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Special Summer School 2025 Report

From The Founder's Desk

Dear Partners,

This year's Special Summer School 2025 was our largest and most dynamic to date. Across 14 centers in 9 states, more than 24,500 lives were impacted in a month of learning that blended academics, vocational skills, creativity, and community building.

From Makurdi to Makoko, Zaria to Kuje, children not only strengthened their knowledge but also gained practical life skills, coding, baking, tailoring, soap-making, and digital tools that will shape their futures. Parents, teachers, and community leaders alike testified to the program's life-changing impact, especially in underserved areas where opportunities are scarce.

The stories shared in this report show the transformational power of education; education that sparks curiosity, builds confidence, and restores hope.

Warm Regards,

Seyi Akinwale
Founder, The Special Foundation



24,528+ Lives Impacted

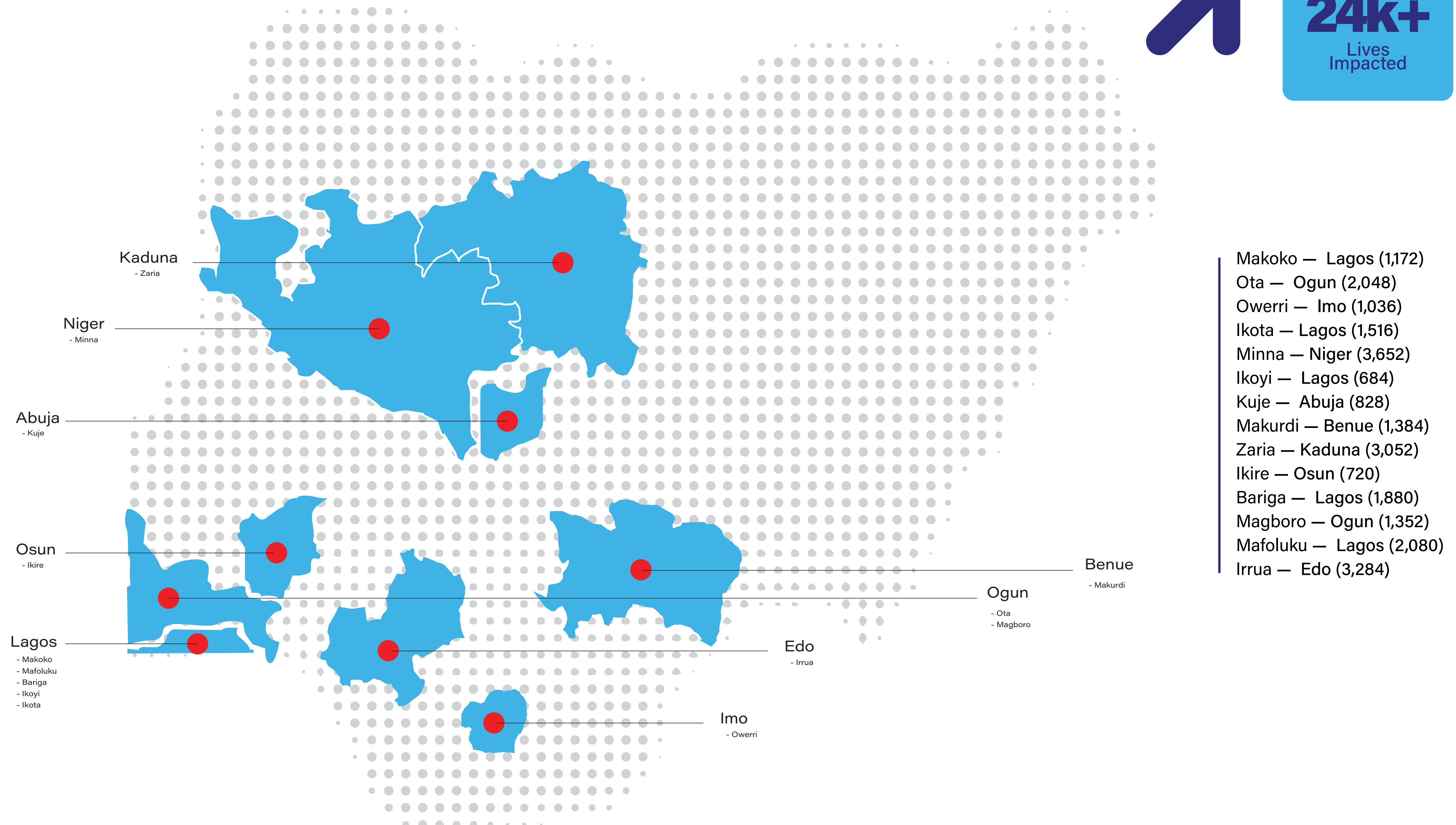
2025 Special Summer School Impact

Map Overview

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Picture Gallery From Summer School Centers





