

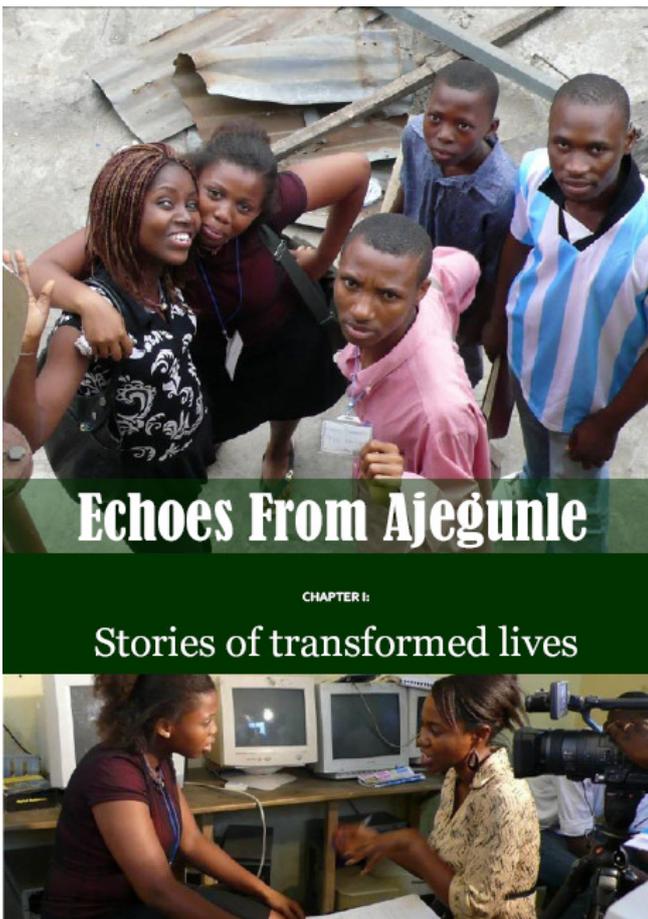
Paradigm Initiative Nigeria

Board Update 003. July – September, 2009

Introduction

This brief report summarizes activities carried out by Paradigm Initiative Nigeria during the 3rd quarter of 2009, along with relevant updates about our projects.

Q3 2009 Update



- Beyond the training program which continues to reach more young people in Ajegunle, and with plans for replication beginning Q1 2010, we produced the first chapter of inspiring stories, **Echoes From Ajegunle**, available as an eBook through PIN's website and Scribd (www.scribd.com/doc/22086582)
- With the kind support of UK Trade & Investment, the UK High Commissioner, Bob Dewar, hosted another breakfast session and a number of companies signed up to take Ajegunle.org interns.

FCMB has interviewed the first set of interns and Nigerian Bottling Company has commenced the selection process for the first set of 5 interns. NBC has agreed to host 20 interns each year!

- During the 3rd quarter, PIN was represented through presentations in various seminars including an *NGO ICT Forum* hosted by Harvard, Georgia Tech and the Digital Bridge Institute in Abuja; U-Turn Concept's *Vision to Funding* seminar in Lagos; Development Studies Association's annual conference in Coleraine (UK) and various youth-focused seminars in various cities across Nigeria, reaching over 1,600 young people; among others
- We co-hosted, along with Microsoft Nigeria, a meeting with leading artistes who have all agreed to work with us on the musical collaboration project for the anti-cybercrime campaigns. They include Banky W, MI, Rooftop MCs, Modele and Lara George. The team will be led by ace producer, Cobhams Asuquo!
- Our anti-cybercrime campaign (MISSPIN) ambassadors continued to provide leadership for the campaign on their various projects, including the music collaboration project led by one of them
- With sponsorship from Microsoft Nigeria, and in partnership with the state government, we trained secondary school teachers from 12 Local Government Areas of the state (including *Abi, Akpabuyo, Biase, Bekwarra, Boki, Calabar South, Etung, Ikom, Odukpani, Ogoja, Yakurr and Yala*) in September
- PIN's discussions with academic staff and research institutions at the Obafemi Awolowo University has led to a training partnership (implementation was postponed due to the nationwide industrial action)
- Media mentions for the 3rd quarter include articles in Moneywise magazine, NEXT, Guardian, Vanguard and Champion newspapers