



Dear Partners and Supporters of Springboard,

2015 was our year of greater progress. Thank you for your support and partnership.

We are delighted to bring you the Springboard News update for the last quarter in 2015. We started the year with BIG dreams and goals. We are happy to inform you that we are on the move towards realising them. **WE are ONWARD and UPWARD towards creating a new Nigeria through organic farming and personal enterprise.**

In this report, we will share with you the progress we made with our project in 2015. We thank you for your partnership and support in the year 2015 and we look forward to a more fruitful partnership in the year 2016.

100 New Participants...100 New Dreams



With support from our new partner, The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA), for our 2015 training. We recruited the largest batch of participants so far! 100 participants with great entrepreneurial and farming dreams were recruited and currently undergoing training. 50 of the participants have started their organic farms in groups and the remaining participants will start their small businesses after the training.

Yummy Yummy Springboard Plantain Chips...



Have you had the chance to taste the Springboard Organic Plantain Chips? If not, hurriedly email your address so we can put some packs in the mail for you! Commencing full production of the Springboard plantain chips is one of the significant progress we made in 2015. We are highly thankful to our partners and supporters for helping us to make this a reality. Now, we produce over 1200 pouches of the chips daily. And they come in two sizes and prices. We supply the chips to several towns, cities (including Abuja) and villages in Nigeria. We have also recruited new staff to work at the production centre. Engaging more unemployed youth!



We have relocated!

Yes!!! We have relocated to our main office and training centre! We are so happy!!! During the 1st quarter, we completed constructing the Springboard Training Centre (though not yet painted). This centre houses a 100 seat capacity for the training, offices and factory for the production of the chips. We also named the training centre 'The Global Leadership Hall'. Now, we can provide entrepreneurship and farm training to more youth and produce healthy organic food and product for people. Please see picture below.

Yes! We received a Vehicle Donation

The entire Springboard team will not stop to rejoice over a vehicle donated to the project by The Nevai Family Foundation, USA. With this vehicle, we are now able to transport our farm produce with ease, distribute the Springboard plantain chips, transport our students and staff etc. We are forever grateful for this support!



Kwara State University, Nigeria partners with Springboard

The Centre for Undergraduate Research at Kwara State University Nigeria is partnering with Springboard to develop a new curriculum in Organic Farming and to create programs that will boost production of organic food production in Nigeria.

We have added Organic Goat Farming to our Project!

One of our entrepreneurs decided to go a different way than organic crop farming by starting a goat farm. Soon, consumers within our project location will be able to buy healthy meat. We should also add, the goats are fed with the plantain peels from the Springboard plantain chips factory, corn and dry banana/plantain leaves from the Springboard farms.



Affordable Sanitary pads can give rural girls in Nigeria more options for their future.

Springboard is partnering with Saathi India to begin production of natural sanitary pad (made from Banana and Plantain stem). Lack of access to affordable sanitary protection is the leading reason rural girls drop out of school in Nigeria and rural women excluded from freely engaging and contributing to their community. Alarming! Most rural women use less hygienic sanitary protection alternatives such as Rags, old towels, leaves, Grass and school notebook paper. Knowing that the raw material (basically banana and plantain stem) is readily and freely available at the Springboard farms and to serve the need of the women and girls in the communities we serve, we have decided to start producing this product. Saathi India is providing the necessary technical assistance to get this project started in 2016. We have also named this pad, 'GreenPads'

Lighting Rural Communities



We supported some of our participants in starting an enterprise that distributes solar lamp to rural people, especially children of farmers in Akure.

Speaking Engagement

MOSES Organic Farming Conference

Lawrence Afere, founder, was invited to speak at the 2015 MOSES Organic Farming Conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin, February 26-28, 2015. The MOSES conference is the largest event in the US about organic and sustainable farming with over 3000 people in attendance yearly. He presented on the challenges, opportunities and possibilities in African Agriculture. For more details about this conference, please check: <http://mosesorganic.org/>

MCFEA Partners' Reception Event

On September 22 2015, Lawrence was also invited to make a presentation about Springboard at the MCFEA Partners' Reception Event that took place at the Mitsubishi Office in London, UK. It was a

privilege to talk about Springboard and to meet other partners of The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa.

Lawrence was interviewed at BBC London

Soon after the MCFEA Partners' Reception Event, Lawrence was interviewed at the BBC Broadcasting House, London on Thursday September 24, 2015 where he answered questions about the story of Springboard.

Awards

LEAP Africa 2015 Social Innovator's Award

Lawrence received the LEAP Africa 2015 Social Innovator's Award

Future Africa Awards

Lawrence was nominated as the only Nigerian for the prestigious Future Awards Africa 2015 under the Agriculture category.

International Training

Damilola Mutiu (co-founder) received the US Government scholarship for a 5 week Young Africans Leadership training in Ghana in August 2015.

Lawrence received a full scholarship from SIEMENS Stiftung to attend a 3 weeks Education Challenge Africa and Entrepreneurship training in Berlin, Germany in November 2015.



Front and back view of the new Springboard building

Dear Partners and Supporters of Springboard, we say THANK YOU! for your continuous support. We wish all of you a blissful Christmas and a new year of unending peace, joy and success!

