Business Plan: GETHOMES

1. Executive Summary

Business Name: GETHOMES.NG

Business Model: Service-based marketplace & marketing platform

Industry: Marketing & Workforce Solutions

Location: Abeokuta Ogun state

Vision: To be the leading platform that connects skilled artisans and technicians with customers through modern marketing strategies and digital visibility.

Mission: To empower artisans and technicians by giving them access to a larger customer base, while ensuring individuals and businesses can easily find reliable, vetted service providers.

Objectives:

- Build an accessible digital platform (web & mobile app) that showcases artisans and technicians.
- Partner with artisan associations, trade unions, and independent technicians.
- Implement targeted marketing campaigns to attract both clients and service providers.
- Achieve profitability by year 2 through service subscriptions, commissions, and partnerships.

2. Business Description

Gethomes.ng is a platform and agency dedicated to marketing artisans and technicians (plumbers, electricians, carpenters, mechanics, tailors, welders, etc.). Most of these professionals rely on word-of-mouth or local advertising, limiting their reach.

The business solves this gap by:

- Giving artisans and technicians digital presence (profiles, portfolios, ratings).
- Marketing their services through social media, local campaigns, and SEO.
- Offering clients a safe and reliable place to find, hire, and review artisans.

3. Products & Services

1. Digital Marketing for Artisans/Technicians

- Social media promotion
- Branding (logos, flyers, videos)
- Online advertising

2. Artisan Marketplace Platform

- Profiles showcasing skills, experience, and reviews
- Search and filter system for customers
- Booking and referral system

3. Verification & Training

- Skill assessment and background checks
- Workshops on customer service and digital tools

4. Revenue Streams

- Subscription plans for artisans/technicians (basic, premium, pro)
- Commission per job referral (e.g., 5–10%)
- Advert placements from tool suppliers and brands
- Partnership with NGOs, vocational centers, and contractors

4. Market Analysis

Target Market:

- Artisans/Technicians: Skilled workers seeking visibility and steady job flow.
- Households & Individuals: People needing reliable services for home repairs, tailoring, beauty services, etc.
- Businesses: Companies requiring facility maintenance, construction, or technical support.

Market Size:

The informal artisan/technician market in Africa and developing regions is worth billions annually, with increasing demand for reliable services. Digital adoption is growing, making online visibility a competitive advantage.

Competition:

- Traditional word-of-mouth referrals
- Classified ads (e.g., Jiji, OLX)
- Small marketing agencies

Competitive Advantage:

- Niche focus on artisans/technicians
- Verification & trust-building system
- Integrated marketplace + marketing services

5. Marketing & Sales Strategy

1. Customer Acquisition

- Community outreach in markets and trade centers
- Social media campaigns showcasing artisans' works
- o Partnerships with vocational schools

2. Retention Strategy

- Customer reviews & loyalty rewards
- Training and upskilling for artisans
- 24/7 customer support

3. Sales Channels

- Direct sales to artisans (subscriptions)
- Online marketplace commissions
- Corporate partnerships

6. Operations Plan

- **Platform Development:** Web + Mobile App with profiles, search, booking, and payment integration.
- **Verification Unit:** Field officers to register and verify artisans.
- Marketing Team: Digital marketers managing campaigns.
- Customer Support: Call center/WhatsApp support for customers and artisans.

Staffing Needs (First Year):

- CEO/Founder
- Tech Lead (App/Website)
- 2 Digital Marketers
- 2 Field Agents

- Customer Support Rep
- Accountant/Admin

7. Financial Plan

Startup Costs:

Platform Development: \$15,000
Marketing & Branding: \$5,000
Office Setup & Operations: \$7,000
Legal & Miscellaneous: \$3,000

Total Initial Investment: ~\$30,000

Revenue Projections (Year 1-3):

Year 1: \$50,000 (subscription + commissions)

Year 2: \$120,000Year 3: \$250,000

Break-even Point: End of Year 2

8. Risk Analysis

- Adoption Risk: Artisans may be hesitant to pay for marketing services → Mitigation: Free trial + low-cost entry plans.
- **Trust Issues:** Customers may fear fraud → **Mitigation:** Verification & rating system.
- Tech Barriers: Some artisans lack smartphones → Mitigation: Agent-assisted onboarding.

9. Growth Strategy

- Expand to multiple cities within 3 years.
- Add payment gateway for seamless transactions.
- Partner with tool/equipment suppliers for discounts to artisans.
- Introduce training academy for artisans (skill certification).

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