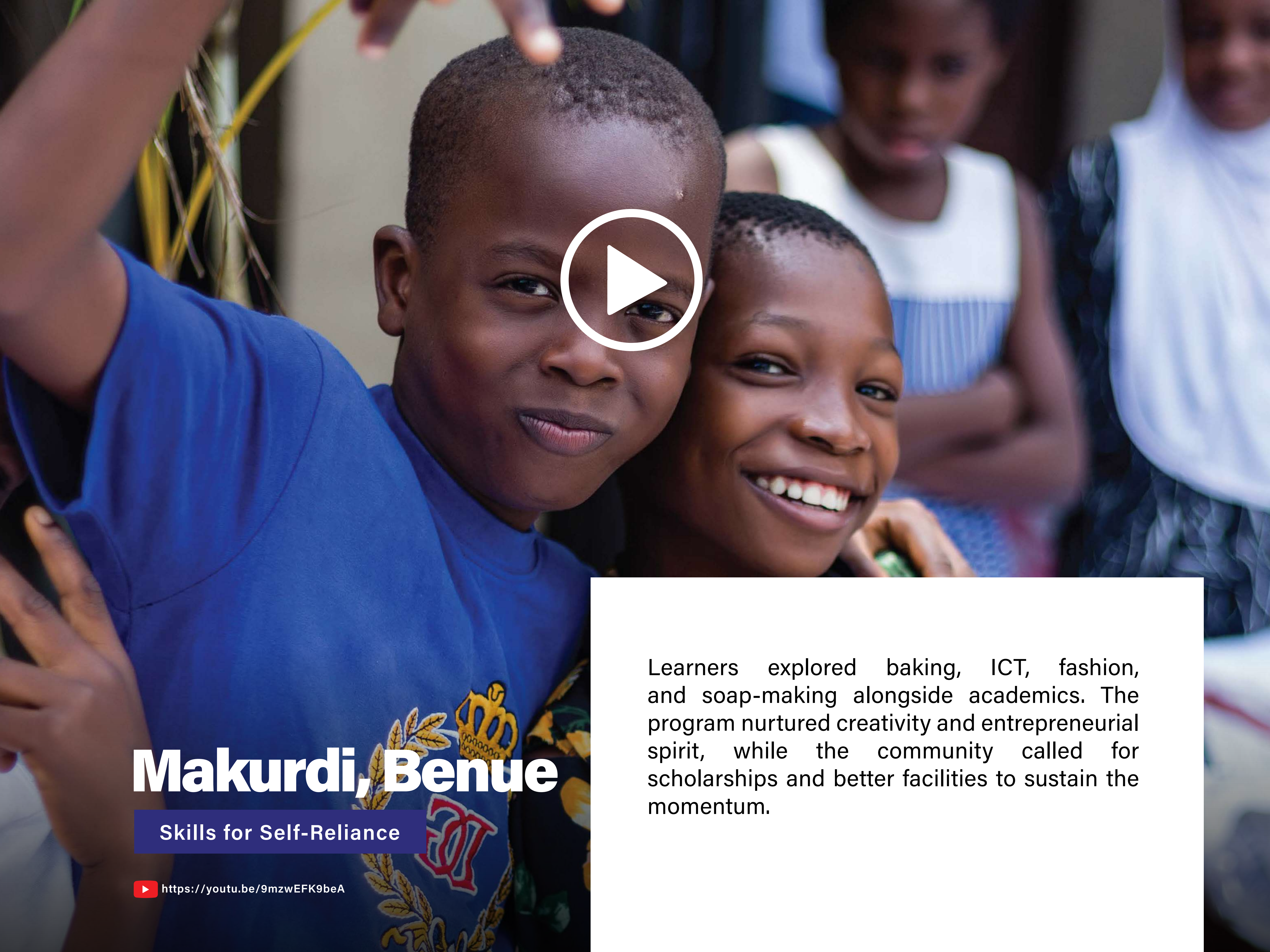


Minna, Niger

Seeds of Enterprise

<https://youtu.be/COGzz7TKC3I?si=li7SLbRiVbbSjqOp>

Children participated in a groundbreaking program that introduced bag-making, shoe-making, and tailoring, skills never before offered at this scale in the community. The experience unlocked creativity and nurtured entrepreneurial mindsets, giving young learners the tools to imagine futures where they can create, innovate, and earn.

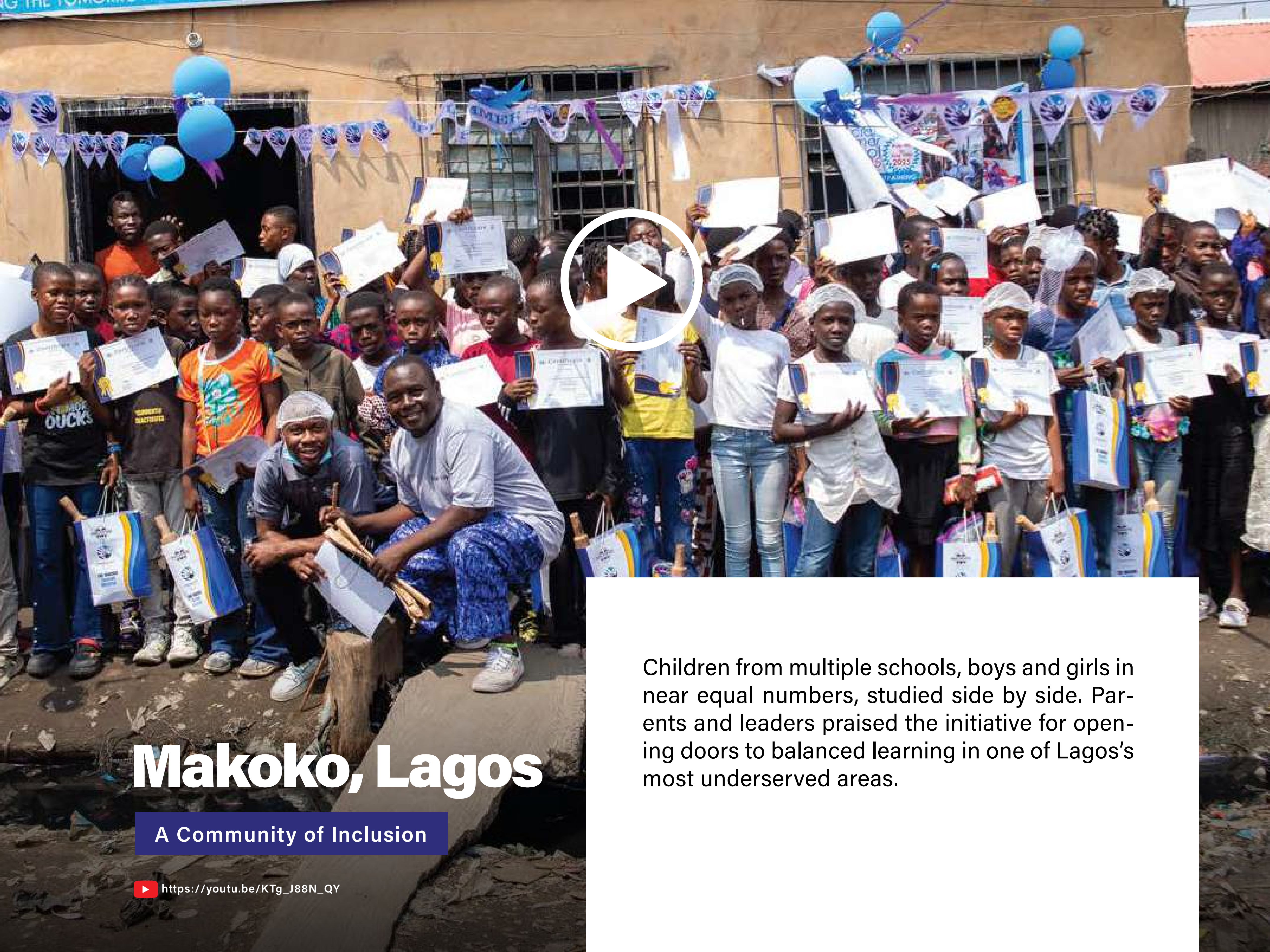


Makurdi, Benue

Skills for Self-Reliance

Learners explored baking, ICT, fashion, and soap-making alongside academics. The program nurtured creativity and entrepreneurial spirit, while the community called for scholarships and better facilities to sustain the momentum.

