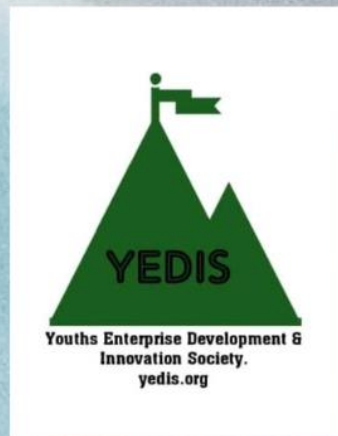


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ABOUT THE YOUTHS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION SOCIETY

Youths Enterprise Development & Innovation Society (YEDIS) officially incorporated in Nigeria on 10 February 2020. YEDIS is a nonprofit and youth-focused organization that promotes entrepreneurship education, youth employment, and community development for inclusive and sustainable economic growth. YEDIS primarily operates in underserved communities where there is a lack of quality education and decent jobs due to poor awareness, inadequate educational facilities, and primitive agricultural sources of livelihood, chiefly among girls and young women.

YEDIS introduces the youths to the enterprise world, encouraging and inspiring them to pursue their entrepreneurial ambitions and develop the critical business skills employers desire.

YEDIS provides a range of services and events designed to help youth develop new ideas, find support to make them realistic, set up their enterprises, have exposure to various sources of finances, and provide them with insights into the world of work.

YEDIS advocates for the United Nations SDGs in poverty reduction, quality education, gender equality, decent work, and sustainable communities. As of September 2023, YEDIS has directly empowered over 10,000 underserved young people for quality education, including girls and women in agribusiness and creative industries, through entrepreneurship education, capacity building, business plan proposal writing, digital literacy skills, material donations, and other business support services.

'With many young women and men unable to secure formal employment opportunities, encouraging entrepreneurship is an ever more critical way of harnessing their enthusiasm, energy, and ambition to contribute to economic development (ILO).'



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About the Founder

Mr Olaore Rafiu Akinpelu, MSc (Entrepreneurship, UK), MBA, BSc (Entrepreneurship), HND (P&S), MCIPSMN, MNIMN, MIOE. MIPS.

Global Accomplishment:

Certified Professional in Gender Equality, Youth Employment and Social Inclusion by the United Nations, 2022.

Certified Professional in Green Technologies for SMEs by the United Nations 2022.

Certified Professional in Creating Healthy, Resilient and Sustainable Cities by UN, WHO, PAHO, UNDRR, 2023.

A Panelist at the UN - IDEP Conference in Senegal, discussing 'Successful Youth Employment policies in Africa,' 2022.

Meet-up leader of a topic on 'Young Entrepreneurs and Digital Transformation' at the United Nations World Data Forum in China, 2023.

YEDIS delegate at the Spring meeting of the World Bank Group/IMF Civil Society Policy Forum, Washington, USA 2023.

YEDIS delegate at the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC), New York, USA, 2023.

The author/ presenter of the paper, " Strengthening digital literacy skills for marginalised women and girls in the agribusiness sector," at the Social Business Creation Summit in Montreal, Canada, 2023.

An Interviewee on the 'Impact of Digitalisation on Rural Entrepreneurship in Africa' by Vienna University researcher, Europe, 2023.

A participant at the EIASM Entrepreneurship and Innovation Training, Digital Innovation, and New Product Development Conference, Hamburg, Germany, 2022.

