



FOUNDATION



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REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

2022 was an impactful year for the Murtala Muhammed Foundation. It's been 21 years since we started this transformational journey of empowering Nigerians and Africans.

In 2022, we commemorated the 46th Anniversary of the demise in the office of General Murtala Muhammed (4th Head of State, 1975-1976) with our flagship annual memorial public lecture that attracted cross-generations of leaders from the public and private sector, international organizations/foundations, influential dignitaries from across Nigeria, and the general public.

We were blessed with the opportunity to impact women in business through our long-standing partnership with the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women, UK. Women in business across Nigeria benefitted from the one-year-long free mentorship program in the company of accomplished business experts from across the world.

In our quest to reduce the number of out-of-school children in Nigeria, we partnered with numerous foundations/organizations and individuals to implement our rich education scholarship program.



It is the Foundation's mission to connect Nigerians with opportunities that will leapfrog them out of poverty and avail them of the opportunity to contribute to the growth of Nigeria and the world at large.

I'd like to take the opportunity to appreciate the team that works tirelessly every day to bring to life the vision of the late general for Nigeria and Africa.

I also want to thank our numerous partners who have decided to dedicate resources to the development of this nation.

2022 was an impactful year, and we look forward to a greater 2023 with you by our side.

AISHA MUHAMMED-OYEBODE
CEO



ABOUT US

Murtala Muhammed Foundation (MMF) is a non-profit organization that serves as an advocate and catalyst for empowerment programmes through high-impact interventions on social issues, technology leadership, and governance.



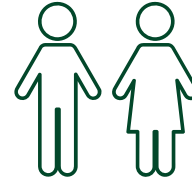
Education



Leadership



Humanitarian Assistance



Women Empowerment

WHO WE ARE

MMF has been at the forefront of implementing sustainable development programs across Africa over the last 21 years. Through the promotion of good institutional behaviors and working with some of the most marginalized groups on the continent.

We have developed a reputation for leading practical and high-impact interventions in Africa. Our ability to mobilize in every state in Nigeria, particularly in areas affected by conflict, has ensured MMF is a trusted partner for many international organizations – including the Cherie Blair Foundation, Sahara Group, the World Bank, and British Airways.



Our Mission is to harness the life-changing potential of technology to build the capacity of the most marginalized communities across Africa.



Our Vision is a world where possibilities and opportunities are the same for everyone, regardless of gender or origin.



CORE VALUES



Learning - We believe that learning from our programs, beneficiaries, partners, and donors is vital to ensuring we are continually growing and improving our work.



Communication - We believe good communication is central to everything we do. We continually work to improve and nurture communication between all of our stakeholders.



Proactivity - We believe in taking a proactive approach to all of our work. Ensuring we are constantly adapting to meet often volatile landscapes and instigating and advocating for change where necessary.



Innovation - we believe that new ideas should inform every discussion we have and every project we plan.



Transparency - We aim to be transparent in everything we do, providing relevant and reliable information to all stakeholders on our performance, governance, and financial situation.



Inclusion - We reach people in the most affected by crisis; inclusion in gender, age, culture in diversity and socio economics.



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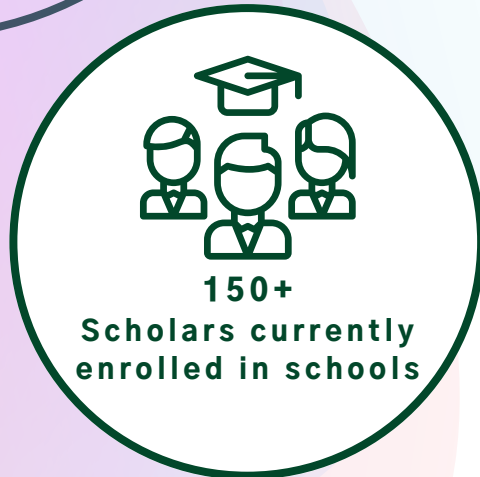
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PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS



**HIGHLIGHTS OF
2022**



46TH COMMEMORATION AND ANNUAL LECTURE

“For my generation of Nigerians, the late General Murtala Muhammed was not only a charismatic leader whose decisive, and no-nonsense, business-unusual style also captured our youthful imagination. Over the years, he has remained an uncommon example of public service through his uncompromising commitment to pursuing the common good. The late General successfully reignited hope in a post-civil war Nigeria that we can aspire to new and greater heights to occupy our rightful place in dignity as a leader in the comity of nations.” Dr. Fayemi said.