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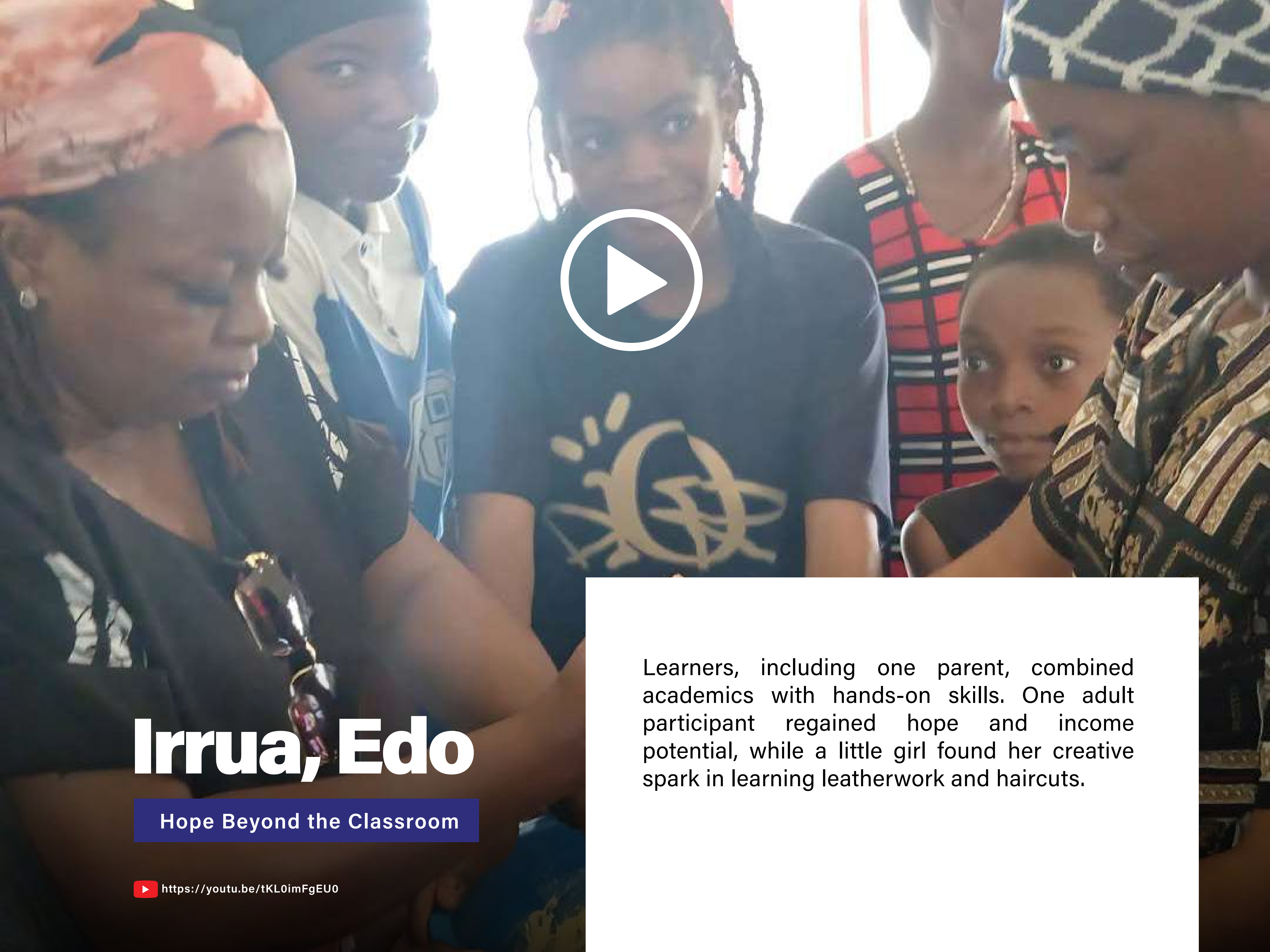


Makoko, Lagos

A Community of Inclusion

Children from multiple schools, boys and girls in near equal numbers, studied side by side. Parents and leaders praised the initiative for opening doors to balanced learning in one of Lagos's most underserved areas.

 https://youtu.be/KTg_J88N_QY



Irrua, Edo

Hope Beyond the Classroom

Learners, including one parent, combined academics with hands-on skills. One adult participant regained hope and income potential, while a little girl found her creative spark in learning leatherwork and haircuts.