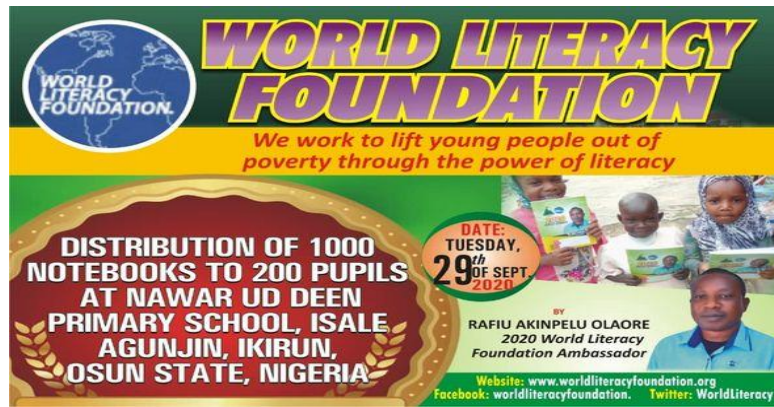
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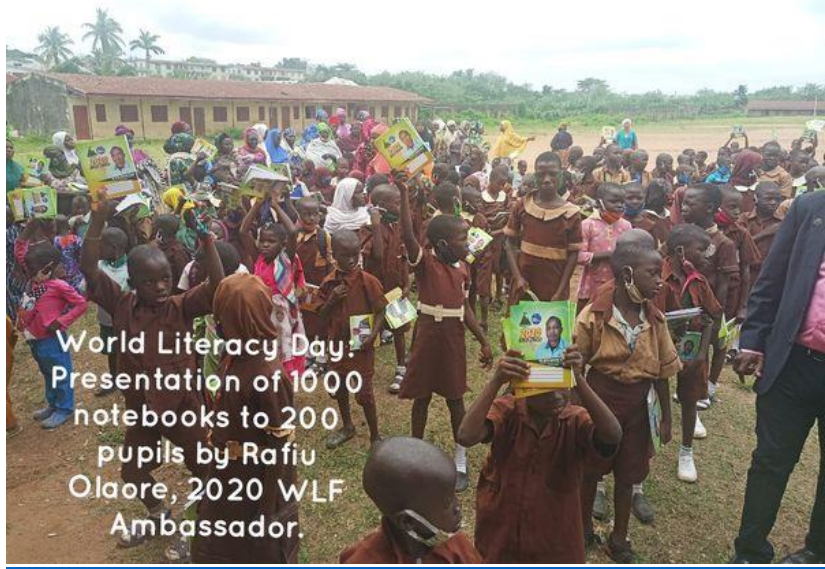
Appreciation goes to the Board, Management team, stakeholders, YEDIS members, and family and friends for their commitment and selfless support to the YEDIS humanitarian and community development service achievements from February 2020 to September 2023.

World Literacy Day Celebration 2020

29 September 2020

The Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society, Nigeria, distributed 1000 notebooks to 200 underprivileged pupils in Nawarudeen Primary School 11, Isale Agunjin, Ikirun, Osun State, Nigeria, on 29 September 2020. The purpose was to mark the 2020 World Literacy Day and relieve parents of COVID-19's effects on students' education. YEDIS used the avenue to advise the parents to care for their children's education and encouraged youth to be entrepreneurial. The Osun State Broadcasting Corporation (OSBC Television and Radio, Nigeria) covered the event.





The Creative Idea Seminar

5 May 2021

The 'Youths Enterprise Development & Innovation Society (YEDIS)' organized the creative idea seminar for young males and females in different sections.

A creative idea in entrepreneurship development is a novel way of building value into an existing product or a new business development. It solves an identified problem or gap in a business environment (Olaore, 2021).

Objectives

- To explore the youth's creative talent
- To add value to existing business/ product and or creation of a new venture
- To encourage idea generation and entrepreneurship development
- To foster the spirit of social capital
- To promote self-reliance and industrialization
- To establish gender equality in the field of entrepreneurship education

Methods

1. YEDIS team grouped the participants into males and females.
2. The YEDIS team asked each group to design a valuable product or create an innovative business on cardboard within 30 minutes.
3. They instructed the participants to:
 - Draw and write the features of the business.
 - Show the impact of the design business on economic development.
 - Establish the performance characteristics of the business.
 - Link the proposed creative with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The participants submitted the design for assessment, and the organization rewarded the best 15 out of 96 creative ideas at the subsequent seminar on 26 May 2021.



Empowerment of Fashion Designers and Workshop on Digital Fashion Designing

10 July 2021

Amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, and to cushion its effect on young female artisans, the Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society (YEDIS) organized a free empowerment workshop on Digital fashion designing on 10 July 2021 and distributed tailoring tools, including scissors, tape rule, and few mini accessories to 150 girls fashion designers in Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria. The event occurred at Center Point Hotel, Ayetoro, Osogbo, Nigeria, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.



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 Dates: 10th July, 2021
 Head Office: Suite 810, First Floor Ebony Plaza, Ajayara, Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria.
 Slogan: *Un-Yedis Innovation*





Technical Trainer Certification Program for Fashion Designers 7 August 2021

Youths Enterprise Development & Innovation Society (YEDIS), in partnership with OAU - Institute for Entrepreneurship & Development Studies, Osun State Broadcasting Corporation (OSBC) & Bugotake Technology, organized technical training for 21 fashion designers at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria, between 5 - 7 August 2021.



