Community Spelling Bee and Games Competition

Saturday 28th April, 2018
Agbado, Ogun State
What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson
The REEL dream

REEL Foundation is a community based Non-Profit Organisation that is registered with the CAC, Nigeria. We seek to promote equitable access to quality learning for children from low income and underserved urban communities. REEL opened its first Community Learning Hub in Agbado, an underserved community in Southwest Nigeria.

About 350 children have become members and over 50% visit regularly to borrow books and to have access to the internet. We now have two community E-learning Hubs and plan to open a third before the year end. We believe in collaboration as such our expansion drive is hinged on partnerships with individuals, schools and organisations who are interested in setting up E-learning Hubs to foster learning.

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REEL Foundation hosted the first ever community spelling bee and Games competition in Agbado, Ogun State on Saturday, April 28th, 2018.

This competition 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 an platform were children can have fun whilst learning from one another, interact and gain confidence through competitive sport.
## Reaching out

### IMPACT STATS

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### EVENTS

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

- **The spelling bee** was the most popular event of the day. About 50 pupils registered to participate across different categories (7-8; 9-10; 11-13 & 14-15).

- **Scrabble and Chess** games were opened to two categories: Junior Players (Primary School pupils) and Senior Players (Secondary School Pupils).
Discovering champions

There were winners and runners-up across all categories.

The highlight of the event was a 7-year-old boy who was the overall winner in the Chess Tournament.
Feedback received from participating schools was positive and a lot of the winners were excited about their gifts. Gifts distributed included professional Chess boards, Scrabble boards, mathsets, dictionaries and all categories of winners received a minimum of 2 story books and branded MTN FOUNDATION and Viju exercise books to promote reading and literacy.

Since implementing the event, more participants have begun visiting the Agbado E-Learning Hub powered by REEL in Agbado community and preliminary conversations have begun with a school administrator who plans to collaborate to hold future tournaments.
Takeaways

One of the takeways from the event is that a lot of children in attendance were not familiar with Scrabble and Chess prior to the event, however they picked up interest whilst watching their counterparts play. For future events, we plan to make available miniature boards for mock competition as well as make available boards for sale to interested buyers.
The big picture

More than anything, our goal for this project is to host an annual community games tournament in the form of a carnival where children from different works of life can learn, interact and have fun amongst themselves.
Partnering for growth

REEL partnered with two organisations (championed by youths passionate about quality learning for children) to execute the Scrabble and Chess Competition - Pehhills run by Chinemerem Jason and BrainChess run by Peter Abidogun, these organisations also volunteer a minimum of one weekend every month to teach Scrabble and Chess to participants of Agbado E-Learning Hub. We are extremely grateful to them.

Thank you!

We are grateful to the individuals and organisations that supported with in-kind and cash contributions. A big thank you to our team of volunteers who contributed to the smooth execution of the event.
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