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WHO WE ARE AT CHIZOBA SOLAR INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (CSIF)?

It is noteworthy that a larger percentage of the total number of the unemployed in Africa are primarily youths (Rufai, Bin Kamin & Balash 2013; Salami 2013; Emeh 2013). One of the panaceas of sustainable development is youth empowerment, particularly because youths are seen as the greatest human resources of any society (Armstrong 2009; African Youth Decade 2011; Akintayo and Adiat 2013).

These alarming, yet increasing statistics of youth unemployment in Africa reflects the magnitude of the problem we faced with particularly in Nigeria.

Nigeria truly needs development and prosperity but this can possibly be achieved by investing in the youths since they possess all it takes to foster a long-term development. As Adiat, and Akintayo (2018) stated in their research that “Nigerian youth empowerment and development is pivotal to economic growth and national development,” we, at CSIF, are determined to empower every Nigerian youth thus, making them relevant both nationally and internationally.

This is why we emphasize a program cum structure that most clearly encompasses youth development from birth to adulthood (SDG 4) and also describe the relevance of developmental science to the other goals. **The focus of SDG 4 is to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”**

These opportunities include: Solar Installation and Maintenance, Electrical/Electronic Installation and Maintenance, ICT, Sewing/Fashion Designing, Catering, and Soap Making.



“The process of youth empowerment is centered on the attitudinal, structural and cultural dimensions of an individual whereby he/she gains the ability, authority and agency for taking decisions and implementing change in his/her own life” (Tope, 2011). It is the yearning and burning desire for the youths to gain unlimited ability that prompts CSIF not to be limited to just one medium of empowerment – Solar Installation and Maintenance – because the development must cut across every aspect of the youth’s life.

We also train in other high-income skills which include Electrical and Electronics Installation, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) [Website Design, Graphics Design, Computer Programming], Sewing/Fashion Designing, Catering, and Soap Making. These skills make the students relevant in the society they live.



Effective youth empowerment can be realized when the youths don’t only stay at the periphery of the various skills they are empowered with. They must necessarily ensure that they enhance the skills by upgrading and building themselves from time to time so that they can control, influence or cope with their socio-economic roles. Empowerment is what “creates conducive environment for an individual by enhancing motivation to perform” (Adiat and Akintayo, 2013).

Observing the UNESCO Youth Strategy (2014), CSIF adopts this strategy by emphasizing “to invest in research, policies and programme for creating an enabling and rights-based environment for young people to thrive and ensure the prosperity of society” (Souter, 2014). Herein lies the reason CSIF goes out of her way to make sure the youths around and beyond Nnewi are trained to spearhead development in their various fields.

We at CSIF agree with Adiat and Akintayo (2013) that if developing countries like Nigeria yearn for development and prosperity, then they need to invest in their youths. “That is why now there is an increasing realization among world leaders and policy makers for astonishingly undeserved and unheard youth” (International Rescue Committee, 2012).

It has always been the goal of CSIF to not only breed students who are quite independent of their parents’/guardians’ total care but also equip them with the necessary skills that will make them useful in their society - Self-realization and economic recovery, lifting others in the society from



dungeon of poverty and make them associate with highflyers in the industry of their various chosen skills.



It is our training at CSIF that empowered Promise Nwadialu, a graduate from the Electrical department of the foundation, to be able to carry out domestic wiring without supervision. In fact, he is now financially independent. Due to his love for the foundation and all that she has to offer, currently he has demonstrated a huge interest now in Solar Installation and Maintenance.

Also, the Administrative Secretary, Ogechukwu Adotama, got interested in the training when she saw that students from the foundation are excelling in their various skill acquisition and after one year of training in the Sewing/Fashion Designing department of the foundation, she can now cut and sew independently and excellently for clients of her choice with reasonable profit.



Chizoba Solar International Foundation is fully loaded with the necessary requirements that will make you a professional in your dream skill. Not only do we empower you to make you independent, we empower you to enable you empower others.



Essentially, at Chizoba Solar International Foundation (CSIF), we are a Non-Governmental Organization that specializes in youth growth, development and ultimately empowerment

Come and register now at 43, Metuh Road, Umuanuka, Otolo Nnewi, Anambra state, Nigeria. We will open on Tuesday, the 10th of January, 2023 between 8 am and 4:30 pm.

At CSIF, your growth and development is our concern.

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