International Youth Day Celebrations 2021

12 August 2021

Youths Enterprise Development & Innovation Society (YEDIS), in partnership with Osogbo Livingspring Lions Club, Nigeria, celebrated the 2021 International Youth Day on 12th August 2021. The event occurred at the YEDIS office, Suite B10, 1st floor, Ebony Plaza, Ayetoro, Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria, with seventy-seven participants, including fifty-six girls.

The speakers advised the youth to embrace entrepreneurship with innovative business ideas to fight hunger and promote Nigeria's economic development. YEDIS Executive Director, Mr Rafiu Akinpelu Olaore, stated that it takes strength, willpower, and tremendous focus to successfully bring a vision to life. Still, once it succeeds, you will be significantly rewarded.

At the event, the CEO of New Outfit Boutique, Mrs Olubunmi Olalekan and Mrs Mary Adebayo, shared their life stories and stressed that doing business is the best option for the youth nowadays. While speaking, Mr. Olaore reiterated the YEDIS commitment to support the teaming youth through free innovative business ideas, vocational training, regular business support, funding sources advice, etc.



International Literacy Day Celebration 2021

8 September 2021

The Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society (YEDIS) celebrated International Literacy Day (ILD) on 8 September 2021. United Nations stakeholders celebrated ILD worldwide to promote the importance of education and assist disadvantaged people in becoming literate with the theme 'Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide.'

YEDIS joins the entire world in the celebration by supporting the UNESCO mission and works in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development (SDG 2030) agenda 4. With this development, the YEDIS team delivered lectures on digital skills and entrepreneurship education, sensitizing the pupils to be digital and creative, attend skills acquisition training, support the Government and participate in community development. YEDIS donated writing materials to 253 participants in the OSPOLY Iree community and six white marker-board (4×4 inches), 100 markers, and 150 pieces of pen to Onaolapo Memorial High School Ikirun, Osun State, Nigeria.

YEDIS Executive Director, Mr Rafiu Olaore, advised the students to shun violence, thuggery, hooliganism, and immoral attitudes. They should think of what they can do to develop their communities and the nation, not only what the Government can do for them. Most importantly, they must be creative and innovative in their educational approach to contribute to the nation's economic development. While entrepreneurship education is now a global academic practice, colleges and youth should act accordingly. Mr. Olaore commended the teachers for their impact on education, professional ethics compliance, and literacy encouragement.



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Empowerment of Underserved Agribusiness Young Women and Girls 28 January 2022

Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society (YEDIS) held a workshop on Marketing for Agricultural Products and the Empowerment of thirty women and girls at Iba, a rural community in Osun State, Nigeria, on 28 January 2022.

The YEDIS donated 100 litres of ten buckets to the best ten female entrepreneurs, cassava food (fufu) producers and twenty thousand naira (N20,000) to the other 20 participants. 'Fufu' is a solid food made from cassava and eaten mainly by West Africans. Women and girls dominate the agricultural cassava processing sector in Nigeria's rural communities as their livelihood. In the Iba community, 'fufu' production takes the most significant percentage of the businesses due to the vast land for cassava production.

In line with the YEDIS mission to develop entrepreneurial mindsets among the youths and based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Agenda (SDG 2030), YEDIS focuses on poverty reduction, gender equality, education, and industrialization to promote social well-being and community development.

At the empowerment event, one challenge the participant raised was the need for more equipment and materials to package the product to other neighbouring cities and exportation outside the country.





Technological Skills Development and Training for Youth

30 January 2022

As part of its commitment to reducing poverty and developing youth technical skills, YEDIS, partnering with Adams Computer World Communication, trained six young males in phone and computer repairs and presented certificates of participation on 30 January 2022, Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria. YEDIS strives to develop passionate, young, and talented individuals with the required potential for self-reliance and social development.

