



OMITIDE! WATER HAS COME!

1ST QUARTER NEWSLETTER - 2024



“Wasted water can never be regained, try to save every drop of the rain. Water is our basic need, Rain water harvesting is a social act indeed.” -Unknown-

Dear Donors, Partners, Friends, and Supporters of OMITIDE,

We're so excited to share our newsletter for the year's first quarter. This quarter tagged “Run, Jump, and Swim”, wraps up the kanthari 12-Months Impact Leadership Course. It also marks the beginning of our project/organization and interaction/working with our beneficiaries, target, and focus group.

At the end of 2023, we planned to carry out the following activities in this quarter:

- Selection/Appointment of board member.
- Registration of OMITIDE with the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria.
- Sensitization of farmers and people in rural communities on water management with rainwater harvesting kits to 50 participants.
- Implementation of a pilot project. (Construction of watershed management techniques in one community)

We appreciate your support that has brought us this far and we say a very big Thank you!

Do relax and read as we unfold the activities to you.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ADVISORIES

We're grateful to our mentors who have agreed to be part of our team as the board of trustees and advisories. Since their appointment, they have made themselves available to offer their various skills and expertise to ensure that Omitide takes off successfully. They include:



Lawrence Afere

Founder/CEO, Springboard.
A Nigerian social entrepreneur and farmer.



Dr Mrs Olamide Crown

A postdoctoral research Assistant at
the Department of Chemistry,
University of Alabama in Huntsville.



Iredia Iyawe

Graduate of Materials and Production
Engineering at Ambrose Alli University,
Ekpoma, Edo State.
CEO, Gracious Iredia Ventures (GIV)
manager, he also doubles as



Leye Ogunseyin

A professional in Construction
and Power System
Engineering from Technolym
G S Ltd. As a practical Project
an Entrepreneur in the

Agriculture and energy service
industry after being inspired to
pursue a career in Electrical
Power and Machine systems,
his passion for solving societal
problems through the
application of basic science
and mathematics remained
his core strength.

He is a Christian and married
with two children, Dieko and
Dayspring.

REGISTRATION OF OMITIDE

We commenced the registration of Omitide at the end of January by presenting the names “**Omitide Initiative**” and “**Catch the Rain Nigeria Initiative**” for registration but The Corporate Affairs Commission (The Government body in charge of company registration in Nigeria) approved the Catch the Rain Nigeria Initiative instead of the preferred Omitide Initiative. Their reason is that Omitide is Vague.

Initially, we wanted to wait till after two or three months to re-present Omitide as the only name for registration. We later asked questions and were told we could register for Catch the Rain and still make use of Omitide (as the local name).

We have therefore instructed the officer in charge to go ahead with the registration. While waiting for the registration process to be completed, Omitide has been operating as a flagship project under Springboard.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROJECT

Omitide kick-started her pilot project by sensitizing 130 Farmers, 50 students, and other members of the public on Rainwater Harvesting and Groundwater conservation. Below are some of the pictures and reports from the sensitization program:

ERIGI ISHARUN COMMUNITY



The sensitization program started in the Erigi Isharun community of Ifedore Local Government Area of Ondo State on the 30th of January. The farmers engage in Cocoa, Plantain, Kolanut, palm trees, walnuts, Cassava, Tomatoes, Maize, and vegetable farming. As a team lead, it was in the course of relating with farmers that I built strong relationships with community members and got a deep understanding of their struggle of not having enough water for farming during the drought season.



Farmers in the Erigi Isharun community have over time exhibited their passion and commitment to community and personal development. I believe in its potential and my long-term vision is to contribute to the community's growth and the overall well-being of everyone involved by collaborating with community members to create positive change.

BOLORUNDURO COMMUNITY





Farmers at Bolorunduro Community of Akure North Local Government Area, Ondo State. They received Omitide for the sensitization program on the 1st of February. Although they shared their ordeal with other NGOs that promised to come to their aid but failed.

They are looking forward to the implementation of rainwater harvesting techniques in their community.

ST LOUIS GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Omitide was called to address the students of St Louis Girls Grammar School at an event on the 6th of February and we made use of the opportunity to talk to them

about our organization and sensitized them on Rainwater Harvesting and Groundwater Conservation. This is to educate them, build, and influence their interest in farming and social work especially as they make career decisions in the next level.

ONDO STATE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ASSOCIATION (OSACA)



We appreciate the executive members of the Ondo State Agricultural Commodities Association (OSACA) for allowing us to sensitize them and the members of the association on the 5th of March. The association comprises farmers of different crops and livestock.

MINISTRIES

On the 14th of February, Omitide also visited the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources, and Environment for introduction and collaboration.

GOING FORWARD

Omitide will be training vegetable farmers from the sensitized communities on rainwater harvesting and rainwater harvesting kits will be distributed to the beneficiaries.

YOUR DONATION WILL PUT SMILES ON THE FACES OF OUR BENEFICIARIES!

Dear Supporters and Friends,

Without your help, we would not have been able to achieve so much in the first quarter of 2024. A very special thanks goes to the Delasalle Family Foundation. Therefore on behalf of our beneficiaries and the entire Omitide team, we say thank you very much for your ongoing support. Thank you also for helping us by sharing this newsletter with those who might be interested in your network.

With Best Regards,

Itohan Iyawe Ogiemudia and the entire Omitide Team

If you wish to support the work of Omitide, you can do this by donating via the link below:

<https://donate-ng.com/campaign/drinkable-water-project>

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