

# **Our hands** pave the way for a **better future** for **Nigerian children**.



## WELCOME

Many of us want to get involved, to take responsibility for humanitarian issues and to help fellow people in need. When we support a charitable organiztion, we ask ourselves two questions:

- 1. Does my contribution make a meaningful and valuable difference for a humanitarian and sustainable development?
- 2. Does 100% of my contribution really reach the people who need it?

WE AT ADESUWA WANT TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES AND ANSWER BOTH QUESTIONS WITH "YES!" YES - WITH ADESUWA YOU CAN MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.

Our programs in Nigeria aim to sustainably improve the living conditions and future perspectives of needy children in Coker Village, Nigeria, and to build intercultural bridges.

Only through education can our children take their future into their own hands and act as multiplicators for their environment.

We fly to Nigeria regularly to see for ourselves how our children are developing and to carry out special projects. Because we all volunteer our time and our work, we can guarantee:

### 100% OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION GOES TO THE CHILDREN!

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## WINNING WITH EDUCATION SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS AND THE ENGLISH PROGRAM

#### COKER VILLAGE – EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS AND PROJECTS

Only through a school education can our children in Coker Village take their future into their own hands. But in Nigeria only 60% of children attend primary school. That's why Adesuwa focuses on education, enabling:

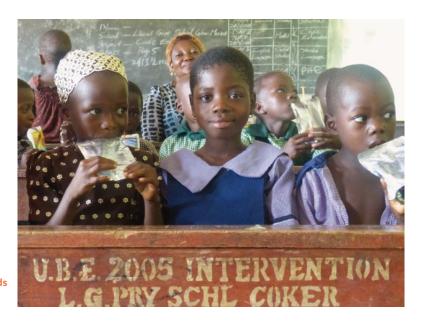
School sponsorhips currently for 70 children who would normally not be able to attend school. Adesuwa sponsors provide school uniforms and sandals, school material and fees, local school taxes and insurance contributions.

Project days on educational and social topics for over 400 children from the whole village. Topics include "Learning English with the Memory game", "Eat healthy- feel healthy", "My hygienic home ". These topics are further covered in school classes with material supplied by Adesuwa.

Regular two-day visits to Coker Village by our social worker Esther who cultivates close

contacts with children, parents and teachers to ensure that our children are making progress in school and inform us and the sponsors about issues and special problems our children may be facing.

In many cases Adesuwa initiates measures to offer help above and beyond our educational activities.



#### COKER VILLAGE – FURTHER DEVELOP-MENT THROUGH THE ENGLISH TUTOR PROGRAM

When asked about the biggest challenge for our kids, the parents were unanimous: the English language is the biggest challenge.

Although the lessons are primarily conducted in the regional language, the aptitude test for secondary school is in English. Because of this hurdle, only half of children who attend primary school continue with their education.

In 2018 we therefore developed a Tutor Program for our schools and the success speaks for itself. With this support all of our children succeeded in passing the entrance test for secondary school!

Now we have more children in secondary school than in primary school. In 2022 we will have our first group of Adesuwa secondary school graduates!

## HOW DOES THE TUTOR PROGRAM WORK?

Every school receives two tutors, one for the secondary and one for the primary children. Each learning group meets 2 – 3 times a week.

The primary pupils learn basic English to prepare them for final exams and the aptitude test at the end of the fifth grade. Secondary school children learn advanced English to prepare them for life after school.

Lesson attendance and contents are monitored by monthly tutor reports and Parents' Committee members.

Our Kids



Our Tutors Even during the school closures due to the COVID outbreak, the tutors continued their efforts with a specially developed hygenic concept!

## WINNING WITH HEALTH HEALTHY CHILDREN LEARN BETTER

#### COKER VILLAGE – EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS AND PROJECTS

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Only healthy children can go to school. Unfortunately the health of our children in Coker Village was negatively affected by contaminated drinking water.

The families get the water they use for drinking and washing from the nearby river – the same river in which they bathe, wash their clothes and dispose of waste. Our children often became ill after drinking the water infested with bacteria and other residue.

That's why we initiated the project "Clean Water for Coker" in 2016. To clean water quickly, easily and effectively, we supply all our families with "Aquatabs". The families can treat a whole bucket of water with one tablet, which eliminates bacteria and residue.

At Easter in 2016 the families received trainings in the use of "Aquatabs", a bucket for use at home and an initial supply of "Aquatabs". They can now use the water for drinking, in the household and for hygienic uses.

Since then our social worker Esther and our nurse Tobi ensure that the famlies continue to treat their water. During their regular visits they hand out Aquatabs and give advice on any questions the families may have.

#### THE IMPACT IS OVERWHELMING!

- 60 % FEWER ILLNESSES!
- 95% OF THE CHILDREN ARE WORM-FREE!
- OVER 90% OF THE CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL REGULARLY!







Aquatabs Introduction  $\uparrow$ Community assessment  $\rightarrow$ 

#### CLEAN WATER FOR COKER VILLAGE - SUSTAINABLY

Aquatabs have impacted the health and vitality of the children and their families in such a positive way that we decided to search for a sustainable solution for drinkable water.

In 2018 we carried out test drilling on various sites in Coker Village which determined that borehole drilling in Coker Village is feasible and sustainable.

We approached the Rotary Club Anthony-Huette in Oberhausen and the Rotary Club of Lagos to realize our vision of clean water for Coker. Together we carried out a community assessment with 150 stakeholders which confirmed that clean water is the top priority for the Coker villagers.

In February 2020 the Rotary Club of Lagos initiated a test drilling and water analysis which confirmed the feasibility of 10 locations for boreholes.