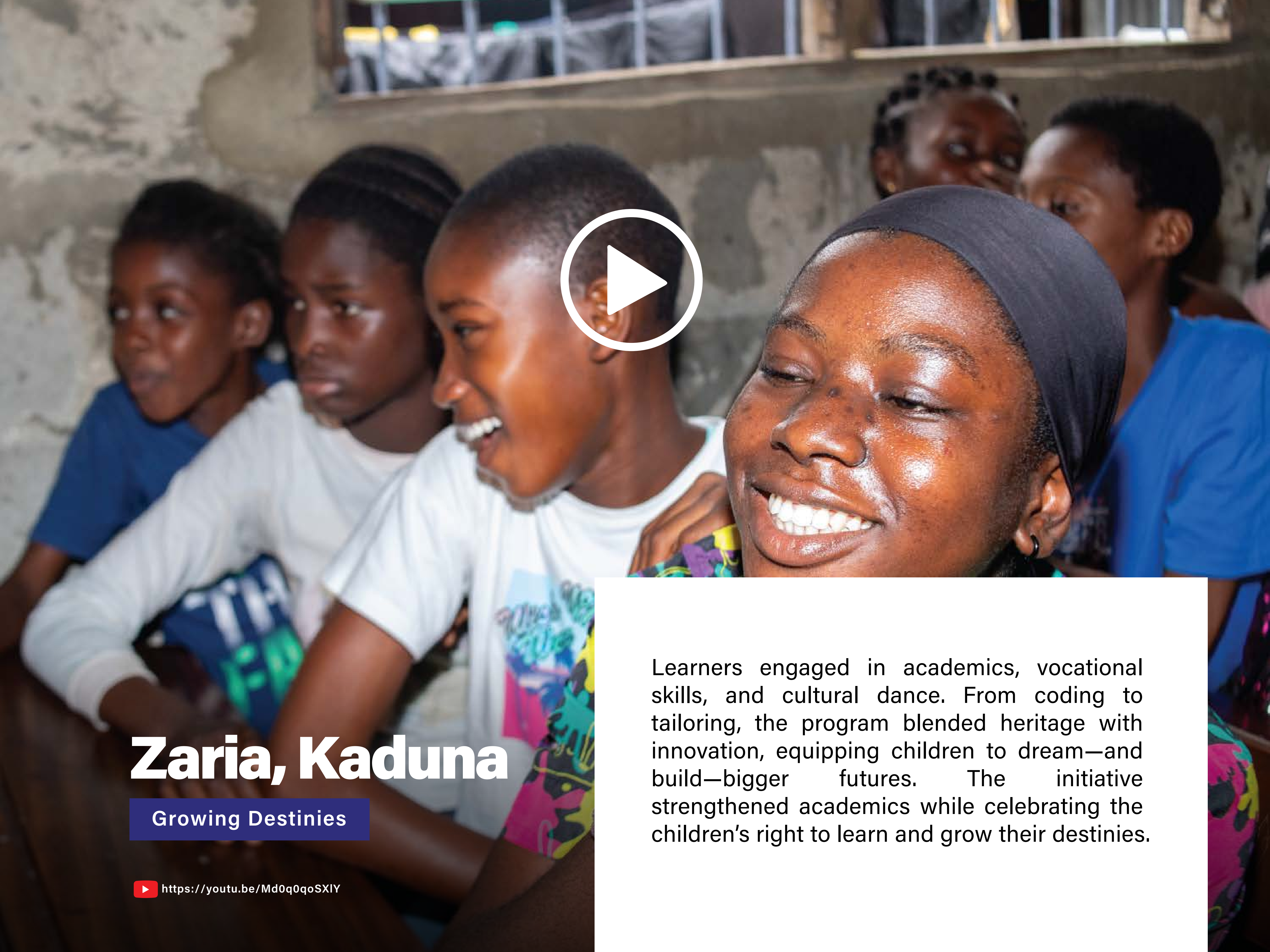


Ikire, Osun

Creativity Unleashed

Children, nearly 50% being out-of-school, gained exposure to bead-making, tie-dye, tailoring, and music. Parents reported boosted confidence and joy, as children experienced creative opportunities for the first time.

 <https://youtu.be/0uXZyGy8TIs>



Zaria, Kaduna

Growing Destinies

Learners engaged in academics, vocational skills, and cultural dance. From coding to tailoring, the program blended heritage with innovation, equipping children to dream—and build—bigger futures. The initiative strengthened academics while celebrating the children's right to learn and grow their destinies.

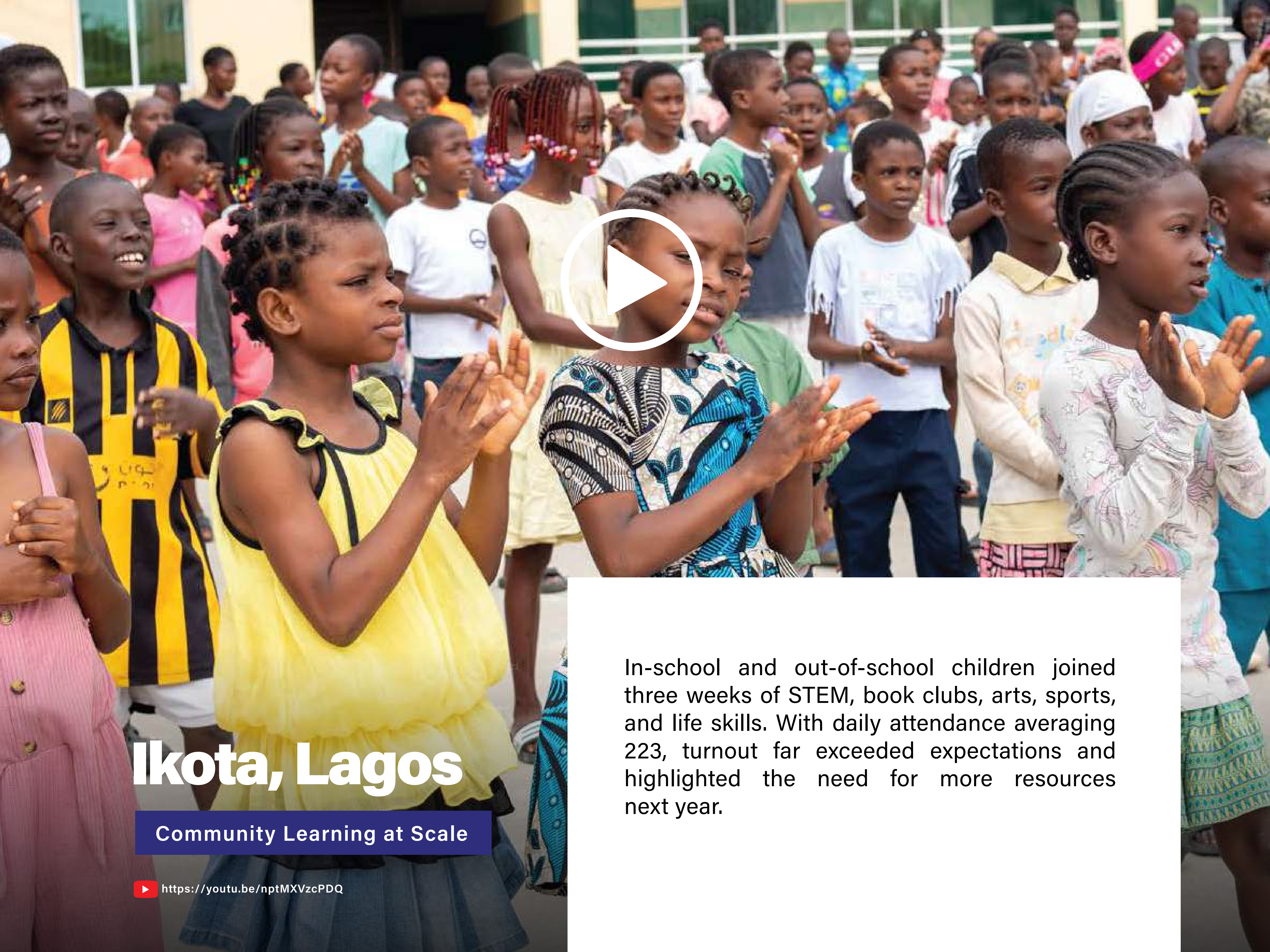
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Kuje, Abuja