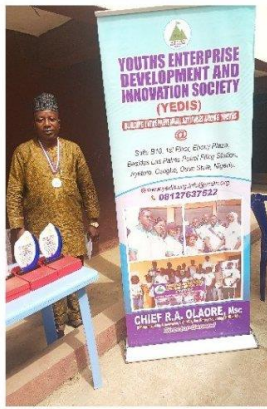
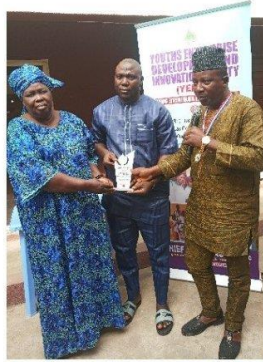
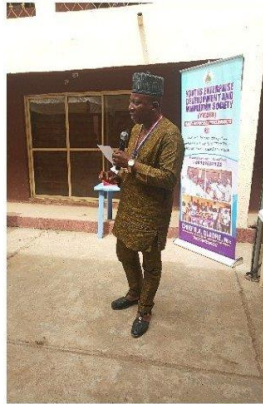
The primary purpose of the training is to enable them to use the knowledge, technology, and skills they have acquired through the training to be self-employed and contribute to the tech society and community development.

According to the YEDIS program coordinators, Mr. Ola Timothy emphasized adequate commitment to business and readiness to take risks. However, Mr. Ogunrinade Ranti implored the trained technicians to continuously seek knowledge through mentoring and networking and abide by their professional code of ethics.

While delivering his lecture on 'Application of Digital Technology to Technical Skills,' Mr Rafiu Olaore, Director General, Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society, advised the trained technicians to acquire more formal education and continuously strive for knowledge and innovation. He underscores the Nigerian youth's need for technical competition with other global counterparts.

YEDIS program commenced in 2022, focusing on digital skill development for young people and female entrepreneurship programs to reduce poverty, promote gender equality, and encourage social well-being and community development.





Empowerment Workshop for 200 Female Hair Stylists

11 June 2022

Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society (YEDIS) organized the empowerment workshop and training for 200 female hairdressers in Ikirun and its environment, Osun State, Nigeria, and with the distribution of twenty (20) hand dryers and 100 packs of hair rollers to young 'startups' participants on 11 June 2022, at Kosamotu, Hall, Ikirun. The purpose is to support the underprivileged people in the community and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2030) agenda on Poverty reduction, Gender equality, and Innovation.

The seminar theme is 'Empowering Innovative Female Entrepreneurs for Sustainable Development,' a lecture by Mrs Funsho Abake Ojo-Kayode from Job Center Osogbo, Osun State.

Other discussions include,

A Registration of Business with the Nigeria Corporate Affairs Commission.

Innovation in the hairdressing business.

Digital application to hairdressing business.

Understanding of better customer services and viable business networking.

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Organizes
EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR/ DISTRIBUTING OF HAIRDRESSING TOOLS TO 200 FEMALE HAIRDRESSES IN IKIRUN, OSUN STATE, NIGERIA.
Theme: Empowering Innovative Female Entrepreneurs for Sustainable Development
Date: 11th June, 2022 | Time: 9-30AM
Venue: Kosamotu Hall, Station Road, Ikirun, Osun State.
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International Youth Day Celebration 2022

12 August 2022

YEDIS celebrated 2022 International Youth Day with 180 young and middle-aged people on 12 August 2022 in Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria. Theme: Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages. Discussion focused on media practice and entrepreneurship development, youth engagement in the Nation's economic growth, among other topics.





Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces

Date: 10th September 2022

Participants: 78 Young people (aged 17-40).

Period: 5 hours

Discussions:

1. Education is vital for human and community development. With education, the people have a sense of belonging and have the resources to demand their rights from the government.
2. Young people in rural communities deserve better education for business innovation and good networking. Local initiatives and businesses can transform into national and international enterprises based on exposure and understanding. Improvement in local products facilitates human and economic development.
3. Education facilitates mutual understanding among people to live harmoniously.
4. Learning to know through education leads to learning to do. Possessing a higher degree certificate is not only for a paid job but to advancing a person's talents, technologically and business-wise.
5. Application of education to a person's skill enhances outstanding achievement.
6. Education makes us knowledgeable and creative. We have broad knowledge through education, so it encourages curiosity and creativity.
7. Education promotes teamwork and team spirit. We learn to interact and live with people of different backgrounds.
8. Education teaches self-discipline. School teaching is different from home teaching. Therefore, morals and discipline are part of education. The fear of teachers and punishment for misbehaviour makes the students thoughtful and respectful. We learn to tolerate and respect the opinions of others.
9. Education promotes gender equality. There is no discrimination among the students in school regarding age or sex. Performance has no discrimination, so the girls lead in nearly every school activity. There is no sentiment in the class. Currently, females have a higher percentage in education and business, making them a priority in society.
10. Education introduces us to the modern way of living a better life. It enables us to know what is right and wrong.
11. Education builds confidence, leadership, and effective communication.



