



# 20 INSPIRE HER 24 AFRIKA YEARBOOK

UNLOCKING AFRICA THROUGH MENTORSHIP





# WHO WE ARE

## WE ARE ALL THE ABOUT THE AFRICAN WOMAN...

Inspire Her Afrika is committed to empowering African women and raising the next generation of female leaders. Through our comprehensive mentorship program, we offer personalized guidance and support to African women seeking to enhance their skills, knowledge, and career prospects. We believe in the power of mentorship and community to create lasting impact in the lives of African women.



# OUR VISION

To be a catalyst for transformative change in Africa by equipping African women with the tools to passionately pursue their dreams, cultivate their skills, and emerge as influential leaders in their respective fields. We aim to be the foremost mentorship program for African women, setting the standard for empowerment and success across the continent.



Our vision is simple - unlocking Africa through mentorship

# OUR MISSION

We are on a mission to empower African women through comprehensive mentorship and the cultivation of a supportive, thriving community, as we continue to guide women on their journey to success, providing the resources and connections they need to achieve their goals and lead with confidence.



# FROM OUR DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we close the chapter on another successful year of the Inspire Her Afrika Mentorship Program, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. This journey has been nothing short of inspiring, and I am incredibly proud of all that you've accomplished throughout this year



**HERE'S TO THE REMARKABLE CLASS OF 2024—YOU HAVE MADE US ALL PROUD!**

The 2024 cohort faced challenges, embraced new opportunities, and grew in ways that will undoubtedly shape your futures. You have not only gained skills and insights but also formed lasting connections with your peers and mentors. It has been a privilege to witness your resilience, passion, and commitment to personal and professional growth.

While this program has come to an end, I want to remind you that this is just the beginning of your journey. The lessons learned, the networks built, and the confidence gained will carry you forward as you continue to break barriers and make a positive impact in your communities

I am excited to see where the future takes each of you, and I have no doubt that you will continue to inspire those around you.

