

SKILL IMPARTMENT AMONG YOUTH SAVING OUR FUTURE TODAY

RCE KANO NIGERIA

TARGET GROUP

- The target group of this project are youth between the ages of 4-18, that are being sent away by their parents in search religious knowledge through old and traditional ways
- Children that are being dragged to child labour with or without the consent of their parents, depriving them of both local/traditional and modern knowledge.

THE CRUX

- Tsangaya school system as it is called in Northern part of Nigeria is a traditional system of education of education whereby children between the ages of 4-16 are being sent away from home and entrusted in the hands of one teacher to study (primarily) the Quran and later/afterwards Islamic jurisprudence, science etc. The numerical strength may be from tenth to hundredth under the care of one teacher
- Lesson and studies are most often under trees, shades and huts and more recently in uncompleted structures. The tsangaya has no provision for lavatories and shelter, no feeding and every pupil is to himself

CRUX CONTINUES

- The result these is pupils adorn our streets, shops, restaurant and motor garage and stations. There are beggars other than the tsangaya pupils, but research has shown that, to every five beggars in the street in Northern Nigeria three are the almajiri's
- There were in 2007, four times the number of tsangaya schools compared to that of formal western style schools, and there were five times the number of almajiris than the number of students in formal style schools. (Ibrahim Shekarau, 2007)

SOME CONSEQUENCIES OF THE PRACTICE ALREADY BEING EXPERIENCED

- Vulnerability to negativities of the society
- Transformation to thieves' thuggery and armed robbery (Abdu Jaafaru, Bambale 2009)
- High risks of accident involvement
- Suffering from malnutrition, disease, psychological and physical traumas
- Exposure to aggression

WHAT WAS DONE BEFORE

The teachers



The students



PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS

- Pupils parent
- Local traditional rulers
- PACWAD (An NGO)
- Community students Association
- The traditional school teachers
- Shoemakers Association
- Automobile mechanic Associations
- Carpenters

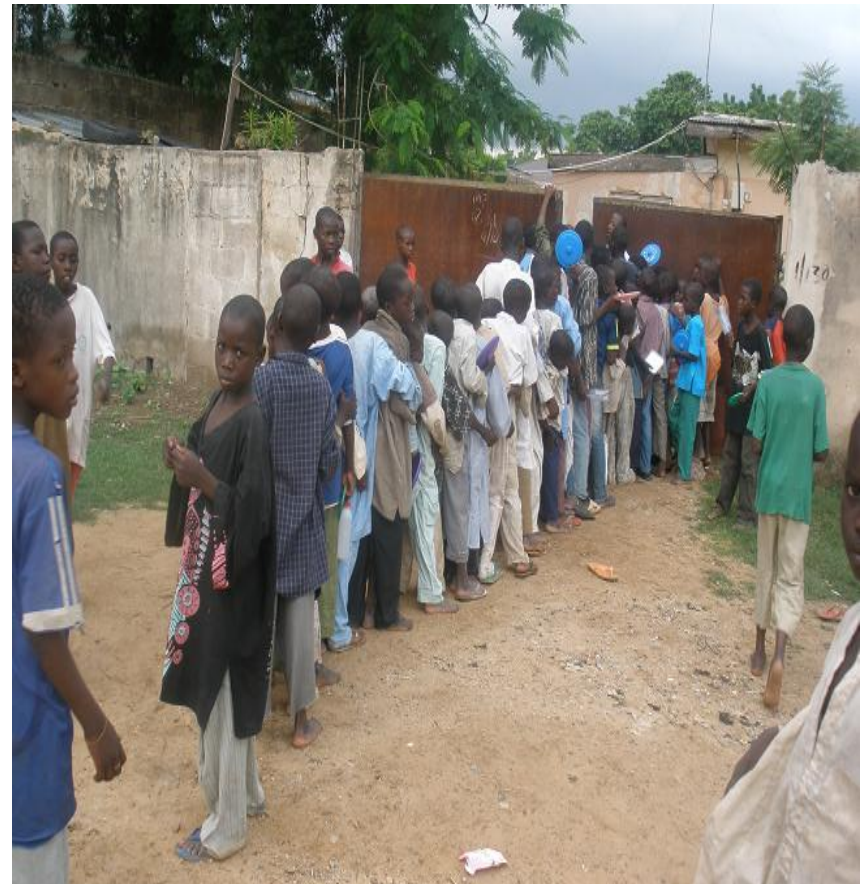
ALMAJIRI DOMITORY



THE FIRST SET OF THE PROGRAM



THE HASH CONDITIONS OF THE TARGET GROUP



WHY THIS PROJECT

- Possible recruitment by Boko Haram as child soldiers
- Growing level of child molestation and abuse of the target group in the society
- The end does not justify the means
- Bleak future for both the target group and the society

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

- Convinced expert and skilled members of the society to train the target group in exchange for their services to them
- Succeeded in having about 450 youth as apprentices by January this year, learning carpentry, automobile maintenance and repairs, shoe making , conduit electric wiring, paint manufacturing etc
- Won the support of many of their tutors
- Convince and embraces many stakeholder on daily bases
- Created way of getting daily stipend while acquiring skills at the same time
- Reduce the level of molestation among them
- Change their psychology and created a sense of belonging among them
- Providing informal education to the target groups

SOME ALMAJIRAI IN ACTION



CAPENTARY AND AUTOMOBILE



TARGET AND FUTURE PLAN

- Train about 2000 youth in two years
- Create a forum for all the beneficiaries of the program
- Start train the trainer program under the present group in the third year.
- Create thrift and loan society for the beneficiaries in the third year.
- Have about 8000 pupils imparted in the 4th year

THANK YOU