



SIR EMEKA
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Letter FROM THE CHAIRMAN

targeted programs and projects that focus on addressing fundamental needs and impacting lives sustainably.

While our primary areas of focus are education, healthcare, and socioeconomic empowerment, we have also completed significant sustainable infrastructure projects to help provide communities with long-term solutions to issues like climate change and erosion. Through our work, we aim to address some of the most pressing issues facing communities, including poverty, inequality, and environmental challenges.

As you read about the work that SEOF has done and plans to do, I hope that you will be inspired by the impact we are making in these areas to support us and to help your own communities. We have achieved some remarkable successes over the years but we know there is still much work to be done.

In light of that, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of our partners and supporters. Your unwavering dedication has enabled us to achieve our goals and provide assistance to more people than we could ever have envisioned when SEOF was founded. Your continued support is crucial to our success, and we look forward to working together to create a better and more equitable society for all.

Sir Emeka Okwuosa, CON

Growing up, I saw my parents practice philanthropy and help our community in many different ways. During the '70s and '80s, for instance, there were multiple people who were in need of education, housing, and other care living in our house. In addition to taking care of my brothers and me, my parents used the little income they had to take care of them, including paying for their school fees.

These philanthropic values that were instilled in me from early on are what eventually led to the founding of SEOF. The Foundation is built on the principle of giving back, and we have demonstrated our commitment over the years to supporting and empowering communities, including our home community, Oraifite, Anambra State. We have done this through



Vision

We envision an Africa where every citizen has access to resources that they need to effect positive change on a global scale.



Mission

Our mission is to facilitate sustainable community development by addressing fundamental needs and empowering communities.



Objectives

- To build self-sustaining communities through the equitable implementation of programs that enhance the quality of life, such as education and healthcare.
- To equip individuals with the resources and opportunities that they need to achieve self-actualization and positively impact their communities.
- To foster relationships and collaborate with other national and international philanthropic organizations to facilitate the sustained provision of transformative programs.

About the SIR EMEKA OKWUOSA FOUNDATION



The Sir Emeka Okwuosa Foundation (SEOF) is a Nigerian-based non-profit organization that began philanthropic activities in the 1990s but was formally incorporated in 2011.

We focus on programs that sustainably impact the lives of people in communities across Nigeria. This ethos has seen us invest in Healthcare, Education and Socio-Economic Empowerment.

SEOF recognizes that facilitating sustainable community development is essential for creating long-lasting change. The Foundation has adopted a community-driven approach to its development initiatives that emphasizes working closely with community members to identify their needs and develop solutions that address their unique challenges.

By involving community members in the planning and implementation of projects, we ensure that the initiatives are tailored to meet the specific needs of the community. Moreover, we provide training and capacity-building programs to empower community members to take ownership of the projects and sustain them beyond the Foundation's support. Through this approach, we foster a sense of community ownership and pride in these projects, leading to greater impact and long-term sustainability.

Our work in Nigeria is transformative and strategically aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS).

FOCUS AREAS

EDUCATION

HEALTHCARE

SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Our Impact



Our reach

At SEOF, we work hard each year to consolidate on the positive gains recorded during the preceding year. Some of our milestones include:



130+

scholarships awarded



\$217,939

spent on 34 open heart surgeries at the Dame Irene Okwuosa Memorial Hospital (DIOMH) in 2022



566+

beneficiaries of primary healthcare services in 2022

Healthcare



Since the Foundation's inception, we have provided free medical care for underserved communities through medical missions, health fairs, and sponsorship of individual medical procedures in Nigeria and overseas.

In 2020, we officially partnered with the Vincent Ohaju Obioma Memorial (VOOM) Foundation, a Texas-based foundation made up of volunteer doctors, nurses, health workers, and other support professions that has a sustainable and life-saving open-heart surgery program in Nigeria. This partnership has provided both subsidized and free-of-charge healthcare services to over 4,000 beneficiaries from all

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over Nigeria to date. In 2022, we finished building and commissioned the Dame Irene Okwuosa Memorial Hospital (DIOMH) in Oraifite, Anambra State.