Raising Young Stewards

Participants explored literacy, tie-dye, product design, and digital skills. The highlight was the Young Stewards Celebration, where students pitched ideas and spoke to the impact of stewards in our society, proof that children can lead when given the chance.



Ikota, Lagos

Community Learning at Scale

In-school and out-of-school children joined three weeks of STEM, book clubs, arts, sports, and life skills. With daily attendance averaging 223, turnout far exceeded expectations and highlighted the need for more resources next year.

 <https://youtu.be/nptMXVzcPDQ>



Magboro, Ogun

Learning for Life

 <https://youtu.be/CoFkaZYLmtk>

Children participated in academics, coding, vocational skills, and sports. Girls outnumbered boys, many gaining income-generating abilities. One student planned to use her new skills to fund her schooling.

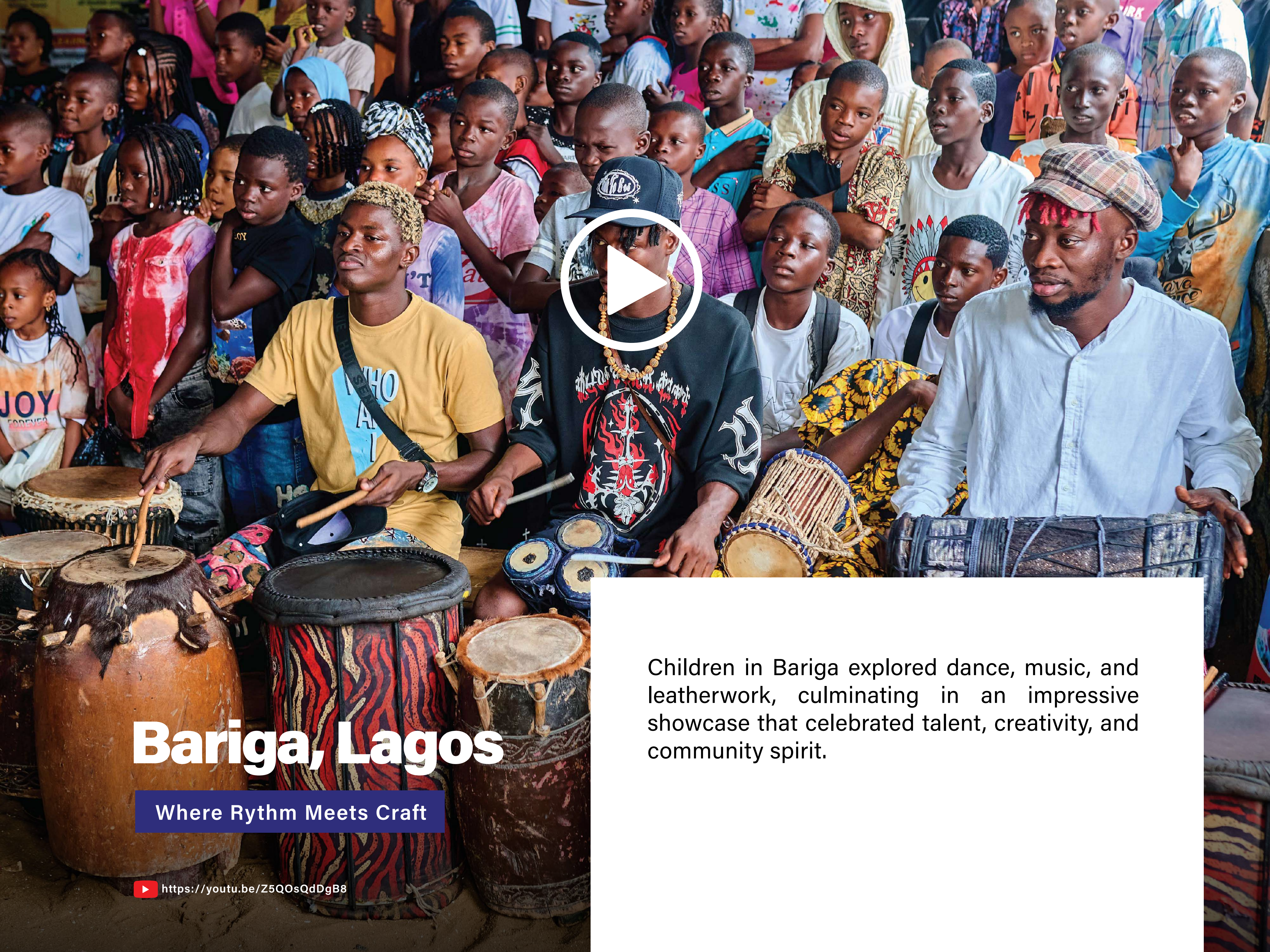


Mafoluku, Lagos

Strong Foundations, Bright Futures

Children built confidence through academics, tailoring, catering, and tie-dye. Daily assemblies fostered discipline and teamwork, while parents celebrated a program that left no child behind.

