



# HIGHLIGHT REPORT 2019

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## THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE (ChiYoWo)

Our core values and ethics underpin our work. This emphasizes the way we approach our work with resourcefulness and passionately address each challenge creatively.

The following Highlight Report summarizes how ChiYoWo and its supporters have contributed to repositioning mindsets of children, youth and women through education and empowerment. We use pictures to tell the stories of our achievements in all the communities we have been privileged to serve in so far. We are proud to showcase our work which ranges from donating books to schools and students in hard to reach communities, running Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) competitions, setting up reading clubs, empowering women and youth through economic empowerment projects such as soap and air fresher making, financial and bookkeeping workshops and much more. We also visited the United Nations Headquarters in New York, where as part of the Consultative Status for Women, we delivered an interactive session on Youth, Gender and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Stories out of Nigeria in partnership with the Centre for Family and Health Initiative and UN Women.

#### To date, ChiYoWo has:

- Donated 8,000 books across 42 schools in Nigeria
- Empowered 9,620 children, youth and women with literacy and life skills
- Supported 30 STEAM projects in schools and competitions and gave awards
- Delivered 21 capacity building workshops

#### ChiYoWo continues to:

- Increase literacy levels through Book Drives across the 6 geo-political zones in Nigeria
- Engage in educational competitions to empower children and youth through STEAM projects
- Advance empowerment and leadership initiatives which enable us to embrace SDGs awareness and empowerment activities
- Build links and deliver long-lasting change in people and communities through advocacy and partnership

ChiYoWo strives to leave a lasting impact in the communities it works in and I am truly grateful for the tireless work of our trustees and volunteers. Our supporters and donors have enabled us to work and reach out to people in disadvantaged communities and empower in some cases 'the forgotten'. I pledge to continue to do my very best and hope that with the support of our volunteers, partners, donors and supporters we will continue to leave 'footprints of hope' in the communities that we are privileged to work in.

Much appreciated,  
*Tokunbo Ifaturoti*  
Founder/President





# CELEBRATES THE FIRST EVER UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

24TH JANUARY 2019

#EDUCATIONDAY [www.chiyowo.org](http://www.chiyowo.org)



ChiYoWo celebrates the FIRST United Nations International Day of Education today 24th January 2019. We believe Education is the Key to Development.

To safeguard the future generation, the onus is on us to pave paths of knowledge and power. Our kids from Merian are indeed the leaders of tomorrow. Let's celebrate them.

**With love, from The ChiYoWo Family**



[#BookDriveNigeria2019](#) & World Book Day

ChiYoWo celebrates [#BookDriveNigeria2019](#) and World Book Day in Oreta Igbogbo, Ikorodu, Lagos State, Nigeria. Eagle International Nursery and Primary School received us with bags of smiles.

Thanks to Nigerian Schools Foundation UK for partnering with ChiYoWo. We are extremely happy to donate reading books to the school all sourced from the United Kingdom.

We continue to focus on SDG4! Indeed, quality education fosters development and reduces illiteracy rates.



## Happy International Women's Day

ChiYoWo celebrates International Women's Day with women in a hard to reach community called Oreta Igbogbo, in Lagos State, Nigeria and they made their own products!

These women want to push boundaries and do something different in their community and for their families. Following a series of stakeholder engagement meetings and needs assessments, we captured their needs and all designed a project. After a 3-hour training workshop with our Team, this is what they came up with -AreWà Multipurpose Soap and AreWà Air Freshener... a ChiYoWo community Initiative.

Now, they are empowered and excited and want to produce these products on a larger scale and sell them in their local markets! Check out their packaging. You see, the need to embrace [#BalanceForPower](#) can also come from the struggles within. Women can come together without jealousy or fear and achieve greatness. In this community, women tend to invest over 70% of their earnings back into their family lives for sustainable development Happy investing!!! Thank you so much to our volunteers! Your great teamwork is awesome!!!

Thanks to our sponsor Godrej a consumer products company who donated hair extensions and bar soap to the ladies. Much appreciated.

