

MULTI-SKILL AFRICA

NEWSLETTER



"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today"

- Franklin D. Roosevelt.

INTRODUCTION

A happy November to you!! We are glad to come your way again. The third quarter of 2024 was unique, moving us in the direction of achieving our vision of empowering entrepreneurially minded African young people who will contribute to the growth and development of their communities and promote all-round sustainability.

In this newsletter, we are happy to share the following updates from the MSTP Africa Workstation with you and we hope you have an exciting time reading through.



STAFF EXPANSION

The first year of the MSTP was a huge success, more so it was our take-off year. That year, the program covered only JSS2 with a maximum of eighty students per class. With the premier set now in JSS 3, we have a deluge of students promoted to JSS2. In total, JSS2 and JSS3 students make a population of 2015 in 59 classes as against 18 classes on ground last year.

This justifies the need for additional Vocational Instructors to support the new classes. The training program for Vocational Instructors was aimed at equipping both the old and new tutors and previewing with them, the MSTP curriculum for the new term. The technical aspect of the curriculum focused on Workshop Engineering Techniques (WET), Food Processing Techniques (FPT), Gardening, Nursery and Agriculture Techniques (GNAT), Energy and Environment (E&E) while the pedagogy session focused on Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Lesson Planning and Classroom Management. In all, 19 Vocational Instructors were trained and deployed to the MSTP Schools.

Pictorial Excerpts from the Two Weeks of Training of the Trainers (ToT)



WET: Bricklaying Training Class.



Instructors displaying culinary arts during an FPT practical session.



Vocational instructor drilling a hole during the WET Session.



Vocational instructors mixing the recipe for cake during FPT session.



Vocational instructors receiving lecture at the MSTP Farm during GNAT Session.



Energy & Environment Session

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Vocational instructors planting seeds at the MSTP Farm.



Vocational instructors mixing the recipe for cake during FPT session.



Vocational instructor cutting wood during the WET Session.



Vocational instructors having launch.



Vocational instructors clearing and cultivating MSTP Farmland during GNAT Session.

COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION INSPECTION OF MSTP PROGRAM



**Entrepreneur Session
MSTP AFRICA PRODUCTS**

The MSTP Africa team, alongside the Commissioner for Education, Mr. Akindolire, participated in the closing ceremony of the Training of Trainers (ToT) program. Mr. Akindolire officially launched the MSTP farm at St. Louis Girls' Grammar School in Akure. The initiative aims to foster entrepreneurship among teenagers in secondary schools across the state. During the event, items produced during the practical classes of the ToT were presented to the Honourable Commissioner and his team members for sale. Mr. Laolu Akindolire led the purchase of the MSTP products, and others followed suit. This event marks a significant step toward promoting entrepreneurship and agricultural initiatives in schools, equipping students with essential skills for future success.



MSTP CEO Marketing the MSTP products to the Commissioner



Vocational instructor-Amos Tolu receives a prize for distinguish contribution to the ToT.

ToT CLOSING CEREMONY

The TOT ended with a thrilling closing ceremony having in attendance the Ondo State Honourable Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Mr. Laolu Akindolire. The event was more than a mere closing ceremony for the TOT. There was launching of the MSTP farms at St. Louis Girls' Grammar School, Akure and there was also a keynote speaker, Dr. Olugbenga Ogidan whose session on food security in Nigeria sparked-off new ideas regarding Smart Irrigation in all MSTP Farms.



Commissioner's Speech at the ToT Closing Ceremony



Commissioner Laolu Akindolire and other guests inspecting MSTP facilities at St Louis Girls Grammar School.



Presentation of Tomatoes harvested at St Louis Girls Grammar School to the MSTP CEO by the Lead Instructor



Photography Session at the end of the ToT closing ceremony.

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NEWS

September 15, 2024

Ondo Govt directs secondary schools to establish farms, embrace entrepreneurship

By Dayo Johnson, Akure



The Ondo State Government has instructed all secondary schools in the state to establish farms and promote entrepreneurship. Education Commissioner, Hon Laolu Akindolire, stated that this initiative will address food scarcity and equip students with essential skills.

Akindolire emphasized the importance of practical skills in areas like agriculture, food processing, and entrepreneurship to combat unemployment and promote socio-economic development. He commended the Multiskill Teenpreneurship Program (MSTP) for its focus on empowering students to become self-reliant and contribute to their communities.