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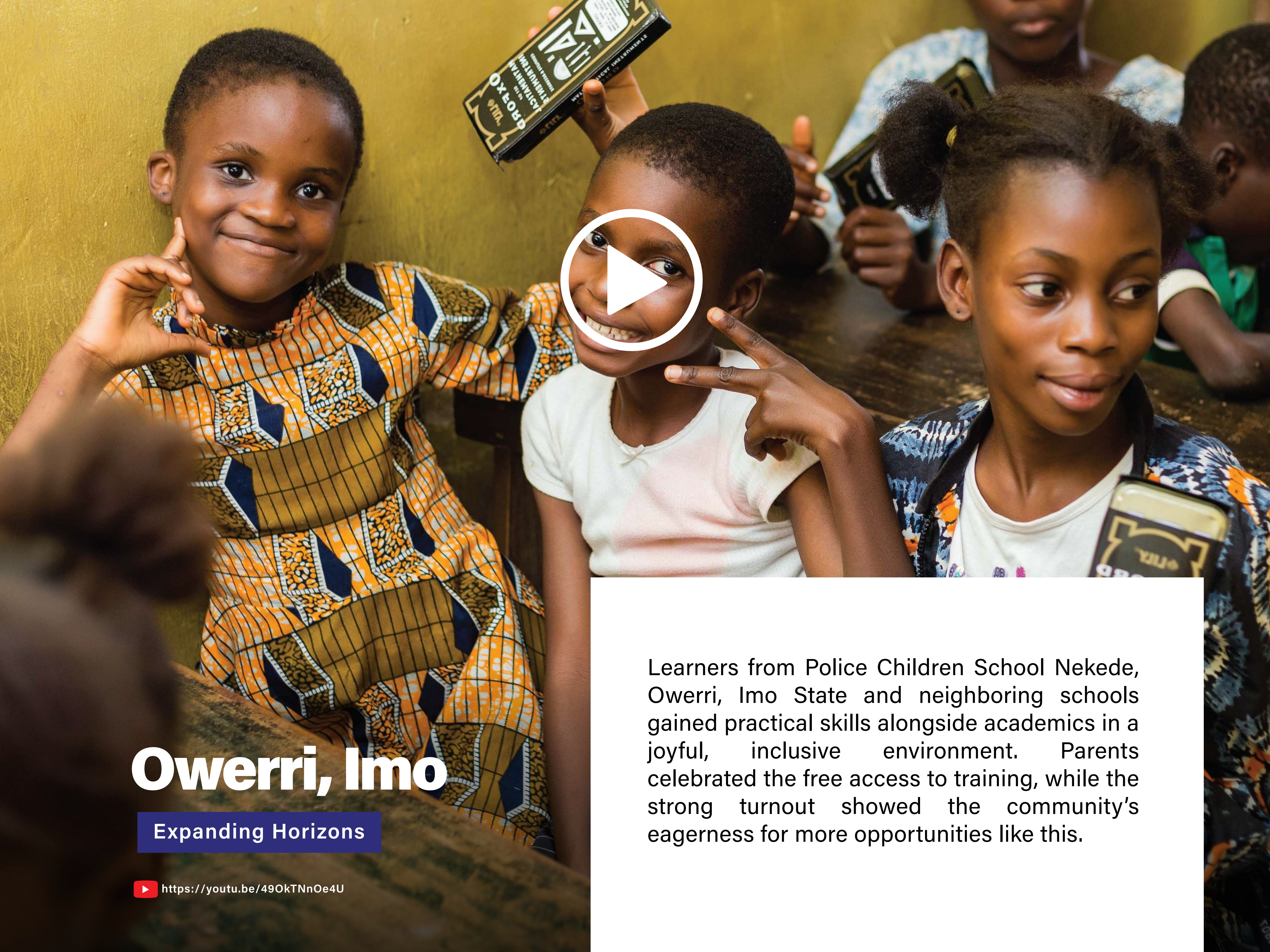


Bariga, Lagos

Where Rythm Meets Craft

Children in Bariga explored dance, music, and leatherwork, culminating in an impressive showcase that celebrated talent, creativity, and community spirit.

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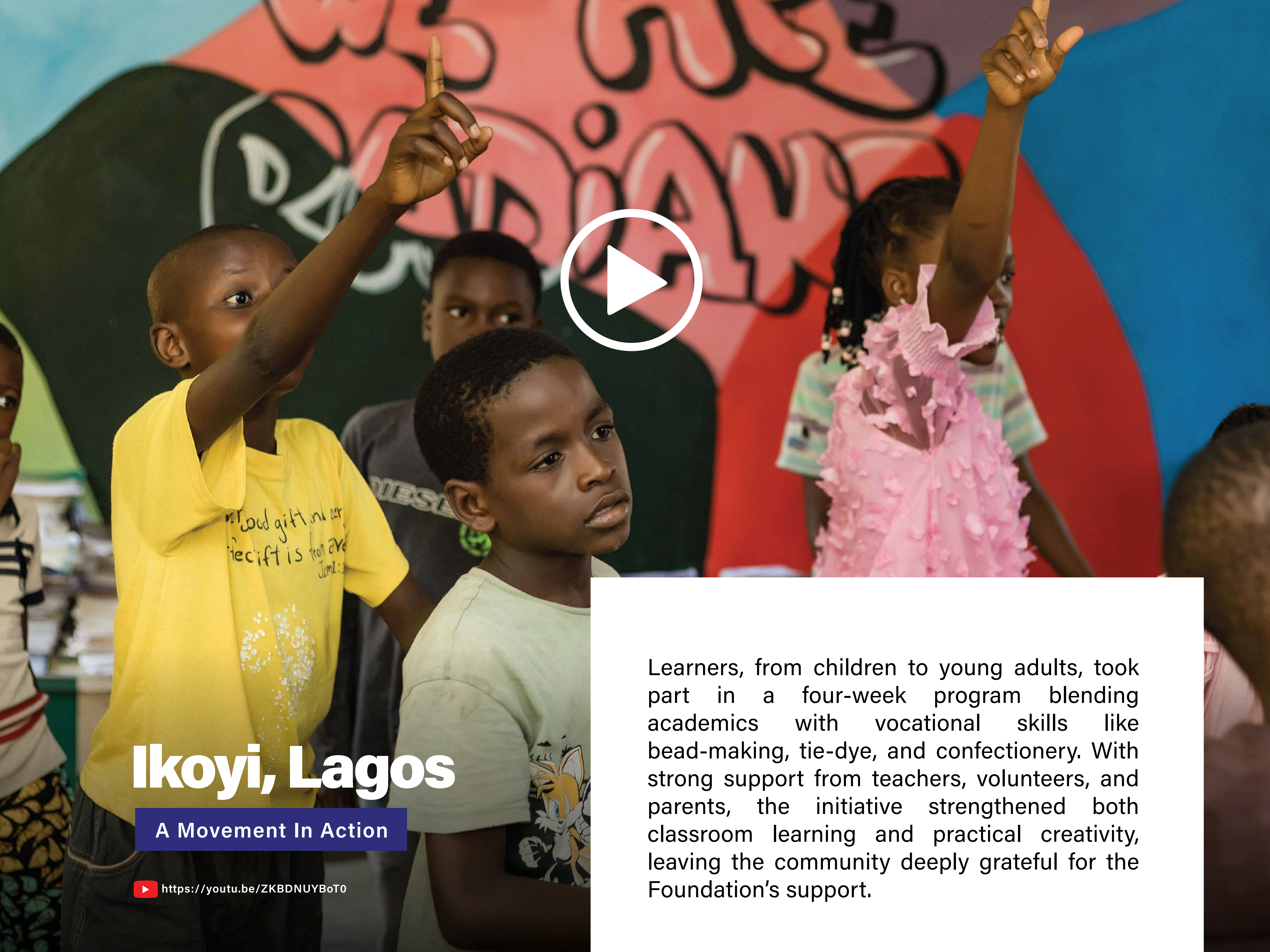