On the 23rd of February, 2022, we hosted Governors, Ministers, Military Chiefs, members of the diplomatic corp, International/multilateral organizations, civil society organizations, media, students, and other participants from all walks of life to commemorate the 46th anniversary of the demise in the office of General Murtala Muhammed (4th Head of States – 1975/1976) with our flagship annual memorial public lecture.

With the theme “Beyond Boko Haram: Addressing Insurgency, Banditry, and Kidnapping Across Nigeria”, we had the immediate past Governor of Ekiti State, Dr. Kayode Fayemi as the keynote speaker, and former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo as the Chairman of the day.

Looking beyond Boko Haram, the clarion call to us as Nigerians is clear. In the face of a broken socio-economic fabric that has generated so much anguish, despair, and distrust among us, we must step back and summon that Nigerian genius that is innate in us in order to reimagine our country and reinvent our vision of oneness. To do this, it is evident that the time has come, and it cannot be postponed, for a new compact to be forged between states and society whose centerpiece must be an inclusive and expansive project of human security in our land. From massive investments in public health, nutrition, and education, to the promotion of partnerships for affordable

housing, household food security, and efficient means of mass mobility of supply of potable water and electrical power in our cities, towns, and villages, and the creation of enabling conditions for any and every citizen to acquire the civics and skills necessary for navigating life in dignity, there has to be renewed drive to ensure that there is concrete and meaningful bargain in being a Nigerian.

In addressing our numerous challenges, there must be a comprehensive national response, not an isolated state strategy. This response must include a country-wide sensitization program that understands and simply portrays the problem as one that will consume all if not addressed.

As a nation, we cannot genuinely speak of citizenship without underpinning it with a comprehensive social compact on the basis of which a civic culture and identity can be built and expanded. The social policy content of the compact must by definition and as a matter of deliberate strategy be universal, non-discriminatory, and pan-territorial. If successfully executed, the new social compact will revamp the content and nature of our national discourses, foster a sense of national identity and belonging, empower citizens, encourages the active engagement of the populace with public affairs, and nurture a system of reciprocal accountability between state and society.





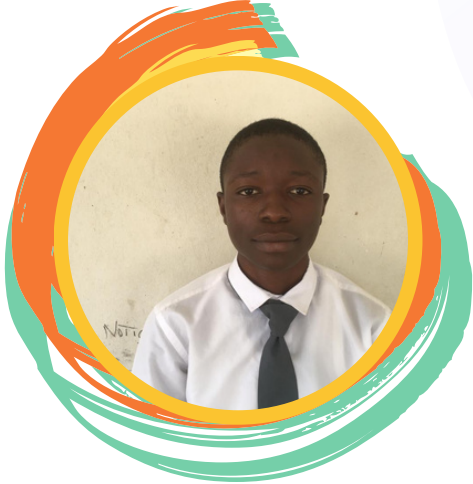
We must carry forward and further, efforts at retooling the civil service as a powerhouse of policy design and implantation that is responsive to the needs of the present times and anticipatory of the demands of tomorrow. Armed with an effective and capable civil service, we stand a good chance of creating the policy environment that will allow us to accelerate the expansion of the productive base of the national economy, including the rebuilding of our local manufacturing capacity, the diversification of our domestic revenue streams, the promotion of local value addition, and the expansion of our exports. A capable civil service functioning as the heartbeat of the state is a sine qua non for any social compact that is developed to be workable, sustainable, and vibrant.

If an all-encompassing social compact has become an urgent imperative in our quest to look beyond Boko Haram toward an all-round national rebirth, it must go without saying that we have to pay special attention to employment creation on a mass scale so that our bid for social-economic progress can stand a chance of being achieved.



80 NEW SCHOLARS ENROLLED

The foundation provides scholarships to outstanding students all over Nigeria, with a special focus on the northeastern part of Nigeria. The beneficiaries are mostly from communities affected by insurgents, or indigents who otherwise may not have been able to afford education. With support from individuals, funders, and corporate organizations, the foundation continues to invest in the future of Nigeria and Africa through its robust education interventions.