[#IWD](#) [#Women](#) [#Godrej](#) [#Lorna](#) [#Ruralcommunities](#) [#Soap](#) [#freshener](#) [#ChiYoWo](#)







## CHIYOWO CELEBRATES World Book & Copyright Day!

Thanks to all our Partners, Donors and Supporters

Reading is the key that opens up our minds to greater possibilities. Let's celebrate today and always. Don't let your power to empower yourself ever cease. Enjoy



The Children, Youth and Women Empowerment Initiative (ChiYoWo) celebrated Children's Day at Khan Foundation and had a wonderful time setting up a library and reading club. As part of our [#BookDriveNigeria2019](#) Programme, our 'Read, Learn and Shape your World Project' sought to encourage engaging reading culture habits in schools and amongst young children. The children took part in different activities including our Spelling Bee Competition and singing classes. They had so much fun!!! Winners got certificates as well. Congratulations to our first Library Prefect and Assistant who will be in charge of our ChiYoWo Reading Club.

ChiYoWo visits El Shaddai School in Makoko, Lagos State and introduces its 'Read, Learn & Shape your World Project' as part of its [#BookDriveNigeria2019](#) Initiative. Quality education - SDG4 remains a focal part of our work and against all odds. We will keep empowering children in marginalised communities with reading books and equipment. We are proud to have set up a Reading Club in this school. The winners of our activities will run the Reading Club. Thanks to Nigerian Schools Foundation (UK) NSFUK, our Partner in the United Kingdom. The books donated to us in Nigeria were well received by the headteacher and the students.

We look forward to receiving more books and other educational material. Thanks to all our supporters and volunteers in attendance,

Titigbe Onyekachi Venath,  
VeeRockAnthony and Aderemi.

Much appreciated.  
The ChiYoWo Family.



### School 2! ChiYoWo goes to Ogun State!!!

The pupils of Baptist Nursery and Primary School, Bode Ijaye, Abeokuta and their teachers were happy to receive our team from the 'Read, Learn and Shape your World Project [#BookDriveNigeria2019](#)'. It's amazing how children respond to 'hope, innovation and development'. They took part in a spelling bee competition, an SDG awareness programme and discussed current issues they contend with in their communities on a daily basis. Winners got certificates and will manage the ChiYoWo Reading Club we set up. Thanks to

[Adedayo Adenrele](#) our host teacher, and all the other teachers. We truly appreciate your effort. Enjoy reading and encourage the pupils to read the books we donated to your school library.

Again, thanks to NSFUK, our partner in the United Kingdom. Literacy is key for development and you keep on providing us with many keys! Our volunteers,

[Titigbe Onyekachi Venath](#),

[Okeleye Olanike](#) and Marvellous, thanks for travelling out and making a difference in the lives of many. Good memories - Great thinkers! Much appreciated,  
The ChiYoWo Family



Thanks to NSFUK for donating all the books to ChiYoWo in Nigeria. We are proud to be a catalyst for change in the literacy and education space in Nigeria. We will keep on striving to attain SDG4 – Quality Education in a country where over 15million children are still out of school and lack basic reading and writing materials that should at least start shaping their lives.

Thank you, Khan Foundation, for hosting us. Thank you to our donors, partners and our anonymous shipping company.

To our ChiYoWo volunteers Yetunde and Ibukun (and her Baby and thank you.

Much appreciated,

The ChiYoWo Family

Let's keep on doing our best...leaving a legacy is real!

[#SDG4](#) [#BookDriveNigeria2019](#) [#Read](#)  
[#Learn](#) [#Share](#) [#Legacy](#) [#ChiYoWo](#)  
[#NSFUK](#)



Please donate reading and educational books [#BookDriveNigeria2019](#) for readers between ages 5-18years. We will donate all the books to schools in hard to reach and/or disadvantaged communities in Nigeria.

Book Drop off Point:

Allianz Park, Saracens Rugby Stadium, Greenlands Lanes, Hendon, London, NW4 1RL (during NSF (UK) Sports and Family Fun Day)

Date: 24th August 2019 Only

[#MoneyDonation:](#)

If you would like to donate money towards our continuing work in Nigeria, kindly click on the link below or copy and paste it in your browser:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chiyowodonatebooks?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=Mn6mvDjZW](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chiyowodonatebooks?utm_id=1&utm_term=Mn6mvDjZW)

Plsshare in your networks

ChiYoWo thanks NSF(UK) for its continued support and we also you all for contributing to the development of literacy and quality education in Nigeria.