Owerri, Imo

Expanding Horizons

 <https://youtu.be/49OkTNN0e4U>

Learners from Police Children School Nekede, Owerri, Imo State and neighboring schools gained practical skills alongside academics in a joyful, inclusive environment. Parents celebrated the free access to training, while the strong turnout showed the community's eagerness for more opportunities like this.



Ikoyi, Lagos

A Movement In Action

 <https://youtu.be/ZKBDNUYBoT0>

Learners, from children to young adults, took part in a four-week program blending academics with vocational skills like bead-making, tie-dye, and confectionery. With strong support from teachers, volunteers, and parents, the initiative strengthened both classroom learning and practical creativity, leaving the community deeply grateful for the Foundation's support.

Ota, Ogun

Inclusive Learning, Lasting Impact

 <https://youtu.be/l6HdLu0ayug?si=YmifeyujiieM731h>

Children, including those from surrounding schools and communities, joined a one-month program blending academics with practical skills. Supported by six volunteers, the initiative fostered collaboration across schools, sparked enthusiasm for hands-on learning, and earned heartfelt praise from parents for offering valuable training at no cost.



Special Summer School Partnership Spotlight



Macadams Learning, Baking, Believing

At our Makoko center, Macadams brought the joy of hands-on learning to life through a special baking class. Children explored the basics of bread-making, rolled dough, and discovered the fun of creating something with their own hands—an experience that blended creativity, confidence, and the promise of new possibilities.

