



Dear friends and supporters,

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for your immense support and commitment to our cause. Your support has enabled us to make a significant impact on the lives of children. Below, you'll find a summary of our impacts.

In this year's World Environment Day, we planted trees and sowed the seeds of environmental awareness in the hearts of children and young adults. They now actively participate in preserving our planet for sustainable future.

With Career Guidance Workshop, we've ignited a spark of ambition in the young ones. They are now more motivated than ever to pursue technical and vocational education and training (TVET) opportunities, expanding their horizons and abilities.

Session on "Youth in Leadership" didn't just inspire the kids; it empowered them with the tools and mindset needed to drive positive change in their communities.

The workshop on Nurturing Growth Mindsets in Children has had a ripple effect, equipping parents and educators to instill a belief in their children's abilities.

On International Youth Day, we took a significant step towards creating a safer, healthier community by educating the youth about the dangers of substance abuse, equipping them to make informed choices and resist peer pressure.

The success of our six beneficiaries who completed the B.E.C.E is a testimony to the transformative power of education. They are now role models, motivating other local youth to pursue their educational dreams.

Our gardening project not only nourishes us but also teaches our learners about sustainable farming practices, creating a generation conscious of their ecological footprint.

The World Literacy Day celebration sparked a love for reading and learning in the kids. They are now passionate readers, eager to explore the world through books and knowledge.

Our preschoolers' journey has been a delightful one. They have embraced creativity and learning, showing remarkable progress in their phonics skills and development.

Your support has been the driving force behind these transformative experiences. Through your generosity, we've been able to make a lasting impact on the lives of children, shaping a brighter future for the communities we serve and beyond.

We invite you to join us in celebrating these accomplishments and look forward to your continued support as we create a brighter future together.

Thank you for being an integral part of the PANKO family.

Sincerely,

Mubarak Alhassan
(Managing Director)

HIGHLIGHTS



World Environment Day Celebration

On May 5th, marked World Environment Day, we went all out for Mother Earth in the Kulmang Community, one of the communities we serve. We got our hands dirty planting trees, had some real-talk about environmental stuff, and shouted from the rooftops about sustainable living. But here's the coolest part - we didn't just plant trees; we planted seeds of eco-awareness right in the hearts of our kids. Now, they're on fire for the environment! They're doing their part to save our planet and making sure the future is green and bright. It's all thanks to your support!

Career Guidance Workshop on TVET

We ended our May with a guest in our midst - Mrs. Humaimatu Abdul-Wahab, Head of the Informal Apprenticeship Department in the Northern Region. We didn't just roll out the welcome mat; we had something special in store! We wanted to connect, brainstorm, and find new ways to empower our young ones. So, we fired up a career workshop on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). And guess what? It was like adding fuel to a fire of ambition! Our beneficiaries left that workshop with sparks in their eyes, more motivated than ever to chase down TVET opportunities. They're spreading their wings, discovering their potential, and reaching for the stars.



Celebrating Our Grade 9 Graduates

We've got some exciting news to share with you. Six of PANKO's beneficiaries recently tackled the Basic Education Certificate Examination (B.E.C.E), and guess what? They did it! To say it differently, they just completed grade 9, marking a milestone in their academic journey. In the communities we serve, reaching this milestone is like catching a shooting star. These champs didn't just demonstrate their commitment to education; they showcased the pure magic of determination and hard work. For three solid years, we've been their guides, motivators, homework buddies, and all-around support system. We're over the moon about this achievement and super excited for what's to come. By empowering these promising ones, we're setting off a chain reaction of positivity that's going to light up the future for generations to come. Our six graduates are now shining examples, inspiring other local youth to reach for the stars in their education. We're beaming with pride!



Nurturing Growth Mindsets

In the middle of June, we gathered for something truly important - a workshop all about nurturing positive and growth-oriented mindsets in our precious children. The star of the show? Mr. Abdul Kahad Alhassan, a parenting guru who knows his stuff. He shared wisdom on parenting and the unbelievable power of fostering a growth mindset in our little ones. Let me tell you, this workshop was like a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. The interesting part is that it didn't stop at PANKO, it had a ripple effect that reached our staff, parents, caregivers, and educators in the communities we serve. Now, PANKO staff are equipped with knowledge to nurture belief in the children's abilities. Dreams are taking flight, and we're all about turning them into reality.



Youth in Leadership Workshop



We noticed some of the beneficiary kids were lacking direction and purpose, so we threw them a special "Youth in Leadership" workshop. Our abled speakers, Ms. Avoka Alberta Wuntima (NUGS President, UDS) and Mr. Alhassan Musah Timtooni (Speaker, Northern Youth Parliament), showed them the way. It wasn't just about speeches; it was about self-belief, determination, empathy, and teamwork. Our kids soaked up the wisdom and left ready to make a real impact in their lives and communities. Thanks to your support, we're shaping future leaders who'll spread these vital values.

Battling Substance Abuse on International Youth Day

August 12th was more than just another day; it was a day of action and change. We all gathered to tackle a pressing issue - substance abuse among our youth. It's a topic of concern, and we were ready to make waves. Our event was packed with powerful stuff. Engaging discussions that got us thinking and a "Comedu" (Comedy + Education) drama performance by our very own PANKO Drama Club. They sure know how to get a message across! But that's not all. We were honoured to have two personalities with us - Francis Nii Obodai (renowned photographer) and Prof. Sabine Luning (University of Leiden), who shared their wisdom and passion. Together, we took a giant leap towards creating a safer, healthier community. At the end, our young souls were educated about the dangers of substance abuse, armed with knowledge to make informed choices, and empowered to resist peer pressure.



Sowing Seeds of Sustainability: Our Garden



Do you know what's happening in our backyard? Our garden is bursting with life, and we couldn't be happier! We've been nursing our little green veggie with love and care, and it's paying off. We've got fresh lettuce and juicy tomatoes, all thanks to our hard work and your support. It's like a mini paradise right here at the center. Here's the really amazing part - the fruits of our labour aren't just for show. Nope! They're making their way from our garden to our tables. Both staff and pupils are getting a taste of the goodness we've grown together. It's all about that farm-to-spoon journey, and it's something special. The beautiful thing is that, it's about teaching our youth the ways of sustainable farming, making them the guardians of this planet.

World Literacy Day Celebration

Guess what we did on Friday, September 8th? It was World Literacy Day, and we gathered to fan the flames of reading and learning in PANKO. From delightful story sessions for our little ones to encouraging experience sharing by our staff, we celebrated the power of words and knowledge. It was a day to remember! The best part was that we didn't stop at the celebration. Our beneficiary kids had many questions about their literacy journey, and staff was right there to answer them. The event renewed a love for reading and learning in these wonderful kids. They are now eager to explore the world through books and knowledge. Nevertheless, we're not stopping at one day. We're keeping the literacy flame burning every single day, empowering these kids with the gift of knowledge through the after-school sessions.



Our Preschoolers Journey so far



We've got a little update for you about our preschoolers. They're taking a well-deserved break and will be back in action on October 3rd. But here's the exciting part - before they went on break, they showed us their creative genius during our "Art and Craft" day. Some of them crafted pots, candy, cars, and even a school bus using clay. One budding artist even made a helicopter out of plastic bottles, and two kids came up with their own bow and arrow creations. It was truly a treat for all of us! It's not just about the artwork; it's about nurturing their creativity. Their journey so far has been nothing short of amazing. They've gone from not knowing their phonics sounds to confidently identifying, writing, and pronouncing some of them. It's a journey worth celebrating and sharing. Our preschoolers are shining stars in the making, and we can't wait to see what they create next!

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