



Relevant stakeholders observe as H.E. Mr. Patrick Egloff, the Ambassador of Switzerland to Nigeria and the Executive Director, Mrs. Sharon Ayeni cut the ribbon to commission the newly built 8-stall gender sensitive toilet block at LEA Nomadic Primary school, Apo Dutse, Abuja.

STILL CREATING CHANGE: TWO YEARS ON

Create That Change Development Initiative (CCDI) is giving public schools a much-needed facelift by transforming neglected learning environments into vibrant spaces where children can thrive. Through classroom renovations, the setup of well-equipped libraries, construction of toilet facilities, clean water and even Back to School projects, CCDI is restoring dignity and hope to schools that have long been forgotten. We are not just fixing buildings—we are rebuilding futures, one child, one school at a time.



Before: An abandoned toilet facility at LEA Primary School, Phase 3, Gwagwalada



After: The renovated structure!

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THIS YEAR WE ESTABLISHED PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER - YEAR TWO: A YEAR OF IMPACT AND GROWTH

Our second year at Create That Change Development Initiative has been one of growth, impact and new beginnings.

From ENERI to our Start Smart September 2024 campaign, we proudly equipped 44 children with full back-to-school essentials—helping them return to school with dignity and confidence.

This year also marked the launch of our Public-School Revival Initiative (PSRI). In partnership with the Embassy of Switzerland, we've constructed 4 toilet facilities and renovated 3 libraries in under-resourced schools. On 17th July, H.E. Mr. Patrick Egloff, Swiss Ambassador to Nigeria, commissioned two of these facilities (see more in this edition) On Monday the 25th of August, the Deputy Ambassador of Switzerland, Mr. Siamak Rouhani commissioned a toilet and two libraries in Gwagwalada, FCT.

We celebrated World Menstrual Hygiene Day with Vento Furniture Company, reaching 400 girls in Apo Resettlement with hygiene education and support.

Through a newly formed partnership with the Nasarawa State Universal Basic Education Board, we look forward to extending our work beyond Abuja.

Enjoy this edition—and stay tuned. The change has only just begun!



Sharon Ayeni, Executive Director, CCDI.



L-R: The Executive Director-Mrs. Sharon Ayeni, The Chairman, Board of Trustees-Tr. Folas Exom and the Deputy Ambassador of Switzerland, Mr. Siamak Rouhani commissioning a library facility at Gwagwalada.



CCDI team with the Chairman and Directors at Nasarawa SUBEB

A WORD FROM OUR BENEFICIARIES



Rina Peter Uba - 10-year-old pupil, LEA Primary School, Phase 3 Gwagwalada:

"So if we want to come and defecate, because it's an open space, sometimes your classmates will come with you if they want to ease themselves as well. You would be ashamed and opened to the boys, and we would have to chase them away. I didn't like that kind of thing".

Abdullah Sani - Head Teacher, LEA Primary School, Phase 3 Gwagwalada:

"Sincerely speaking, it's more than 10 years since we have had a toilet in the school and its God that sent CCDI to us. To come and do the right thing. By God's grace, I'm ensuring that the toilet and the library and the water... they also installed water from outside, you can see the water tank over there".



THE TEAM



Top L-R: Alice Benson-Program Coordinator, Sharon Ayeni-Executive Director, Stephen Sule-Operations Officer.

Bottom L-R: Evangel Kali-Volunteer, Grace Steven-Volunteer, Nankam Abu-Volunteer, Oluwamumirayo Ameh-Volunteer.



The state of the classroom before renovations at LEA Nomadic Primary School, Apo Dutse, Abuja.



After renovations at LEA Nomadic Primary School, Apo Dutse, Abuja.



An award presented to the ED from the Head Teacher of LEA Nomadic Primary School, Apo Dutse, Abuja.



Pupils enjoying a book from one of the libraries.



The state of the classroom before renovations at LEA Primary School, Kabusa, Abuja.



The former Deputy Ambassador of Switzerland seated with the Imam of Apo Dutse, reliving their school days during the commissioning



Meeting with Dr. Hassan Sule, Chairman, Universal Basic Education Board (UBEB), Abuja.



A cross section of pupils from LEA primary School Kabusa and their teachers posing with stakeholders in front of their new toilet block

A TRUSTEES PERSPECTIVE - CREATING THAT CHANGE



L-R: Mr. Jasper Ogbonna, Member, Board of Trustees, CCDI, greeting the Ambassador of the Embassy of Switzerland to Nigeria, H.E. Mr. Patrick Egloff.

As we celebrate our 2nd anniversary, we reflect on the transformative impact of our "ENERI" programs on children, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Our initiatives have brought tangible changes to schools across various Area Councils in Abuja, improving learning environments and empowering education through targeted development initiatives.

Through partnerships with school authorities and local communities, we've commissioned new facilities, including toilets, borehole water systems, fully equipped libraries, and classroom furnishings. Our feeding program has also ensured students can focus on their studies without hunger. These investments in our children's future have laid a strong foundation for our next chapter, and we're committed to expanding our reach and deepening our impact to create brighter opportunities for every child, empowering them to reach their full potential.

Mr. Jasper Ogbonna,
Member,
Board of Trustees, CCDI



Pupils sit on the hard floor during classes at LEA Primary School, Kabusa, Abuja.



Our "Desk a School Initiative" Intervention at LEA Primary School, Kabusa, Abuja.



The Executive Director inspecting books in one of the libraries.



The Executive Director and the Program Coordinator at the Summit of the Future at CBN, February, 2025



Pupils of LEA Primary School, Kabusa elated as they choose books from their new library.



