

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOUNDATION 2024 NEWSLETTER

Once again, we are pleased to update you on Human Development Initiatives (HDI) Foundation activities. Since its inception, the HDI Foundation has prioritized support for vulnerable humans, particularly women and children. Our initiatives have focused on different life-changing activities, aimed at building capacity and empowering vulnerable persons to make them self-reliant. Information they say is power, HDI Foundation has gone a step further to commence a series of webinars on different topical issues also targeted at reducing vulnerability and getting the community informed. We are therefore glad to bring you updates of our activities for the year 2024.

A Day Out with Adolescents



On February 14, 2024, HDI Foundation commemorated Valentine's Day at Jibowu Junior High School. HDI Team addressed the students on the significance of self-acceptance and self-love. The students were encouraged to embrace themselves the way they are and strive to be better. The children also received gifts from HDI.

A Day Out with Wives

The poster is for an event titled "A Day Out with Wives" presented by the HDI Foundation. It features a photograph of Prof. Rebecca Soremekun, the speaker, on the right side. The background is a dark red, textured surface. The text on the poster includes the HDI Foundation logo at the top, the event title in a mix of cursive and bold fonts, the theme "Building resilience in times of economic uncertainty", the date and time "Wed. March 13, 2024 11:00 AM", Zoom login details (username: 890 2601 6536, passcode: wifey), and contact information (phone: +2348080551376, website: www.hdinigeria.org, email: info@hdinigeria.org).

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A Day out
WITH WIVES

THEME:
"Building resilience in times of economic uncertainty"

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Amidst the current economic uncertainty, the HDI Foundation in March, organized a virtual dialogue on building resilience in times of economic uncertainty.

As part of the ongoing commitment to empowering women and families, we organized this special event to address the pressing concerns faced by wives and women across our nation. We understood the weight of the current economic downturn and its impact on households, and we offered support and guidance on navigating these turbulent times.

This event featured a seasoned speaker who shared insights and practical strategies to weather the storm of financial instability. From managing household finances to prioritizing spending and exploring alternative income-generating opportunities, the session was aimed to equip wives with the tools and knowledge needed to navigate these uncertain times with strength and resilience.

Pads distribution to girls with disability



For this year's Menstrual Hygiene for Indigent Girls with Disabilities (MHIGD) program, HDI Foundation visited an Inclusive School at Bonny Cantonment, Victoria Island and Olisa Nursery and Primary School, Inclusive Unit, Mushin Lagos to distribute sanitary pads to some selected girls with disability. The girls were taught how to use sanitary pads by themselves and also encouraged to maintain good menstrual hygiene.

Children Summit 2024



At the HDI Foundation Children Summit 2024, in collaboration with -Create Club, which was held on the 4th of June, 2024, we had the privilege of witnessing our children voice their opinions and perspectives on the current state of the education sector in Nigeria and the government's role in it. They passionately shared their hopes and expectations for the future of education in Nigeria, envisioning an ideal system that supports and nurtures their dreams.

The children expressed themselves through various acts, including Panel sessions, Dance, Drama, Poetry, and Art exhibitions, showcasing their incredible talents. It was truly inspiring to see such young minds with profound knowledge and creativity.

Indeed, Nigeria is blessed with such amazing young talents, and their insights and aspirations offer a promising glimpse into the future.

The International Widows's day



On June 23, 2024, the world united to commemorate International Widows' Day, a day dedicated to recognizing the resilience and challenges faced by widows globally. To mark this significant occasion, the Human Development Initiatives (HDI) Foundation extended a hand of love and support to widows across Lagos State.

Food palliatives were distributed to five widow groups, including the Somolu Widows, Bariga Widows, Laudable Support, Ultimate Widows, and Princess Adunke Foundation. This heartfelt gesture was aimed at uplifting spirits, fostering a sense of community, and reminding widows that they are cherished and celebrated.

HDI remains committed to empowering widows and vulnerable women, ensuring no one is left behind. Together, we can build a society that uplifts and supports every individual, regardless of their circumstances.

HDI Foundation Marks World Humanitarian Day with Makoko Community Children



On August 19, 2024, the Human Development Initiatives (HDI) Foundation joined the global celebration of World Humanitarian Day by spreading joy and care among children in the Makoko community.

To commemorate this special day, HDI distributed food palliatives to the children, reinforcing its commitment to supporting vulnerable communities and fostering hope. The event highlighted the importance of compassion and collective action in creating a better world for all, especially the most underserved.