2-Day Workshops on Digital Skills and Online Learning Best Practices

9 – 10 November 2022

Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society (YEDIS), in partnership with the Federation of Ikirun Students Union (FIKSU) National Body, organised a 2-day workshop on Digital Skills and Online Learning Best Practices for Youth Education and Employment on the 9th and 10th of November 2022 at Akinorun Grammar School event hall in Ikirun, a marginalised community in Osun State, Nigeria.

YEDIS provided managerial and technical support, while FIKSU mobilised sixty student participants comprising youth between the ages of twelve and sixteen from six public secondary schools in Ikirun (ten students from each school). The beneficiaries constitute thirty-four girls and twenty-six boys.

The training includes the practical application of digital skills, web surfing practices, online learning methods and communication techniques, and social media networks for education and employment. Four volunteer digital experts facilitated the program daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The participants also learned the concept of digital marketing and information and communication technology for productive employment. We distributed the training manuals accordingly for the study and future references.

Finally, the organisers held quiz competitions to test the students' understanding of the training as part of the program. YEDIS presented a customised vest and cash gifts to the 1st and all the other best four winners and presented the certificate of completion to all sixty participants.

Support and partner with YEDIS to accomplish its goals on gender, youth employment, and community development.



**2023 International Day of Education Celebration:
Digital Skills and Entrepreneurship Development Workshop
24 January 2023**

Youths Enterprise Development & Innovation Society (YEDIS) celebrated the International Day of Education on 24 January 2023 with 135 pupils between the ages of 2 and 14 in Ikirun, Nigeria. The event occurred at Love of God Nursery and Primary School, Ikirun, Osun State, Nigeria, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

YEDIS organised digital skills training and entrepreneurship and distributed educational materials (notebooks, pens, and pencils), including refreshments, to all participants. The program included cultural dancing, poetry, and career talks among the pupils.

The YEDIS Chief Executive Officer, Mr Rafiu Olaore, narrated the reasons for the International Day of Education as a directive by the United Nations to all SDGs stakeholders for the celebration on 24 January every year. The 5th International Day of Education theme is 'To invest in people, prioritise education.'

YEDIS team undertook the training: Mr Ola Timothy, the program director; Mr Ranti Ogunrinade, the project director; Mr Taiwo Oladele Abdulwasii, YEDIS zonal coordinator in Osun State. The YEDIS technical and administrative officers include Mr Abass Opeyemi, Miss Rafiat Olaore and Miss Waliyat Oyerinde.

The presentations emphasised the significance of formal education to youth employment, inclusive growth, and community development. The YEDIS team underscored the introduction of entrepreneurship education and digital technology applications to primary school teaching curricula.

The team advised the students to emulate entrepreneurship, always be bold to display their talents, participate in extracurricular activities, social and peer-group leadership movements, and the like.

In her reaction, Mrs. Funke Lawal, the proprietress of the God of Love nursery and primary school, commended the YEDIS management team for their goodwill, selfless contribution to humanity and community development services. Similarly, the school head boy, on behalf of the students, appreciated the YEDIS educational support and donations towards their better future.

Finally, the YEDIS acknowledged the moral and financial contributions of the family, friends, and well-wishers to the successful accomplishment of the event.



Workshops on Creative Ideas Development and Business Plan Proposal Writing

29 March 2023

YEDIS organized a workshop on Business Plan Proposal Writing for one hundred and ten (110) young people comprising seventy-five females and thirty-five males in the Iree community, Osun State, Nigeria, on 29 March 2023. The purpose is to advance their business development skills and facilitate their access to learning about decent job opportunities.

Each participant was allowed to present an innovative business idea under the proper guidance of the YEDIS facilitators.



Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Capacity Building

30 March 2023

The Youths Enterprise Development & Innovation Society (YEDIS), in collaboration with Joint Minds Club, Iree chapter, Osun State Nigeria, organized an Entrepreneurship and Capacity-Building Seminar for 350 young people on 30 March 2023 between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm in Iree.

