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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2017 REPORT



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We are committed to championing causes and fostering initiatives that transform lives and build communities



Our Commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility

At Guaranty Trust Bank, we have a long history of investing in the communities in which we live and work. Our commitment to giving back runs just as deep as our passion for creating value, and it is driven by our strong belief that building a strong business and making the world a better place are essential ingredients for long-term success. It is for this reason that we have fully integrated corporate social responsibility into our business model and continue to maintain a clearly defined CSR strategy focused on championing causes and fostering initiatives that transform lives and uplift our communities.

Our CSR initiatives are built on four pillars - Education, Community Development, Arts and the Environment; which we believe are essential building blocks for the development of communities and prerequisites for economic growth.

Our focus area	Spend (N)
Arts	13,782,214.50
Community Development	495,741,397.56
Education	350,790,512.52
Environment	565,000.00
Others	6,234,400.00
Total	867,113,524.57



CHAMPIONING EDUCATION FOR ALL

'Quality education is the backbone of personal development and the bedrock of thriving communities'

Our Education footprint in 2017

- Remodeling of Herbert Macaulay Library
- The YouRead Initiative... Reigniting the Culture of Reading
- Promoting Financial Knowledge in Secondary Schools
- Investing in Sports Education
- CAMP GTBank...Players Development Programme
Infrastructure Upgrade

Education is not only the single most important factor for an individual's empowerment, it is crucial for societal development and progress. At GTBank we are committed to championing education for all, irrespective of background, race, or economic status. We fund programmes that increase access to quality education, support campaigns that boost learning opportunities and create initiatives that encourage young people to stay in school.

In 2017 we continued to intervene in the public education sector by improving learning infrastructure in communities, training teachers

and awarding scholarships to exemplary students in select schools. Understanding that education goes beyond learning within a school compound, we launched the "YouRead" initiative to promote the culture of reading among young people in particular, and the general public as a whole. We also sustained our commitment to actively engage the youths through sports education whilst promoting the values of excellence and fair play. Together, these initiatives ensure that young people, in school and outside the classroom, have access to the opportunities they need to fulfil their potential.



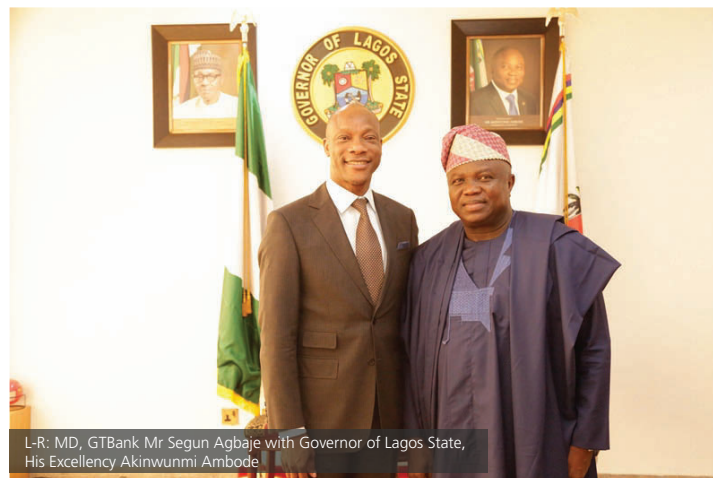
The newly refurbished Herbert Macaulay Library, Yaba at commissioning

Remodelling the Herbert Macaulay Library

Built in 1966, and named after renowned nationalist, Herbert Macaulay, the heavy hands of time had left the Herbert Macaulay Library in a poor state—with empty shelves, poor infrastructure and very few visitors. Concerned about the state of one of Nigeria’s foremost libraries, and aware of the fundamental role that public libraries play in the lifelong mental and intellectual development of individuals as well as in enabling broad societal development, we carried out a total overhaul of the internal and external structures of the facility. With the goal of raising the Herbert Macaulay Library to global standards, we equipped the facility with books, furniture and state of the art computer and internet facilities to ensure a highly rewarding library experience.

Average of 250 users daily

...encouraging and engaging students across all levels, as well as the general public, to read, build capacity and make connections around the world.



L-R: MD, GTBank Mr Segun Agbaje with Governor of Lagos State, His Excellency Akinwunmi Ambode



MD, GTBank Mr Segun Agbaje with the Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Dr Adebule, The special Adviser to the Governor on Education, Mr Fela Bank-Olemoh and other representatives of Lagos State Ministry of Education at the library commissioning.