After a stakeholder engagement meeting at LEA Nomadic Primary School, Apo Dutse, Abuja.



CCDI team with H.E. the Ambassador of Switzerland and Ojoma Ali - Migration and Democracy Specialist.



The ED submitting a letter of advocacy to the FCT minister's office appealing to end the primary school strike.



Signing the partnership agreement with the Embassy of Switzerland.



Ground breaking at LEA Nomadic Primary School, Apo Dutse, Abuja.



A courtesy visit to VentoCSR



World menstrual hygiene day celebration in partnership with VentoCSR.

ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE!

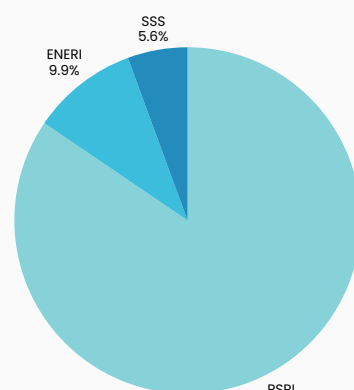
Between March and July 2025, primary school children across the FCT had their education disrupted as a result of the prolonged teachers' strike. In response, we took decisive action to amplify the voices of affected children and families.

Our team hand-delivered a letter to the office of the Honourable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Nyesom Wike, urging immediate resolution of the crisis. We expressed our concern that thousands of pupils were being denied their right to learn because teachers had not received salaries reflecting the new minimum wage.

At CCDI, we believe that every child deserves uninterrupted access to quality education — and every teacher deserves fair and timely pay.

CREATING CHANGE TOGETHER: HOW WE USED YOUR SUPPORT

August, 2024-August, 2025.



WHAT IS PSRI?

At Create That Change Development Initiative (CCDI), we know that a child's environment shapes how they learn, grow, and dream. That's why we created the **Public School Revival Initiative (PSRI)**—a movement to transform forgotten schools into places full of dignity, joy, and possibilities.

Through **PSRI**, we're rolling up our sleeves and tackling the basics that make a world of difference:

- Renovation and furnishing **Libraries** that spark curiosity and open doors to knowledge.
- Construction and/or renovation of **Toilet** facilities to protect children's health and dignity.
- Providing **Desks** that give pupils a place to sit, write, and learn in comfort.
- Repairs and renovations that turn crumbling **classrooms** into welcoming spaces for learning.

PSRI is more than bricks, books, and paint. It's about children walking into school with their heads held high, knowing their learning environment can become a place where their dreams come true.

Every library refurbished, every desk placed, every toilet built/restored whispers the same message to our children: you matter, your future matters, and we believe in you.

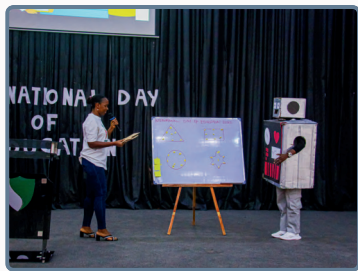


CCDI LIVE ON NIGERIA INFO RADIO

We were delighted to share our PSRI initiative on Nigeria Info's Sunny Side with Swat Duniah recently!

We showcased our work in building toilets and reconstructing libraries, highlighting the impact we're making in our community. We're grateful for the platform to share our mission and look forward to reaching a wider audience.

L-R: Ms. Alice Benson and Mr. Stephen Sule on Nigeria Info sharing about PSRI



CCDI's roadshow marking the International Day of Education, 2025, educating pupils on Artificial Intelligence.



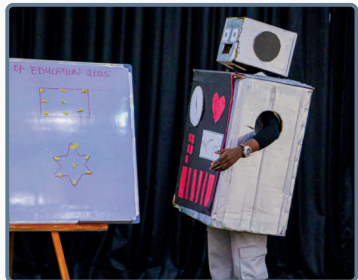
Pupils enjoying a meal during the school feeding program.



CCDI team with some beneficiaries of Start Smart September, 2024.



Fully stocked bookshelves in one of CCDI's libraries.



CCDI's robot educating children on A.I. at the roadshow on the International Day of Education, 2025.



Pupils enjoying a meal during the school feeding program.



The E.D. Posing with one of our benefactors of Start Smart September.



Start Smart September kits

BACK TO SCHOOL

My journey through life has brought me back to school—not as a pupil, but as someone striving to create change (though I still learn every day).

Witnessing the realities firsthand has opened my eyes to a truth: every child is gifted, unique, and beautiful in their own way. However, being in these public schools limits them. Unlike their private school counterparts, they are not as exposed or equipped. These children are not lacking in talent or desire—they are simply starved of resources.

Sometimes, all it takes is a small drop of kindness—a little “water”—to help a child bloom. Imagine what could happen if we, together, became that rain.

Your support is more than charity—it is the nourishment they need to blossom. Let us join hands and be the force that enables them grow and bloom.

Alice Benson, Program Coordinator, CCDI.



Alice Benson with some beneficiaries of ENERI

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List of schools with CCDI's presence.

1. LEA Primary School, Apo Dutse.
2. LEA Nomadic Primary School, Apo Dutse.
3. LEA Primary School, Piba Sama.
4. LEA Primary School, Kabusa.
5. LEA Primary School, Galadimawa.
6. LEA Primary School, Damangaza.
7. LEA Primary School, Phase 3, Gwagwalada.
8. Pilot Science Primary School, Gwagwalada.
9. LEA Primary School, Shereti.
10. Junior Secondary School, Damangaza.