

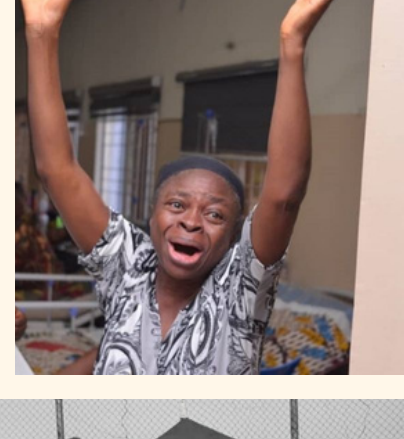


UNUBIKO FOUNDATION

A SUMMARY
OF OUR **2023**

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

I am humbled by the remarkable progress we have made in advancing our purpose to positively touch people's lives in Abia State and beyond, as we take account of this past year's activities and accomplishments. The Unubiko Foundation was founded with the a firm goal of bridging the development gap and addressing the various urgent needs of our communities. Our mission has been our beacon, driving us to build infrastructure, acquire skills, integrate digital technologies, empower women and youth, create jobs, and fight poverty. Of course with your support, we have devoted countless hours to improving the most marginalized and at-risk populations in an effort to build a society that is more just, equitable, and prosperous for all.

We at Unubiko Foundation are adamant that there are no national or geographic limits to our shared responsibilities. We have aligned our efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in this spirit, understanding that the problems confronting humanity call for coordinated and coordinated response.

This report provides proof of the commitment and tenacity of our friends, family, and staff. It reflects the concrete results of our joint efforts and the improvements we have made to the lives of innumerable people.

We are still fully committed as we look to the future. We'll keep creating long-lasting structures, forming deep alliances, and enabling the people of Abia State to reach their greatest potential. We are grateful for your commitment to the foundation's mission and for your support. We shall persist in changing lives, one community at a time, by working together.

Sincerely,

Chief James Chijioke Ume
Founder, Unubiko Foundation





ABOUT UNUBIKO FOUNDATION

Unubiko Foundation, founded and led by Chief James Chijioke Ume, is a philanthropic organization dedicated to giving back to society and making a positive impact on the lives of people in Abia State and beyond. The foundation's vision is to bridge the gap in development and other needs of the people in the areas of infrastructure, skills acquisition, digital technology, youth and women empowerment, job creation, and poverty reduction.

Our efforts encompass the attainment of various sustainable development goals (SDGs), including SDG 1 (Eradicating Poverty), SDG 4 (Ensuring Quality Education), SDG 5 (Promoting Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Encouraging Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 9 (Fostering Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), and SDG 16 (Establishing Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).

Unubiko Foundation is committed to promoting education and youth empowerment in the Atan Abam community. Our efforts include covering WAEC fees for eligible students, rebuilding Ovukwu Abam Secondary School with an N250 million fund, and organizing the #Code Camp Youth Empowerment Programme, which provided 20 youths with an online masterclass covering coding, logical thinking, mind mapping, and goal-setting.

The Foundation prioritizes the provision of WASH facilities and clean drinking water to communities, dedicating significant resources to the sinking of 49 boreholes in Abam and neighbouring areas. Furthermore, the Foundation has undertaken crucial initiatives such as the rebuilding of a church and the establishment of a Women's Development Centre, acting as a catalyst for women's empowerment. The Foundation prioritizes the provision of WASH facilities and clean drinking water to communities, dedicating significant resources to the sinking of 49 boreholes in Abam and neighboring areas. Furthermore, the Foundation has undertaken crucial initiatives such as the rebuilding of a church and the establishment of a Women's Development Centre, acting as a catalyst for women's empowerment.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Unubiko Foundation exhibited its dedication to society by providing palliatives and donations to alleviate the associated hardships. These donations included 1000 bags of rice and protective equipment to communities and the Abia State government, 830 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the Federal Medical Centre in Umuahia, and 100 bags of rice and 300 cartons of noodles to the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) in both Abia State and Abuja.

OUR IMPACT NUMBERS

For over a decade, Unubiko has granted funds exceeding **1 billion Naira** to benefit more than 50 communities throughout Abia State and beyond.

Through our diverse initiatives, we have had a direct and indirect impact on the lives of approximately **12 million individuals**



OUR MISSION

Our mission at the foundation is to construct a more just, equitable, and prosperous society, with a special emphasis on the requirements of vulnerable groups, such as women and youth, in Abia State.



OUR OBJECTIVE

1

Bridging the gap in development and meeting the needs of the people in the areas of infrastructure, skills acquisition, digital technology, youth and women empowerment, job creation and poverty reduction.

2

Providing quality education and investing in the development of children, youth and women in the community.

3

Empowering the youth through various capacity-building initiatives, including the #Code Camp Youth Empowerment Programme.

4

Providing critical interventions in rebuilding the community's infrastructure, such as schools, churches, and water supply systems.

5

Promoting justice, democracy, human rights and the rule of law through a vibrant judiciary system.

A YEAR IN REVIEW



LEARN MORE ON OUR WEBSITE!

We began the year with a milestone: the complete overhaul of our website. Our aim was to ensure that our supporters can easily connect with us and access information about our work at any time. The newly revamped Unubiko Foundation website serves as your "one-stop-shop" for learning about us, our mission, the projects we undertake, scholarship and volunteering opportunities, and much more!



