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# Sustainable Passive Housing from Nigeria & Beyond

THE BKN PROJECT  
ABIE ORNSAYE



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Non-profit organizations embody the best of Canadian innovation. They enable people to work together for the common good, transforming shared visions and goals into tangible action. For this reason, the Sustainable Capacity Foundation (SCF) awarded a \$1,000 grant to The BKN Project to support their work in international sustainability and equity.

Founding member, Abie Ornsaye, describes her work with The BKN Project as, *"a passion project to investigate and solve the current housing crises in Nigeria... [where] over half of the nation's population lives under \$1 a day and in deplorable conditions"*. To combat these issues, The BKN Project aims to, *"teach sustainable living from home to work and build sustainable living situations from home to work...by partnering with government and financial institutions who will offer payment options"*.

The Sustainable Capacity Foundation plays a vital role in the long-term success of The BKN Project. According to Abie, *"SCF has been a great relief for this project. It has allowed us to introduce our—*

*—project in Canada and offered a grant to kick start the project. SCF has also given us a platform to meet other young pioneers in sustainability. We hope as we continue to work with SCF, we can improve our knowledge on the essence and changes in sustainability and the business aspect of running a sustainable company."*

Partnering with SCF also enables further support of The BKN Project through building partnerships with organizations within its network. Abie notes, *"[we] count on SCF to mentor us on the proceedings that projects like ours need. We also know that as we continue to work on the project SCF can partner us with organizations that can offer all manners of support for our project"*.

Alongside the impactful work Abie does with The BKN Project, she also has worked with other SCF partners. In 2021, Abie was a speaker at the Intern Placement Program and the Energy Cube Project. As of 2022, Abie is working towards a Bachelors of Engineering Degree from the University of Carleton with a focus on equitable sustainable housing.