**CHIDINMA OLI**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



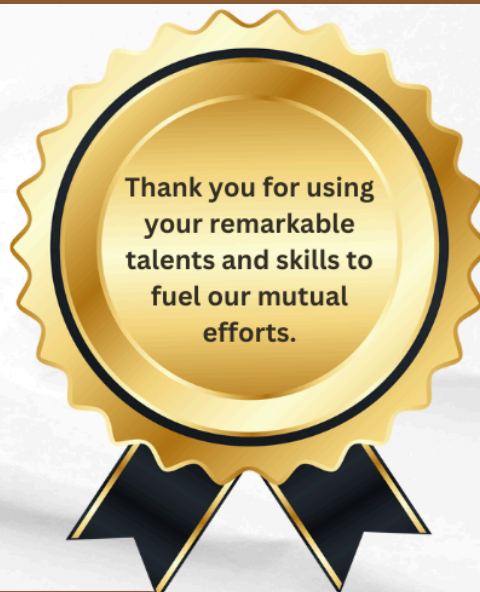
# STARS ON THE WINNING TEAM



**Chidinma Oli**  
Executive Director



**Ojonugwa Abubakar**  
Operations Manager



**Oreoluwa Richard-Ogunyale**  
Administrative and Liason  
Officer/Web Developer



**Bolanle Onilogbo**  
Engagement Officer



**Aurora Oladipupo**  
Designer (UI/UX)



**Marvelous Adekanmi**  
Content Creator



**Jane Bako**  
Communications Manager



**Ogechi Nwachukwu**  
Assistant Administrative  
and Liason Officer







# STARS ON THE WINNING TEAM



**Joan Kambai**  
Communications Intern



**Confidence Jonathan**  
Grants Manager and  
Partnership Coordinator



**Oreoluwa Richard-Ogunyale**  
Administrative and Liaison  
Officer/Web Developer



**Precious Chukwudi**  
Communications Manager



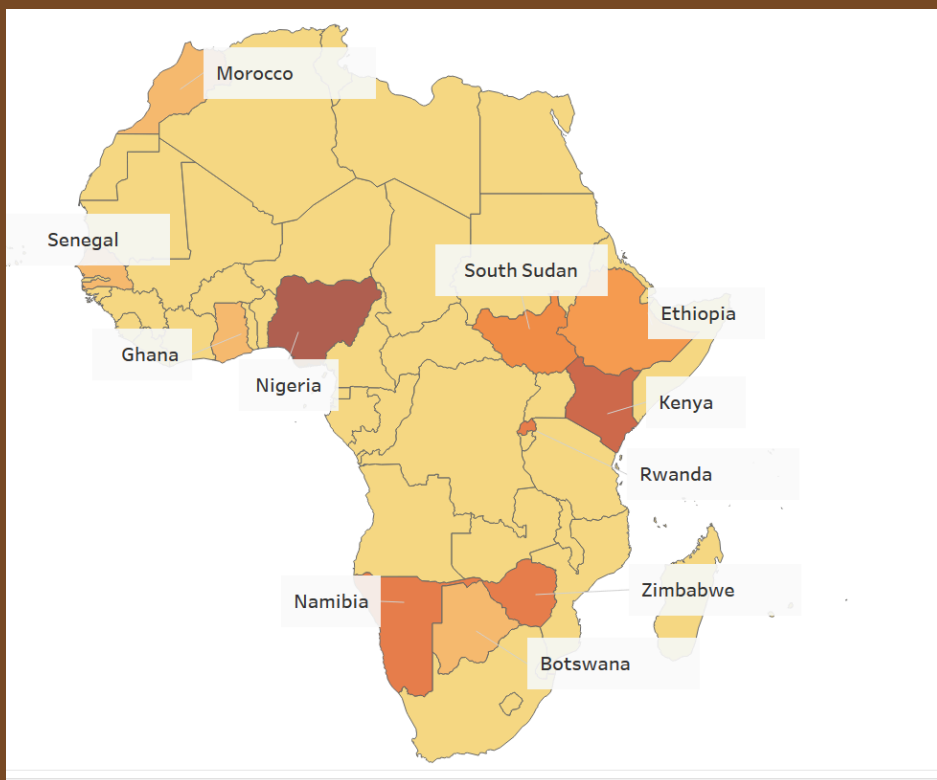
**Chidinma Okoli**  
Grants Manager



**Amaka Okafor**  
Program and Evaluation  
Officer







# OUR REACH

## WE EXTENDED OUR TENTACLES TO MORE AFRICAN WOMEN...

We received 606 mentee and 32 mentor applications from 11 African countries increasing our reach by over 50% from 2024. This growth underscores our continued commitment to empowering more African women and fostering a stronger, more inclusive community across the continent.

# OUR IMPACT

Unlocking Africa...

11 African Countries

44 African women

6 Virtual Mastery  
Sessions

1 Bootcamp and 1  
PitchFest



Yes, we did a thing and  
more.....





# Mentorship Programme 2024 Timeline



## MAR - MAY

Recruitment and Onboarding of program participants (mentors and mentees)



## JUNE

Mentee orientation boot camp commences



## JULY - AUG

One on one mentorship commences



## SEPT

Mentees undertake a personal project or internship



## OCT

Final reports, Project presentations and Graduation

**We had an enriched year...**

# WE HAD INTERESTING VIRTUAL SESSIONS

This year, Inspire Her Afrika hosted a series of dynamic virtual sessions that brought together participants, mentors, and industry experts. These sessions provided a platform for meaningful interactions, skill development, and knowledge sharing

From thought-provoking mastery sessions with trailblazing leaders to interactive workshops designed to build practical skills, our virtual events were more than just meetings—they were transformative experiences.

Participants gained invaluable insights, expanded their networks, and left inspired to make bold strides in their personal and professional journeys.

We are proud to have created a space where African women could connect, learn, and grow, proving that distance is no barrier to meaningful engagement and impactful learning.

## VIRTUAL MASTERY SESSION ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERIES

*From Idea to Enterprise...*



Date  
31st August 2024



Time  
3:00PM (WAT)



Location  
<https://bit.ly/IdeaToEnterpriseWorkshop>



**FAVOUR OKOLIE**  
Business Development Professional

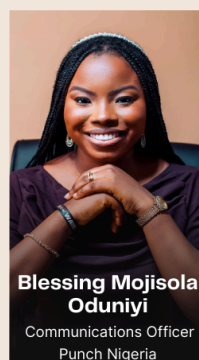
## Transitioning Careers



**Chinenye Adeleye**  
Executive Director  
Volunteers Hub Africa



**Tobi Dele-Safa**  
Technical Product  
Manager



**Blessing Mojisola Oduniyi**  
Communications Officer  
Punch Nigeria





# WE HAD AMAZING CONVERSATIONS

## ONE EPISODE AT A TIME!

This year, our podcast became the perfect space for bold, authentic, and inspiring conversations. From sharing personal victories to tackling real-life challenges, every episode brought something fresh, fun, and empowering to the table. Tune in and join the vibe!