The seminar emphasized the effects of climate change on youth employment, the application of digital technology to education and business development, and the discussion about challenges and prospects of self-employment.

At the event, Mrs Modinat Olapade, the Chief Executive Officer of Mediq Rentals Osogbo, Osun State, shared her 31 years of career journey in rental and catering services, including challenges and prospects.

The professional entrepreneurs and program and project coordinators of YEDIS, Mr. Ogunrinade Ranti and Mr. Ola Timothy, expressed their views on Climate change and digital technology's impact on youth employment.

Moreover, the YEDIS Executive Director, Mr Rafiu Akinpelu Olaore, reiterated the United Nations' interest in realizing the SDG 2030 agenda to leave no one behind. He expressed the YEDIS advocacy for quality education, gender equality, and decent jobs for youth.

Lastly, the Joint Minds Club Emperor and members appreciated the YEDIS for an impactful discussion.



Entrepreneurship, Digital Skills, and Healthcare Workshop for Advancing Youth Education and Decent Employment

12 May 2023

Youth Enterprise Development & Innovation Society (YEDIS) is a nonprofit organization that promotes entrepreneurship education, youth employment, and underserved community development.

YEDIS, in collaboration with Olaseffy Variety Stores, organized a workshop on entrepreneurship, digital skills, and healthcare services to advance quality education and employment for young people between the ages of fourteen (14) and twenty (20), comprising (31) girls and (25) boys. The program was held on 12 May 2023 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at Wisdom Tutorial College, 196 Sabo Road, Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria.

The speakers include Mrs Oluwakemi Oyeniyi from the health department, Obokun Local Government, Osun State Nigeria, Mr Ranti Ogunrinade, YEDIS program coordinator, and Mr Ola Timothy, YEDIS project coordinator.

Mr. Ranti Ogunrinade delivered a lecture on entrepreneurship education and digital skills and their significance to quality education, decent employment and economic development. After his presentation, Mr. Ogunrinade divided the participants into six groups and assigned each group to generate creative ideas, learn to work as a team and submit proposals for assessment.

Mr. Ola Timothy emphasizes the fundamentals of digital marketing to advance youth employment. He reiterated that young people should use their social media technological skills for entrepreneurial purposes. According to Mr Ola Timothy, many applications on computers and Android phones are available to improve youth education and entrepreneurship skills, such as Excel, Microsoft Office, Adobe, Grammar checkers, Google My Business, Canvas, Facebook and so on.

In her lecture, Mrs. Oyeniyi admonished the youth to shun alcohol and illegal drugs and cultivate healthy lifestyles through cleanliness, healthy foods, regular exercise, engaging in intelligent work, and moderate rest. She stated that healthy entrepreneurs will always be productive.

YEDIS Executive Director Mr Rafiu Akinpelu Olaore enjoins the participants and youth to seek mentoring, teamwork, and social volunteering to develop their entrepreneurial and leadership skills. Mr. Olaore emphasized that the girls should use the workshop to evolve themselves as part of the YEDIS effort to promote quality education, gender equality, and decent jobs.

The owner of Wisdom Tutorial College, Mr Razak Alimi, lauded the YEDIS Executive Director and the speakers for impactful presentations and fruitful workshops; he advised the participants to apply the skills productively.



Donation of White Marker Board for Effective Teaching and Learning

20 May 2023

To encourage quality education in the marginalized community, YEDIS donated four White Marker Boards to a Nursery School in Ikirun, Nigeria on 20 May 2023.



Capacity Building Workshop and Empowerment of Marginalized Agribusiness Women and Girls

26 May 2023

Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society (YEDIS) is a nonprofit organization in Nigeria that promotes entrepreneurship education, youth employment and community development. YEDIS organized the capacity building workshop and empowerment of over 300 women and girls in palm oil and palm kernel seeds production on 26 May 2023, in Obaagun community, Osun State, Nigeria and Mrs Alaje Grace Oluwatosin delivered a speech on 'Advancing Water Management in Agriculture to Promote Food Security and Youth Employment in Marginalized Communities.'

