

# Mrs. Martha and Moses Ekpo Jnr Foundation ANNUAL REPORT 2020





***Service to Others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.***

***Mohammed Ali***

Despite the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 was a year of significant impact for the MME foundation. We provided much-needed food supplies to **100** households in Uyo at the start of the lockdown. We expanded the number of schools participating in innovative entrepreneurship and financial literacy program, reaching **1,000** children. We provided vocational skills training to **31** young people. In turn, these young people used their new skills to construct new furniture and sew new school uniforms for **60** pupils of a local Migrant Farmers School where we had rehabilitated toilets and constructed a borehole for access to clean water.

We supported a local organization in cultivating a sustainable tomato farm run by teen mothers to fund back-to-school efforts. We also provided psychosocial counseling and vocational skills training to **40** teen mothers. The foundation co-launched a radio program focused on promoting preventive health care with information on personal and food hygiene, HIV, AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and COVID-19.

No matter what challenges 2022 brings our way, we are armed with lessons learned, stronger partnerships, and a passionate team eager to continue transformational work in education, health, and improving livelihoods to break the cycle of poverty.

With gratitude,

*adaku ekpo*

Adaku Ekpo  
Executive Director

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# Responding to the Pandemic



**100**

Families in Uyo fed

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the pressure on our limited healthcare system, the Nigerian Government imposed a national lockdown. For most people, the lockdown was a stark choice between death from COVID-19 or hunger. The foundation responded by first identifying the most vulnerable people in Uyo. A few days to the lockdown, we reached out to a local church and sent a team of volunteers to local communities to identify the most vulnerable people.

**300**

Youth Group members in Abak fed and empowered

The teams identified 100 households, most led by widows, elderly grandparents, and single mothers. We purchased food items, including beans, chicken, garri, noodles, rice, onions, palm oil, seasoning, and yam. We then hired 20 delivery riders (Keke napep operators) to coordinate the deliveries following COVID-19 protocols.

**2**

Communities

**20**

Delivery Riders Employed

In Abak, we worked with the youth group comprised of about 300 registered members, mostly young men under 40. Recognizing that this group could quickly turn to crime to make ends meet, we provided the organization with food (bags of rice, two large cows) and cash.

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Market Women & Smallholder Farmers Supported

# ***Instilling Entrepreneurial Mindset and Financial Literacy in School Children***



# 1,000

Secondary School Children introduced to entrepreneurship & financial literacy concepts

# 4

Secondary Schools

# 3

Senatorial Districts

with Junior Achievement Nigeria (JAN), a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering students on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship through experiential, hands-on programs. Junior Achievement Nigeria (JAN) is part of Junior Achievement Worldwide, the world's oldest and largest non-profit economic education organization operating in 120 countries.

Utilizing the organization's programme specially adapted for the Niger Delta region, MME trained volunteers to teach the students about identifying resources in their area and using them to start businesses. Four (4) schools were selected from the three (3) senatorial districts of Akwa Ibom state.

- o Holy Family College, Oku Abak, Abak LGA
- o Amanyam Community Secondary School, Mbiaso, Ikot Ekpene LGA
- o Community Commercial Secondary School, Awa Onna LGA
- o Secondary School Adadia, Uruan LGA



# Health Promotion & Disease Prevention



The foundation partnered with the Medical Women's Association to launch a radio programme that promotes disease prevention and good health practices.

For 12 weeks, medical practitioners provided information on chronic and infectious diseases prevalent in Akwa Ibom, providing preventive tips and specific guidelines on personal and food hygiene, HIV Aids, malaria, tuberculosis, and other diseases.

The program featured on Inspiration FM with the presenter, Imaobong Dem, on Tuesdays between 11 a.m - 11:30 a.m. The programme has a statewide reach.

# 500

Estimated listeners each week

# 6

Average weekly callers

# Wealth Creation Through Vocational Skills Training

In partnership with Youth Alive Foundation, the MME foundation implemented a three-month initiative aimed at improving the livelihoods of vulnerable people in the Ikot Udo Oboro community of Ikot Ekpene LGA Akwa Ibom state. The facilitators incorporated life skills and community engagement in the vocational skills training.

As a result, the men and women who received training on carpentry and tailoring volunteered their skills to sew uniforms and construct furniture for the pupils attending the community school. The foundation also rehabilitated the restroom, built a borehole, installed a water tank, and donated school bags containing books on hygiene and crossword puzzles to improve vocabulary and writing materials.