Distribution of Back-To-School Kits to HDI-ETF Beneficiaries



As the new academic year began, the organization through her Education Trust Fund (ETF) once again demonstrated her commitment to supporting education by distributing back-to-school kits to her beneficiaries.

These comprehensive kits include textbooks, pens, pencils, mathematical sets, uniforms, school sandals, bags, and notebooks, providing students with tools needed for academic success. The beneficiaries of this initiative primarily orphans, children of widows and widowers, and children living with disabilities.

This impactful program reached all educational levels, from primary to secondary schools, benefiting over 200 students from various institutions across 20 local government areas in Lagos State.

Through this initiative, the organization continues to reaffirm her dedication to ensuring equitable access to education and creating opportunities for vulnerable children to thrive academically and beyond.

International Day of the Girl Child



On October 11, the Human Development Initiatives (HDI) Foundation proudly joined the global community in celebrating the International Day of the Girl Child. This year's event was held at Ajigbada Girls' Senior High School and Stadium Senior High School in Surulere, Lagos.

In line with the theme, "*Girls' Vision for the Future*," the celebration aimed to inspire the girls to dream boldly and affirm their potential to achieve greatness. Students were encouraged to remain focused, disciplined, dedicated, and diligent in pursuing their goals. For those uncertain about

their career paths, the importance of seeking guidance and support from school counsellors was highlighted.

The day was filled with excitement and joy as the girls warmly welcomed the HDI team and expressed heartfelt gratitude for the thoughtful gifts they received.

A Day Out with Boys



On November 27, 2024, the Human Development Initiatives (HDI) Foundation proudly hosted its "A Day Out with Boys" event, dedicated to celebrating and empowering the boy child within the community.

The event, held at Obele Community Senior High School, brought together students from both Obele Community Senior High School and Obele Community Junior High School. The highlight of the day was an inspiring session on "*Building a Future, Not Just a Dream,*" which ignited enthusiasm and meaningful discussions among the students.

To make the occasion even more memorable, gift items were distributed to the participants, who expressed their excitement and appreciation for the thoughtful gesture.

16 Days Activism Against Gender Base Violence



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THEME: "TIME TO ACT NOW"



At HDI Foundation, we remain committed to supporting survivors, amplifying their voices, and advocating for justice. This year's theme, "*Time to Act Now*" called for urgent action to eliminate violence against women and girls—a pervasive issue affecting millions globally and in Nigeria. We encouraged women and girls experiencing GBV to speak out and seek help through trusted organizations and hotlines, such as Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) on 08000333333 or HDIF's support services on 08080551376, for counselling and assistance. Ending GBV is not just about awareness; it is also about action, holding perpetrators accountable, challenging harmful norms, and creating safe spaces for all. The fight does not stop here rather we must stand in solidarity with survivors and together, we can build a world free of violence and inequality.

Spreading Joy This Christmas: HDI Foundation and Partners Support Widows in Lagos



The Christmas season is a time of giving, joy, and celebration, and the Human Development Initiatives (HDI) Foundation embraced this spirit by extending a hand of support to widows in Lagos State. In collaboration with Mr. and Mrs. Oludare, HDI distributed food palliatives to 25 widows selected from various widows' groups and local government areas across Lagos.

The event brought smiles and gratitude as the beneficiaries expressed their joy for the thoughtful gifts. Speaking at the occasion, HDI's Executive Director, Mrs. Olufunso Owasanoye, encouraged the women to prioritize their health and well-being while emphasizing the importance of praying for the success and progress of their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Oludare reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to supporting widows, pledging continued collaboration with HDI Foundation for future initiatives.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our HDI Family



As the year 2024 comes to a close, the Human Development Initiatives (HDI) Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to all our donors, partners, staff, and volunteers. Your unwavering support, generosity, and dedication have been the driving force behind our successes this year. Together, we have touched countless lives, empowered vulnerable individuals, and strengthened communities across Nigeria.

From funding life-changing projects to offering your time and expertise, your contributions have made a world of difference. To our partners, thank you for believing in our vision and collaborating with us to create impactful initiatives. To our incredible staff and volunteers, your passion and commitment inspire us daily.

As we celebrate the season of joy, we wish you a Merry Christmas filled with peace, love, and happiness. May the New Year bring renewed hope, opportunities, and greater achievements as we journey into 2025 with optimism and purpose.

Together, let's continue to build a society where everyone can thrive. Thank you for being part of the HDI family. Here's to a brighter and more impactful year ahead!

