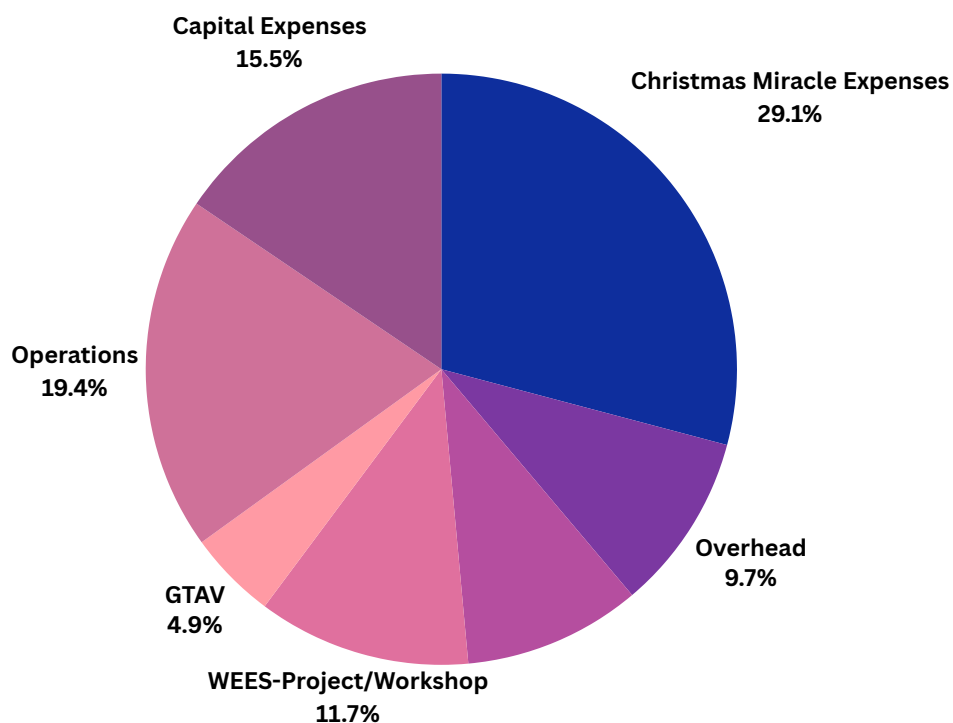
500,000

GRANT

N769,128.00

TOTAL OF CHRISTMAS MIRACLE FUNDRAISING

N 1,425,000





Big Thank you to our DONORS!

None of the work we did in 2023 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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