# 31

men and women trained on vocational skills



# 60

children received new uniforms and school bags



# 100

School desks and chairs constructed

# Second Chances for Teen Mums



The foundation partnered with the Smart Mothers Foundation (SMF), an organization that consciously works towards the inclusion of teen mothers in education, social welfare, health care, equitable work, and quality lifestyle.

SMF established a tomato farm to fund programs for teen mothers, provide psychosocial counseling to select teen mothers, back-to-school materials, and palliatives to alleviate the lockdown's impact.

# 40

teen mothers receive psychosocial counseling, vocational training, and back-to-school supplies.

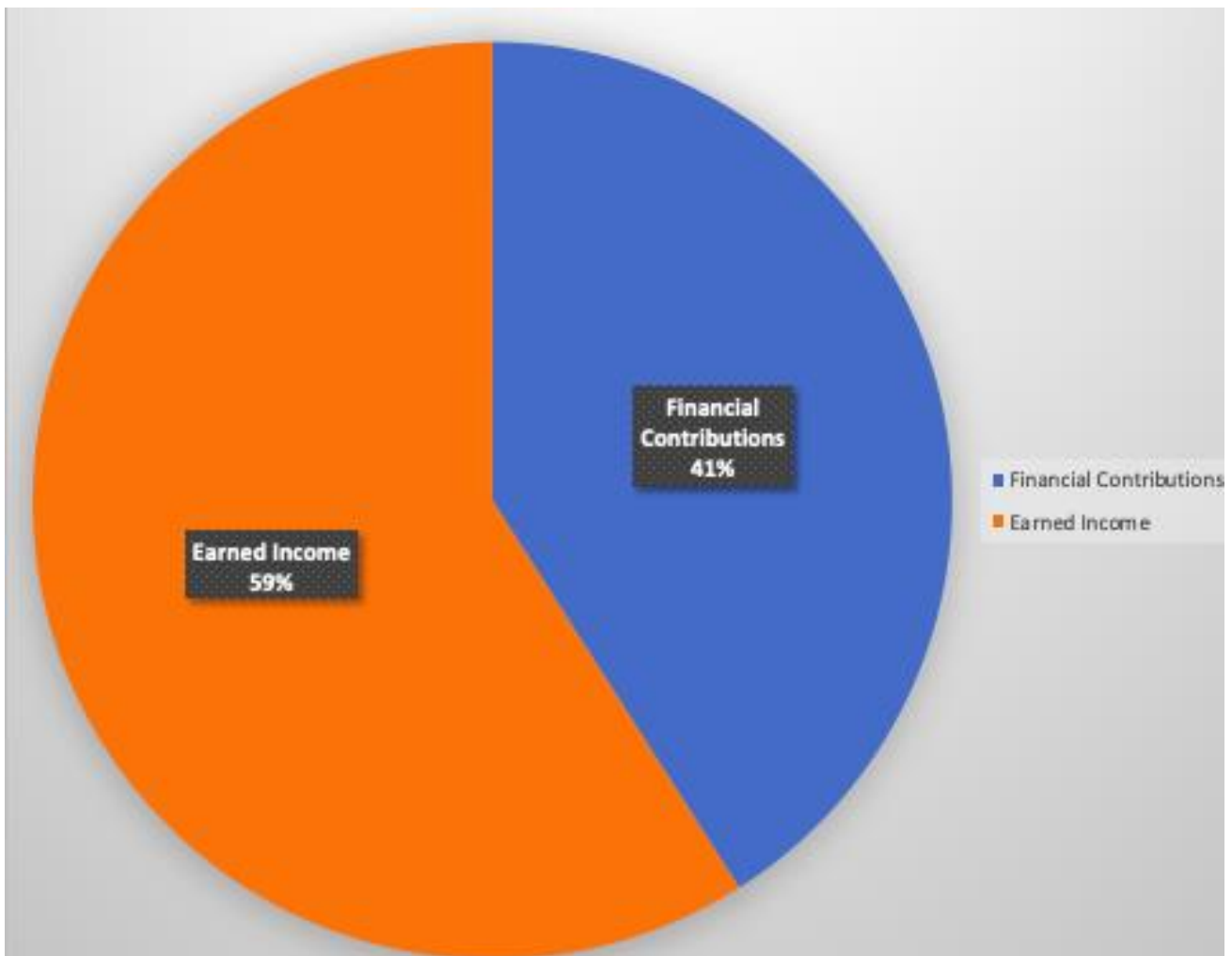
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tomato farmland cultivated by teen mothers.

