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ABOUT OIOF

The Obidinma Isaiah Okoli Onyemelukwe Foundation (OIOF) is a non-governmental organisation, registered in Nigeria and established in 2023. OIOF was instituted to honor the legacy of Prof. OIO Onyemelukwe and is dedicated to supporting causes that were dear to him during his lifetime.

The Foundation is focused on a wide range of programmes such as Eye health, Ageing and older persons, Cardiovascular health, Anti-violence initiatives, Scholarships, Community development in Nanka, and Cultural renaissance and preservation.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2024 reflections

The year 2024 was marked by significant progress in our mission to honour the legacy of Prof. Obidinma Isaiah Okoli Onyemelukwe through impactful community programmes. From expanding our scholarship awards programme and donating books and other learning materials to Community Secondary School, Nanka to instituting a "Small Grant for Eye Research and Care" for a comprehensive eye screening for students in 8 public secondary schools in Gwagwalada, Abuja.

During the year, we organised an eye health webinar, titled, "Prioritizing Child Eye Health in Nigeria". In addition, we organised various activities in support of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goals 3, and 4. Through our activities, we sought to raise awareness and improve the lives of the communities that we serve.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2025, we remain committed to expanding our programmes and deepening our impact. In the coming year, we aim to intensify our efforts in enhancing educational support through book donations and mentorship, strengthening our awareness campaigns on key health issues, and supporting innovative research. We will also build strategic partnerships and foster community engagements, tailoring our programmes and services to meet their unique needs. Through advocacy, engagement, and service, we aim to create a lasting impact while improving lives.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who have contributed to our success this year. Your generosity and commitment are the pillars that uphold our mission.

Priority SDGs

At OIOF, our work aligns with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ensuring our efforts drive positive change, have maximum impact and contribute to a more equitable and sustainable future.



SDG 3 — Good Health and Well-Being

We promote initiatives that ensure healthy living and wellbeing for all at all ages including awareness campaigns and support for persons living with disabilities in Nigeria.



SDG 4— Quality Education

OIOF provides educational support and scholarship awards to students particularly those in underserved communities, ensuring quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Impact & Reach

During the year 2024, we expanded our reach across the country through various activities.

1 webinar event organized



8 Public secondary schools reached through our eye health intervention in Gwagwalada, Abuja.

100+ Students
Received free prescription glasses following
vision screening for refractive error.



1000+ secondary school students supported
through our scholarship and education programmes.

Over 30 participants joined our national webinar on
Prioritizing Child Eye Health in Nigeria.



9 Nigerian states represented in the webinar.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Obidinma Isaiah Okoli Onyemelukwe Foundation awarded prizes to the Best Economics and Best Mathematics Students at Dennis Memorial Grammar School, (DMGS), Onitsha. The award which is in its 3rd year, was instituted to reward the best student in Economics and Mathematics respectively for their hard work and encourage them to remain steadfast in pursuit of academic excellence.

The recipient of the Prof Obidinma Isaiah Okoli Onyemelukwe Best in Economics Prize for 2024 was Eze-James Chinedu. While the winner of the 2024 Prof Obidinma Isaiah Okoli Onyemelukwe Best in Mathematics Prize was Ubabuike Chinedum. For their excellent performance, each student received a cash prize of N100,000 (one hundred thousand naira) , a certificate of recognition and a plaque.



During the year, we expanded our Scholarship Programme to Community Secondary School, Nanka, a rural community in Anambra State, Nigeria. Awards were given to best performing students in each of the three senior secondary classes and covered nine (9) subjects in science, commercial and arts.

These awards acknowledge the exceptional academic performances of deserving students and rewards their efforts. Each awardee received various prizes from the Foundation. Our scholarship programme reflects the Foundation's commitment to fostering quality education rewarding academic excellence.



The Foundation also donated a comprehensive collection of recommended textbooks to Community Secondary School, Nanka. The books donated cover a diverse range of subjects from JSS 1 to SS 3. Our goal was to augment the collection of books in the school's library and provide students with access to quality educational materials.

This gesture seeks to address the educational disparities faced by students in rural communities. It also reflects the Foundation's dedication to academic excellence and fostering a culture of learning amongst students.

The Foundation also recognized and rewarded exemplary teachers at Community Secondary School, Nanka, for their exceptional dedication to imparting knowledge and academic excellence. Two deserving teachers were honoured; Oguekemma Nkem Eunice received the Most Dedicated Teacher award, and Ezeaguba Chinenye Blessing received the Most Punctual Teacher award. The Foundation also recognised and awarded the school principal for her exceptional leadership prowess and her dedication to moving the school forward.

In recognition of their achievements, the Foundation presented them with cash prizes, plaques and certificates of recognition.



