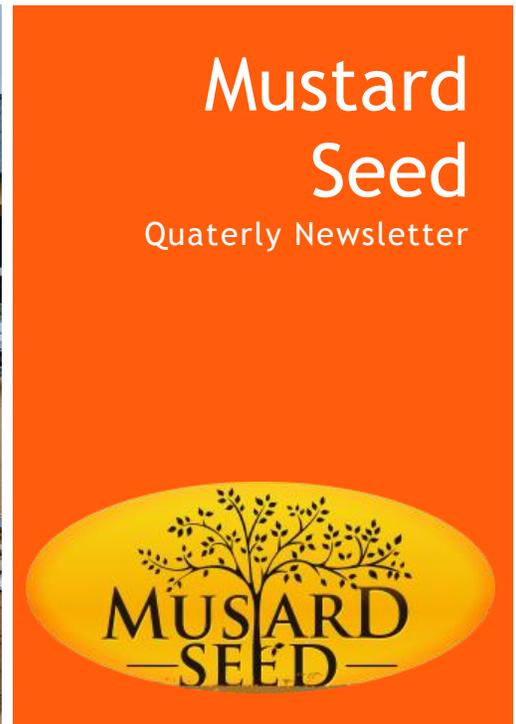




INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF LIFE TRANSFORMERS



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The Genesis

It is with great delight we welcome you all to this first edition of our newsletter – “The Mustard Seed”. It is a quarterly avenue to share and continuously acquaint ourselves of the activities specific to Mustard Seed, tit bits of general NGO/charity related matters, and issues.

It is indeed a proud moment for all of us that we have taken the first step towards what may turn out to be a pleasurable and informative reading to the wider society and we thank you our partners for your support. Together we will continue in the service to humanity – transforming lives and offering hope and support to our women, youths, children, elderly, men, poor and the sick, one life at a time.

We recognize that this is our first edition and would have ample room for improvement. This Newsletter contains some highlights from our 2014 activities. We are optimistic that you will be looking forward to the next quarterly volumes.

Mustard Seed Management would like to say thank you for your support in 2014. Please continue to be part of us in 2015 and encourage your friends to find out more about us.

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Early days of Mustard Seed

Adaora Ofoma and Miriam Okoye in 2003 sorting the books for the first Library for the Rumubiakani community in Port-Harcourt, Rivers State.



Part of the Library on completion

Miriam Okoye and Nneka Egbuna-Etiaba were part of the early staff team. They aligned their commitment to the vision of Mustard Seed and help support the library users and project activities

Mrs. Safiya Tijano

A widow with Seven Children

This is about a lonely woman we met during our community assisted medical program in Jahi, a high density settlement (slum) quarters near Abuja. At first she appeared ok. But later, when we saw her again with 4 young children (the youngest possible b/w the age of 3 to 4 years old) as she moved around, we began to observe signs of discomfort and weakness. It then became apparent that she was going through some pain and may require immediate medical attention. Our observation proved to be true.

Her name is Mrs. Safiya Tijani, a widow with seven children (not four). Daily sustenance for her and her children was from meager support provided by friends and people around. Imagine those who themselves are in need also supporting the needy. Only two of her kids were in school as she could not afford to do so for



all seven. This community is only a few kilometers from Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria.

Her first son, Nurudeen is in Primary 6. He is 17 years old, and a sickle cell patient. He told a staff of Mustard seed that he had 'mastered the sickness'. When asked to explain further, he said he had accepted his predicament and that when he had crisis due to the disease, he would

cry for about a week to 2 weeks from the pain.

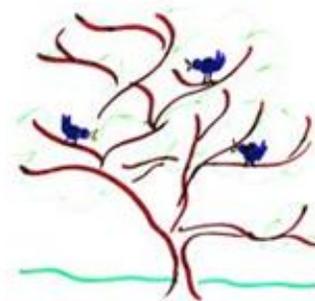


A widow with seven children transformed from life of Penury and hopelessness to hope and laughter. She can now live and look forward to another day. The entire family is

Nurudeen is now in JSS1. The second child, a daughter, Rifiyat was in primary 5 at 15 years of age. She is now in primary 6. It was a very bad situation.

Mustard seed adopted a focused need assessment approach to her situation. We are happy to announce that that her medical challenges are over. She is now a petty trader and proud owner of a shop. She looks forward to every new day with smiles and enthusiasm. She can now provide for herself and her kids. Hear her testimonial, **"I wish Mustard Seed the best. My life has been transformed not because I know anybody, but because this organization cared for me and my**

children. We are now in health and my kids are in school" – Safiya Tijani



TAKE THE CHILD OFF THE FLOOR



Jahi is a slum community near the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria – Abuja. Mustard seed in partnership with CYID embarked on community assisted project called "Take the Child off the Floor". Beds with Mattresses and mosquito nets were donated to many children/families to help curtail prevalent malaria cases and loss of lives.

