

**SALESIANS OF ST JOHN BOSCO, AFW - NIGERIA
PROJECT & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**



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The Salesians of Don Bosco, as an organization has made huge impact in its contribution to TVET development/promotion of skills acquisition, youth empowerment, girl-child education, provision of health services to vulnerable groups, creating access to employment/jobs, rehabilitation of street children, social pastoral, education, community development, advocacy, assistance to children, youth & women at-risk and youth animation.

For over 10 years, the Salesians of Don Bosco have given time, talent, energy, funds and love to the at-risk children, commonly known as Street Children. After the laudable impact achieved in Ibadan, Oyo State (Southwest Nigeria), the organisation deemed it appropriate to establish another home for the Street Children in Lagos State in 2018. Known as Bosco Boys Home, the two centres of Ibadan and Lagos have catered for, rehabilitated and imparted thousands of children, both in the house and on the streets. With the help of the States governments, relevant ministries, security agents, social workers and professional counsellors, the organisation has been able to regularly reach out to hundreds of vulnerable children in the streets, plus those in the Homes. These street children are provided shelter, education, nutrition, medical care, training, rehabilitation and skills. For a better future and society, they need your support.

Reaching Out to Abandoned Children



Providing Jobs through Tailoring

With the entrance of Coronavirus into the global structure, with its ugly and debilitating impact, many job losses, high unemployment rate and increased poverty have been recorded worldwide. In Nigeria, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been drastic and damaging, especially loss of jobs, shut down of businesses, hunger, economic downturn, unemployment and increased poverty. In response to this unfortunate reality, the Salesians of Don Bosco with the support of donors and its Mission Offices initiated the provision of skills in tailoring for poor, unemployed young girls and women who desire to learn a skill as a panacea to joblessness. After three months of intense training (between November and March 2021), the trained 20 girls have entered into internship for more professional guides, then they will be offered appropriate starter packs for self-employment. The second set of trainees will commence training in April, 2021. Initiative sponsored by Missioni Don Bosco, Turin.



Candidates who took part in the empowerment program put on beautiful dresses made by them for their final project. Currently, they are having their internship program in various fashion houses in Lagos.



Don Bosco Football Academy

In a bid to empower young people with skills and promote talent discovery, Don Bosco Youth Centre Akure Ondo State has moved a step forward to initiate the Don Bosco Football Academy. Notably, the continued high-rate of unemployment among our teeming young people across the nation has caused frustration, depression, depravity and the increasing rate of crime and other social vices. In response to this, the Salesians of Don Bosco have trained several young people in technical and vocational education in order to help curb the menace of unemployment and joblessness. But beyond the provision of education, the organisation has also expended energy through the youth centres to promote sports and games for the animation of the young people. The Don Bosco Football Academy has become a platform for talent discovery, promotion of personal skills, ground for enhancement of physical fitness, building of personal character and virtue, to groom talented youth for a professional football career as well as share and spread the Don Bosco spirit of love.



"Run, Jump, Shout, but do not sin" – Don Bosco

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