This initiative aims at acknowledging and rewarding their hard work, while motivating other teachers to emulate their dedication. It also celebrates the critical role that teachers play in shaping the minds of the next generations.

EYE HEALTH

The Obidinma Isaiah Okoli Onyemelukwe Foundation instituted a Small Grant for Eye Research and Care. Our inaugural award supported the provision of suitable free glasses to over 100 students, mostly from low-income families, in 8 public secondary schools in Gwagwalada, Abuja. The students were first screened for refractive error, the most common cause of visual impairment globally.



Some of the students who had very high refractive errors (high myopia, high hypermetropia and astigmatism) but can now see very well using their spectacles had some emotional moments. The recipients expressed their gratitude to the Foundation.



Many thanks to our amazing partners for making this initiative possible.

WEBINAR: Prioritizing Child Eye Health in Nigeria

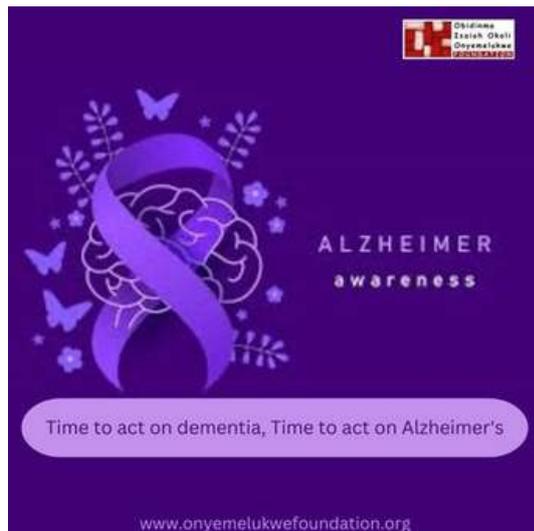
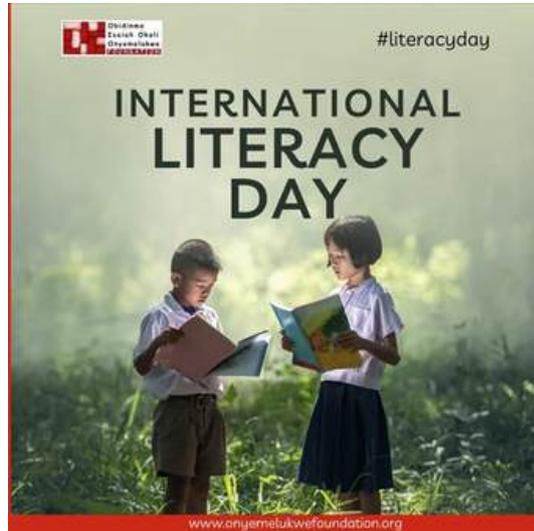
As part of our activities to commemorate World Sight Day, 2024 with the theme – #LoveYourEyesKid, we organised an engaging webinar titled, "Prioritizing Child Eye Health in Nigeria". Our goal was to promote eye health awareness, educate kids, parents, teachers, caregivers and the public on the importance of child eye care, provide valuable tips on maintaining healthy vision for kids, encourage everyone to prioritize their eye health and advocate for policy reforms supporting child eye health in Nigeria.

Moderated by Prof Cheluchi Onyemelukwe, the Executive Director of OIOF, the webinar featured two distinguished speakers: Dr Aminatu Abdulrahman, Acting Chief Medical Director, National Eye Centre, Kaduna and Prof Fatima Kyari, Consultant Ophthalmologist at University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Lead Consultant for the Nigeria National Eye Health Policy and CEO/Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria. The webinar had over 30 persons across various Nigerian states in attendance.

The poster features the OIOF logo at the top left, which includes the text 'Obidinma Isaiiah Okoli Onyemelukwe Foundation'. The main text reads: 'OIOF invites you to our webinar: **Prioritising Child Eye Health in Nigeria**'. Below this, the date and time are specified: 'Date: Friday, 8th November, 2024' and 'Time: 4.30 pm WAT'. A vertical label 'Speakers' is on the left. Three speaker portraits are shown in red-bordered boxes. Below each portrait is their name and title: Prof Cheluchi Onyemelukwe (CEO, OIOF), Dr Fatima Kyari (Registrar/CEO, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria), and Dr Aminatu Abdulrahman (Acting Chief Medical Director, National Eye Centre). The hashtag #LoveYourEyesKids and the website www.onyemelukwefoundation.org are at the bottom.

AWARENESS DAYS

We leveraged social media to mark key observance days and drive impact. Through our online platforms, we raise awareness, educate the public and promote policies that advance education and public health initiatives.





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