



# THE INCLUSION

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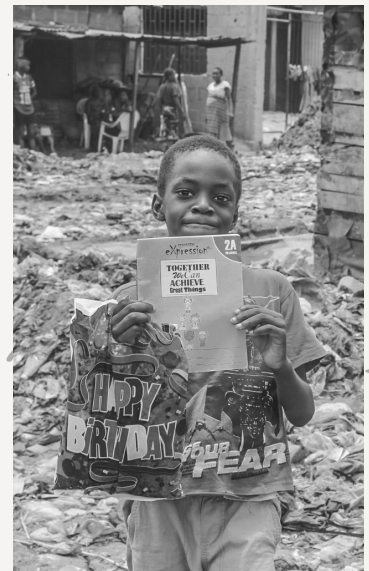


## TAKE AWAY THE SLUMS AND NOT THE PEOPLE

An estimated 66% of the population of Lagos, that is about 11 million people, live in slum communities numbering over a hundred. (Source: [www.worldpopulationreview.com](http://www.worldpopulationreview.com)) The government's poor handling of slum communities has escalated some of the existing deplorable situation in these communities. There are instances of benign neglect, poor administration of urban policies, forceful eviction and displacement which often lead to violent reactions and criminal acts from the slum populations.

Sometimes, people even get injured or killed in the process. There is growing distrust and disenfranchisement from the slum populations who feel unheard and not included. As a result, some youths in these communities turn to violent extremism, illicit drugs, criminal acts, cultism, and armed robberies.

Some slum dwellers who some refer to as 'NFA' which means no future ambition have proved that good things can come out of the slums. These individuals have gone on to be very successful and model citizens. It will be mutually beneficial if the government can create slum renewal policies which will include the slum dwellers themselves. As it is being said 'take away the slum not the people'.



**one child, one book, one pen, one teacher, can change the world.**



## DEPLORABLE STATE OF LAGOS SLUM COMMUNITIES

In the course of our campaign, we have embarked on physical community outreach, having visited two slum communities and currently making plans to visit more. Otumara a community with a population estimated at 20,000, lacks basic amenities such as good roads, sanitation but most importantly portable water, residents buy water from hawkers. Ebute ilaje, a community in Bariga situated by the Lagos lagoon facing the third mainland bridge and adjacent to the prestigious University of Lagos. Have people especially women and children who live on heaps of waste. There was just one school visible in the community, even that is privately owned. The need for inclusive governance and provision of amenities for these communities and others just like them can not be overemphasized.



1. Visit our website and social media pages to learn more about our work.
  2. Take action by signing up as a volunteer.
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## CHALLENGING NEGATIVE PERCEPTIONS: ONE POST AT A TIME

Key to the city is a social media peer to peer campaign driven by the need to do our part in making Lagos state a better place.

We aim to change the negative perception, prejudice, violent extremism, exclusion and hate speeches targeted at slum communities through counter narratives.

By using social media as a powerful tool, Key to the city Campaign has been able challenge the negative perceptions towards slum dwellers in Lagos, using an extensive campaign on all the popular social networks.

Since the start of the 'Key to the City Lagos' campaign we have successfully reached more than 1,000,000 people on social media using platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and WhatsApp to pass on our message with positive responses and feedback from our campaign. Through donations we have been able to provide over 200 children who live in slum communities with books and writing materials. We have also set up a volunteer network for people who have taken interest in joining the campaign. We are holding seminar scheduled for Wednesday April 18, 2018 at the Faculty of Arts, University of Lagos and also our 'Better together' Benefit which will be on Friday April 27th, 2018.

## JOIN US IN MAKING A CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Key to the city is made of a group of undergraduate and post graduate students of the University of Lagos. We are passionate about making our community better and being positive instruments to foster peace, love, equality, equity, inclusion and social justice. You too can be a part of this amazing team in three little steps



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