

Empower Future Initiative: Help Poor Children with Cancer Access Treatment

Project Summary:

This project supports 300 disadvantaged Nigerian children with cancer by providing accommodation, three meals daily, hospital transport, medicines, counselling, and play therapy for children and their caregivers traveling from rural areas. By removing financial and logistical barriers, families can focus on care, ensuring children complete treatment and improve survival rates.

Total Budget: \$94,500 USD

Challenge:

Specialized pediatric cancer care in Nigeria is concentrated in urban hospitals. Children from rural areas face high costs for travel, accommodation, meals, and medicines, preventing treatment completion. Over 70% of rural children default on therapy, leaving curable cancers untreated. Families face financial and emotional stress, resulting in preventable deaths.

Solution:

EFI will provide a safe hostel near pediatric oncology centers, offering:

- Accommodation for children and caregivers
- Three nutritious meals daily
- Daily transport to and from hospitals
- Essential medicines
- Counselling and psychosocial support
- Play and music therapy

This ensures families can focus on treatment, improving adherence and survival rates.

Implementation Plan:

- Hostel setup near hospitals
- Provision of three meals daily
- Scheduled daily transport
- Access to essential medicines
- Counselling and psychosocial support
- Play and music therapy sessions

Target Beneficiaries:

- 300 disadvantaged children with cancer
- Their caregivers traveling from rural areas
- Indirectly, communities benefit from reduced pediatric cancer mortality

Budget Allocation:

- Accommodation: \$30,000
- Meals: \$15,000
- Transport: \$10,500
- Medicines & Medical Supplies: \$20,000
- Counselling & Psychosocial Support: \$12,000
- Play & Music Therapy: \$7,500

Total: \$94,500 USD

Expected Outcomes:

- 200 children complete treatment annually
- Reduced default rates for children from rural areas
- Families receive emotional support
- Strengthened rural healthcare access
- Increased survival rates among disadvantaged children

Long-Term Impact:

Sustainable support systems ensure children from rural communities complete treatment, survive, and thrive. Alleviating financial and logistical barriers while providing comprehensive care saves lives, reduces family trauma, and strengthens Nigeria's pediatric oncology support network.

Monitoring & Evaluation:

- Monthly reporting of treatment adherence
- Review of hostel, meal, and transport logistics
- Feedback surveys from caregivers and children
- Annual assessment of survival and treatment completion rates