BEFORE



AFTER



Library before remodelling



Library after remodelling



Newly remodelled library with readers



e-library section

Reigniting the Culture of Reading



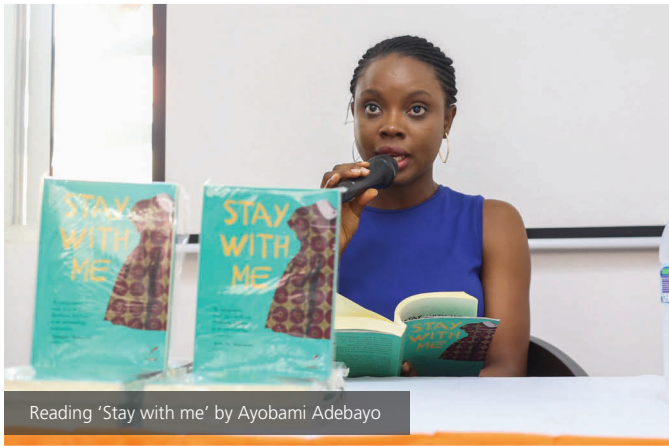
The remodelling of the Herbert Macaulay Library was born out of the GTBank “YouRead” Initiative, which we created to reignite the interest in reading. Hence our transformation of the library into a vibrant centre for personal learning and group interactions, leveraging the space to host book readings, art activations and other programmes aimed at providing a platform for people to read. Once every month, book lovers and members of the general public converge at the new 635 room of the Library to enjoy conversations with writers whilst been treated to various art experiences. Among the authors who have held book readings at the library are Lola Shoneyin, author of award winning novel, “The Secret Lives of Baba Segi’s Wives, and Ayobami Adebayo, whose book, “Stay with Me” was a finalist for the Bailey’s Prize for Women, amongst several others.

200 book readers/month

1,178,565 online audience



Attendees at book reading session



Reading 'Stay with me' by Ayobami Adebayo



Reading 'The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives' by Lola Shoneyin



Book reading session by Tolu Akinoyemi (R) and Seun Lari-Williams (L) authors of 'Funny men cannot be trusted' and 'Garri for Breakfast' respectively



Attendees at the book reading

Financial Literacy Day 2017

THEME:
Learn, Save, Earn.

Promoting Financial Knowledge

Financial literacy plays a fundamental role in improving financial inclusion, strengthening the financial system and, most importantly, enhancing the financial wellbeing of individuals. As a major stakeholder in the Nigerian economy, as well as in the progress of our communities, we play an active role in promoting financial literacy in order to bring in those excluded from financial services and to help people make smarter financial decisions that better their lives. We worked with the Central Bank of Nigeria and other stakeholders to raise national awareness on financial literacy and financial inclusion with theme, "Learn, Earn, Save." As part of the events to mark Financial Literacy Day and Global Money Week, we provided financial literacy trainings for 3,420 secondary school students across the six geopolitical zones in Nigeria.

Trained 3,420 secondary school students



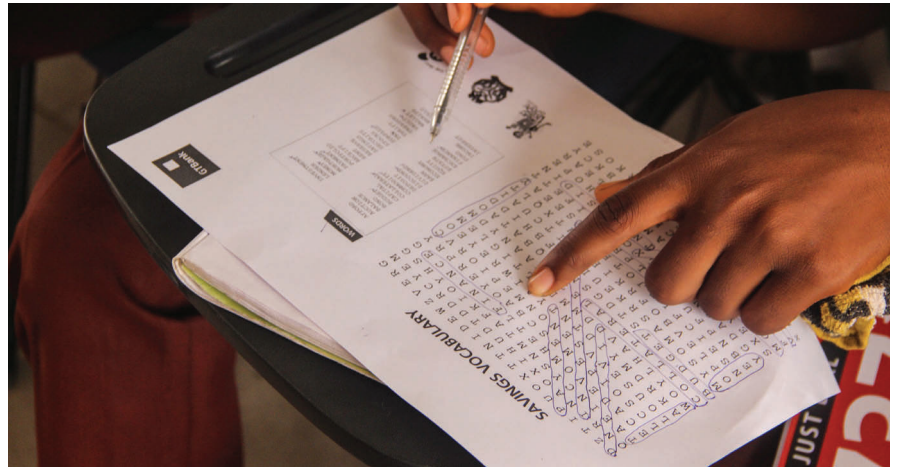
Students of Prince International School, Gusau, Zamfara State.



