

# springboard

## Project News (May-July 2013)

Dear Supporters and Partners of Springboard,

It is now 2 months we commenced the maiden edition (Oak Batch) of Springboard Entrepreneurship training. I will like to update you on our activities so far. In this Newsletter, I will introduce the Springboard participants to you, update you on the training and farm activities and share with you other exciting news and some challenges we have encountered in the last 2 months.

### TRAINING SO FAR



**Stage 1 (Business Idea Development & Farm Adventure)** of the Springboard training is progressing well even though with some challenges encountered. Participants are happy to be learning new skills which will help them become self-employed and change agents in their communities. Presently, participants are very busy doing group work and at the same time writing their business plans. The stage 1 of the training will end during the first week of August 2013 with participants presenting their business ideas in front of a panel.

### SPRINGBOARD 2013 PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE

2013 Springboard participants are very talented and full of potentials. Also, they demonstrate a huge readiness, tenacity and commitment towards learning how to turn their business ideas into successful businesses after graduating from the training.

At the start of the training in May 2013, we admitted 20 participants, 7 later dropped out of the training due to lack of money to transport themselves four times a week to the training centre and the farm. Most of our participants travel as far as 20km to attend the training. As much as we tried to get sponsorship to cover all participants' transport cost, we were only able to get for participants coming from Iju and Ita-ogbolu communities. The community leaders in these two communities, who see the potential impact Springboard has on their youth and the communities supported the participants from their villages with a token to cover their transport.

