Education has been envisioned as the great equalizer, able to mitigate the effects of poverty on children by equipping them with the knowledge and skills they need to lead successful and productive lives.

In many African countries, the lack of equity in the education system limits the opportunity each child from a low-socio economic group has to attain qualitative education.

It is against this backdrop that REEL Foundation was founded.
REEL (Reading to Enhance Excellence in Learning) Foundation is a community-based non-profit organisation that seeks to promote equitable access to quality learning for children in underserved communities.

By establishing community E-learning hubs, REEL aims to:

| Increase the access available to quality learning resources for children from low-income families. | Simulate learning experiences similar to what children in more privileged communities/socio-economic backgrounds enjoy | Provide learning platforms for children within low-socio-economic groups to enhance their education, knowledge and skills |
Vision

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.

Mission

Our Mission is to establish learning hubs for children in underserved communities; that will improve their literacy skills via reading, games and access to information technology.
Children from high income families are three times more likely to complete 9 years of schooling compared with children from low income families in Senegal (SDGAtlas, 2017).

Regional assessments across a number of African countries show that on the average, less than 30% of sixth grade pupils are reading at grade level.

Africa is a growing continent and is estimated to have the youngest labour force in the world by 2040, a phenomenon that bodes untold consequences for the continent if we are unable to harness the productive power of this population.
We believe that by offering students in low income/underserved communities 1. access to reading resources; 2. regular use of internet technology, and 3. interaction with peers and mentors to play educational games... The current gap and inequality in educational opportunity can be bridged resulting in improved learning outcomes.
Our Approach

- REEL Foundation opened its pilot hub Agbado E-Learning Hub in 2014. This hub has now become the model upon which other community E-Learning hubs are designed and run.

- We believe in collaboration as such our expansion drive is hinged on an effective franchise model.

- We partner with individuals, CBOs, schools etc. who are passionate about quality learning in their communities to establish and operate a Community E-Learning Hub.

- REEL provides the franchisee with operational structure, learning tools and techniques that have been tested and proven.

- We will also build the capacity of the franchise via trainings and access to funding opportunities available to REEL.
How it works

- **20 to 30** Participants are enrolled per batch.
- Over a four –six week period (equivalent of a month or 50 contact hours), these participants learn to improve their learning, reading and digital literacy skills.
- A participant that successfully completes the four(4) week learning period becomes a registered member of the hub:
  - A registered member of the hub has the following privileges:
    - have access to books to take home (both print and tablets) for a specified period
    - Visit the hub at his/her leisure to use the learning resources
    - Participate in internal and external learning activities available at the hub per time e.g. competitions, field trip, reading clubs etc.
It is situated in Agbado, an underserved community in Southwest Nigeria where over 60% of the residents fall within the low socio-economic group.

About 350 children have become members and over 50% visit regularly to borrow books and to have access to the internet.

In the first two years of operation, the pilot hub (Agbado E-Learning Hub) operated from a church owned property, however via grants received, this hub has now moved to a permanent centre in the local community primary school.

As of April 2017, the aforementioned hub is now open during the week for pupils of the community primary school as well as the weekend for other children in the community;

Two children who are permanent members of the hub received scholarship for one full academic session.
Franchisees

- **Bethany E-Learning Hub, Ijoko**
  - We have successfully completed train the trainer sessions with the partner school.
  - The hub opened for full operations in January 2018.

- **Gbagba E-Learning Hub, Ikorodu**
  - A private school in Gbaga Community, Ikorodu has signed off with REEL to set up a hub, the project is set to commence in 2018.
  - A donation drive is underway to ensure the hub has resources to get started in 2018.
Our Goal

Over the next five years, we aim to replicate Agbado E-Learning hub in a minimum of 50 underserved communities across Sub-Saharan Africa.
Agbado E-Learning Hub was opened.
Received WGSF funding to procure first 25 kindles for the hub.

Implemented a "train the trainer" workshop in Aro-Lambo, Matogun, Ogun State.
Final approval from Ifo Local Government to erect structure in St. Peters Anglican School, OkeAro.
Relocation of Agbado E-learning hub to permanent location.
Tuition Scholarship for 2 members of Agbado E-Learning Hub.
Free Eye testing and distribution of free eye-glasses to 33 children comprising participants at the centre as well as other children in Agbado.

opened Bethany E-Learning Hub, Ijoko.
Donation Drive underway to equip 2 new hubs.

Book donations from ZODML & Pearson Nigeria.
BNET donation to cover the completion and furnishings of Agbado E-Learning Hub’s permanent location.

REEL received international recognition via selection of the founder for the Mandela Washington Fellowship Programme.
Laptop donations which are now in use at Agbado E-Learning Hub.
BNET funding to install Solar Panel at Agbado E-Learning Hub and procurement of 10 android tablets.
Agbado hub began opening daily to accommodate pupils of the host as well as on weekend for children in Agbado.
Members of Agbado E-Learning Hub attend their first state wide games competition.
REEL Expansion into 2 new communities (Ikorodu &...
Our desire is to continue to improve learning activities at our hubs as such we are looking to put together a group of 6-8 professionals who have experience in Education, passion for social development and human capital development. This is a huge task but we are set on accomplishing this milestone before the end of 2018.

We are constantly seeking support from individuals who believe in our vision and want to participate in the development of our great continent, Africa. We call on you to support us in your best capacity.
Sponsors

- The Britain-Nigeria Educational Trust
- Pearson
- TakingITGlobal
- Worldreader
- Zaccheus Onumba Dibiaezue Memorial Libraries
- Baptist Children School, Agbado Crossing
- Waterloo Global Science Initiative
Olatunde Ajoke Omoware is passionate about the role education can play in providing equal opportunities irrespective of socio-economic status or background.

A Nigerian, she has over 8 years cross-functional work experience in project planning & management, human resources and design thinking for organisations MTN Foundation, AGDC, Teach for Nigeria, WAVE Hospitality, Axiom Learning Solutions etc.

In addition to be the founder of REEL Foundation, she also collaborates with organisations and individuals to conceptualise and implement education development projects for private and public sector organisations.

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She is 2014 Carrington Youth Fellowship Initiative Fellow (CYFI-An Initiative on the US, Consulate in Lagos), 2014 Learning 2030 Equinox fellow (Waterloo Global Science Institute, Canada) as well as a 2017 Mandela Washington Fellow.
Free Eye Testing In Collaboration With Ariel Frames

Television Interview - Spot Light on REEL aired on Ebony Live TV

Capacity Development Programme For Civil Society Organisations (CSOS) And NGOs Sponsored By CSR In Action And Access Back

Bethany E-Learning Hub, Ijoko launch

Participants at the Train the Trainer workshop - Aro Lambo
BNET graciously donated additional funds for the completion of Agbado E-Learning Hub.

Participants using the donated Laptops

- Inverter & Battery To Power The Solar Panels

New participants learning to use the tablets

Android Tablets

Participants from Agbado E-learning Hub at the state wide games Competition in Ikeja
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