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#### Introduction

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Thinking Cap Literacy Initiative is a non-forprofit organization aimed at rolling back illiteracy among Nigerian children through the use of creative methods. Its goals and objectives are in line with SDG number 4 which is geared towards providing quality education. We have reached over 5,000 children since our inception in 2012.



1. To promote literacy among children and young people using creative channels.

2. To create literacy awareness.

3. To organize programmes, clubs, and literacy competitions.

4. Funding and stocking libraries with academic and inspirational materials.

5. To encourage the development of core moral values, language and cultural heritage.
6. Providing educational and financial support in the form of scholarships.
7. Collaborating and networking with other partners.
TCLI also engages in community interventions and offers humanitarian services to widows, single moms and orphans.

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Aims & Objective





### January '24

- We resumed the scholarship drive and sponsored the following children:
  - a.Nifemi Gabriel (JSS 1)
  - b.**Nandir Janfa (Primary 3)**
  - c. Peace Meshach

### February '24

- We onboarded a new student under the scholarship scheme: Josiah Shigir
- We stocked up our stationery bank with new supplies of Pencils, Pens and Erasers
- We supported AIBETH Centre for its Hike against drug abuse
- We paid for the printing of 500 branded exercise books to stock up our stationery bank
- We had a one-on-one mentorship meeting with one of scholarship beneficiaries, Elisha who recently completed his secondary school education under our sponsorship. The meeting was to celebrate his graduation, discuss his plans for the future and further encourage him on his educational and career pursuit. He has been attached to Mr. Collins Itse (Volunteer) who will serve as mentor to him in the meantime.

### March <sup>•</sup>24

- We made purchases of puzzles and story books for our Community library & resource center
- We onboarded a community manager to join our team in person of Mr. Collins Itse. He will be in charge of the Volunteer Headquarters.
- We held our first strategy meeting with the Admin Team for the year on the 21st of March, 2024 to plan for the rest of the year.





#### April<sup>6</sup>24

- 6th we had to move out of the premises of our free community library. The impromptu move was because our host school were also vacating the premises because of some legal issues. 10 TCLI volunteers were present for the movement and we were able to move our books, resources and furniture to a temporary place of storage (Little Lambs School, Jos) pending when we would be able to find another suitable location for the library.
- 20th The Executive Director attended a follow up fund development training organized by Hedges of Mercy. It served as a follow up training to the initial training held in 2023. The purpose of this training is to equip the organization with knowledge on the best practices in the area of fund development in order to strengthen our process of funding the work that we do more sustainably.

#### **May '24**

- We renewed the scholarships of the children under our scholarship drive successfully.
- We were able to support a needy child with funds for his NECO registration

#### **June '24**

• We signed a one-year memorandum of understanding with OPPIA, an edtech platform that has agreed to provide us with access to their education platform for free. This partnership will directly benefit the children in the community where our free community library is located. Our responsibility is to provide them with tablets, phones, laptops and internet to access the platform.







### July '24

• We signed a 2-year partnership agreement with The Purposeful Educator (TPE), who have agreed to donate a total of 100 literary materials in form of library book to TCLI for the duration of 2 years. The books donated will range from nursery to secondary school.

### August '24

• We entered into a partnership with Community Outreach for Educational Change (COEC), with an agreement to use their space to house our community library for a period which is still yet to be decided but not less than one year.





#### September '24

- We partnered with Miss Anaguta on a back-to-school drive in two schools situated in rural areas situated in the Anaguta community of Plateau State where 100 pieces of our branded exercise books and other writing materials were distributed among the children.
- On 15th of September 2024, we moved into the new location for our community library. It is a beautiful space located at Nabor Hwoll in the ECWA Staff Area of Farin Gada in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria. This is a low-income community with a great need for such an initiative and we are looking forward to engaging with the community stakeholders to ensure that the library benefits the children in the community. Plans are underway for our opening ceremony which will be the unveiling of our new library location and the announcements/kickstart of our partnerships with OPPIA, TPE, CHESS IN SLUMS & COEC.



#### September '24 (cont)

- We paid a visit to our former scholarship drive recipient Elisha (who we sponsored till the end of his secondary school education), upon receiving the news of the demise of his mother. We visited him and also took some food items to support him and his little brother.
- We also resumed our scholarship drive and renewed the scholarships of all the beneficiaries under our scheme save for one child, who had to be withdrawn from the drive for repeated poor performance in school.
- We supported a medical outreach organized by the House of Nobles Initiative for Community Development

• We supported two (2) menstrual hygeine in 2 local goverment areas of Plateau State.

#### WHAT'S NEXT FOR US?

1. Stakeholder Visitation/Community Library Awareness

- 2. Community Library Opening Ceremony October 3. SDG 4 Roundtable - November
- 4. Fundraising for phones and tablets for the library
- $5.\ \mbox{End}$  of the year ceremony/volunteer appreciation

#### Conclusion

We are sincerely grateful to all our ADVISORS, donors & partners alike. none of these would have been achieved without you. Thank you for supporting the vision!



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#### How You Can Partner with Us:

- Choose a project of your choice to specifically support
- Sponsor a child's education under our scholarship scheme
- Donate exercise books and other stationery to our free stationery bank
- Donate new or used books to our community library
- Recommend us for opportunities
- Partner with us monthly by making a pledge to donate N5,000 and above to help us fund projects and partnerships.
- Pray for us and wish us well!

### **ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

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