# PitchFest 2024

## OUR FIRST PITCHFEST

*A Celebration of Innovation and Ambition*

0 African Women

&

2 Winners Will Emerge

5 Top Industry Women



**Jane Biko**  
Communication and Social Media Expert



**Chinwendu Ojinmah**  
Founder (GME EMPIRE) & Author



**Memory Mabuku**  
Field Epidemiologist



**Chidinma Oli**  
Co-Founder and Executive Director, Inspire Her Afrika



**Bolanle Onilogbo**  
Communication Specialist



**Amaka Okafor**  
Program Officer, Data Entry specialist

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 12pm (WAT)  
28th Sept, 2024

REGISTER NOW

<https://bit.ly/IHAPitchFest>



We hosted our very first Pitchfest, an exhilarating event that showcased the creativity, resilience, and entrepreneurial spirit of African women. Participants had the opportunity to present their innovative ideas and ventures to a panel of seasoned judges and an engaged audience.

The Pitchfest not only provided a platform for visibility and recognition but also fostered connections and opened doors to opportunities that will propel these ventures forward. It was more than a competition—it was a celebration of the power of ideas and the strength of African women.



# WE TOOK BOLD STEPS...

*We launched our First Mentee Training Bootcamp....*

## SUPER TRAINEES FROM OUR BOOTCAMP



**Ibukunoluwa Oluotanmi**

## **Tell us briefly about yourself**

My name is Ibukunoluwa Zainab Oluotanmi, a recent B.Sc. Geography graduate with a passion for data analytics, and environmental sustainability. I aspire to use data-driven approaches to address environmental challenges and advocate for sustainable practices.

## **What inspired you to stay active during the BootCamp?**

My inspiration came from the quality of trainers and the engaging content provided throughout the BootCamp. The opportunity to learn new skills and interact with like-minded individuals motivated me to participate actively and contribute to discussions.

## **What would you like young women like yourself to know about Inspire Her Afrika?**

I want young women to know that Inspire Her Afrika is a fantastic platform for growth and empowerment. It provides invaluable resources, networks, and opportunities to develop skills that can shape their future. Staying engaged and taking full advantage of these opportunities can pave the way for personal and professional success.



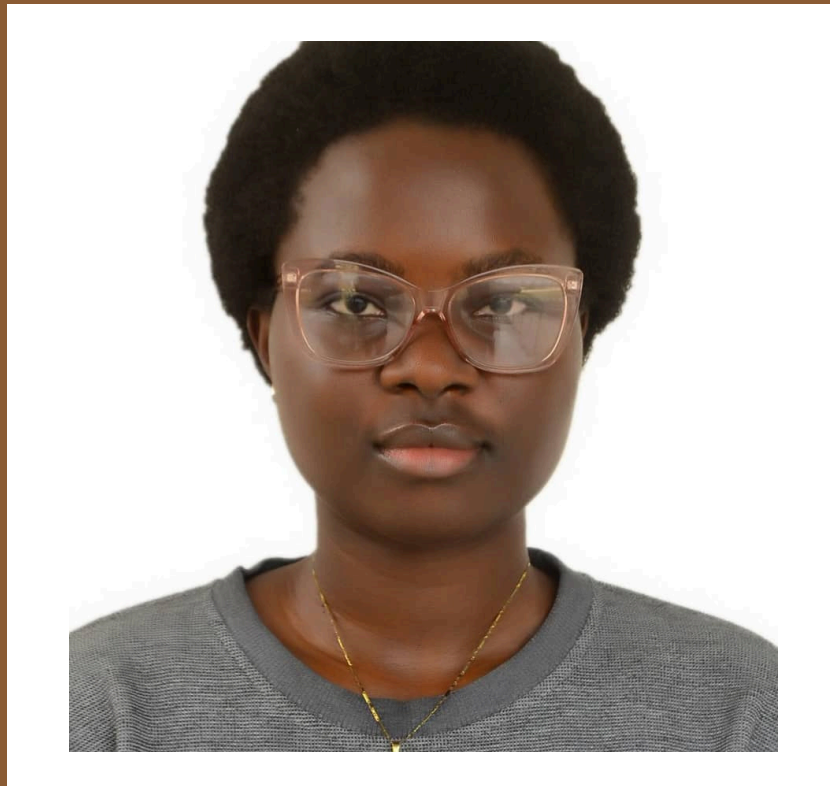
## What would you like young women like yourself to know about Inspire Her Afrika?

