

# *ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT* 2019



the  
**FIRENZE**  
FOUNDATION

## WELCOME MESSAGE



**ISHMAEL OFORI ABOAGYE**  
**PRESIDENT & FOUNDER**

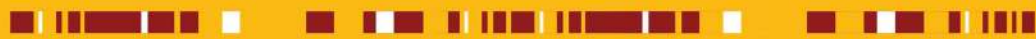
*Dear Lovely Amazing People,*

Thank you very much for taking time to read our impact report 2019. I welcome you to the Firenze Foundation which is the largest youth led catalyst organization with twenty-four youth country ambassadors across four continents. In January 2019, we set forth a new journey towards reinforcing the hope in the African Youth to create real meaningful change. Based in Ghana, West Africa our story is a unique one. This impact report is aimed at telling the stories of amazing young Africans championing the mantra of change. Major feats of the Firenze foundation in the last quarter of the year 2019, was the piloting of the CodEdge Program in the Central Region which spurs a new paradigm shift of STEM education for Refugees in Ghana. We are highly excited about the prospect of the Firenze dream and we are fully prepared to live the experience with you.

Signed: *I.O.A*



# Vision



The Firenze foundation aims to create a new paradigm shift of educational outcomes in rural & refugee camps in Africa and edge STEM education amongst children on the African Continent.



## AWARDS | NOMINATIONS | COMPETITIONS

President & Founder of the Firenze Foundation Ishmael Ofori Aboagye was nominated as STAR IMAGE at the 9<sup>th</sup> UBORA Annual Excellence Awards. The UBORA Awards, is an annual award ceremony held by Ashesi University's Student Governing Council to celebrate the work efforts of students over the course of the year.



The STAR Image category was nominated based on students who upheld values of presentability, decorum in appearance, speech and interaction. He was nominated alongside three other students.

Vice President Miss. Anita Boakye Yiadom came out first placed in the New Business Challenge 2019 with an all-female team for the first time winning the competition. The New Business Challenge is organized by the Embassy of Netherlands.



Anita and her team worked on how Solidaridad can increase the living wages of farm workers. Their solution was to introduce sources of income specifically soap making from Cocoa husks and a village savings & loans association.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Daniel Nettey came out 1<sup>st</sup> placed in the coding challenge and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed in the overall hackathon at the Ghana Hack-A-Project Facebook Hackathon.



Daniel led his team Career Pathfinders to create a prototype of a web application. The web application calculates the aggregate of student's WASSCE results and displays a list of schools with majors that the students can apply for.

# The CODEGE



In October 2019, we commenced the Codedge program at the Egyeikrom Refugee Camp in the Central Region of Ghana. With a pioneering class of 30 refugee children aged between nine and eleven years from different classes, these students were made to participate in the pilot program. Refugees were taught to code their first game using Scratch block based visual programming language. Subsequently, the pioneering class was divided into sessions to ensure a better learning environment. The program recorded a 100 percent pass rate as the participants were able to use the concepts from their codes to solve problems.

## FEEDBACK PIONEERING CLASS

"We use computer and monitor to play games; creating my own game and the lessons on games are very interesting. I think we need to practice often in order not to forget. We shall also need the steps to do it, so our tutors can help us. Thank you!!! (Cyntiche, Refugee - Age 11)





## THE CODEGE SCHOOL



After recording the success of the CodEdge Program, the Firenze CodEdge Team has designed a 4-month curriculum scheduled to run in 2020. The curriculum seeks to train and equip teachers at the Egiekrom school with the necessary skills to run the CodEdge program at a recreation Centre within the refugee camp.

## FIRENZE LIBRI & COMICS



The Firenze libri & Comics under the Firenze Foundation is an agenda towards creating Africans first STEM-Novate Comic Book. The comic book seeks to urge critical thinking alongside traditional story lines for refugee children with practical.

## FEATURED ON.....



President & Founder Ishmael Ofori Aboagye was invited as a guest speaker on Hilltop Online Radio's Levitate Show where he spoke on the role of the youth as changemakers



Firenze Foundation was privileged to be featured on We Go Innovate's Gh4STEM Campaign which features Founders/CEO's of STEM organization's in Ghana. The said program will run on National Television

## LAUNCH OF WEBSITE



June 2019 saw the launch of the fully fleshed Firenze Foundation website built by the technical team at the Firenze Foundation. The website is known for its colorful features.



# Hello!

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on the  
web



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# THE FIRENZE CLUB



In September 2019, The Firenze Club at Ashesi University was inaugurated. The Club serves 30 members on record with an outright goal of spurring the youth to engage in social impactful initiatives. Within the last quarter of the year 2019, club members engaged in activities such as the innovate for social impact forum, the CodEdge program and the design of the Firenze Comic Books.



*Sherifa Amadu'22*

*To me being part of Firenze is a step closer to my dream of impacting the homeless and needy. It's not making me wait till I become somebody to start a change, I am starting now!*

# SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

Firenze focuses on raising awareness on social initiatives for inclusive education and economic development through its robust social media platform. We also shed more light on refugee, STEAM initiatives and Firenze stories on our social media pages.



**42,500 Outreach**

42,515 organic outreach on Facebook within 6 months featuring refugee, STEM & Firenze stories  
Over 70 refugee and STEAM stories Featured on LinkedIn Facebook & Twitter.



**70+ stories**



# GLOBAL YOUTH AT THE CORE OF WHAT WE DO!



We are reinforcing the hope in the African Youth to make real and meaningful change. With over eighteen Firenze country Ambassadors from Africa , Europe, America and Asia we are steadily creating awareness of social impact by the African youth through our blogs and championing the course of improving rural education in Sub-Saharan Africa .