Students of Holy Rosary, Umuahia, Abia State.

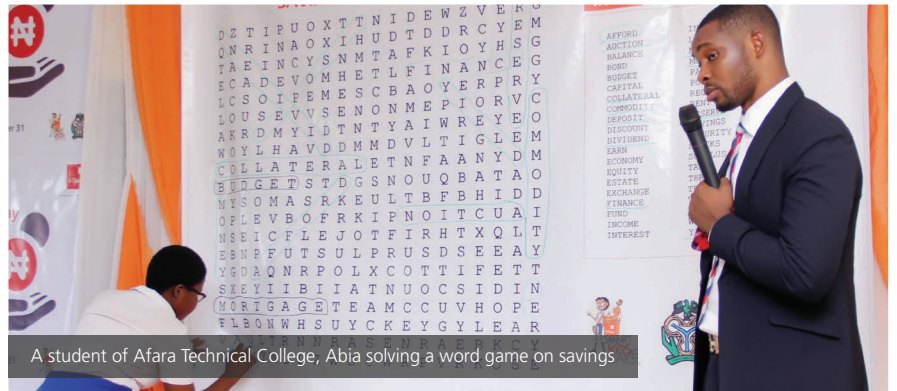
Encouraging Young People to Save

On October 31—the World Savings Day, we continued our efforts to encourage young students to begin to save for the future while still in school. We coordinated finance education classes, and in line with this year's theme, "Our Future Starts with Savings", organised an essay and arts competition for secondary school students. The winners of the essay and arts competition were awarded a scholarship for an academic session.



Students of Afara Technical College, Abia State at the training sessions

Trained 2,816 secondary school students



A student of Afara Technical College, Abia solving a word game on savings



Winning Essay: Save today, Safe tomorrow!

“Saving is necessary at every stage in one’s life. A student who takes the pain of saving from the little pocket money that he is given will be able to obtain some of his needs himself during the holidays. He will also be exposed to entrepreneurial skills at a good age...A graduate who saved while in school becomes established even before he is able to secure a job for himself. He can build his future from his savings. A worker who takes a wise decision of saving while in service lives a happy life after his retirement...Businessmen who save are never thrown off balance

even in the face of “rainy days” in the business world...The face of everyone’s future is tied to savings. Savings bring about a bright and happy future. It contributes a great deal to one’s success and our future indeed, starts with saving. Save today, safe tomorrow!”

Iorwua Dominic
SS3F, Mount Saint Gabriels’ Secondary School,
Makurdi, Benue

Provided Orange Scholarship to 4 outstanding students

Investing in Sports Education

Sports plays a fundamental role in fostering social cohesion, community development and youth empowerment. At GTBank, we bring the values of sports to school compounds to ensure that young people that are passionate about sports have the opportunity to hone their talents and build character whilst still very focused on their academics. We have a range of football programs which include the Principals Cup tournaments, the Masters Cup, the Super Cup and the Players Development Programme. These programmes are aimed at promoting the values of excellence and fair play whilst laying a solid foundation for the emergence of future successful football stars.

The Principals Cup Football Tournaments: This competition currently runs across secondary schools in Lagos and Ogun states and is organized in partnership with the States Ministries of Youth, Sports & Social Development and the Ministries of Education. In 2017, there were 1,357 participating school teams in the GTBank-Lagos State Principals Cup and the GTBank-Ogun Principals Cup.



The 2017 GTBank-Lagos State Principals Cup

Season 8 of the 2017 GTBank-Lagos State Principals' Cup produced an exhilarating encounter with over 554 teams competing to be the ultimate champions of the prestigious tournament. In the boys' category, Ijaiye Housing Estate Senior Grammar School, Ojokoro defeated Ikotun Senior High School, Ikotun 2-0 in a passionately contested match to lift the highly coveted trophy. Isale Eko Grammar School, Lagos Island, took home the championship in the female category after beating Government Senior College, Agege 5-4 on penalties when the match ended 0-0 at regulation time.



L-R: Special Adviser to the Governor of Lagos State on Sports and Youth Development, Mr Deji Tinubu, a referee and MD. GTBank, Mr Segun Agbaje



Energy and grit collides when children play... team members of Ikotun Snr High School, Ikotun (L) and Ijaiye Snr Gram School, Ojokoro (R)

2017 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

THE GTBANK-LAGOS STATE PRINCIPALS CUP

SEASON 8

Quarter Final Matches @ Onikan Stadium, Lagos.