Inspire Her Afrika is more than just a training platform; it is a community of empowerment. It offers invaluable resources, unwavering support, and a network of inspiring individuals committed to both personal and professional development. The collective wisdom and encouragement found within this community foster a nurturing environment where growth and achievement are celebrated. I encourage young women to seize this incredible opportunity to enhance their personal skills, broaden their horizons and propel their professional journeys forward.

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**Koyonne Ufe**

## **Tell us briefly about yourself**

Describing myself is challenging because there is more to who I am than I can capture in words. However, I will say that I am an organized and resilient individual with an enthusiasm for continuous learning and personal growth. With a background in healthcare administration and three years of experience, I have developed a solid understanding of healthcare operations and have managed to cultivate skills relevant to my prospective career. Currently, I am focusing on upskilling through various courses and the Inspire Her Afrika program, which is instrumental in my professional and personal development. I hope to leverage these experiences to become a renowned personality in my prospective career field.

## **What inspired you to stay active during the BootCamp?**

What inspired me to stay active during the BootCamp was my desire to maximize every opportunity for growth and learning. I believe in seeing commitments through to the end and doing so with excellence. From the outset, I was committed to fully immersing myself in the program, recognizing that the skills and connections I would acquire could significantly impact my future. The vision of what I hoped to achieve kept me motivated and eager to engage actively, knowing that my participation was also a way to expand my professional network and open doors to new opportunities.





# CELEBRATING SUCCESS: OUR GRADUATION CEREMONY

We marked a proud milestone with our graduation ceremony, honoring the incredible achievements of our participants. It was a joyous celebration of growth, resilience, and the bright futures ahead. Together, we applauded their journey and welcomed them into the Inspire Her Afrika alumni family!

# MENTOR Speaks....

Being on the IHA Mentorship Programme was an opportunity to give what I couldn't receive at the start of my career and the reason why I believe this programme is a vital one especially for young African women in a very competitive world.



**GERTRUDE ASUMADU**

As a mentor, I have the exclusive opportunity to guide, motivate, inspire and offer constructive feedback to mentees with through one to one meetings, weekly tasks, offering feedback on mock interviews and speaking on my activism experience on the IHA podcast. I realised that I had so much to offer and did not want to hold back.

I believe in empowering the next generation of young women leaders both in their personal and professional development. Though I am still not 'there' yet and gradually discovering myself, setting new standards for myself and breaking them, I believe that this is a trait I want young women to have and also I want to be remembered for.

**Thank you IHA for the opportunity to make an impact and this incredible initiative. I'm positive it will continue to inspire generations and make an incredible impact on the global stage**



# MENTOR Speaks....

Starting out as an entrepreneur in June 2009, at the young age of 25, I envisaged a multimillion dollar empire by the time I was 35!.

## \* EMMA MANTEY

Well, that by all means was a good dream but little did I know the journey would have lots of turns, bumps, crossroads, junctions and even breaks/stops because there was a point in time, I had to sit back, roll up, put up the closed sign to simply have a rethink of all this entrepreneurship thingy. That's where I came to the conclusion that the one important part of this entrepreneurship journey which I missed early on, was to have a business mentor/coach when starting off, to guide you through even your IDEA GENERATION stage. I made conscious efforts to sign up for entrepreneurial training and mentorship programs online and in-person. That's when I will say my life as an entrepreneur changed. I realized the benefits of mentorship in changing my thinking which reflected in my personality and approach in doing business.

I have since become an advocate for young entrepreneurs to have business mentorship in the early stage of their entrepreneurial career



# MENTOR Speaks Con't....



**EMMA MANTEY**

Inspire Her Afrika's Mentorship Program for young female entrepreneurs is one of such Mentorship programs I will recommend to every young lady interested in becoming a successful entrepreneur. The deliberate approach to shaping the minds of mentees is something to be admired and I believe any mentee who took their sessions with their mentors seriously, will definitely make impact in their business. you wake up to an idea or a thought on how to provide solution to a problem which can be scaled or/and monetized, please know you are one of the few special people here on earth.

To my fellow mentors, another season is over, more to come. Let's keep learning and keep sharing and pouring ourselves into these bright minds, Africa needs them! Our dear mentees, you have the rare opportunity to avoid mistakes that cost some of us money, time and almost a lifetime to figure out, so do make the maximum use of all the feedback and guidance you have received. To the Inspire Africa Team, you ROCK! Let's do this again!!

