



PROJECT TOPIC: CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH EMPOWERMENT OF 300 YOUTHS IN NIGERIA

PROJECT SUMMARY: This Project plans to provide mental support to over 2500 youths in major high crime rate zones in Nigeria and provide training and empowerment to 300 youths with skills and jobs.

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Recent research conducted by an international organization proclaimed Nigeria as one of the regions of the world with high crime rates. This prevalence of crime exacerbates the poverty rate, by the simple means of “scaring” away investors from venturing into Nigeria and thereby retarding the growth of the economy. Studies show that most of the criminal activities in Nigeria are committed by youths.

With Nigeria having one of the youngest populations in the world, with approximately 42.5% of the population under 14 years old and 19.8% aged between 15 to 25 years old, it is almost inevitable that most crimes will be committed by a person who is categorized as a youth.

Our Human Needs Assessment recently conducted on Crime Prevention showed that 90% of the respondents stated poverty, unemployment, and family conditions/circumstances as the major reasons why the youths go into crime.

The position of our research was further buttressed by the recent unrest in Lagos, Nigeria which occurred during the lock-down imposed by the Nigerian government as a response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The lock-down adversely affected the livelihood of millions of youths as they became jobless and could not have their daily needs met, leading to an unprecedented upsurge in criminal activity in metropolitan Lagos.

Raised for Excellence is desirous of implementing a program that will provide mental support through counseling and mentoring schemes, and empowerment schemes involving training, skill acquisition and placements for youths who are in gangs. The Program also extends to youth who are in Correctional and Rehabilitation Centers and to youths who are ex-inmates recently released from incarceration. The purpose of the program is to ensure that former gang members and ex-inmates are afforded the opportunity to fully reintegrate into society and participate fully in community building.

PUPOSE OF GRANT:

This Program is strategized to provide youths with skills sets and job training so they can be self-sustaining or employable thereby achieving personal goals and success. It is designed to also equip the youths with business, leadership and financial literacy skills that will support and ensure business sustainability and growth.



During the program, participant will undergo 6 - 8weeks coaching and mentoring activity designed to push them to be changemakers representing the organization in their homes and communities.

We will be innovative in reaching out to the youths in gangs, who are on the streets by taking the solution to them.

A Monitoring and Evaluation plan is also part of the program to ensure thought ideas are implemented as they run their businesses and implement a compulsory weekly savings culture for the scaling up of their businesses.

Through our outreaches in this program we will reach out to 2500 Youths, create a community of 500 youths, and empower 300 in the first instance.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Visiting correctional, rehabilitation homes and prisons for counselling
- Commence coaching and mentoring sessions for youths in homes
- Launch a data collation, monitoring of youth ex-inmates with a history of repeated offences
- Select about 200 changemakers to represent us in their homes through our #oneyouthonehome program
- Gather data on youths requiring empowerment and support from the 2500 Youths reached.
- Train and Empower a minimum of 300 youths as the 1st batch of the Crime Prevention Program

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Stakeholder engagements
- Launching of street innovations to prevent crime
- Intensive workshop sessions
- Intensive leadership and business sessions
- Intensive coaching and mentoring sessions

FUNDING REQUESTED: Total Funding Requested is \$250,000.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars)

PROGRAM IMPACT

We will train and empower young people in the streets, correctional, rehabilitation centers and ex-inmates so they do not get involved in crime and are able to integrate back into the Society.

It is our firm belief that every young person whether a gang member or an ex-inmate deserves a chance at life and should be equipped with viable skills to prevent them from turning to crime to survive. The program will impart skill training in tailoring, shoemaking, furniture making, digital marketing, photography, plumbing, hairdressing, and painting amongst others.



POTENTIAL LONG-TERM IMPACT

Phase 1 of this program is aimed at providing mental support to over 2500 youths, dissuading them from committing crime and empowering 300 youths to be self-sustaining so they are able to help their families, provide stability to their communities and act as changemakers using their life stories.