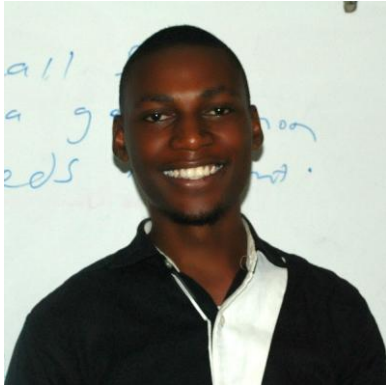


**NAME:** OLUWAKEMI KOREDE OGUNDUMI

**AGE:** 28

**BUSINESS IDEA:** CAKE BAKING

**COMMUNITY:** OKE-IJEBU



**NAME:** SEGUN ENIOLA OGUNTOYINBO

**AGE:** 27

**BUSINESS IDEA:** REARING OF QUAIL BIRD AND EGG PRODUCTION  
[LIVESTOCK]

**COMMUNITY:** IFELODUN



**NAME:** AKINTUNDE ELIZABETH TEMITOPE

**AGE:** 24

**BUSINESS IDEA:** STARTING A HOME SERVICE DELIVERY OF FARM  
PRODUCE SUCH AS TOMATOES, PEPPER/SPICE E.T.C

**COMMUNITY:** AKURE



**NAME:** SOLADOYE DANIEL OGUNLEYE

**AGE:** 24

**BUSINESS IDEA:** ORGANIC CASSAVA FARM

**COMMUNITY:** IGBATORO



**NAME:** SUNDAY EZEKIEL TAIWO

**AGE:** 31

**BUSINESS IDEA:** PRODUCTION OF CANDLE LIGHT WHICH ALSO  
REPELS MOSQUITOES

**COMMUNITY:** ITA-OGBOLU



**NAME:** FATUTU OLADIMEJI GABRIEL

**AGE:** 32

**BUSINESS IDEA:** STARTING PLANTAIN/BANANA FARM

**COMMUNITY:** ITA-OGBOLU



**NAME:** OLUWAFEMI EBENEZER

**AGE:** 30

**BUSINESS IDEA:** STARTING A TUTORIAL SCHOOL FOR  
CHILDREN IN HIS VILLAGE

**COMMUNITY:** ITA-OGBOLU

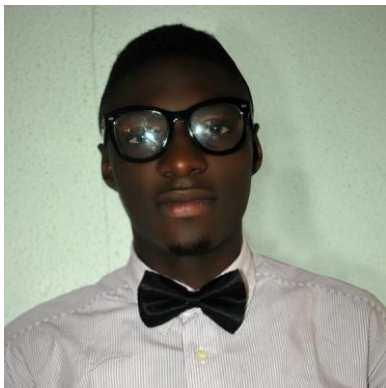


**NAME:** SAMSON OLUGBENGA OLUFOWOSE

**AGE:** 28

**BUSINESS IDEA:** PRODUCTION OF BEANS FLOUR

**COMMUNITY:** IGOBA



**NAME:** STEPHEN SOLADOYE ALADEGBONMIRE

**AGE:** 24

**BUSINESS IDEA:** MAKING ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY  
AVAILABLE TO HIS VILLAGE THROUGH THE PRODUCTION  
OF INVERTER AND SOLAR ENERGY.

**COMMUNITY:** AKURE NORTH



**NAME:** IFEOLUWA IFEDAYO OLUYOLE

**AGE:** 31

**BUSINESS IDEA:** PRODUCTION OF COMIC BOOKS TO AID  
CHILDREN'S LEARNING

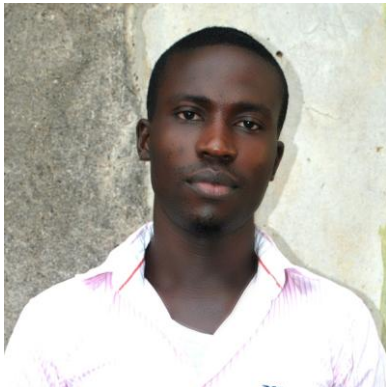
**COMMUNITY:** ORITA OBELE



**NAME:** OJO OLUWAFEMI CHARLES  
**AGE:** 23  
**BUSINESS IDEA:** FISH FARMING  
**COMMUNITY:** ITA-OGBOLU

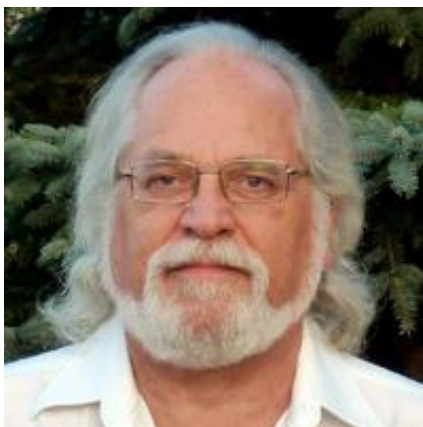


**NAME:** VICTOR SAMSON ONOJA  
**AGE:** 27  
**BUSINESS IDEA:** BEE KEEPING & ORGANIC HONEY  
PRODUCTION  
**COMMUNITY:** IRESE



**NAME:** OLUWATOSIN JESSE OKPARA  
**AGE:** 26  
**BUSINESS IDEA:** BUYING AND SELLING OF PHONES ACCESSORIES  
AND PHONE CALL CARDS  
**COMMUNITY:** ODO-IKOYI

### **ANDRAS NEVAI, FROM HUNGARY, VISITS SPRINGBOARD IN AUGUST 2013**



Springboard team is happily preparing to receive Andras Nevai from Budapest, Hungary who will be visiting the Springboard Project from August 24 to September 15. During his visit, Andras, who has much interest in Springboard, will help to organize some fundraising activities and workshops. He will also facilitate some sessions with our participants. For many years Andras has supported the Teaching and Training of the Future Leaders of the world, both financially and as a mentor. Andras is an Art Photographer, he is currently working on his second book of photographs called “Angels of Water”.

He is also the founder of The Council of Healers, The Pendulum Works, The Crystal Master Gallery and the First Global Sacred Geometry Conference. Andras is an author, photographer, teacher, and businessman educated in the United States and he presently lives in Europe.

