

**CDS PROJECTS FINAL REPORT  
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**Landscaping and Tree planting**

**Venue: Salvation Army Grammar school, Alekuwodo. Osogbo. Osun state.**

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Analyzing the dangers of climate change, and activating youth as climate actors, leaders and advocate in various communities of Osun State precisely, and Africa at large. Climate education can be a great adaptation approach to tackle climate change and promote sustainable society for all human race and living species, measuring how important it would be to carry out this project in Salvation Army Grammar School, located at the heart of Osogbo, the Capital city of Osun State, Nigeria.

**Justification**

Corps Member Samuel C. Okorie, as part of his personal CDS Projects, commenced a land Scaping and Tree planting project in Salvation Army Grammar School which happens to be his primary place of assignment. With the platform of the NYSC I was able to identify the need to commence a landscaping and tree planting in the school. When I was posted at the school, everywhere was bushy and dirty, this became a major burden to me and I reached out to necessary organizations and authorities in the state for immediate response. The first place I applied for support was the Salvation Army Grammar School, Alekuwodo, where I was warmly received and supported with resources to enhance bush clearing in the school, through support from a close business enterprise in Osogbo, I commenced the landscaping exercise.

Afterwards, further plans were initiated for tree planting. I was recommended to a horticulturist for costing of the trees and he told me that the least amount for a nursery tree that is ready for transplanting was #2,000 and a bigger one is between #3,000 to #5,000. The actual number of trees needed for the project was 200-300 trees, and the costing was between #600,000 to #900,000. This was a bit hard to actualize, nonetheless, I was encouraged not to give up. On October, 2021, I visited the commissioner of environment of Osun state, and he pledged to support me with the trees and on the first week of November 2021, the ministry through the instruction of the commissioner released 300 trees of Melina, Thick and Umbrella to support my CDS project in the state.

Through the help of the students of Salvation Army Grammar School, we planted 150 trees in the school environment, even though they have experienced severe threats from the students and the hot temperature, leading to the death of about 50 trees, have all been replaced while 30 trees planted outside the school was destroyed by students and due to the high rate of vulnerability of these trees planted outside, restrictions were placed on their replaced. In total, 230, tress have been planted in total, while 70 is considered for distribution to C.A.C Grammar School, Araromi, Osogbo.

**Target Beneficiaries:** Teachers, students, and the public at large

**Impact:** Planting of 200 trees to serve as carbon sink, regulate heat wave, increased sustainable environmental communication, Educated students and teachers about the essence of Tree Planting, improved learning environment and improved sanitation and proper waste disposal and management.

**Sponsors:** Hon. Commissioner for Environment, Deputy Director for Forestry, Osun State, Ministry of Environment and Sanitation, Osun state, Salvation Army Grammar School, and Mrs Adeleke (School Principal)



School Clearing process by Corps Member Samuel C. Okorie



After Clearing at Salvation Army Grammar School, Alekuwodo, Osogbo



Landscaping and tree planting of Melina, Thick, and Umbrella tress



Corps member Samuel C. Okorie with the Students of Salvation Army Grammar School during the tree planting preparation process.



Tree planting preparation with



**8 WEEKS AFTER PLANTING**



**16 WEEKS AFTER PLANTING**



**TWENTY-EIGHT WEEKS AFTER PLANTING**



The above pictures represent and shows the process of the landscaping and tree planting project in Salvation Army Grammar School, Alekuwedo, Osogbo.