# MENTEE Speaks....

## *My Journey as a Mentee at Inspire her Afrika*

My Journey with InspireHer Afrika was amazing it helped me grow personally and professionally, specifically it helped me improve my communication skills as well as boosted my self confidence. Through InspireHer Africa mentorship program I have gotten an idea on how to grow professionally



**JOHANNA NGWALI**

## ***Tell us about your project and who your mentor is***

I hosted a career development workshop on resume tailoring as well as writing cover letters and how one can prepare for an interview which provided valuable resources and support to recent graduates in Public Health and administrative fields. By equipping participants with essential skills. My mentor is Elizabeth Kashindi

# MENTEE Speaks....

## *My Journey as a Mentee at Inspire her Afrika*

My journey as a mentee began with curiosity and evolved into a transformative experience. Under my mentor's guidance, I discovered that "you are your brand" and learned to carry myself with confidence. With her support, I expanded my network, developed my ability to seek advice, and navigated challenges.



## UCHENNA CYNTHIA

My mentor helped me overcome obstacles, particularly with time management, by balancing project commitments and suggesting a focused approach combining reading activities with English assignments.

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Earned one additional certification
- Currently completing another certification
- Mastered time management and organization
- Built confidence in reaching out to professionals
- Set achievable goals aligned with my vision

### **Impact:**

- Improved reading habits among participants
- Enhanced comprehension and vocabulary skills
- Fostered a love for learning and exploration

# MENTEE Speaks....

## *My Journey as a Mentee at Inspire her Afrika*

One month to the end of my National Youth Service, I was stuck in my head as to what next after NYSC, I knew what I wanted was to get a Job or get a scholarship to further my education but I didn't have the tiniest idea on how to go about it. I came across Inspire Her Afrika's Mentee call and I answered 😊. Thank God I did.



**JO'AN KAMBAI**

My journey as a mentee has been transformative. I've developed essential skills that have catapulted me to the next level. Thanks to the weekly task, I've developed my time management skills, learning to prioritize tasks and manage multiple projects simultaneously. I've uncovered hidden strengths, confronted challenges head-on, and discovered the power of resilience. Through targeted guidance and support, I've developed a growth mindset, embracing lifelong learning. Through this experience, I've refined my goals, mastered the art of networking, and cultivated self-awareness. These gains have empowered me to navigate uncertainty and pursue my passions with purpose. Being paired with a mentor that is currently where I aspire to be professionally and academically was the best part of this mentorship program for me, she taught me amongst many other things that everything is achievable as long as I commit to it and work hard.



# MENTEE Speaks....

## *My Journey as a Mentee at Inspire her Afrika*

Initially, I set a personal goal to find a mentor, and fortunately, the IHA program provided that opportunity. During this time, I have acquired valuable skills in personal branding, networking, project management, and proposal writing, among others.



**GRACE ALBIDA**

These skills have significantly improved my leadership capabilities, enabling me to manage projects more effectively and provide constructive feedback that helps others grow. The knowledge and skills I gained were invaluable, and the experience taught me the significance of continuous learning and adaptability in an ever-evolving world.

Moreover, networking with professionals from diverse backgrounds opened my eyes to different perspectives and ideas. Engaging in meaningful conversations and collaborations broadened my understanding and inspired innovative thinking. This experience underscored the importance of building a supportive and diverse network. Moving forward, I am committed to seeking out and embracing new challenges, knowing that each opportunity is a stepping stone towards greater growth and success. Lastly, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to IHA for orchestrating such a powerful program aimed at empowering women from diverse backgrounds

# PROJECT SHOWCASE

## Smart Budget Buddy Expense Tracker

The Smart Budget Buddy is an intuitive, spreadsheet-based expense tracker designed to help individuals manage their daily finances while fostering consistent saving habits.

The tool addresses two common challenges: difficulty in tracking daily expenses and failure to save regularly. The unique "Save as You Spend" feature encourages users to allocate a small portion of their expenditure toward savings each time they log an expense.

## IBUKUNOLUWA OLUOTANMI



## ESTHER KHADIOLI AKALWA

### Her Growth Project

The aim of this project was to teach, to guide and to inspire the young ladies to be the change they desire to see in their space, family, community, society, country, continent and world at large through education, mentorship and equipping them with relevant leadership skills.