[#SDG4](#)

Below: Processing our books!

[#Keepondonating](#)



Benin welcomes us [#BookDriveNigeria2019](#)! We are super proud of the impact Children Youth and Women Empowerment Initiative (ChiYoWo) continues to make in hard to reach communities in Nigeria. Our team recently visited 2 schools in Benin - Guidance Academy and May & Steve Nursery and Primary School to donate educational and reading books.

Certificates were given to the schools and outstanding students who excelled in educational competitions. Literacy and empowerment continue to inform our work.

Thank you for the continued support of our donors and partners. A shout out to NSFUK for being our key partner in the United Kingdom.

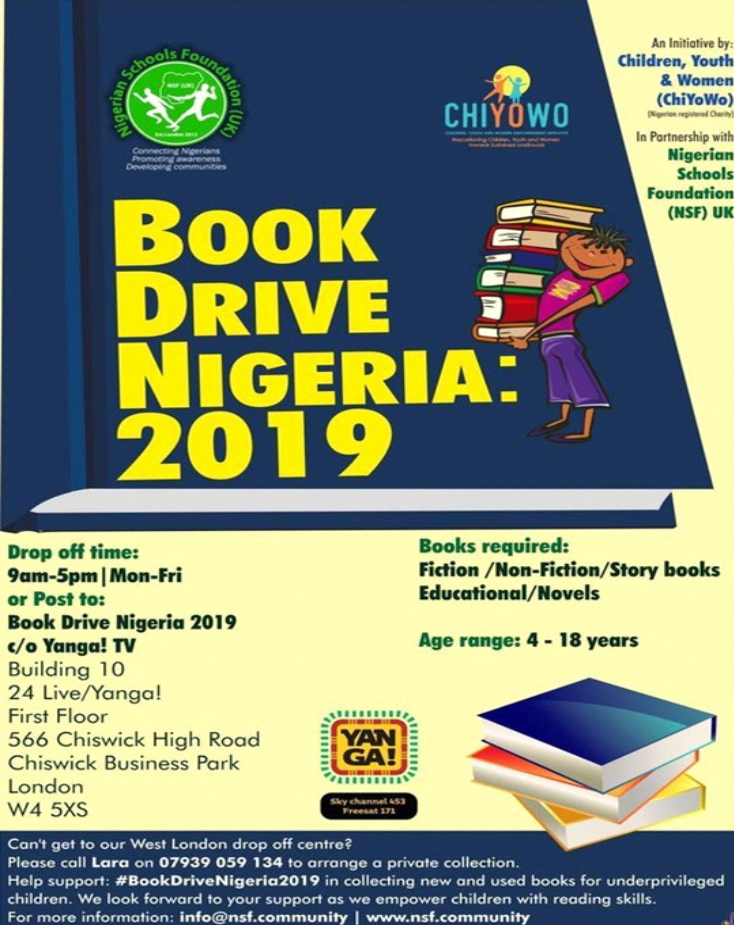
Well done Team ChiYoWo!!!

Much appreciated as always

Team ChiYoWo







**Book Drive Nigeria: 2019**

An Initiative by: **Children, Youth & Women (ChiYoWo)** (Nigeria registered Charity)  
In Partnership with **Nigerian Schools Foundation (NSF) UK**

**Drop off time: 9am-5pm | Mon-Fri or Post to: Book Drive Nigeria 2019 c/o Yanga! TV**  
Building 10  
24 Live/Yanga!  
First Floor  
566 Chiswick High Road  
Chiswick Business Park  
London  
W4 5XS

**Books required:**  
Fiction / Non-Fiction / Story books  
Educational / Novels

**Age range: 4 - 18 years**

Can't get to our West London drop off centre?  
Please call **Lara** on **07939 059 134** to arrange a private collection.  
Help support: **#BookDriveNigeria2019** in collecting new and used books for underprivileged children. We look forward to your support as we empower children with reading skills.  
For more information: **info@nsf.community | www.nsf.community**