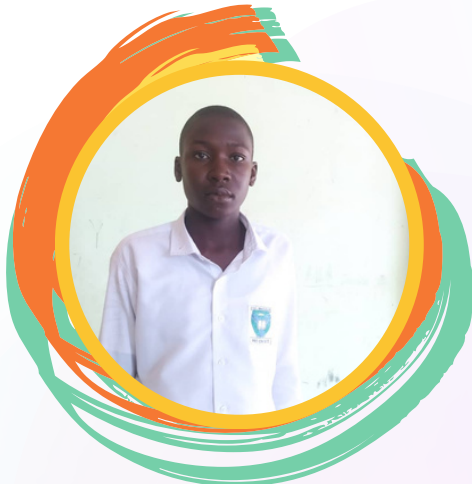


My father was kidnapped in Yobe after he was transferred there from Abuja. I had to stop going to school because of security concerns and primarily because of a lack of funds. My hope was already shattered. This scholarship is the best thing to happen to me and I am grateful for the opportunity granted to me by the foundation.

SHEDRACK ABEDNEGO

The fear of kidnapping and no money has made so many of my friends drop out of school. I was happy when I heard I was given a scholarship, this renewed my hope of being a medical doctor and also helping so many in my community

GLORIA SUNDAY PATRICK



I love playing football but I would love to be a medical doctor in the future. This scholarship makes me happy because it reduces the burden on my mother who is a primary school teacher. We lost my dad to insurgency several years ago

UMAR BALA

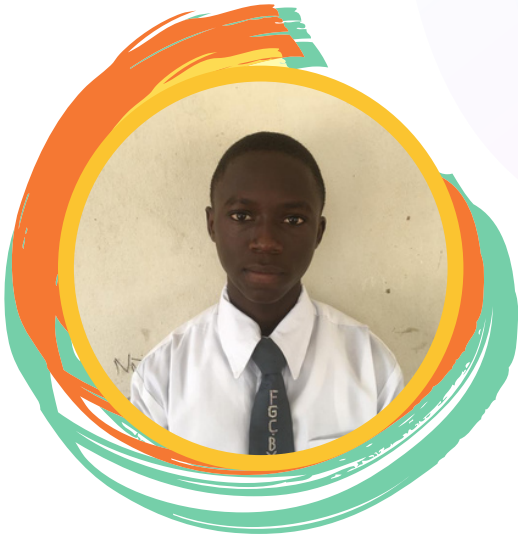
my mother is the only person I have and I love her so much. I love going to school because I get to read and play with my friends.

AGNES MUSA



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Thanks to MMF and Sahara foundation, I am happy and I see my parent happy. I now have hope for a brighter future. Most time whenever we are on holiday, I struggle to study because I have to support my father. I am trying hard with my study and I wish to be first in my class in the coming term.

SULEIMAN MUSA SARKI

Aunty Ftsuma my teacher is my role model because she is loving and listens to me all the time. I love playing handball and running, and I hope that one day I can represent my school at competitions. This scholarship lifted the burden off my mother and allows me to focus on becoming a champion.

SOLOME LUKA



After writing my junior school examination, I had to stay at home for two years because of a lack of funds to progress to senior secondary school. The scholarship has given me new hope and I am ready to study hard to achieve my goal in life. My dream is to graduate from Secondary school with good grades so I can gain admission into the university to study medicine.

KHADIJAH LAWAN



30 SCHOLARS GRADUATES

With generous support from individuals from all walks of life, the foundation is enabled to enroll students in school for the entire duration of their studies. This year, 30 students who were sponsored by some of our individual donors graduated from secondary schools and are now preparing for the next stage of their lives.

We are extremely grateful to these individuals who have decided to invest in the transformation of Nigeria, and we hope more will join us to educate more out-of-school children in Nigeria.



I want to become a medical Laboratory scientist and i hope there will be someone to support my study. I love education because it's something no one can take from you once you have it. I am happy after seeing my WAEC result but my parent are worried because there is no money to further my education

SADIA MUHAMMED TAHIR

I want to be a medical doctor but immediately after writing my SSCE, I want to do business so I can fend for myself.

HAUWA LAWAN MAKINTA



I want to be a medical laboratory scientist and I hope I get someone to assist me with my education. I was born in Plateau State but based in Maiduguri. My parents are farmers and after my primary school education, I couldn't further my education. I was happy given the scholarship in the year 2017 and my parents were excited that my secondary education is taken care of. Despite having the scholarship, we struggle to take breakfast most of the time before going to school.