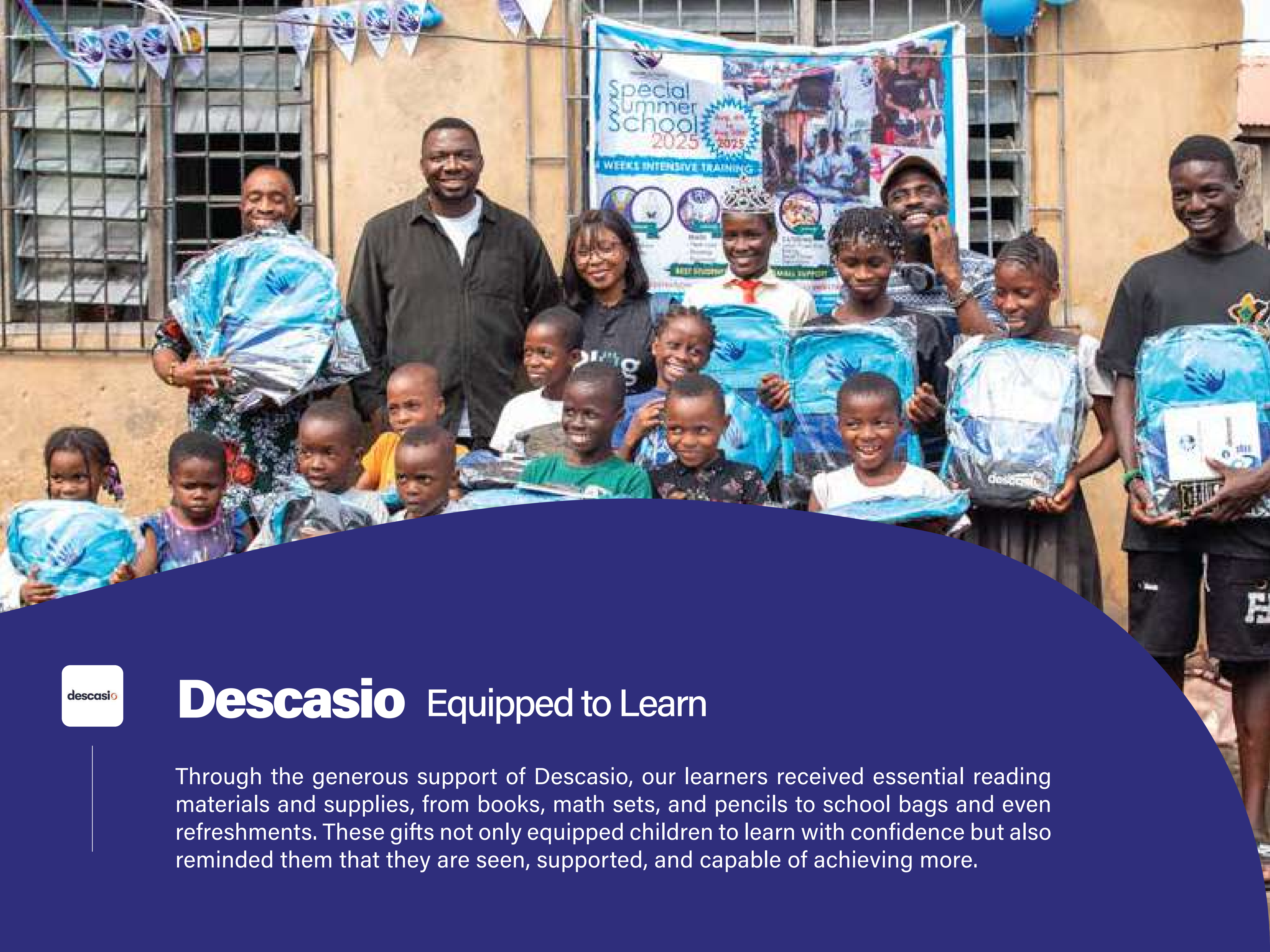




Kuddy Cosmetics Exploring Unique Beauty

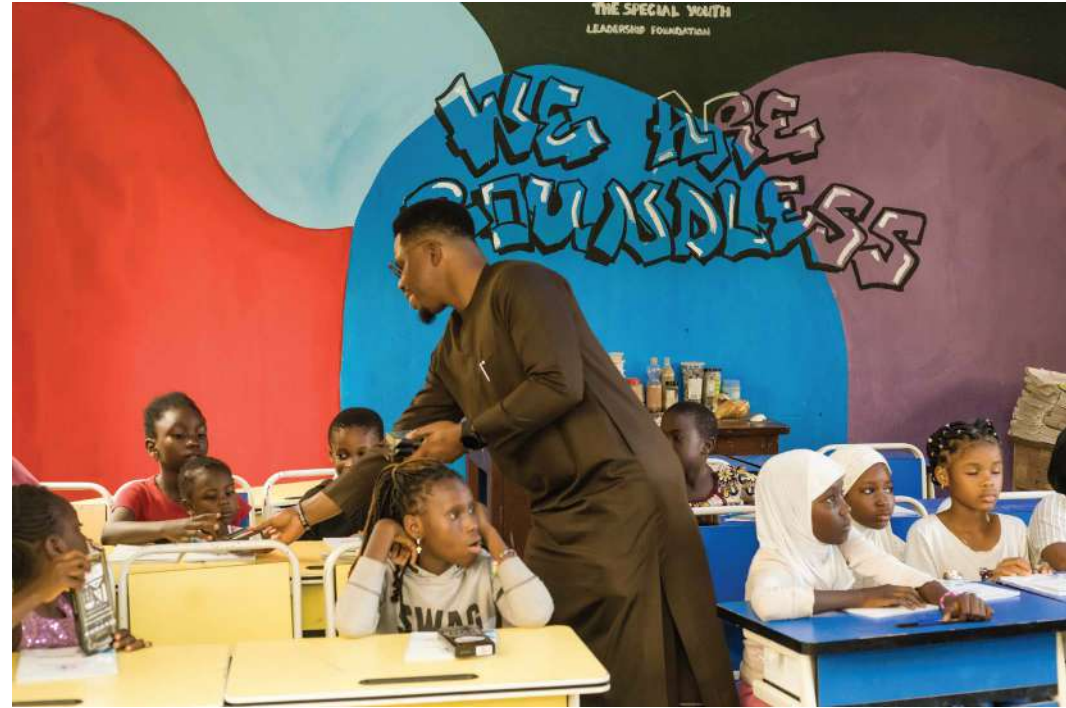
This year, our Special Summer School reached new heights of creativity with the support of Kuddy Cosmetics. At our Makoko and Magboro centers, children were introduced to hands-on beauty and self-care sessions, learning everything from product use to simple techniques that boosted their confidence and creativity. For many of these young learners, it was their first time exploring this world of skills, and the excitement was unmatched. Through this partnership, Kuddy Cosmetics helped us show children that learning can be fun, practical, and a pathway to opportunity.





Descasio Equipped to Learn

Through the generous support of Descasio, our learners received essential reading materials and supplies, from books, math sets, and pencils to school bags and even refreshments. These gifts not only equipped children to learn with confidence but also reminded them that they are seen, supported, and capable of achieving more.



Partners & Acknowledgments

We are deeply grateful to the organizations, schools, and individuals who partnered with us to make this year's program possible. Their commitment enabled thousands of children to experience a new way of learning.

	Credit Direct Limited For supporting the operational activities of the summer school program.
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	Descasio For empowering the children by providing back-to-school items.
	Macadams For inspiring creativity at Makoko with a hands-on baking class that gave children a taste of new skills and possibilities.
	Beloxxi For providing moments of delight with nourishing biscuits that kept energy and smiles high throughout the program.
	UAC Foods For standing with us in ensuring children were well-fed, cared for, and supported as they learned and thrived.
	De Miller Farms For bringing joy to the children by providing their Classic peanuts and popcorn during the program.
	Nigerian Bottling Company For supporting our learners' wellbeing with 50 packs of Eva Water.
	Kuddy Cosmetics For empowering learners with skills in hair care and more.

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Together, these partners amplified our vision and helped transform this year's Summer School into an unforgettable experience.

Young Hands Get Involved

To everyone who volunteered their time and resources, we appreciate you!

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Spotlight:

Young Volunteers

ROCKSTARS AT KINDNESS

At Ikota, a group of teenagers stepped up as changemakers by painting two classrooms, bringing color and hope into the school. They were part of a budding organization called Rockstars at Kindness, co-founded by Eziolachi Anusim, who showed that leadership and compassion have no age limit. You can follow their page on Instagram: [@rockstarsatkindness_](#)

ART BY AMAL

We also celebrate **Amal Abdusalam**, an artist and volunteer who poured creativity and passion into this year's Special Summer School. Her sessions inspired children to see art as both expression and opportunity, leaving a mark that will last long after the brushes are put away. You can follow her art page on Instagram: [@amalartf](#)



What The Future Holds

The Special Summer School 2025 reaffirmed our belief that education is the greatest equalizer. From theatre floors in Bariga to coding labs in Ota, children discovered not only knowledge but also the power of possibility.

With your continued support, The Special Foundation is committed to reaching 500,000+ children by 2030, equipping them with the skills and confidence to thrive in tomorrow's world.

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