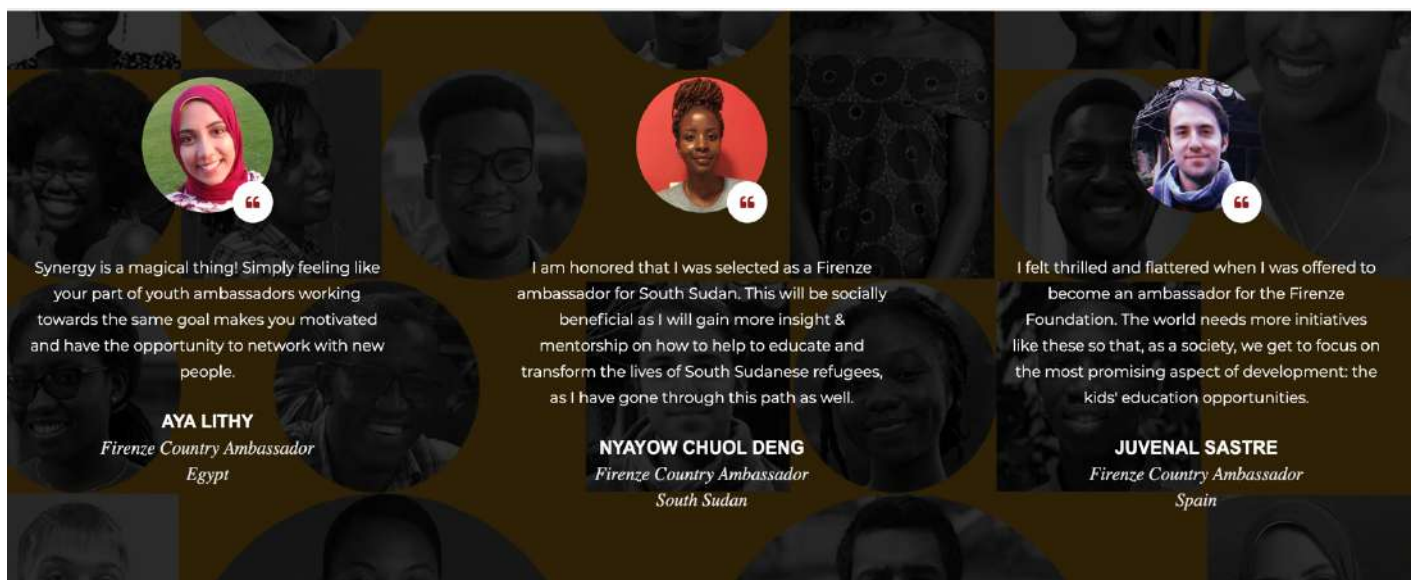
## MEET OUR AMBASSADORS



### Firenze Country Ambassadors



A Unique composition of the Firenze foundation is its ambassadors across several countries who demonstrate the attribute of social impact amongst the global youth.





## SOME STATISTICS



CATALYST FOUNDATION  
FOR UNIVERSAL  
EDUCATION SCHOLAR



MASTERCARD  
FOUNDATION SCHOLARS



JIM OVIA SCHOLARS



## INNOVATE FOR SOCIAL IMPACT FORUM



The Firenze organization held its major event in the month of November dubbed: the Innovate for Social Impact Forum. The aim of the forum was to engage with various stakeholders in the STEM industry and give exposure to Firenze ambassadors who presented on their projects.

The Firenze Foundation & Club presents

# Innovate 4 Social Impact Forum

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

- Toni Agana**  
Presidential Award Recipient
- Rya G. Kuowar**  
Speaker World Economic Forum & CEO Rio Global
- Ishmael O. Abongye**  
Founder the Firenze Foundation & President

**Firenze Ambassadors**

- Melvina Conton**  
Sierra Leone  
Founder GEMS Club
- Arnold Nsubuga**  
Uganda  
Founder The Ugandan Cycloid
- Sula Mabuza**  
Swaziland  
Whatsapp Chatbot
- Clarie Nadini**  
Kenya  
Founder Badili Zone Organisation

**Theme:**  
**ANALYSING THE CASE OF FIRENZE WITH A FOCUS ON REFUGEES.**

**Date:** 7th November, 2019  
**Time:** 4:30pm  
**Venue:** Banquet Hall Ashesi University

Representatives from UNHCR Ghana, Ghana Refugee Board, STEM Enthusiast in Ghana, Ashesi Leo Club, FOUNHCR

   
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# INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATIONS



A million Acts of  
Smiles & Hugs!



I love #RefugeeChildren



#Ilovesocialimpact



#wearefirenze





# 2020 PRIORITIES



- ⇒ Fundraise in January 2020 to support the completion of the Codege school
- ⇒ Scale the CodEdge Program to 100 refugees in Ghana
- ⇒ Creation of Full Advisory Board for the Firenze Foundation
- ⇒ Completion of the First edition of the Firenze Libri & Comics within the first quarter of the year
- ⇒ Implementation of the Firenze Ehub
- ⇒ Creation of investment trajectory to help sustain the Firenze foundation
- ⇒ Massive social media engagements



**Hephzibah U. Emereole**

**Jim Ovia Scholar**

# Firenze Experientia Series

FIRENZE COUNTRY  
AMBASSADOR -NIGERIA

"I feel excited that I am working with a lot of committed and like-minded ambassadors who are willing to take actions to make the society better. Working with them would enable me improve myself and become more aware of societal needs. This would be possible as I learn from their diverse perspectives, and diverse contributions. I hope to learn a lot from all the youth ambassadors, have a great experience of co-operation and familyhood. My greatest benefit would be putting a SMILE on another person's face. I would not want us to relent at the sufferings of others especially when we all could help in any little way possible in togetherness."



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