Tuesday 16th May 2017

Female	Sanya Senior Grammar School, Surulere	(3-2)	Ijaiye Housing Estate Senr Gram Sch, Ajegunle
	Ikorodu Senior High school, Ikorodu	(6-0)	Lekki Community Snr. High Sch, Lekki
Male	Ijaiye Housing Estate Snr. Gramr Sch, Ojokoro	(2-2) p[5-4]	Gboja Boys Snr. High School, Surulere
	Estate Senior Grammar Sch, Mushin	(2-2) p[2-4]	Muslim Senior College, Oworonshoki

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Female	Government Senior College, Agege	(8-0)	CMS Girls Senior Secondary School, Bariga
	Euba Senior Secondary School, Muslim	(0-0) p[2-3]	Isale Eko Grammar School, Lagos Island
Male	Odogunyan Senior Grammar Sch, Ikorodu	(2-0)	Dairy Farm Senior Secondary School, Agege
	Badore Community Senior High Sch, Badore	(0-0) p[3-4]	Ikotun Senior High School, Ikotun

Semi Final Matches @ Onikan Stadium, Lagos.

Wednesday 24th May 2017

Female	Sanya Senior Grammar School, Surulere	(0-0) p[3-5]	Government Senior College, Agege
	Ikorodu Senior High school, Ikorodu	(1-2)	Isale Eko Grammar School, Lagos Island
Male	Ijaiye Housing Estate Snr. Gramr Sch, Ojokoro	(2-0)	Odogunyan Senior Grammar School, Ikorodu
	Muslim Senior College, Oworonshoki	(0-0) p[3-4]	Ikotun Senior High School, Ikotun

Final Matches @ Teslim Balogun Stadium, Lagos

Tuesday 30th May 2017

Female	Government Senior College, Agege	(0-0) p[3-4]	Isale Eko Grammar School, Lagos Island
Male	Ijaiye Housing Estate Snr. Gramr Sch, Ojokoro	(2-0)	Ikotun Senior High School, Ikotun



322
Schools



554
Teams



55
Penalties



22
MVPs



603
Matches



142
Goals



37
Exceptional Players



34,000
Supporters



Chairman, Lagos State Football Association, Barr. Seyi Akinwunmi (middle) with students of Isale Eko Grammar School at the finals



It's a goal...an excited student at the final match





Fans were entertained at the finals with colourful display of dance and performances

The 2017 GTBank-Ogun State Principals Cup:

The fifth edition of the 2017 GTBank-Ogun State Principals' Cup included 803 participating school teams across the state. Pakoto High School and Iko Gateway Grammar School emerged 2017 champions in the boys and girls categories respectively after two matches that made the headlines for pulsating skills and goals galore.



Cross-section of fans



It's a goal...excited team members



The Executive Governor of Ogun State, Sen Ibikunle Amosun (L) with the MD, GTBank, Mr Segun Agbaje at the finals in Abeokuta



Presentation of Trophy to the female winning team..Iko Gateway Grammar School, Idiroko

THE GTBANK-OGUN STATE PRINCIPALS CUP

SEASON 5

Quarter Final Matches @ MKO Abiola Stadium, Abeokuta

Monday 12th June 2017

Female	Iganmode Grammar School, Ota	(0-0) p[2-4]	Iko Gateway Grammar School, Idiroko
	Our Lady of Apostle, Ijebu Ode	(2-0)	St. Anthony Grammar School, Esure
Female	Makun High School, Sagamu	(3-0)	Isara Secondary School, Isara
	Muslim High School, Isolu	(2-1)	Nawar-Ud-Deen High School, Ifo

Tuesday 13th June 2017

Male	Anglican Grammar School, Ota	(4-1)	Isolu Community High School, Isolu
	Methodist Comprehensive High sch, Sagamu	(2-1)	Ipara Comprehensive Grammar school, Ipara
Male	Pakoto High school, Ifo	(1-1) p[4-5]	Egba Owode Grammar School, Owode
	Ijebu Ode Grammar School, Ijebu Ode	(2-0)	Ijebu-Ife Community High School, Ijebu Ife

Semi Final Matches @ MKO Abiola Stadium, Abeokuta.

