

Dear friends and members of Adesuwa,

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Borehole (well) project approved: clean water for 25,000 villagers!

Coming soon: Fund-raising auction

The annual **Adesuwa Project Days** on April 13 and 14 in Coker Village were a huge success!

Because the Project Days are the highlight of the year for our children, Adesuwa helpers decorated the hall festively and colorfully, So many villagers attended that a sound system was set up to enable everyone to hear – especially challenging due to the cheering and the hustle and bustle.

The Spelling Bee started punctually at 1:00. The hall was full of parents and family, but also special guests including the village chief and other community leaders. The secondary school students were neck and neck and it was not easy to choose the best three students. So the finalists were tested in their general knowledge and a winner emerged: Olaniji Israel, the same winner of last year's spelling bee! Second and third place went to two different pupils, Peter Sunday and Adeoye Hannah.

For the junior category, there was a new winner for first place, Rasak Rodiak. Second and third place winners were Odeh Gift and Adewusi Samuel.

Congratulations to these talented children, who worked very hard to accomplish this goal. We are also very proud of our tutors Gbenga and Joy, as their school won first place in both categories.

Between the sessions a dancing competition and a quiz took place. The day was exciting and fun for all involved.

The second project day was dedicated to family planning and sex education. As the average number of children in our Adesuwa families is eight, the topic was very important and very well received by both the parents and our older adolescents. A gynaecologist and midwife, Mrs. Olayemi, spoke to them in the native Yoruba language, gave practical advice and answered questions.



Winners of the Spelling Bee



Junior winners with prizes



Doctor lectures on family planning

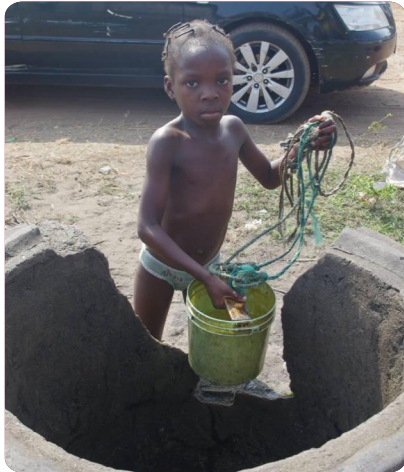
Borehole project approved!

As you all know, since 2016 Adesuwa has been providing our families with Aqua Tabs to purify contaminated water from the river and from inadequate wells. The cleaner water led to a 60% drop in illnesses due to contaminated water! But we were looking for a more sustainable solution for the long-term future.

Together with the Rotary Clubs in Oberhausen and Lagos, Adesuwa initiated a project to drill 10 boreholes (wells) in Coker Village to supply enough clean water for all 25,000 villagers! It has been a long time coming – for over 2 years we have worked on carrying out a needs analysis survey, feasibility analyses and technical studies before we could get financial commitments from various Rotary Clubs for over 2 years. Because of the trust and connections developed over a decade of working intensively with Coker villagers, Adesuwa has been an integral and essential liaison partner between the Rotary Clubs and the village. Esther and other Adesuwa helpers have been deeply involved in setting up the Community Association, which will take ownership of the boreholes, and informing the villagers about

developments. And finally, in June, we were able to announce that the project has been approved by Rotary Club International!

Our Chairwoman Jennifer Westholt will travel to Coker Village to set up a training program to educate the villagers in the necessity and the use of the boreholes. We at Adesuwa are very proud of the role that we are playing in this enormously important endeavor.



Current substandard well



Example of borehole and water supply for Coker Village

Coming soon: Fundraising auction to finance our tutor program

For over 5 years our tutor program has proved successful in preparing our kids for secondary school – every primary pupil so far has passed the entrance exam! Adesuwa initiates a fundraising activity every year to keep this essential program running.

This year we are very happy to announce our fundraising auction, aiming not only to raise money, but also to give our friends and sponsors something in return!

Many of our supporters have generously donated their services – from team trainings to cosmetic workshops – together with new & high-quality articles from smoothie mixers to blood pressure monitors – and much more! We at Adesuwa are confident that you will find something you need. You have the opportunity to bid on the article/service of your choice and – with luck – you will win the auction.

The auction will be starting in September, so keep your eyes out for our announcement!

Unfortunately not all the news we have to report is so positive. Nigeria is suffering from a **drastic fuel and grain crisis, while our families are facing cost of living increases**– e.g. 30% more for milk and 40% more for rice – which make their lives even more difficult.

Especially in these difficult times we at Adesuwa appreciate your support more than ever.

Adesuwa e.V.

Schools are shut due to terror attack fears

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-62333783>

Nigerian columnist writes about current state of Nigeria

<https://guardian.ng/opinion/save-the-country/>

Nigerians interviewed on the role of ethnicity and religion in Nigerian elections

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