ZAINAB YAKUBU

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After losing my father, it has been a struggle to feed or even go back to school. This scholarship gave me and my family hope. My mother had to resume her tailoring work to support a little where the scholarship cannot cover. I wish to further my education at university and be a Medical Doctor

ALI BUBA USMAN

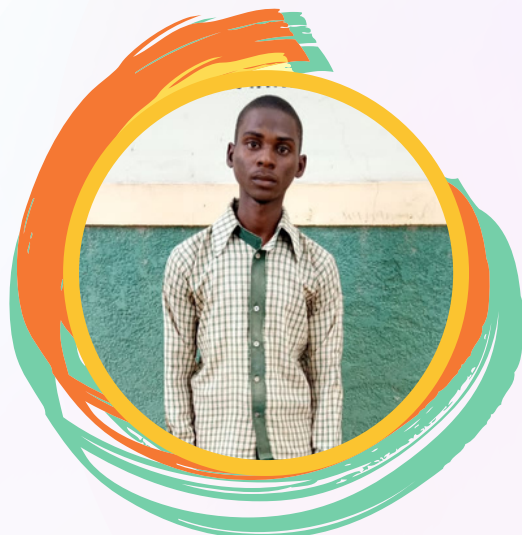
I want to thank the foundation for the scholarship that saw me through my secondary school education. My aim right now is to further my studies at the university and I need further help to do this..

HADIZA YAHUZA



I love playing football and I hope to one day be a professional footballer. When I began my junior school studies, I could not speak nor understand English, but now I am doing well. I want to succeed in life to help my mother because she is the only one I have. I am sincerely grateful to the foundation for sponsoring my education through secondary school.

SHUAIBU BUKAR



CHIBOK GIRLS REMEMBRANCE

Thursday 14th of April, 2022 marked the eight-year anniversary of the abduction of the 276 students of the Government Girls' Secondary School, Chibok, Borno State in North-East Nigeria.

For the parents of the 112 students, the yearly assurance by the government for the release of their children may have lost meaning, as they keep living with the trauma of not knowing the state of their children, whether they are alive or dead. Such an assurance as given by the Presidency surely makes no difference to them any longer.

As one of the front-liner organizations advocating for the welfare of those who have been released and those still in captivity, we brought together stakeholders to remember these girls and advance the push for the government to expedite action in facilitating the release of over 100 of the girls still in captivity.

With the theme "Survivors of Boko Haram: Narratives of Trauma, Courage, and Persistence", fifty-five development professionals gathered to listen to families of the abducted girls, survivors, community members, and keynote speakers.



I am encouraged by the ability of the survivors and victims to share their stories. This shows a lot of courage, resilience, bravery, and capacity to deal with adversity.

DR. FATIMA AKILU

I have been heartbroken for eight years and I often wondered if this is the best that we can do collectively for these young women and the affected communities whose lives have been totally upturned.

We all have a responsibility as a country to heal the survivors and give them the resources that enable them to live their lives in dignity. We need to start healing the communities affected by the insurgency also.

PROF. MUJUBAOLU OLUFUNKE OKOME



CHIBOK GIRLS REMEMBRANCE



In March 2015, 500 women and children were abducted from Damasak, in Borno State. Today, not one of them has been brought back. We simply don't know where they are and we have gone back to our normal lives as if nothing happened. People need to stop drawing a line between religions. Everybody has been equally impacted by Boko Haram.

DR. AISHA MUHAMMED-OYEBODE

My family and I have been devastated since the abduction of my sister in 2015. We don't know her condition and this gives us a lot of concern. I am scared and hopeful at the same time, and that is why I pray for her safe return one day.

SAKINNA ZANNA



When these girls were abducted, I began working on a project about them called "The Chibok Project." As a teacher of young children, the girls felt like my own children. I eventually understood that my own first-hand experiences with trauma and violence were the sources of my empathy for the girls.

ANGELA FREEMONT

I was in captivity for over seven years before escaping with other abductees. I was forced into marriage while in captivity and now have two children. I am appealing to the government to provide security in my community, Chibok, and provide a quality education because I want to go back to school and I want my children to do the same.

RUTH NGALADAR





I have no clue what happened to my daughter's body. I don't know if she was given a proper burial or if her body was thrown away. I am unable to get out of this shock and I have been living with this trauma for years.

VICTIM'S MOTHER

We need security in our communities because without it our children cannot go to school and this will greatly affect their future. We also cannot go to our farms and places of business without adequate security. We don't want to continue to suffer, hence

our call for security
COMMUNITY LEADER



I am trying my best to forget about my ordeal in the hands of Boko Haram because of its accompanied pain and trauma. I want to leave the past behind and forge a new path for my life. Though I find it hard to forge ahead because I constantly think about my other sisters who are still in captivity. I urge the government to do everything possible to rescue them and reunite them with us.

MARGARET YAMMA





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