The Commissioner suggested that Nigeria's food crisis could be alleviated if all secondary schools established farms as part of their agricultural science curriculum. He called for increased collaboration between the government, NGOs, and philanthropists to support educational initiatives and enhance students' entrepreneurial potential.

Dr. Olugbenga Ogidan, an associate professor at Elizade University, highlighted the importance of irrigation practices in modern farming. He lamented the underutilization of arable land, leading to food scarcity despite abundant resources.

Wale Akinyanmi, CEO of the Multi-Skills Program, stated that the MSTP Farm will play a crucial role in promoting food security in the state. He noted that the program has reached over 600 students across nine secondary schools and aims to equip instructors with necessary skills.

Akinyanmi emphasized the need for farms to adopt smart irrigation systems to mitigate the effects of climate change and increase yields."

SCHOOLS RESUME FOR THE 2024/2025 SESSION

The second year of the MSTP Africa project in Ondo State started with great optimism. We are delighted to report that the first term commenced on a positive note in all the 9 pilot schools.



Students of Anglican Grammar School Igbara-Oke displaying the DC electricity box they produced at the EE-Energy & Environment class..



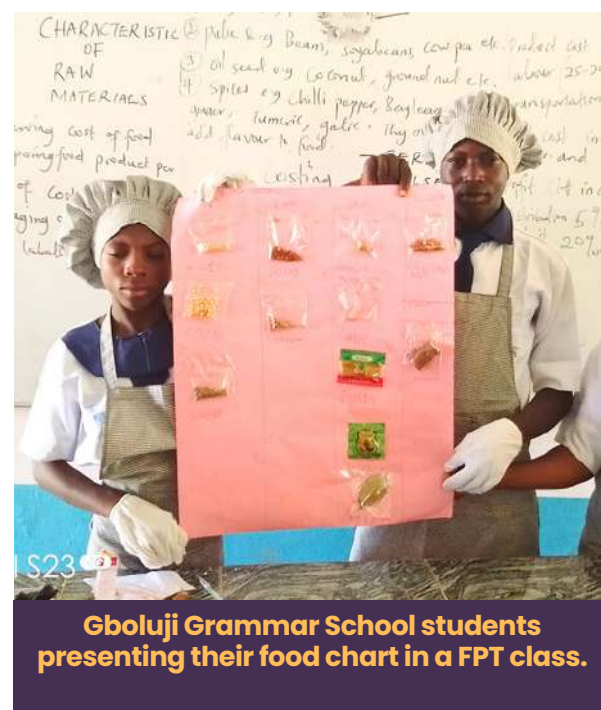
WET: St Louis Girls in a bricklaying session



Students of Manuwa in a Food Processing Techniques (FPT) Class.



Students hands on practical Independence Grammar School, FPT. Ondo, Ondo State, Nigeria.



Gboluji Grammar School students presenting their food chart in a FPT class.

SCHOOLS RESUME FOR THE 2024/2025 SESSION



WET-Workshop and Engineering Techniques class at Oyenusi Grammar School.



GNAT- Gardening Nursery and Agric Techniques Session at Springtide Secondary School, Igbatoro.



GNAT Class: Students of Greater Tomorrow International School filling the Tomato Nursery tray.



WET-Workshop and Engineering Techniques class at Imade College, Owo: Bricklaying in action.



EE-Energy & Environment Class at Owo,

PROGRAM EXPANSION AND PARTNERSHIP



Dr. Ogidan delivering his keynote address with the Commissioner, MSTP CEO and the Head, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Department of the Ministry of Education listening with apt attention.



DR. OGIDAN VISITS THE MSTP WORKSTATION

Dr. Ogidan of Elizade University, flanked on the left by MSTP Project Coordinator, Paul Ademujimi and on the right by MSTP CEO, Wale Akinyanmi.

Recall that Dr. Olugbenga Ogidan, a renowned agricultural expert and Associate Professor at Elizade University, was the keynote speaker at the launching ceremony of MSTP Africa Farm and the closing ceremony of our Train the Trainers (ToT) at St. Louis Girls Grammar School. In his keynote address, Dr. Ogidan emphasized the critical role of agriculture in Africa's economic development and highlighted the potential of innovative farming practices to improve food security and create sustainable livelihoods.

He commended MSTP Africa for its commitment to empowering young people with agricultural skills and knowledge. As a follow-up to the challenge thrown by Dr. Ogidan at the ceremony, The MSTP Africa has established a strategic partnership with Elizade University to collaborate on Smart Agriculture initiatives. This collaboration aims to leverage technology and research to enhance the efficiency and productivity of MSTP Africa Farms in the 9 pilot schools. The MSTP team followed-up Dr. Ogidan's visit with a tour of the Elizade University Farms where he demonstrated the Smart Irrigation initiative.

