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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Breaking Barriers Imparting Wisdom

We are excited to share our journey so far



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About Our ESMI

ESMI is a non-governmental organization that seeks to provide solutions to socio-cultural women and girl child problems through community projects and activities while leveraging innovative advocacy strategies.

A Brief Story About The Organization

ESMI was founded in 2016 but we officially started implementing projects in 2017. We have recorded great progress from 2017 till date. The story of ESMI is a story of humble beginnings. We started small with little to no funding but we understood the power in human network and began building our volunteer base to grow our human capital. We started planning projects around our thematic areas and launched our first Give Them A Voice school outreach project across 5 States (6 Cities) in Nigeria in 2017.

Vision

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

Mission

01

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

02

We do this through research, community projects and activities while leveraging innovative advocacy strategies

03

Our Focus Areas

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



01 Board Chair's Speech



THANK YOU 2024! WE MADE IMPACT.

The year 2024 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 5 female prison inmates in Nigeria to enable them take the West Africa Examination Council exam and we amplified the voices of women by partnering with other female led non-profit to reach out and speak to young girls.

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 2025, 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.

With immense gratitude and joy in my heart, I extend my warmest greetings to all members of the Empowered Sapiens Mulier International (ESMI) in our 2024 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. Because if not for the Lord who had been by our side (Psalm 124). The Lord's blessings have exceeded our wildest imaginations, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

Over the past eight 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.



Adaobi Ezeadum
Founder /Board Chair
LLM., MBA

02 SCHOOL OUTREACH

PH TEAM AT THE GIVE THEM A VOICE SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT



On September 20, 2024, the Portharcourt Branch of GTAV hosted an outreach program at Community Secondary School, Rukpoku, engaging approximately 500 SS2 students. This initiative was a resounding success, and the enthusiasm of the students was palpable. Our focus was on raising awareness about the importance of girl child education, and the session proved to be both informative and interactive.

We were honored to have Dr. Ella, also known as Veronica's Daughter, as our speaker. Her dedication to the topic was evident as she took the time to engage meaningfully with the students, supported by Mrs. Ingrid, a valued member of our team.

It was surprising to discover that many students held the belief that girls do not require education since they will be taken care of by their husbands after marriage. We seized the opportunity to highlight several crucial reasons why girl child education is essential, including

1. Financial independence in the event of job loss by the husband.
2. The potential for becoming a widow.
3. Development of self-confidence.
4. The ability to support their husbands.
5. The capacity to assist their own parents.

The students were eager to ask questions, and we ensured that all inquiries were addressed. Their engagement and happiness were evident, even as we stood throughout the session. To encourage participation, we rewarded ten actively involved students with inspirational books and provided others with various gift items.

Despite our busy schedules, our members dedicated their time to this important initiative, and the collective effort resulted in a fulfilling experience for everyone involved.



03 SCHOOL OUTREACH

ABUJA TEAM AT THE GIVE THEM A VOICE SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT



Awards and Recognition:

To motivate and celebrate outstanding performances, we awarded branded gifts to the top pitchers, including:

- 2 Branded Water Bottles
- 4 Jotters
- Pens

Feedback and Evaluation:

Participants expressed their gratitude for the program, noting a significant increase in their knowledge and motivation to pursue entrepreneurial ventures

Conclusion:

This year's GTAV outreach project successfully inspired and equipped 25 young girls with vital financial and entrepreneurship skills. We are excited to witness their future entrepreneurial endeavors and continued growth.

For the Abuja team, the primary aim of their outreach program was to empower young girls with essential financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills, encouraging them to transform their passions into sustainable business ventures

The outreach consisted of two key sessions:

1. **Financial Literacy:** Participants gained insight into fundamental concepts such as budgeting, saving, and investing.
2. **Entrepreneurship:** This session guided participants in identifying their passions, developing business ideas, creating business plans, and effectively pitching their concepts. Additionally, they were introduced to the legal frameworks necessary to protect their brands and goodwill

Elevator Pitch Competition:

To put their newly acquired knowledge into practice, participants delivered elevator pitches that showcased their intended business ideas. The pitches highlighted their creativity, innovation, and enthusiasm