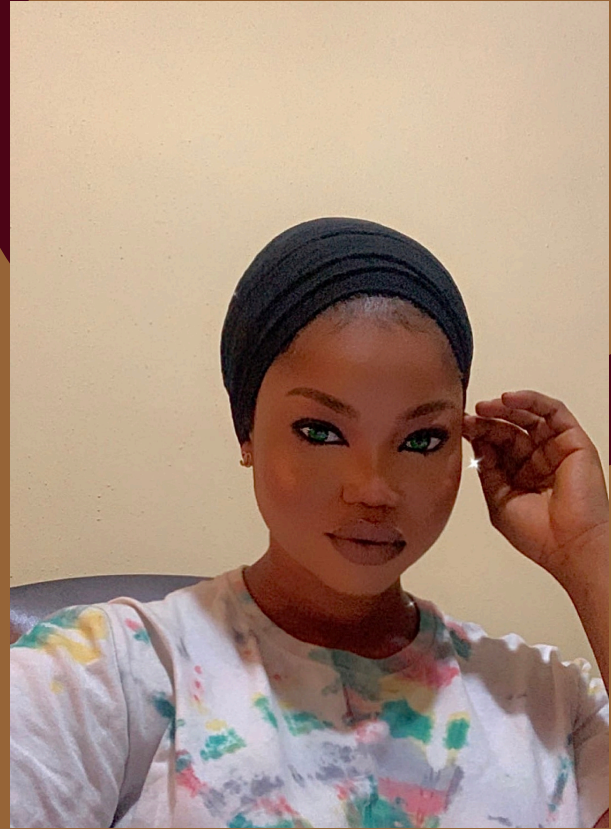
The key focus is on Education and Leadership. Education is the key and the way out and with knowledge, we can change the world to be a better place more so in Kenya, a step at a time.

# PROJECT SHOWCASE

## EmpowerNet Project

EmpowerNet is a platform designed to offer free access to education, mentorship, and mental health support for underserved communities. It aims to empower individuals by providing them with tools to improve their skills and well-being

## BARAKAT ADEWOLE



## ELIZABETH ANANIAS

*Promoting Awareness and Coping Strategies for Depression and anxiety among young professionals and students*

This project is focused on promoting mental health awareness, focusing specifically on depression and anxiety in student and young professionals. The reason for choosing this is, there are so many cases related to mental health nowadays whether is suicide attempts or mental breakdown.





# JOHANNA NGWALI

*Empower to advance: Career Development for Young Professionals: A Seminar*

Empowering Career Development for Graduates is a project aimed at equipping recent Public Health and administrative graduates with essential career advancement skills. Many young professionals face challenges in transitioning from education to employment, often due to a lack of knowledge in key areas such as crafting impactful resumes, cover letters, and mastering interview techniques. This initiative seeks to bridge that gap by offering practical training, resources, and support.



# GRACE ALBIDAH

*Inclusive Policies, Inclusive Society: Promoting Women's Rights at the Policy Level*

This project aims to promote girls and women's rights by implementing inclusive policies, addressing barriers and inequalities, and creating a more inclusive society. The project will develop an inclusive policy framework, raise awareness, implement and monitor policies, and build capacity among stakeholders.





# UCHENNA CYNTHIA

## *Empowering kids through story telling*

Empower kids (ages 5-10) by enhancing reading, comprehension, critical thinking and communication. Key Activities include: Book club sessions, Group discussions and Team based projects



# SUSAN OYERIBHOR

## *Own a School Project: SDG Awareness Initiative*

An educational initiative at Lycée privé la Reveille, Ouagadougou Burkina Faso, with a focus on promoting SDG awareness among secondary school students, targeting 30 participating students. They key components include SDG education and club establishment





*Thank You*  
**MENTORS**  
**2024**

# MENTORS WALL OF FAME

## OUR HERO MENTORS

Tejuoso Tejumade

Anang Didam

Bolanle Onilogbo

Tinuade Oguntuyi

Memory Mabuku

Kate Eze

Oluwadamilola  
Aurora Oladipupo

Izuchukwu Chime

Emma Akua  
Mantey

Ojonugwa  
Abubakar

Sadiya Badamasi

Gertrude Asumadu

Chinwendu  
Ojinmah

Jennifer Meiza

Temitope  
Fapojuwo

Toluwase  
Ologundudu

Elizabeth Kashindi

Anthonia  
Okanlawon

Grace Oshiname

Nnedinma  
Nwadinobi





step by step

we will

get there

**One African woman at a time....**





See you in 2025





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