



THREE WEEKS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT (SKILLS ACQUISITION) PROGRAM

Introduction

In 2019, EPDI conducted first Empowerment/Skills Acquisition program for female young adults in which about thirteen persons participated fully and were equipped in different skills.

The program couldn't hold last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

EPDI put this package together to equip young females with knowledge and skills for positive development.

This year's program held from August 2-20, 2021 at MEPOL Primary and Secondary School, 3/5, Odozi Street, Ojodu/Berger, Lagos

Theme: "Equip for Excellence"

Objectives:

- Empower participants with Entrepreneurial skills for self-employment
- Engage them in meaningful activities and thereby keep them from harmful behaviours due to idleness
- Imbibe good character that will help them stand the test of time through life transforming talks/discussions
- Equip them with knowledge and skills to become Peace Educators/Ambassadors to their peers and others

This year over thirty teenagers, including males, participated in the three weeks program, with about ten participating all through the three weeks of the program. This is due to the fact that some youths are more interested in certain skills, for example, we had the highest number of participants in the second week of the training.

Activities

- Talks/Discussions
 - The 4Ds of Success (Dream/Vision, Design/Plan, Determination/Bold, Depend on God)
 - Education – Examination Malpractice
 - Peace Education
 - Healthy Lifestyle
 - Developing Savings Habit

"A man on a mission without a vision will end up in division"
- Skills Acquisition
 - Hygiene Products (Liquid Soap, Disinfectant, Air Freshener, Bleach)
 - Catering (Snacks – Eggroll & Chinchin)
 - Jewelry (Wireworks and Beads)
 - Hats and Accessories (Hat, Turban, Fascinator, Headband, Ribbons, among others)

Closing Ceremony

The three-week program was rounded off with a closing ceremony where participants showcased all that they had done, and to celebrate the success of the program.

Comments from Participants

- I have learnt some things like catering. I have also learnt how to do away with bad habits. *Nene Aniefiok*
- I've learnt how to read ahead of examinations, respect others, save for future purpose and keep myself pure.
Akinyemi Tosin
- How to make something in life – good friends, savings, live healthy and wealthy and respect others.
Akinyemi Eniola
- I have learnt more skills and to teach others, to be creative and to earn money for savings. *Etuk Goodnews*
- I've acquired skills to earn more money, make a living and be creative, and be someone now and in future.
Ohen Peace
- Education is the best legacy and key to success, therefore, I have decided to study my books, have ambitious and moral friends, and read in group. *Oladunni Khadijah*
- Education is a medicine out of poverty, so I have decided to have ambitious friends and have a reading group. Also, I now know how to make fascinator, eggroll and hygiene products. *Aniefiok Michell*

Appreciation

On behalf of the Board and Management of EPDI, I wish to express our profound gratitude to all our:

- Sponsors (Individuals and Corporate), without whom the program would not have been successful
- Guest Speakers
 - (Dr. Rosemary Oyedile (Head of Department Science, WAEC, Ogba, Lagos) and
 - Pastor Segun Oludipe (Director, Association of Christian Schools Int'l, Ogba, Lagos)for their life-transforming and down to earth discussions with the participants, whose comments testified to how much they benefited.
- All Trainers/Team Members (Grace Osadolor, Abiodun Kuyeinde, Lovelyn AKujobi and Atinuke Liasu) for their immense contributions/sacrifice, commitment and resources for the success of the program
- Management and Staff of MEPOL Primary and Secondary School for opening the doors of their premises to us for the training without any cost.
- Pastor Olise, the mobiliser!
- Above all, to God Almighty for His blessings upon us all and safety throughout the program. To Him be all the glory!

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