Accordingly, YEDIS donated ten (10) iron drums, 200 plastic funnel and palm oil sievers to agrifood women practitioners in the Obaagun community, Osun State, Nigeria. Osun State is one of Nigeria's agricultural and agrifood business hubs, having significant numbers of farmers in rural areas. YEDIS chose the Obaagun community based on its large palm oil production, which women and girls specifically dominate.

YEDIS empowered the women and girls in the Obaagun community to support global food system transformation, advance agrifood production in marginalized communities, promote gender equality and youth employment, and economic development. Climate change and natural disasters affect farming in both underserved communities and globally. YEDIS aimed to encourage and network the young food farmers to pay attention to agrifood challenges and proactively manage any climate situation. The United Nations' interest in the agrifood transformation system is incredible; therefore, it emphasizes the promotion of agriculture in every community for food security.

YEDIS's effort to promote youth employment and community development is sacrosanct. Thus, YEDIS will continue to support the agrifood industry, young people's businesses, and the outgrowth of apprentices' services.

An adequate supply chain management system facilitates food production, decent employment, and economic development. Maintenance of an efficient agrifood supply chain, including crop plantation, harvesting, processing, transformation, packaging and storage, marketing, and distribution, adds value to food security and ensures viable employment opportunities. We encourage a feasible agriculture supply chain to promote exportation, decent jobs for youth, and community development.

Moreover, formal education is mandatory for girls and young women to advance their skills, better networking, and exposure to global business practices. To promote gender balance, women must have a voice in decision-making and leadership positions.

Girls' education goes beyond getting girls into school. It is also about ensuring that girls learn and feel safe. At the same time, in school, they have the opportunity to complete all levels of education, acquire the knowledge and skills to compete in the labour market, gain socio-emotional and life

skills necessary to navigate and adapt to a changing world, make decisions about their own lives; and contribute to their communities and the world (World Bank).

Mr Rafiu Akinpelu Olaore, the Executive Director of YEDIS, appreciated all the YEDIS Team present, including Mr Ola Timothy, Mr Ranti Ogunrinade, Mr Taiwo Oladele, Miss Nafisat Bankole and Mrs Grace Oluwatosin Alaje and workshop beneficiaries for their cooperation and understanding. He asked the participants to apply the empowerment training skills and use the donated items efficiently for their palm oil and palm kernel seeds business. Rafiu Olaore stated they wanted to perform better, but funding limits YEDIS's effort to provide more materials to empower the youth and support the agrifood industries. Olaore opined that YEDIS would significantly impact more as soon as it raises funds.





Workshop on Entrepreneurship Education Skills and Learning Materials Donation to Children

23 June 2023

YEDIS in partnership with OlaSeffy Variety Stores, Nigeria, equipped 60 Children with Entrepreneurship Education Skills and Learning Materials in Osogbo, Nigeria on 23 June 2023.

Mr. Ogunrinade Ranti and Mr. Ola Timothy Olalekan coordinated the entrepreneurship education training and distribution of educational materials. Miss Alimah Olaore delivered a speech on the 'Importance of Quality Education' as stated below.

Quality education is vital for gaining the best human and economic development knowledge and skills.

Education teaches cultural values and norms (way of behaviour in the society)

Education provides civilization and freedom of association.

Education brings innovation and technological development.

Education promotes leadership skills and a sense of belonging in society.

Education breaks the poverty cycle, reducing inequalities and achieving gender equality.

Education provides confidence to network with local, national and international colleagues.

Education is essential for promoting business and community development.

Education provides knowledge sharing, mentorship and viable social-cultural development.

Education enables better job opportunities and decent work.

Education promotes a prosperous and peaceful society.





Business Financing and Capacity-Building Workshops

15 July 2023

Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society (YEDIS), in Partnership with Eloy Foundation and First Bank Plc, held capacity-building workshops for almost 500 young businesswomen and girls on 15 July 2023 at Ooni's Palace, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria. The empowerment included business development training and networking, mentorship, access to seed funds, and grant opportunities.

The YEDIS Project Director, Mr. Ola Timothy Olalekan, spoke at the event by sensitizing the participants on 'Building the Right Structure for a Business.' Mr Rafiu Akinpelu Olaore, YEDIS Executive Director, emphasized the YEDIS membership strengths globally and the advancement of underserved youth gainful employment and community development.

On behalf of the Aloy Foundation, The Wife of Osun State governor, Mrs Erelu Ngozi Adeleke, presented an Award of Appreciation to YEDIS.