2024 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

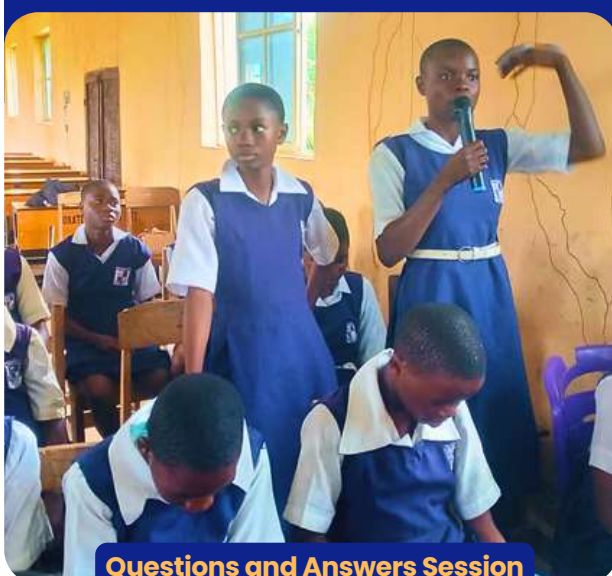
On October 10, 2024. The MSTP Africa partnered with the Kids and Teens Resource Centre to celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child, with the theme - "Girls' with Vision for the Future". The programme featured MSTP Africa Girls at Anglican Grammar School, Igbara-Oke. Key activities included an inspiring keynote address, by Mrs. Priscilla Adewumi representing the MSTP CEO, practical life skills workshop, a session on personal growth, and a panel discussion. The event empowered the girls with the knowledge and skills necessary for their future.



Impacting the Students at Anglican Grammar School, Igbara Oke, Ondo State, Nigeria.



Excited AGS Igbara-Oke students reacting to the lecture.



Questions and Answers Session



Enlightenment and sensitization sessions Mercy of Kids & Teens.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In furtherance of the vision of Ondo State Government to promote Entrepreneurship Education at all levels, the Entrepreneurship Desk in the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology was upgraded to a full-fledged department.

On the 1st of August 2024, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Oki was announced the pioneer Head, Department of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

A seasoned Education Officer, Mrs. Oki is an alumna of Nigeria's premier university - the University of Ibadan. She earned a B.Ed. in Adult Education (with Chemistry) in 1995 and an M.Ed. in Educational Management in 2017. Mrs. Oki began her career with the Ondo State Civil Service as an Education Officer in 1999 and has made remarkable contributions across various departments over the years.



Mrs. Oluwatoyin Oki

A creative, innovative and dexterous officer, Mrs. Oki has been a resource base for the MSTP project, mediating on its behalf across sectors and facilitating improved relations between MSTP and the Pilot Schools. Mrs. Toyin Oki is driven by a passion for nurturing and empowering the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators. She is a great inspiration for excellence and creativity in education.

LEND A HAND INDIA in Africa, Nigeria, Ondo State.

Before venturing into Africa, Lend A Hand India, a non-profit organization had concentrated its efforts on the educational sector in India, working at the intersection of education and livelihood to provide youth employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Lend A Hand India has for over 16 years focused on integrating vocational education with mainstream education at secondary education levels towards making schooling more meaningful and interesting for students within the ages of 14 to 18.

To accomplish these goals LAHI sets up labs with requisite tools and equipment, recruits and trains qualified vocational trainers. LAHI arranges internship opportunities for the students and gets them assessed and certified. This is followed by placement support. Students are also provided internship opportunities with small or micro-enterprises to help them gain real-life exposure to the "World of Work" while still in their teens.



MSTP Proprietors - Lawrence & Wale - with Anujit & Sunanda of LAHI.

This is exactly what LAHI is set to achieve in Africa, and this has begun, starting from Nigeria and precisely Ondo State where LAHI is partnering with the duo of ACCENT Entrepreneurship Development Initiative and Springboard Nigeria, proprietors of the Multiskills Teenpreneurship Program. The beginning of the 2024/2025 academic year marks a full year of LAHI-sponsored year in Ondo State. You can bet that this is just the beginning. Greater testimonies are around the corner.

Thank you LAHI. Others are welcome to join us in empowering teens and building their futures.

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