



**IMPACT REPORT**

# REEL Community Spelling Bee and Games Tournament

**(SECOND EDITION)**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2019**  
AGBADO, OGUN STATE



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*"We envision a society where all children  
irrespective of economic status or class  
have equal learning opportunities and  
develop skills that will make them globally  
relevant."*

**— REEL Foundation**

# The REEL dream

REEL Foundation is a community based Non-Profit Organisation that is registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria (CAC). We seek to promote equitable access to quality learning for children living in low income / underserved urban communities.

REEL opened its first Community E- Learning Hub in Agbado, an underserved community in Southwest Nigeria in 2014. We believe in collaboration as such our expansion drive is hinged on an effective partnership with individuals, Community Based Organisations (CBOs), schools etc. who are passionate about quality learning in their communities and have interest and capacity to establish and operate a Community E-Learning Hub. Using our learnings and experience with our pilot hub, Agbado E-Learning Hub, we have created a model that can be easily replicated in other communities in Nigeria similar to Agbado. Today, we have **three (3)** Community E-learning Hubs namely

- Agbado E-Learning Hub hosted in St Peters African Church Primary School, Agbado Oke-Aro, Ogun State
- Bethany E-Learning Hub hosted in Bethany International Academy, Ijoko-OgbaAyo
- Adamo E-Learning Hub hosted in Popet Schools, Adamo, Ikorodu, Lagos State.

Approximately 500 children have had access to the learning resources across the three hubs and over 50% visit regularly to borrow books and use the other resources such as internet, board games etc.

By establishing community learning hubs, REEL aims to:-

- Increase the access to quality learning resources for children irrespective of their background or class
- Indirectly support the education of children in our host communities so that they have an opportunity to access information that enhances their knowledge as well as to develop skills which lead to a successful and more productive life.

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## Aims & Objectives

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The tournament was established to

1. Support our Vision to ensure that children in the communities where we work enjoy learning privileges that will put them at par with their peers globally,
2. Create a platform where children can have fun whilst learning from one another, interact and gain confidence through competitive sport.

## Consolidation

As part of our efforts to ensure that children in our communities enjoy learning privileges that will put them at par with peers globally, we organised the second edition of REEL community games and spelling bee tournament for children in Agbado and its Environs. We successfully put together the maiden edition (the first of its kind in Agbado) in 2018 and over 15 schools and 190 children were present at the tournament. Following the success of that event, we planned and implemented a robust second edition.



# Our Tentacles

There were approximately 200 children at this second edition and over 40 adults including parents and teachers. Over 35 schools spread across Agbado, Ijoko, Iju-Ishaga and Ijaiye were represented at the event. Pupils of Baptist Nursery and Primary School, Abeokuta were also present for the chess segment of the tournament.



Approximate  
Number of  
Pupils present

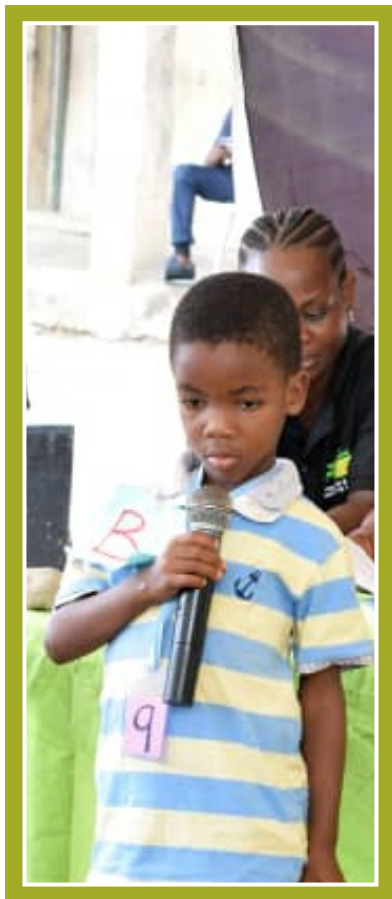
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Approximate  
Number of  
Adults present

40

Number of  
Schools Impacted  
across Agbado,  
Ijoko, Iju-Ishaga,  
Ijaiye & Abeokuta

35



The tournament was a combination of three events  
**Spelling Bee, Chess and Scrabble**  
all running concurrently.

Sixty Nine (69) participants took part in the spelling bee event under four categories: Ages 5-6; 7-9; 10-12 and 13-14. Scrabble event had over 50 participants whilst Chess event had about 25 participants. Scrabble and Chess events were opened to two categories: Junior Players (U-10) and Senior Players (U-14)

# Highpoints

- Cash Prizes were awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each event. Winners in the board games events also received Scrabble and Chess board games whilst spelling bee winners received dictionaries and other learning resources.
- Every registered participant at the tournament received refreshments and went home with a free copy of the newly published REEL Learning Journal, branded MTN Foundation notebooks to promote reading and literacy
- The Ekunke Family stole the show in the Chess tournament with Goodness Ekunke, Marvelous Ekunke winning 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the U-10 category respectively and Perez Ekunke winning 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the U-14 category
- One of the pupils who came all the way from Abeokuta emerged as the 4<sup>th</sup> place winner and Best Female in the U-10 category of the Chess event. She also went home with a chess board







# Feedbacks

The feedback received from parents and teachers present at the event was generally positive. Below is Feedback from some participating schools:

***“Bond Schools appreciates your foundation and the warm reception given to our students and teachers. We hope to partake in any other programme you organize. Thanks***

*- Bond Private Schools.”*

***“It was mind blowing” - Godson, Crystal Hall School***

Based on the feedback received, our plan is to strengthen our engagement with schools where a REEL Community E-Learning Hub is situated. This will involve dissemination of information related to Teachers & Learners development as well as support with design and implementation of intra school competitions that can foster learning. One of the lessons learned from this second edition is that a lot of children could not participate in board games especially Chess because they didn't know or understand the game. Against this backdrop, we commenced a free Chess Learning Project in collaboration with BrainChess Academy at Agbado E-learning Hub which will run for 12 weeks (May 3<sup>rd</sup>–July 12th, 2019).

# Gratitude

We are immensely grateful to our Major sponsors Total E&P Nig. Staff Multipurpose Coop. Ltd. They donated a sum of One Million Naira to REEL Foundation and some of this funds was channeled towards the implementation of the Second Edition of the REEL Community Spelling Bee & Games Tournament.

MTN Foundation, Viju Nigeria, GSK and Dolci ventures also donated in-kind materials that added colour and substance to the event.

We are also grateful to the individuals who supported us with their cash gifts.

A big thank you to our team of volunteers who contributed to the smooth execution of the event, without you, it would have be chaotic.

We are indeed very grateful to you all and God Bless you

## A Big Thank You!



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# Partnership

REEL partnered with two organisations(championed by youths passionate about quality learning for children) to execute the Scrabble and Chess event -Penhills run by Chinemerem Jason and BrainChess run by Peter Abidogun.

We are Very grateful to them.



# Press Coverage

This year's tournament received press coverage from Premium Times and ThisDay Newspapers. Below are screen shots and links to the publication :

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/ssouth-west/326373-11-year-old-wins-ogun-community-spelling-bee-competition.html>



ThisDay Newspaper, May 6, 2019. Pages 24&25

# Big Picture

To host an annual community games tournament in communities where a REEL Community E-Learning Hub is present. This will take the form of a carnival where children from different works of life can learn, interact and have fun amongst themselves.





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