

Giving Tuesday November 2021

1. **Education:** Since 2014 and in honor of former PfD employee, Anne Johnson, who unfortunately died of cancer at age 57 in late 2013, and who embraced the importance of girls education in Nigeria, The Anne Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund (AJMSF) has issued 262 scholarships to young girls to support their junior secondary education and improve school retention in Nigeria. These scholarships cover a meaningful percentage of annual school expenses such as uniforms, books, and tuition fees. PfD invests the original monies donated in memory of Anne from family and friends in microfinance activities that support expansion of small, women-owned enterprises and uses the interest for the scholarships.



Figure 1: Esther Labake Olasehinde with her class teacher in Usi-Ekiti, Ekiti State. November 2020

2. **Health:** In the three year \$3.5M Water Improvement & Sanitation Enhancement (WISE) project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and which began in August 2021, PfD aims to reduce waterborne diseases in rural households in Jigawa and Kano states of northwestern Nigeria by providing improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services.



Figure 2: Community members collecting water from newly installed improved water facility

Consumption of unclean water and poor sanitation are major factors in serious disease and death among millions worldwide, killing an estimated 775,000 persons annually, especially women and children, with as many as 122,000 individuals dying in Nigeria alone (15% of the global total). WISE will install 55 improved

water systems to provide potable drinking water to 66,000 residents of a targeted 100 rural communities. WISE also will install 55 improved sanitation facilities within schools and health centers in these communities while leveraging private sector resources employing innovative financial models to spur households to construct and use their own basic but safely-managed latrines. To ensure sustainability of installed WASH facilities and services in these communities, WISE is strengthening capacity of local (WASH

Committees or WASHCOMs and government institutions through training and mentoring support.

3. Agriculture: Under the West Africa Trade & Investment Hub contract managed by Creative Associates and over a 24 month period from May 2021-May 2023, PfD's \$500,000 Investment in Delta State Aquaculture (IDSA) project will improve the productivity of 600 small scale fish farmers through training and mentoring on improved aquaculture practices. IDSA is also providing technical assistance and business skills training to input suppliers – 15 hatcheries and 15 fish



Figure 3: IDSA personnel providing technical assistance to fish farmers in Uvwie LGA, Delta State

feed distributors – to ensure quality input supplies to the fish farmers. By leveraging private financing of \$1.1M from Truist Bank and partnering with local microfinance institutions, PfD makes credit available to these aquaculture value chain players to enable them to expand their operations, retain personnel, and purchase required raw materials or inputs. In its two year timeframe, IDSA aims to increase productivity by 25 percent among these aquaculture value chain players in Ndokwa-West, Ughelli-North, and Uvwie Local Government Areas of Delta state.

4. Economic Empowerment:

In Cross River and Delta states in southern Nigeria, PfD, through its local affiliate Initiative for Advancing Local Solutions (IALS) has since Fall 2019 supported over 2,257 small scale agricultural and non-agricultural enterprises with about \$329,378 in loans to improve or expand their operations. These loans range in size from \$100 - \$500 and are made to groups of five-ten persons who have united together while other loans are made to individuals.



Figure 2: IALS loan beneficiary, Madam Kate Monday, displays her newly procured wares for sale during monitoring visit by IALS Branch Manager, Delta State, February 2021