A REVAMPED LOGO



During this reporting phase, we unveiled the new official modified logo of the Foundation, a demonstration of our strong belief in positive "Change" and a reflection of our commitment to seeing same in Abia State and beyond! **You shall know us by our colours.**

KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES

We are live on all social media platforms! In a quest to leave no one behind, we are leveraging the power of digital media to not only keep you updated on our various projects/campaigns but also have close interactions with you that gives room for feedback and highlighting pressing needs/issues in various communities of Abia State!

Connect with us now on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook



NGN300M SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR ABIA STUDENTS



One of our primary focuses is on enhancing the quality of education for the people of Abia State. To solidify this commitment, we have launched a significant initiative—a N300 million scholarship fund dedicated to Abia State students. This grant is open to full-time students enrolled in both state and federal-owned tertiary institutions across Nigeria, as well as to non-Abians studying in state and federal-owned tertiary institutions within Abia State.

Our aim is to promote gender inclusion and address existing barriers to education, particularly for girls.

FINALLY, AFTER 15 YEARS: UNUBIKO FOUNDATION TRANSFORMS ONYERUBI COMPREHENSIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL

In December 2023, the Unubiko Foundation presented the reconstruction project at Onyerubi Comprehensive Secondary School in Ndi Oji Abam, Arochukwu Local Government Area, Abia State. The effort addressed 15 years of dilapidation in classrooms and other facilities, considerably improving the learning environment for students and staff. A better future is now possible for the school community as a result of this project, which has also restored comfort and safety—especially during the rainy season.



UNUBIKO FOUNDATION ENHANCES MOBILITY FOR ABAM COMMUNITY TRADITIONAL RULERS



In a gesture of support and solidarity, Unubiko Foundation, donated three new utility vehicles to traditional rulers in the Abam community. These vehicles were distributed among the esteemed leaders of Atan Abam, Ndi Ebe, and Ndi Okereke Abam in the Arochukwu Local Government Area of Abia State. The traditional rulers' mobility and accessibility have been greatly improved by the donation of these cars, enabling them to carry out their responsibilities and serve their communities more effectively. Unubiko Foundation continues to empower community leadership and foster long-term development in the Abam community.

SETTLING MEDICAL BILLS FOR A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

In the pursuit of our mission to serve humanity, the Unubiko Foundation settled outstanding medical bills at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) in Umuahia, Abia State.

During the reporting period, we allocated over N10 million to cover the medical expenses of patients who had completed their treatment at FMC but were unable to be discharged due to pending bills. This intervention, conducted between October 16 and 17, 2023, extended our support not only to local patients but also to beneficiaries from the Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency receiving treatment at the hospital.



UNUBIKO FOUNDATION'S IMPACT AT THE CENTRE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Since its inception in 2001, The Centre of St. Vincent De Paul has provided a safe haven for children orphaned by the 1980s' political unrest. With the ability to house over 100 orphaned and abandoned children, the centre continues to provide critical care and support to those in need.

On October 1st, 2023, Chief James Chijioke Ume, Founder of the Unubiko Foundation, symbolised the foundation's continued dedication to mankind and served as a striking reminder of the impact that can be made when we lend a helping hand to those in need. This was accomplished by marking his birthday with relief materials and paying a visit to the facility.

ONLY ONE OMEROHA (I) OF OVUKWU

Our Founder, James Ume received the honorific title of 'Omeroha (I) of Ovukwu' , which bears witness to his relentless passion for serving people—especially his Abam community—by way of a deeply ingrained sense of divine purpose. His leadership inspires us all to strive for greater heights and to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others. In honour of the gesture, the traditional rulers of Ovukwu Abam- which comprising seven villages said they reached a consensus to confer on Chief Ume this new title.



BRIDGING HOPE AND HEALTH: UNUBIKO FOUNDATION'S CANCER SUPPORT PROGRAM



A Nigerian cancer survivor has received financial help from Unubiko Foundation as part of our most recent effort to advance health and wellbeing. This initiative is part of our commitment to improving health outcomes and aligns with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3: Good Health and Well-being.

Our mission is to create a healthier future for everyone, one person at a time, and we must continue to fight to enhance health and well-being in Nigeria and beyond.



UNUBIKO FOUNDATION PAYS WAEC REGISTRATION FEES FOR 200 ABIA STUDENTS

In line with our commitment to promoting education and empowering communities, Unubiko Foundation has supported students in Abia State through the payment of West Africa Examination Council (WAEC) fees for 200 indigent candidates, the foundation aims to alleviate the financial burden on families and ensure that students have access to essential educational opportunities.





CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDER'S LEGACY: AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

In a year marked by recognition and acclaim, Unubiko Foundation continues to illuminate the path towards a brighter, more inclusive future for all. Chief James Ume has received numerous honours and commendations for his inspirational leadership in support of humanitarian causes. A few of his awards include the following:

A Beacon of Hope: The National Association of Nigerian Students, NANS Zone F, recognised Chief Chijioke James Ume, the founder of the Unubiko Foundation, as the "Ray of Hope for Abia Youths." Chief Ume's tireless commitment to developing and improving the children of Abia State has been reinforced in this outstanding accolade.

Exemplary Integrity: Chief James Ume, Founder of the Unubiko Foundation, received the prestigious Gani Fawehinmi Impact and Integrity Awards (GFIIA) from the Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA) Resource Centre. Chief Ume's passion for ethics, impact-driven leadership, and revolutionary change is made apparent by receiving this recognition.

A Humanitarian Trailblazer: Chief James Ume received 'The Sun Humanitarian Service Icon award for his incredible contributions to humanitarianism. This distinguished award acknowledges his efforts to advance social justice, community development, and humanitarian assistance.

MEET THE TEAM



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