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COVER PHOTO: Students of Federal Science and Technical College, FSTC Yaba, being taught on the Financial Literacy curriculum developed by JAN for Global Money Week celebration by the NDIC.
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

By Simi Nwogugu

DEAR FRIENDS,

April is usually a slow month for us because schools are on Easter break so we also slow down and begin planning our 3rd term and summer activities. I got to take a short refreshing holiday with my family but our hardworking JAN staff kept going. As you will read in this newsletter, our Abuja staff deployed programs in out-of-school settings like the Police barracks and our Maiduguri staff developed partnerships with some pretty cool organizations I got to visit and witness their phenomenal work firsthand.

We are all about partnerships at JAN because the work to develop our nation’s youth is bigger than any one organization can achieve by itself so we not only welcome partnerships, but we actively seek to improve the capacity and effectiveness of other NGOs, which is why I was thrilled to also facilitate two NGO-training sessions with our partners at the Lagos Business School Sustainability Centre and the Nirmala Chellarams Centre for Entrepreneurship at the University of Lagos.

Speaking of capacity building and partnerships, we were thrilled to be invited back to the ACT Foundation capacity building session for its partner NGOs. I am particularly excited to share that JAN emerged one of the 25 NGO grantee organizations of ACT Foundation for the year 2018.

With over 700 applications received, it was a delight to have emerged successful and we look forward to an impactful project delivery. This month, we were also delighted to have a few of our students learn a lot about what is possible in our country from watching the movie Black Panther, and engaging in panel discussions afterwards.

These students just watched the blockbuster movie for the first time ever and were excited to share on their ambitions and dreams for a Nigeria just like the fictional Wakanda. This is all thanks to our partners at Enough is Enough (EiE) Nigeria.

Schools have resumed now and we are back to work so I can’t wait to share with you our plans for May, my favorite month of the year (I will let you know why in the next newsletter). Until then, cheerio!

Warm Regards,

Simi.
On April 10, JAN students from Caro Favored School Ajegunle, New State Secondary School Mushin, Akande Dahunsi Memorial Secondary School, Ikoyi, and Victoria Island Senior Secondary School joined children from Dustbin Estate, Hope Center and Transformers Youth Development Initiative for a private viewing of the blockbuster ‘Black Panther’ movie. The event, organized by “Enough is Enough Nigeria”, a youth-led organization advocating for good governance and accountability in Nigeria, incited thought-provoking conversations among the youngsters about what it would take for Nigeria to be like the fictional Wakanda nation and the students to be like the African heroes in the movie.

There was a panel discussion featuring Jared Murray Bruce of SilverBird Television, Yemi Adamolekun of EIE Nigeria and Kadaria Ahmed of DM Nigeria, who challenged the students to imagine an Africa like the fictional Wakanda, where resources were fully harnessed by all for the progress of her citizens. The students’ in turn were ecstatic whilst sharing their dreams and hopes for Nigeria, with a resolve to continue to challenge status quo and see themselves as problem solvers. The panel discussion ended on a high note with Mr. Murray Bruce tasking the youngsters to boldly take up their role in the building and development of the country.
Two of JAN’s Program Officers, Saratu Bijimi and Ijeoma Onyeachonam, both working out of the Abuja office, were at the Police Barracks in Abuja on the 16th of April to teach JAN’s entrepreneurial programs – ‘JA It’s My Biz’ & ‘JA It’s Our Nation’ to children of Nigerian Police Officers who were home on Easter break.

The students of both primary and secondary schools were split into two groups and taught basic entrepreneurial and financial literacy lessons including ‘basics of business plans’.

This is part of JAN’s strategic approach to reaching more young people beyond our traditional in-school methods of delivery.
Our Executive Director, Mrs. Simi Nwogugu participated in a panel on Sustainability for Non-Governmental Organizations at the Lagos Business School on the 18th of April, 2018.

She was joined by other panelists notably: Mr. Clem Ugorji, Public Affairs and Communications Director for CocaCola, Ms. Oluwasoromidayo George, Director of Corporate Affairs at Unilever Nigeria, and Oluseun Onigbinde, Co-Founder & Lead Partner at BudgIT Nigeria. Professor Ijeoma Nwagwu of LBS, moderated the discussion during which the panellists shared strategies for ensuring sustainability with the various NGO's represented.

Our ED answered questions regarding JA's 19-year history in Nigeria and 99-year history worldwide, whilst sharing on JAN's sustainability blueprint.
ACT Foundation held a two-day training on the 19th and 20th of April for its grantee organizations for the year 2018. ACT Foundation is a grant-making organization supporting NGOs working to address challenges and associated vulnerabilities across the African continent. ACT Foundation focus areas are in Health, Entrepreneurship, Environment and Leadership and their commitment to supporting NGOs goes beyond giving grants to include Capacity Building trainings and workshops. Three of JAN Staff joined team members of other grantee organizations in the first workshop for this year which featured training on Sustainability for Non-Profits, Branding & Communications, Monitoring & Evaluation as well as Online Security. We are grateful to have emerged as one of the final 25 NGOs to qualify for the ACT Foundation Grant 2018.

Particularly touching for us was that two of the facilitators, Mrs Modupe Adefeso Olateju and Mr Jimi Tewe, as well as the CEO of ACT Foundation, Ms. Osayi Aliile are former JAN staff, which shows the quality and breath of the JAN network.
JAN Executive Director, Mrs. Simi Nwogugu, was at the Nirmala Chellarams Centre for Entrepreneurship to facilitate a training session on “Setting Objectives and Key Results” as a tool for performance management and evaluation.

The workshop which took place on the 20th of April featured executives of NGOs as participants. Mrs. Simi Nwogugu, taught the OKR model of leadership for setting, communicating and monitoring monthly/quarterly/annual goals and results in organizations.

The workshop was both practical and insightful as participants developed and shared their organizations OKRs for the year and received constructive feedback from their peers.
Our Executive Director, Simi Nwogugu, visited JAN staff and project partners in Maiduguri, Borno State to select participants for our ITS TYME (Immersion Training Strategies Targeting Young Marginalized Entrepreneurs) business incubation program for orphaned and displaced youth in Borno State, funded by the Citi Foundation.

During the visit, the ED, our Program Manager in Maiduguri, Hauwa Magaji and our Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant Justina Amu, visited the project sites and witnessed the participants harvesting fish from their farm and vegetables from their farm which included squash, onions, okro, broccoli, beans and many others.

They came back to Lagos excited about the possibilities of the projects and the impact on participants once completed.
On Thursday, April 26th 2018, officials of Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) were at a JAN partner school - Federal Science and Technical College, FSTC Yaba, Lagos to deliver the Financial Literacy curriculum developed by JAN for Global Money Week celebration and based on the theme ‘Money Matters Matter’.

About 300 students were taught lessons on the importance of money and a saving culture while also receiving basic lessons on the importance of insurance and the dynamics of commercial banking activities.

Questions from the students including the difference between needs and wants & how to make healthy financial decisions as young people were answered by the NDIC officials, while JAN staff were available to provide support and coordinate activities.
Please volunteer your time (an hour a week) to empower Nigeria’s youth or sponsor a classroom of 30 students with just N50,000. Your support will go a long way towards helping us achieve our goal to reach one million students by 2020!