Dear Friends and Supporters,  
We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 24th August 2019 at NSF(UK) Sports and Fun Day.  
Please bring ALL your reading and educational books that you no longer need. We would love to give other children and youth (4-18yrs) in Nigeria the opportunity to empower themselves.  
Want to donate money? Kindly click on this link:  
[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chiyowodonatebooks?utm\\_term=Q2mvPdn7w](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chiyowodonatebooks?utm_term=Q2mvPdn7w)  
Thank you very much for giving!  
Venue: 1pm at Allianz Park, Saracens Rugby Stadium, Greenlands Lane, Hendon, NW4 1RL  
Much appreciated,  
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Congratulations, Worldreader in collaboration with ChiYoWo seeks to empower young girls and women and embrace gender equality, through mobile technology and literature. Together, let's join hands and become effective change agents through reading in Nigeria and West Africa!  
We celebrate Dr.

[Arinola Speaker Araba](#). Her book 'Beautifully Flawed' is set to reach over 30,000 girls in Nigeria and West Africa. Well done!  
'The Inspire Us Project' will be launched in Abuja, Nigeria on 17th September 2019 organized by Library Aid Africa.  
@inspireUsWA @ChiYoWoini @Worldreader  
[#inspireUsWA](#) [#ChiYoWoini](#)  
[#mobiletechnology](#) [#girls](#) [#genderequality](#)  
[#InspireUs](#) [#TAAI](#) [#SDG4](#) [#SDG5](#) [#SDG17](#)  
[#BookDriveNigeria2019](#) [#LibraryAidAfrica](#)



Let's prioritize Global Citizenship Education. I am determined. Are you?

#GlobalGoals  
#GoalKeeper  
#SDGs  
#ActOnIt

Tokunbo Ifaturoti #ActsOnIt!

UN Global Goals

CHIYOWO UNITED NATIONS

We can all make a difference... thanks for all your support. Much appreciated from The ChiYoWo Family



ChiYoWo celebrates:  
International Day of the Girl Child 11.10.19  
"Girlforce: Unscripted and Unstoppable"  
Amplify our voices!



Yippee, thanks to ChiYoWo's key supporter in the United Kingdom - NSFUK! They graciously collected these books for our [#BookDrive2020Programmes](#). Thank you very much to all our donors and supporters. Thanks to everyone who also donated books at the NSFUK Family Fun Day! ChiYoWo is truly grateful.

[#SDG4](#)

[#education](#)

[#lifelonglearning](#)

[#children](#)

[#youth](#)

[#2020unloading](#)

As always...

Much appreciated,

The ChiYoWo Team

ChiYoWo is happy to celebrate the United Nations International Day of the Girl Child [#IDG2019](#) [#Girlforce](#). Let's join hands in amplifying the voices of our young girls especially those in marginalised communities.

Young girls in Nigeria continue to expand their knowledge base by availing themselves to education and literacy programmes. ChiYoWo

to date, has donated reading and educational

books to over 38 schools in Nigeria and engaged students in various life-long learning programmes.

We are pleased that over 65% of our direct participants are girls!

ChiYoWo pledges to keep amplifying your dreams and desires. We remember it is our collective responsibility as global citizens to elevate your progress. Keep flying high young girls!!!

[#Chiyowo](#)

[#BookDriveNigeria2019](#)

[#UnitedNations](#)

[#NSFUK](#)

[#ShhorTellit](#)

[#Worldreader](#)

[#SDG4](#)

[#SDG5](#)

[#BeijingDeclaration](#)

[#TaaiConsultancy](#)



ChiYoWo visits Solace Schools, Bariga in Lagos State, to run some empowerment workshops and donate reading books. We continue to put smiles on the faces of our next generation. Knowledge and education is a platform for destiny building. Well done to \*TeamChiYoWo\* and thank you for the continued support of our supporters, book donors and NSFUK!!!

**Thanks to Godrej for the gifts we donated!!!**

Much appreciated



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