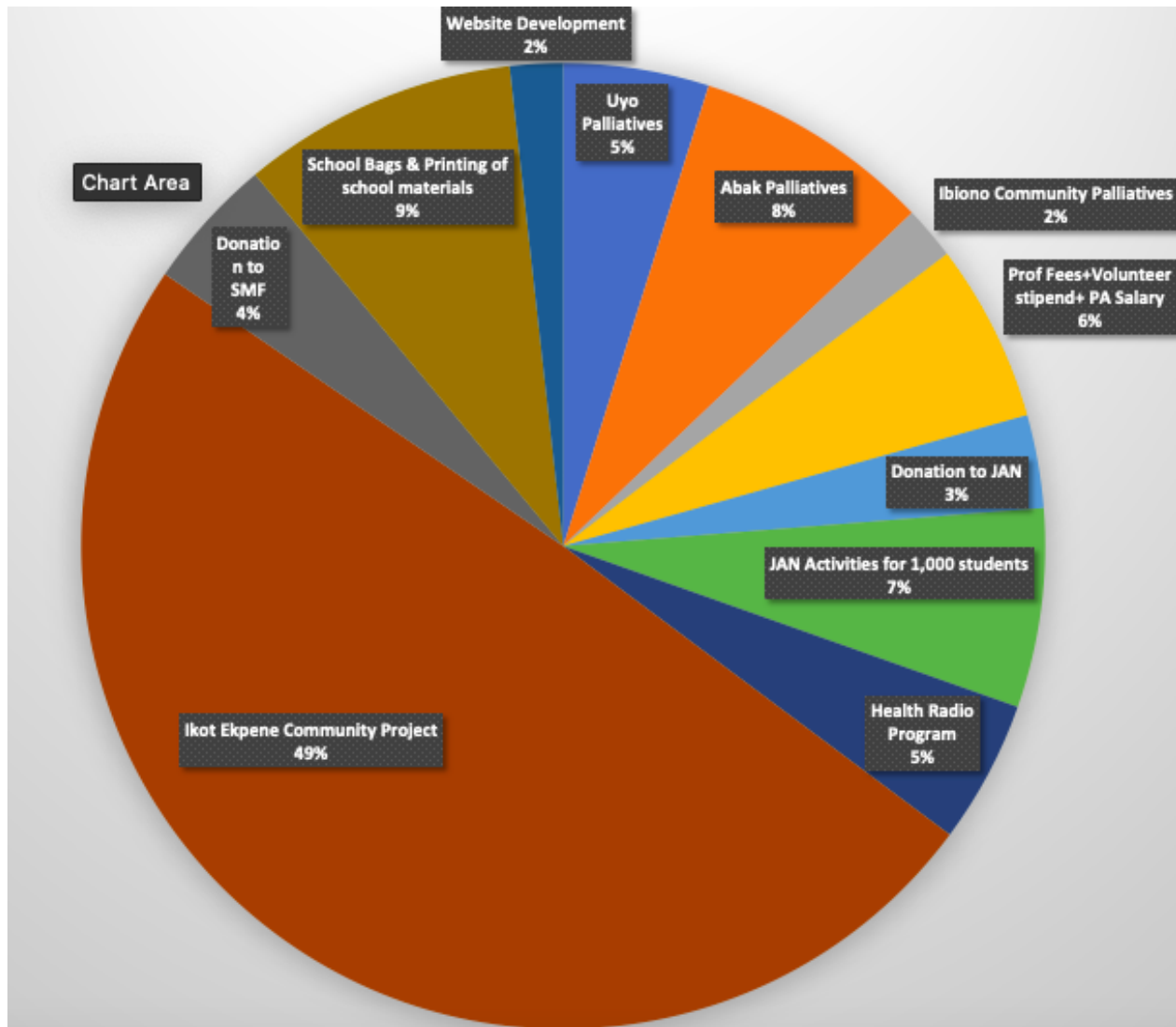
# Financial Information

## Revenue

Financial Contributions	NGN	5,000,000.00
Earned Income	NGN	7,200,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NGN</b>	<b>12,200,000.00</b>







**. Operating Expenses:**

Uyo Palliatives	549,185
Abak Palliatives	900,000
Ibiono Community Palliatives	200,000
Prof. Fees, Volunteer Stipend & PA Salary	671,565
Donations to JAN	350,000
JAN Acitivities for 1,000 Students	750,000
Health Radio Program	538,250
Ikot Ekpene Community Project	5,550,000
Donation to SMF	500,000
School Bags & Printing of School Materials	1,041,000
Website Development	200,000
Bank Charges	9,656
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