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COLLABORATIONS



ESMI PARTNERED WITH BLOSSOM GIRLS CONFERENCE

The Blossom Girls Conference is an initiative driven by a mission to empower young girls through value reorientation, skills acquisition, and fostering confidence and resilience. organized by Gwacham Blessing Chidiogo, this year's conference gathered girls for a transformative experience.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE

The main goal of the conference was to inspire, educate, and equip young girls with the tools and mindset to become impactful individuals. The focus was on enhancing self-worth, building practical skills, and cultivating a supportive community to aid their development. The Blossom Girls Conference was a resounding success, achieving its mission to empower young girls and build a foundation for their future success. The positive feedback from participants demonstrated the value of such events. We look forward to future partnerships in 2025.

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ESMI PARTNERED WITH INMATES EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION NIGERIA

Inmates Educational Foundation (IEF) is a registered non-profit organization set up to provide quality and formal education for inmates. Like Adult education, literacy education, Digital Literacy, and National Open University education across correctional centers in Nigeria. As an organization that believes in women empowerment and advancement, we partnered with IEF, this will serve as a means of getting incarcerated women to have certificates and give them a chance to attain university education.

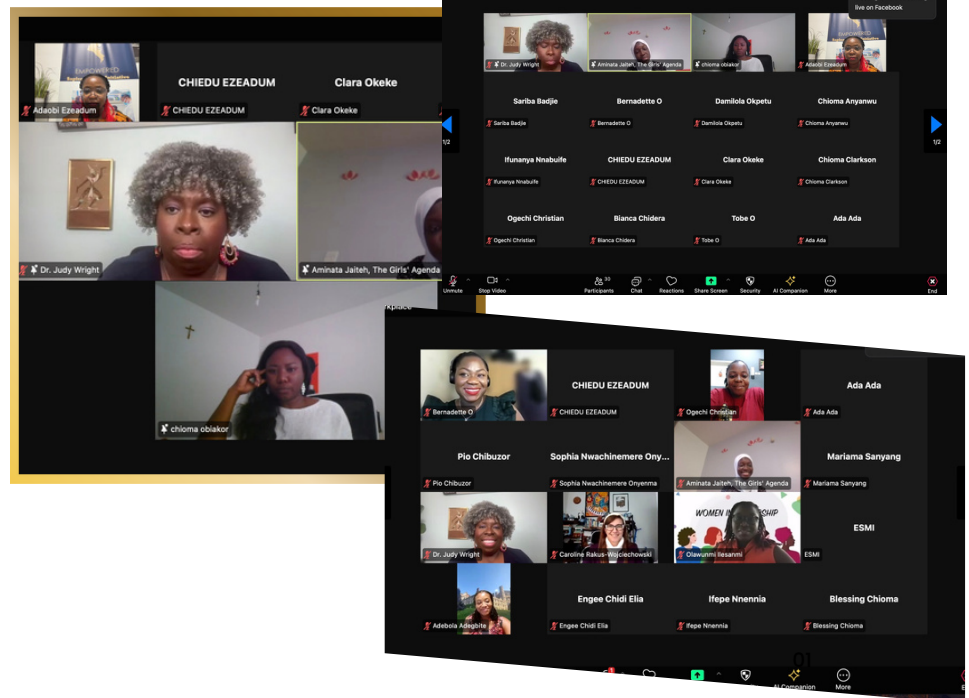
2024 ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



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 2024 project focus and the UN's call for action, this year's summit centered around the theme of "Rising Together; Empowering Women and Girls for a Brighter Future." 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.



CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

PORTRAITS OF IMPACT FROM ALL ESMI BRANCHES



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BY THE NUMBERS



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

5

Female prison inmates received scholarships for their educational exams.



GTAV SCHOOL OUTREACH

525

We are so proud that we were able to impact over 500 students this year.



2024 CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

70

Families received the Christmas Miracle provisions this year.



OUR FINANCES

2024 Financial report



Opening Balance

We started 2024 with a
total of
N1,702,905.43

Closing Balance

We are closing the year with
a total of
N2, 242, 986.79





None of the work we did in 2024 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!



We shall embark on more life changing projects in 2025 and we hope you will partner with us! Reach out to us today by sending an email to info@sapiensmulier.org.

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