## Springboard Farm



Participants doing group work on the farm



A buyer of Springboard farm corn



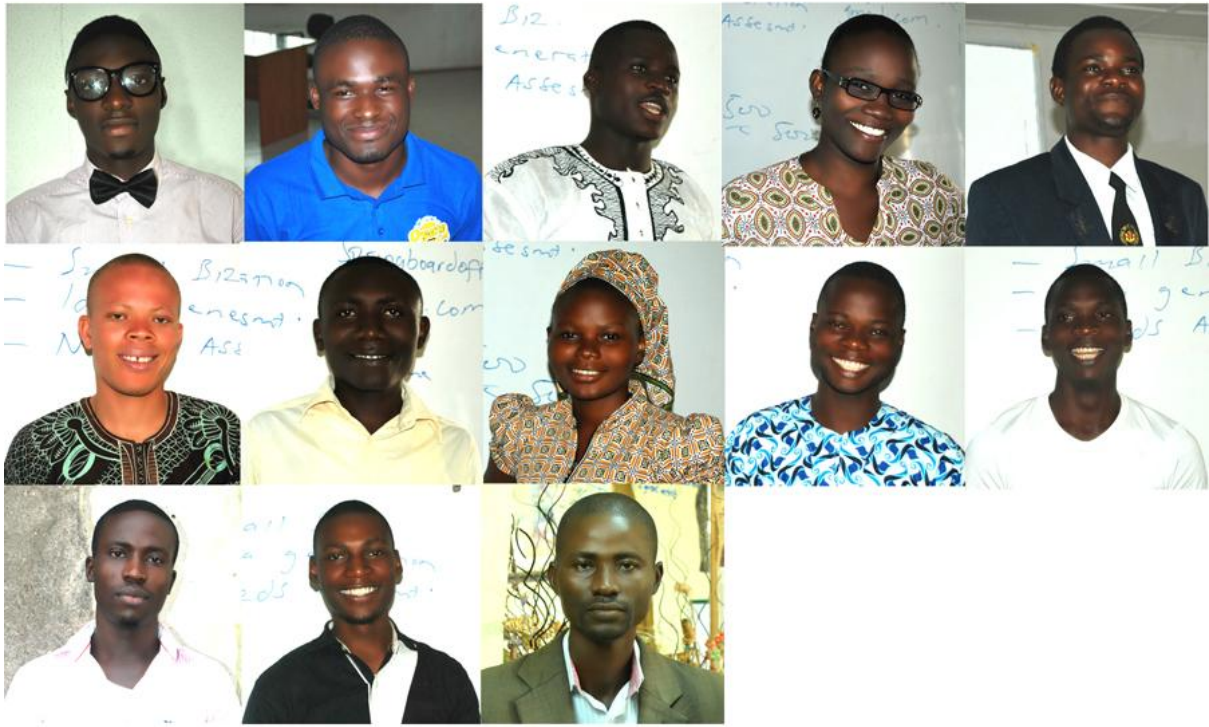
Igbatoro leaders donating farmland to Springboard

Activities on the Springboard farm are progressing with harvesting and sales of corn which we planted in March 2013. Also, Springboard participants, as part of their training, are taking part in these activities.

Good news! Igbatoro community (a village in Akure) has just donated (at no cost) some acres of farmland to Springboard. This donation has come at a time when some of our students will need farmland to start their farm projects after graduating from the training. Springboard will partner with its graduates who are starting farm projects by donating some of this farmland to them to commence their projects after graduating from the Springboard training in November 2013. Work has begun on the new farmland. By the end of July, we shall begin to plant plantain (local banana) suckers. We will not need to purchase suckers as we have enough on the present Springboard farm.

### FUND RAISING VIA GLOBALGIVING

Springboard project has been approved on GlobalGiving, an online donation platform. You can see the project page at: <http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/help-empower-10-poor-communities-in-nigeria/>. Although the project page is visible, it will not accept donations until it goes live on September 1, 2013. I will keep you posted on this especially how you can help us pass the message to friends, family and relatives about donating to Springboard via GlobalGiving.



Dear Supporters and Partners,

On behalf of the Oak Batch participants, staff and volunteers of Springboard, we want to say thank you for your support and partnership. Our much appreciation goes to BWB Foundation, Switzerland for its support.

With much gratefulness,

Afere Alaba Lawrence and Springboard team

Request: we are in need of an unused video/photo camera to document the ongoing training program. If you know anyone who can donate one to Springboard, kindly help us pass the information to her/him. Thank you!

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