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PIX: A Cross Section of the SIEB Graduands with the NEHII Co-Founder, Mary Igbazua

31 TLC Students Graduate from Social Innovation Entrepreneurship Bootcamp!

TLC in October enrolled 31 students at the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Bootcamp operated by the North-East Humanitarian Innovation Hub (NEHIIH). The participants underwent programs in ICT, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, personal development, and a capstone internship placement in the NEHIIH network of business ventures. The internship specialized in electrical, computer, mechanical & automobile engineering, networking, and cosmetology among others. The boot camp was declared closed and participants were awarded with certificates of participation. Notable persons present include their teachers from the Learning Centre, Director of Suleiman Ribadu Academy (special guest of honour), GWD teammates, and other dignitaries ranging from academicians, government officials, students, teachers, public figures, and the entire staff of North-East Humanitarian Innovation Hub.



EDITOR'S NOTE



Greetings !

The year 2020 has been quite the year in the on-going fight against the COVID-19 pandemic that took us all by surprise and leading to a shutdown of activities for the most part of the year to prevent the spread of the pandemic across the globe and within vulnerable populations. For us here at the North East Children's Trust, while we had to close down our Learning Centers and send the children home to their families, the management team ensured that while away, the process of learning continues.

Find out how we have been staying safe and the exciting strategic partnerships that have occurred in the last couple of months as we begin our journey back to normalcy and open the doors to welcome our TLC children back to their home on campus!

Best Wishes,

Dr. Mariam Masha, *Executive Secretary (NECT)*

UPCOMING EVENTS



NECT is planning a digital skills training for students at TLC to enable them leverage on acquired skills to kickstart promising careers in ICT by either starting up their own enterprises or securing sustainable jobs in the sector. In preparation for this exercise, internet bandwidth has been enhanced at TLC.



NECT Partners with Azuri Power for solar expansion



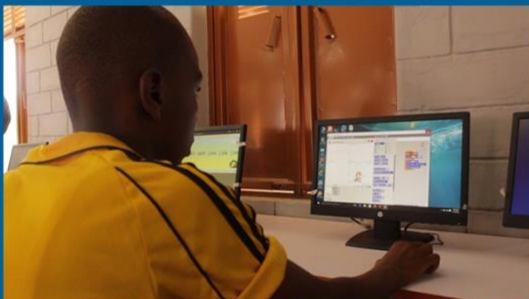
NECT has taken steps to alleviate energy poverty by promoting access to clean renewable energy through solar installations. The Azura Power to Change Initiative supported the expansion of solar installation at The Learning Center, by optimizing the arid climate to generate energy through solar panels to power operations and learning. This consequently brings the total solar power supply capacity at TLC to 213kva. This initiative aims to empower young learners through an internship on the solar installation project. This initiative aims to empower young learners through an internship on the solar installation project.

THE LEARNING CENTER



The process of post conflict community rebuilding and development is one which involves strategic alliances and collaborations between the public, private and social sectors.

The aftermath of conflict in our society is one which leaves behind a breakdown of society and communities from the physical destruction to infrastructure to deep physical and emotional wounds in the lives of survivors. More often than not, women and children make up the vulnerable populations in need of care, nurturing, protection and empowerment on the journey to recovery.



In Northeast Nigeria, this journey of healing and rebuilding our communities is a call to action for all stakeholders at the state and federal levels working closely with actors in the humanitarian and development sectors to effect positive change in the region. One of such efforts of private and social sector partnership for change is the story of the North East Children's Trust in Maiduguri, the home of The Learning Centre (TLC).

NECT Executive Secretary, visits SIEB participants in Yola



PIX: Dr. Mariam Masha (black dress) walks alongside NEHIIH Co-Founder Mary Igbazua during her 2-day to the NEHIIH Campus in Yola to visit the NECT participants

Senior Special Assistant, Humanitarian Interventions, to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Executive Secretary to the Board of the North East Children's Trust (NECT) Dr. Mariam Temitope Masha took out time to visit the TLC participants who were participating in the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Bootcamp (SIEB) at the North-East Humanitarian Innovation Hub Yola, The Adamawa State Capital. She made the courtesy call in company of teachers from the Learning Center Maiduguri to see and access first-hand the progress the children had made during the camp.



PIX: Dr. Mariam Masha (black striped dress) in a group photograph with the NECT participants and NEHIIH staff



TLC Student aces JAMB, gains admission to the American University of Nigeria (AUN)

We received with great joy the news of one of our very own TLC student's success at the UTME/JAMB Examinations. Mohammed Bukar, one of the few TLC students on the academic path successfully completed his School Leaving Examinations and gained admission to the School of Information Technology and Computing (SITC) at the American University of Nigeria. Mohammed who hopes to expand his knowledge of Computer Engineering and Software Development is one of our amazing success stories and a testament to the positive impact the NECT hopes to make in the lives of our children. We are extremely proud of all our students and look forward to supporting them along their career paths as entrepreneurs and change-makers.



TLC Staff Holiday Home-School visit to students

In line with government guidelines to keep schools closed, the children returned to their caretakers in the camps and local communities [i.e. where they lived before they enrolled at the learning center (TLC)]
In September, TLC staff paid visits to these camps/communities with care packages; to check on their welfare



Staff Training/Development

In preparation for the next school year, TLC staff participated in a retreat; they participated in team building exercises, personality tests, and refresher courses on teaching methods, student engagement and preparing subject notes



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