YEDIS appreciates its members' and stakeholders' moral and financial support toward accomplishing the program, particularly the transportation of the beneficiaries and refreshments. The donour includes Mr Patrick Ilori (YEDIS Coordinator in Austria/Europe), Mr Ogunrinade Ranti (YEDIS Program Coordinator), Mr Ola Timothy (YEDIS Project Coordinator), Mubak Boutiques (Mummy Wumi), Ola Seffy Varieties Stores (Sabo, Osogbo).

The immense contributions of the YEDIS members' coordinators, in the persons of Mrs Olaoye Grace Folasade, Mrs. Olatunji Bukola, Mrs. Alaje Grace, and others, made the occasion successful.





Celebration of International Youth Day 2023

13 August 2023

The Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society (YEDIS) organized a one-day seminar program to commemorate the celebration of 2023 International Youth Day on Sunday, 13 August 2023, among the teeming youths of Iragberi community in Egbedore Local Government Area, Osun State, Nigeria.

YEDIS coordinators delivered lectures following the 2023 International Youth Day celebration theme, 'Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World. While delivering her lecture, Mrs Alaje Grace Oluwatosin admonished youths present to explore the opportunity that green skills knowledge can avail them towards actualizing their lofty youthful objectives. In his lecture titled 'Importance of Agriculture to Transforming the Economy,' Mr Ola Timothy posited that Agriculture remains the bedrock for sustaining a Nation's economy, a source of job creation for the youth and food provision for the sustainability of the human race. He concluded that youths should avail themselves of the immense benefits therein in the practice of agriculture through Green Skills Knowledge.

In another speech titled 'Entrepreneurship Education Training: A Necessity for Green Technology for the Creation of Job for the Teeming Youths,' Mr Ogunrinade emphasized that the invention of Green Technology has brought remarkable change to the modus operandi in all facets of life, especially in the entrepreneurial practices. He opined that Green Technology Skills in the course of Entrepreneurship will drastically reduce unemployment in marginalized communities.

The participants shared their opinions on green skills and climate challenges and called for the intervention of the Government, private organizations and civil society organizations for sustainable development. The YEDIS team at the event includes Miss Waliyat Oyerinde, technical staff and Miss Rafiat A. Olaore, YEDIS general secretary.

Accordingly, the YEDIS team, led by Mrs Sulat Iyabo Usman (YEDIS Zonal Coordinator in Abuja), participated at the International Youth Day 2023 organized by NGYouthSDGs and Oxfam Nigeria on 10th August 2023 in Abuja, Nigeria.



Advocacy for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

4 September 2023

YEDIS partners with COPESA (Community Participation and Empowerment Scheme Augmentation) to advocate for Government support for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Osun State, Nigeria. The SDG 4 and 5 Localization campaign occurred on 4 September 2023 at the Osun State Government office, Abere, Osogbo, Nigeria. The campaign seeks the support of the Government, community leaders, NGOs and philanthropists to empower women and girls for inclusive growth and sustainable development.



Empowerment and Capacity-Building Workshop for Traders and Artisans in Marginalised Community

23 September 2023

Youths Enterprise Development and Innovation Society (YEDIS) empowered over 250 marginalized young people in Ilase Ijesa, Obokun local government, Osun State, Nigeria, on 23 September 2023.

The workshop included business development training, digital marketing and networking strategies to advance their business. The objectives are to reduce poverty, promote gender equality and sustainable economic development.

YEDIS supported their business by donating hand driers to 10 recently graduated hair stylists and cash (seed funds) to 25 young business owners, comprising fashion designers, shoemakers, farmers, market women, hunters and other sectors.

The King, HRM Alase of Ilase Ijesaland, was represented by His wife, Queen Edith Adesina Ajarabiolu and community chiefs. Eight YEDIS team participated in the event, namely, Chief Ambassador Rafiu Akinpelu Olaore (YEDIS Executive Director), Mr Ola Timothy, Mr Tijani Tajudeen Omotayo, Mrs Adebayo Mary, Miss Fagbemiro Precious, Mrs Waliyat Oyerinde, Mr Waheed Adeoye and Mr Oseni Kehinde. Chief Olaore appreciated the moral and financial support from Mr Patrick Ilori, YEDIS coordinator in Europe towards the successful humanitarian service.







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