Tuesday 20th June 2017

Male	Makun High School, Sagamu	(0-0) p[3-4]	Muslim High School, Isolu
	Iko Gateway Grammar School, Idiroko	(1-0)	Our Lady of Apostle, Ijebu Ode
Male	Pakoto High school, Ifo	(2-1)	Anglican Grammar School, Ota
	Ijebu Ode Grammar School, Ijebu Ode	(0-2)	Ipara Comprehensive Grammar school, Ipara

Final Matches @ MKO Abiola Stadium, Abeokuta

Thursday 21st September 2017

Female	Muslim High School, Isolu	(1-1) p[1-4]	Iko Gateway Grammar School, Idiroko
Male	Pakoto High school, Ifo	(1-1) p[3-2]	Ipara Comprehensive Grammar school, Ipara



425
Schools



803
Teams



30
Penalties



9
MVPs



830
Matches



1,376
Goals



50
Exceptional Players



27,000
Supporters

(within 12-18 age bracket)

The 2017 Masters Cup Football Tournament

Designed for first generation colleges and other private secondary schools in Lagos, the GTBank Masters Cup Football Tournament was launched in 2012 to extend the benefits of the bank's football programs to students outside the public school system. Since then, the tournament has grown rapidly in number as well as in interest by members of the general public. The 6th season of the tournament, held in 2017 and featured 29 teams in the male and female category, from which St. Finbarr's College, Akoka and Queens College, Yaba, emerged champions respectively.



R-L: Head, Communication & External Affairs GTBank, Mrs. Oyinade Adegbite, Chairman, Lagos State Football Association, Barr. Seyi Akinwunmi and Head, Regional & International Sports LSSC, Dr. Oluwasanmi at the Draws.



Lifting of the trophy by Queen's College, Yaba students



What a goal!!! Senator Obanikoro and another supporters of Anwar-Ul-Islam College, Agege shouts



Building Team spirit



Camaraderie on the field



Line-up of female teams from Queen's College, Yaba and Greensprings School, Lekki before the match



GTBank Masters Cup 2016/2017

SEASON 6

Quarter Final Matches @ Onikan Stadium, Lagos

Thursday 11th May 2017

Female	Greensprings School, Lekki	(2-0)	Methodist Girls High school, Yaba
	Ansar-Ud-Deen Girls High School, Itire	(8-0)	Downen College, Lekki
Male	Greensprings School, Lekki	(1-1) p[4-2]	Eko Boys High School, Mushin
	Kings College, Lagos	(0-1)	Anwar-UI-Islam College, Agege

Friday 12th May 2017

Male	Jubril Martins Memorial Grammar Sch, Iponri	(0-0) p[1-3]	Ansar-Ud-Deen College, Isolo
	Queens College, Yaba	(3-0)	International School Lagos (UNILAG), Akoka
Male	Jubril Martins Memorial Grammar Sch, Iponri	(2-2) p[5-3]	St Gregory's College, Ikoyi
	St. Finbarr's College, Akoka	(5-0)	International School Lagos (UNILAG), Akoka

Semi Final Matches @ Onikan Stadium, Lagos

Tuesday 6th June, 2017

Female	Ansar-Ud-Deen College, Isolo	(0-4)	Ansar-Ud-Deen Girls High School, Itire
	Queens College, Yaba	(3-0)	Greensprings School, Lekki
Male	St. Finbarr's College, Akoka	(2-1)	Greensprings School, Lekki
	Jubril Martins Memorial Grammar Sch, Iponri	(1-1) p[9-10]	Anwar-UI-Islam College, Agege

Final Matches @ Onikan Stadium, Lagos

Thursday June 29th 2017

Female	Ansar-Ud-Deen Girls High School, Itire	(0-2)	Queens College, Yaba
Male	St. Finbarr's College, Akoka	(2-1)	Anwar-UI-Islam College, Agege



21
Schools



29
Teams



49
Penalties



27
MVPs



69
Matches



77
Goals



39
Exceptional Players



182
Goals

The Super Cup

The grand finale of our football tournaments, the Super Cup brings together the winners of the various GTBank-sponsored tournaments to compete for the title of the ultimate champions. In 2017, the Super Cup champions were Ijaiye Housing Estate Ojokoro Lagos and Isale Eko Girls Grammar School in Lagos for the male and female category, respectively.