Phase I of the Hospital project was the establishment of a world-class, fully-equipped hospital with a specialty in cardiovascular surgeries and interventions capable of delivering equitable, high-quality medical treatment. The Hospital is complete with a 64-slice CT scan, the latest Cath lab, 4D Ultrasound Scan machine, and ICU Machines with ventilators. The Hospital also produces its own medical gas, contributing to the sustainability of the project. Phase II of the Hospital project launched in

2023 with the creation of a Primary Health Care (PHC) center built out of repurposed shipping containers. This PHC was designed by students at Texas A&M University in partnership with other organizations and adapted by engineers at Frazimex Engineering Limited in Nigeria to cater to DIOMH's specific needs. The PHC is an indigenized solution to Primary Health Care challenges in Nigeria.

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Education



Since 2011, we have supported over 1,500 young talents at the Secondary School level through our scholarship program, annual prize-giving ceremony, and the provision of high-quality educational tools. Hundreds more students at the Primary School level and University level have also benefited from our scholarship program over the years.

In 2019, we finished building and donated an All-Girls Secondary School - The Dame Irene Okwuosa Memorial Convent (DIOMEKO), in Oraifite, Anambra State, to The Anglican Diocese. The 600-student capacity school, which is home to girls from all over Nigeria, affords young girls access to

quality education in a constantly evolving and increasingly competitive world. The modern school complex has many amenities, including an ICT room, a fully equipped library, an integrated studio and learning hub, a laboratory, an art studio, and medical and sports rooms.

To support the goal of gender equality, we have also organized career workshops and symposiums that introduced girls to career paths in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).





We have scaled a new form of economic development by collaborating with local universities, education think-tanks, and VTE institutions in offering skills-based training and connecting students in two Tertiary Institutions in the South East & South South with future-focused opportunities and informal careers.

In 2024, we plan to launch our first National Engineering Competition Award aimed at

identifying outstanding engineering students who have been working on innovative prototypes with real-world applications. The Competition is designed to encourage engineers and would-be engineers to work towards collectively solving Nigeria’s pressing challenges with the aim of expanding the Competition across the continent in future years.



Socio-Economic Empowerment



We believe that sustainable socio-economic empowerment should be centered around providing market-facing skills and opportunities, particularly to the youth, who constitute the majority of the Nigerian and African population. Our goal is to teach beneficiaries how to "fish" so they can feed themselves and their communities for a lifetime.

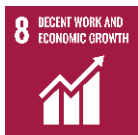
Over the years, we have been involved in several socioeconomic initiatives in communities across Nigeria. Notable projects include the building of a garri processing factory and the donation of motorcycles to assist small business owners with their transportation businesses. These programs have had a sustained and positive

economic impact on the lives of our beneficiaries by providing employment and other opportunities.

In 2024, we plan to roll out several new programs:

Women Enterprise Program – This impact investment program aims to support women entrepreneurs in scaling up their businesses through skill-building workshops, mentoring and networking opportunities, and access to funding and markets within their chosen sector.

Agro Cluster Cooperative Program – This agricultural program will provide jobs and enhance food security not only locally but across the country by giving farmers access to inputs and guaranteed off-take as a catalyst for more robust farming.



The FUTURE

As we boldly approach the years ahead, we are excited about the possibilities, challenges and opportunities to make enduring and sustainable change.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

As Trustees, we are more aware than ever of our joint responsibility to provide strong leadership, governance, and oversight. As a result, we are committed to intensifying our efforts to provide the following in a sustainable manner:

- Access to educational opportunities that provide students with the skills and resources they need to compete in a rapidly changing global environment;
- Equitable healthcare for all, including by equipping DIOMH to become a leading provider of high-quality health services on the continent; and
- Socio-economic empowerment programs that provide women, youth, and other underserved communities with marketable and in-demand skills.

These efforts would be futile without the support of people who buy into our vision and are willing to join us in breathing life into it. The bedrock of all that we do as a Foundation is sustainability and this cuts across everything from partnerships to funding. As we expand and seek to accomplish more within our areas of focus, such as establishing mentoring and virtual exchange programs for girl students, we

hope to do this sustainably through long-term local and international partnerships.

With beneficiaries drawn from across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones, we have already shown our dedication to implementing our programs and projects indiscriminately. In the coming years, however, we also hope to expand our geographical reach beyond Nigeria's borders and into Africa. By doing so, we will be one step closer to achieving our vision of an Africa where every citizen has access to the resources that they need to effect positive change on a global scale.

We remain dedicated to our community, country, and continent. We look forward to partnering with you to make an even bigger impact.

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