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A SOLUTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT

ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND

Jkcares is a Non- Governmental Organization (JKCaes) that was formed in 2016. JKCaes was established with the mandate of Capacity building of young people 40 years and below.

Working to reduce and eradicate human suffering by responding to Physical and Emotional needs of youths. we aimed at alleviating poverty that is currently prevailing in the face of the youths and reducing unemployment rate in our Country and empowering them to self reliance otherwise keep their minds and intellects busy and discouraging them from being idle and otherwise committing crimes. as we believe that if a child is idle he or she will otherwise commit crimes; going by the adage that says that an idle brain is the devil workshop

The primary threshold of this project is centered on alleviation of human suffering, enhancing social justice and general peace building .The headquarters of JKCaes is located in AMUWO ODOFIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, Festac-Town. Lagos.

CURRENT SITUATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT:

The core problem identified in various state of the country is unemployment, This has led to so many young people getting themselves involved in crime, alcoholism, drug abuse and other forms of social vices As a result, people in various communities are living in fear of insecurity and violence.

Majority of the perpetrators of crime and violence in the area are youths. Among the key reasons for this is unemployment. Indeed, in a recent youth forum, the youth prioritized unemployment and drug abuse as the most pressing issues in the community. The youth start getting into these vices while still young. Cases of “children” as young as 13 years being involved in armed robbery, ritual killings, car-jacking have been reported.

Numerous causes of unemployment have been identified. They include, but not limited to: • Corruption • Lack of employment opportunities in the national economy • General household poverty • Discrimination against the youth • Diseases, such as HIV/AIDS • Drug abuse and addiction • Divorce, Domestic violence and neglect of parental responsibility • Lack of vocational skills and inadequate facilities for the same • Lack of and / or low education levels

Empower 1,000,000 Nigerians (Emp1millionNaija) Skills Training and sensitization Project is one of the projects established to address psychosocial and economic problems among youth and eradicate extreme poverty and hunger in Nigeria and surrounding Countries. Nigeria remains one of the poor countries in the world.

The average daily income hovers below one dollar a day. While 90% of the populations are living below the poverty line and JKcaes is currently implementing its activities in Lagos and looking forward to spread to other States.

Through trainings, youth are taught different skills in **soap making, digital marketing, website development, e-commerce, photography, phone repairing, video editing, carpentry, Paper bag making, Environment management, Sewing and Tailoring, Knitting, Brick-laying concrete and Practice, Leather Tanning, Hand Craft training, Computer training, Plumbing, Mechanics and Party Decoration**, entrepreneurship among others.

After their training, they are expected to be able to produce good quality products leading to increase in Gross Domestic product and profitability. Secondly they will be able to effectively work in their home settings able to creating jobs among themselves.

(a) Direct Beneficiaries:

The project is aiming at addressing youth sustainable skills and empowerment which are aimed at enabling them to access basic reliable skills through training workshops, counseling/mentoring, and sensitization and promote positive behaviors.

Currently, youth worldwide are so vulnerable to many dangers in the country due to a double influence as poverty and political. Therefore as a result from the above we have intensified our current efforts and services to youth affected with psychosocial and Economic factors.

There is a need to involve youths in service delivery at all levels of project management in rural areas. They will be equipped with knowledge about Positive change and effective planning.

(b) Indirect Beneficiaries:

The project will also benefit men, women/widows and local communities based in project areas and their neighbors. Currently half of the new strategies are mismanaged by the rural settings in one way or the other. The rural community some times are money minded especially men of which has turned to be the major challenge.

The consequences of not having vocational training skills with in communities have not been thoroughly studied. Generally this lose future hope and increases vulnerability in various communities in project areas. Therefore this will aim at scaling up vocational training awareness among community people.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF JK CARES

Jkcares has been implementing awareness activities in Lagos targeting adolescents and youth aged (18 – 40 years) in and out of schools. It has well set organizational structure with professional and experienced staff in the field of vocational skill trainings and mature interests, well set tools.

JKcares is under taking thorough Vocational trainings that include the following:-

- Conduct mobilization of youths on issues concerning Vocational trainings (income generating activities), Reproductive health (HIV/AIDS), Environment protection, Youth gender protection and development programs for example production of Soap making, Candle making, Paper bags, Carpentry, Leather tanning and shoemaking, Tailoring, IT, agriculture, and entrepreneurship among others
- Counseling and guiding youth aimed at improving their capacity building on various income generating activities, Empowering youth and creating a positive community/school environment and consistent in their approach, hence development of an African Child career vocational trainings.
- Conduct community workshops which help families to realize the importance of child development and support them in their future planning skills.
- Carrying out home visits and having meetings with parents/families concerning youth in less formal way using IEC materials that most parents read and understand.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Lack of Vocational, skills training services has devastating potential to create severe economic imbalance Youths have straggled with life and they need a hand that can support them through vocational skills training that can equip them with constructive Knowledge and reliable Skills. It is noticed that 60% of youths in their productive years, lack direction which has contributed greatly in affecting the development and economic out-put of the country.

A large proportion of youth in Nigeria have received little or no formal schooling. Most of them are unemployed. They are being denied even the most basic, most practical vocational education and their chances of ever finding a paid job are very slim indeed. Accessing youth with practical vocational trainings and thus to the job market, The skills are being taught to meet country's demands.

The project is particularly keen to foster communities in which no training and educational opportunities have previously existed

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS

JK cares has always been concerned with the well being of the young people. The Organization has thus used every available opportunity to propagate against unemployment as well as to gather information on possible interventions. In so doing, the Organization has also sought to understand the root causes and effects of the problem and its other dynamics as fully as possible.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

According to the mapping report, government programs were identified with activities related to technical work at regional/district levels in Nigeria. Youth sustainable vocational, training skills and empowerment interventions can be increased through collaboration of the existing organizations with Government in order to scale up the interventions at community level.

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