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As we draw close to the end of 2022 we can't help but look back in amazement at what Yarang Llamisi Foundation (YLF) has accomplished. To be honest, never in our wildest dreams could we have hoped for such staggering outcomes in a year that has been riddled with so many challenges and hardships, and we know it's because of the magnanimous support that we have received from everyone that has keyed into our vision and we say a big THANK YOU! You have made this year remarkable, and unforgettable and most importantly, you've partnered with us to change lives. Because of you, we end 2022 on a high note, and just so you know how much you have impacted us, here are highlights of what our journey with you has produced this year:

## On the 1st of *March*

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We celebrated the first year anniversary of the Vocational Training Centre. In just one year of operations, we have trained and graduated 174 women and girls in various trades. In fact, just when we thought we had to close shop due to scarce resources, we made a passionate appeal for sponsorship of our women and the response was overwhelming. Each woman at the vocational centre got a free ride and had the tools and materials available to practice and hone their trade.



As we do, each year, we marked the International Women's Day, with an event to commemorate the importance of empowering women. The theme this year was "breaking the bias" and Barrister Martha Innocent, the founder of Advocacy for Children's Right Initiative, joined forces with YLF and our amazing staff, beneficiaries and supporters to highlight what these "biases" are and how they affect not just our women, but the entire community. It was a colourful day, which was graced with a display of the unique Tera cultural heritage, showcasing our traditional dancers, and our titled elder women within the community.



***In June***

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We held exams for the Cosmetology students and we were not disappointed. We have seen a hunger in our students to elevate themselves beyond their present circumstances. They have met our efforts to train them with equal dedication to learning. The students excelled and were awarded certificates by the Adult and Non-Formal Education Board.





## In July 2022

We caught the attention of the National Commission for Mass Education, Adult and Non-Formal, who paid us a visit all the way from Abuja. Their arrival to Gombe State was to assess the level of engagement of the State Government and NGOs, and we were humbled to be considered in the assessment. We took them around to the various parts of the YLF Center to see the work that we are doing in our community and received a commendation from them for our dedication and the support we give to the community and the State. This visit led to an invitation to Abuja to mark the International Literacy Day 2022.



With YLF now being firmly established and becoming a household name within Gombe State, in August 2022, NYSC Corp Members within the community paid a formal visit to the YLF Centre, with an offer to provide support to YLF in her ongoing pursuits within the community. This was indeed an honour because this opens up an avenue for YLF to get additional voluntary support from the NYSC at the YLF Centre, going forward.



Maintaining this momentum and ensuring that YLF continues to have visibility, September 2022 brought about the participation in the International Literacy Day, which was held in Abuja and hosted by the National Commission for Mass Education, Adult and Non-Formal; where the theme "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces" was advocated, and YLF was able to explore how this might be implemented in Yamaltu/Deba LGA, Gombe State for the betterment of our women and the community.

# In September

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We ran our annual essay writing competition in commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child. This year was a big deal as it marked the 10th year anniversary of international focus on issues pertaining to girls' rights globally. The theme was **"Our Time Is Now - Our Rights Our Future"** and we invited girls all over Gombe to participate in the essay writing competition which culminated in a ceremony on the 13th of October 2022 where we had three outstanding winners whose essays completely blew us away.



In the first position was Fatima Sani Jauro of Pen Resource Academy Gombe who made a presentation of her winning essay at the event.



In second place was Aisha Bello Mahdi of Gombe International School;



and in Third place, was Ndazibari Charles of Evangel College Gombe.



These young girls reminded us of the importance of what we do, to impact the next generation for sustainable change that brings about the development of our people. They were awarded scholarships and gifts.



# Year *End*

We ended the year with a grand graduation of 116 women and girls from the YLF Vocational Training Centre.



We were able to gift 5 of our most outstanding students with sewing machines which were donated to YLF by the distinguished Senator Alh. Muhammad Danjuma Goje (Sarkin Yakin Gombe) represented by Hon. Tanimu Usman (Bunun Deba).





The Senator also donated five grinding machines which we were able to distribute to some widows within the community, to empower them to create income in support of their families.

## YLF Graduation 2022



The graduation ceremony exceeded our expectations, certificates of achievement were awarded and seeing the joy in the graduates' faces fueled our resolve to come back stronger next in 2023.







The Founder of YLF, Mrs Sarah Haruna Moda gave the closing address, she congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to keep up the momentum and by ensuring the skills they learned are put to good use. She assured them that this will not be a final goodbye, as provision had been made in the Center for them to return and use the facilities for their work.

The graduates have all been provided with 2 sets of starter packs, so they are adequately mobilised to start their business. The founder's speech culminated in a vote of thanks to everyone that has made it to the event and for a childhood dream she had a reality.

We have begun something incredible, but we are not so conceited to think that we have arrived here on our own merit, we know it's down to your support and it is our hope that you will continue to support us and keep this momentum going, until Yamaltu/Deba Local Government stands as a shining example which spreads throughout Gombe State, that we become the pride and joy whom other States in Nigeria look to and say "we can do that too!".

We at YLF are greatly humbled and encouraged by the support we have received from all our well-wishers, friends, partners, and volunteers. We wish you a wonderful 2023 and look forward to our continued partnership.

