



Ascend Education Foundation

Quarterly Newsletter – May 2026

THE CENTRE: A COMMUNITY HUB IN PROGRESS

Our centre is taking shape as a community learning and development hub, with activities organised across three areas. For education and skills, the centre will host weekend chess sessions, foundational literacy and numeracy programmes, and a library with reading initiatives. For community development, we plan to offer citizenship education, skills training for local artisans with integrated literacy and numeracy support, and craft-based activities. For community engagement, we are extending support to an indigent family and welcoming local children and youth into the daily life of the centre.

RESPONDING TO MAKOKO

We hosted a two-day workshop themed “Teaching for Impact”, bringing together 45 teachers from public and low-cost private schools. The sessions focused on classroom management, learner engagement, and digital teaching tools.

Teachers left the workshop better equipped to inspire their students and improve learning outcomes.

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NEW PARTNERSHIP! CHESS IN SLUMS AFRICA

We are pleased to announce a new collaboration with Chess in Slums Africa (CISA), bringing together two complementary missions in service of holistic child development. Under this partnership, Ascend will deliver foundational literacy and numeracy education, while CISA will integrate selected students into its chess development programme. We are also exploring a chess outreach initiative for out-of-school children on Lagos Island, with the centre serving as a hub for the work.

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TEACHER TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

Quality teaching remains at the heart of our work. We are currently providing professional development for two Ascend-employed teachers, alongside training for the volunteers supporting our Summer School. Looking ahead, we plan to extend this training to low-cost private and government schools across Lagos and Ogun States.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Our Summer School activity spans several locations. At Bamgrayor, programming continues as planned. Lissec has transitioned into a boarding school, and Ascend was not engaged there last summer as a result.

The Surulere Local Government pilot scheme invited 10 schools to participate, with each nominating three students. Six schools ultimately took part. We also began initial teaching with students at Part of Solution, an orphanage in Makoko, before the demolition interrupted the engagement.



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GALA NIGHT 2025

Ascend organized a gala night on the 25th of February 2025 to raise partners and funds for our activities and by the grace of God it was well attended and we had positive feedback from our guests and partners.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

We are actively seeking volunteers to support the programme as:

- teachers,
- counsellors,
- mentors.

There is a particular and pressing need for strong male role models who can offer guidance and positive influence to the children we serve.

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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT

There are several ways our friends and partners can help us deepen this work. Through our Sponsor a Child initiative, your support reaches displaced children from Makoko directly.

We are also seeking donations of equipment to strengthen learning delivery:

- an interactive whiteboard,
- a class set of tablets,
- a library management system,
- and a printer.

Visit website or use contact information below.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

850+

students through direct programs

45

teachers trained and mentored

3

new community partners onboarded

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