A Community Association was founded in June 2021 which will take over responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the boreholes once completed. Villagers will pay a very slight fee for water use. Both measures contribute to increase the commitment of the villagers and their stake in the project.

OUR COMMON GOAL: 10 BOREHOLES TO SUPPLY CLEAN WATER FOR ALL 20,000 INHABI-TANTS OF COKER VILLAGE! WE AIM TO START DRILLING IN 2022.

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## WINNING WITH HEALTH HEALTHY CHILDREN LEARN BETTER

#### **MEDICAL CARE**

Through Adesuwa our children benefit from

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- monthly visits by our nurse Tobi. She advises the parents on health issues, treats our children's illnesses and gives preventative care (e.g. de-worming).
- supplies of "Medipacs" containing basic medicine and health-care products
- project days for the whole village, including parents and children.
- our special project day "Medical Outreach" at Easter 2019 whereby
  - 8 doctors and nurses carried out general medical examinations for 100 village children
  - the children were tested for blood pressure, worms, diabetes and HIV infections
  - If needed, the children were treated locally or referred to community doctors or non-profit organiztions for further consultation or treatment.

## WE HAVE ALSO **HELPED WITH:**

- BURN INJURIES ON THE LEG AND FACE
- A MIDDLE-EAR INFECTION
- AND OTHERS.



#### FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES ADESU-WA HAS ALREADY PROVIDED IMME-**DIATE HELP.**

In 2017 one of our children dislocated his arm. Without treatment it grew back crooked causing the boy continual pain. Because he was unable to write, he fell behind in school. Adesuwa financed hospital treatment leading to a full recovery.

## WINNING WITH BRIDGES IN NIGERIA AND GERMANY

#### **ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA – FAST AND FLEXIBLE SOLUTIONS**

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With their yearly visits to Coker Village our Adesuwa members in Germany aim to build bridges to Nigeria. They gain personal insights into our children's situations and talk personally with the children and their parents. ADESUWA IS THERE!

Esther und Tobi visit our children regularly and inform us quickly if an emergency has arisen. ADESUWA HELPS!

- In 2015 one of our children lost his mother. Because he had to support the family on the farm, his school attendance was endangered. To support the family financially an Adesuwa member sponsored a tailoring **APPRENTICESHIP** for his older sister, so that she could generate an income for the family and the boy could continue his schooling.
- In 2016 Nigeria endured an economic crisis and our children were starting to suffer from hunger and malnutrition . Adesuwa organized FOOD PACKAGES for the duration of the crisis.

- In 2020 the Corona measures led to disastrous consequences for our families. They suffered from harder working conditions under the lockdown, lacking support from the state and skyrocketing prices for food, other articles and transport. During the 8-month lockdown WE SUPPORTED OUR FAMILIES WITH FOOD PACKAGES of rice, salt, palm oil, and tomato paste. All products (except rice) were purchased from local farmers and traders to boost the local economy. The action was financed by a special donation campaign.
- In 2021 Adesuwa supplied our families with MOSQUITO NETS to help in the fight against malaria.

And much more ...



Food packages in **COVID times** 

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## WINNING WITH BRIDGES IN NIGERIA AND GERMANY

#### ACTIVITIES IN GERMANY – BOOSTING INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

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We at Adesuwa aim to build and strengthen understanding and appreciation between both cultures. Through various public events and newspaper articles we try to bring the country of Nigeria a little closer to Germany.

- NEWSLETTERS: All our friends and sponsors receive our Newsletter every 3 months. Not only does it contain information about our children and the goings-on in Coker Village, but also info about important current events in Nigeria as well as links to interesting newspaper and magazine articles.
- HEINRICH HEINE HIGH SCHOOL: This school is one of our most important sponsors. To show our appreciation and to share information about Adesuwa and Nigeria we carry out many activities together:
  - Info evenings for parents and school representatives
  - Lessons for school classes on interesting and school-relevant topics
  - Info stands during parent-teacher days and school fests
  - Adesuwa's 10-year anniversary party with informative stands and fun activities

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES in Oberhausen about our work and visits to Nigeria
- THEATER PLAYS on topics like intercultural understanding during city festivals in Oberhausen

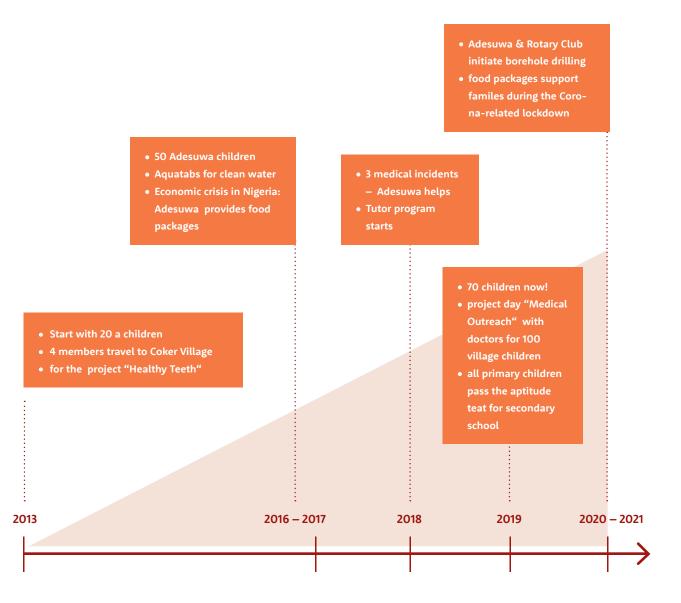
Activities have been reduced due to COVID restrictions. **WE HOPE TO RESUME SOON!** 



Adesuwa at Heinrich Heine School

## OUR JOURNEY TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN COKER VILLAGE ADESUWA OVERVIEW

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