Female	Iko Gateway Grammar School, Idiroko, Ogun State	(0)
	Isale Eko Grammar School, Lagos Island, Lagos State	(1)
Male	Ijaiye Housing Estate Grammar School, Ojokoro, Lagos State	(2)
	Pakoto High school, Ifo, Ogun State	(1)



Kicking for goals



Presentation of trophy to the winning team in the male category, Ijaiye Housing Estate Grammar School, Ojokoro



Line up of the male players from Ijaiye Housing Estate Gram Schl, Ojokoro (black) and Pakoto High School, Ifo (yellow)

TOURNAMENTS AMBASSADORS CREED

I am the Leader of tomorrow
I am the champion of Nigeria's future
I desire a great future for myself and my community
So I have decided not to cut any
corners but play by the rules at all times
I am not slothful or slack in my studies or at play
I will play by the rules at all times,
I am the Leader of tomorrow
I am the champion of Nigeria's future
I have chosen to shed the weight and
temptation of corruption, dishonesty and crime
I will live by the rules
I will make my way to the top of my chosen career
Together, we will bring glory and honor to our families,
schools, communities and to
Nigeria as a whole (Holding Hands)
Because we deserve a great future,
we shall build a great future
I shall play by the rules... Will you?



CAMP GTBANKrefining football stars

7 professional coaches

Trained 36 players and 40 school coaches

Camp GTBank is a football and educational development initiative designed to train and develop outstanding football talents discovered at the GTBank football tournaments which include the GTBank-Lagos State Principals Cup, GTBank-Ogun State Principals Cup and the GTBank Masters Cup. Since its inception in 2011, Camp GTBank has helped kick start the careers of more than 120 footballers, some of whom have been selected to represent the country in international tournaments at various levels, and are currently playing in both domestic and foreign league clubs. Held in Lagos, the 2017 edition of Camp GTBank prepared 36 outstanding talents discovered during the year's football tournaments for successful football careers whilst building the capacity of 40 school coaches to improve the quality of grassroots football. The 8-day residential camp featured renowned coaches such as Augustine Eguavoen, the former coach of Nigeria's Super Eagles, Jolomi Atune, coach of the Nigeria's U-15 Future Eagles, and Ajuma Ottache, the only female coach of a professional male football team in Nigeria, amongst others.





Learning on team functions



Training the coaches about medical interventions



Coach Eguavoen training the students



The coaches in training room



Students on training field

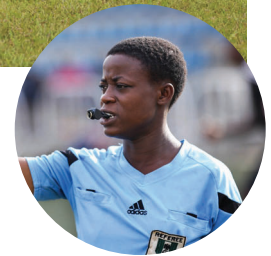
FROM
CAMP GTBANK
TO THE REST OF THE
WORLD



Stephen Odey

Stephen Odey was eleven years old when he took his brother's old boots and started playing football on the streets of Agege, in Lagos state. His elder brother, even though a lover of the sports, could not play professionally because he had to take up a job to augment the family finances. His mother sold groundnuts and supported his passion with her meagre income; she bought him jerseys, boots and paid his camp fee.

In 2012, Odey had an opportunity to show his skills during the second edition of GTBank Principals Cup. His school, Dairy Farm Senior Secondary School, won the cup and Odey was selected into the GTBank 13-man All Star Team of the Year. That year, he was part of Camp GTBank. That win shot him into the limelight and was the beginning of a professional football career. In 2014, he was signed on to MFM FC. In 2015, he played his first season with MFM and scored five goals during the Nigerian National League that year, bringing fame to the club. The following season, with nine goals, he was the club's top scorer. Following Odey's sterling performance, he has signed a four-year contract with Swiss club-FC Zurich. Odey is the third Nigerian to play with the club; the others being late Rashid Yekini and Ike Shorunmu. Odey is a testament to the possibilities that exist when organisations commit to refining talent; his story shows that just like a seed, if provided with the right support, talent will thrive and become a tree that brings pride and succour to its community.



Folasade Ekun

Folasade Ekun was ten when she started playing football as a hobby. As a student of Epetedo High School, she played during the Principals' Cup, and her school came third. She was also selected to be part of the GTBank Camp. Today, while she waits to progress to a higher institution, she works as a referee and officiates at GTBank football tournaments.

“GTBank has been wonderful to me and my career in football. I appreciate their efforts financially, through the provision of kits, balls and everything. I now have more knowledge of what the sports industry internationally. The lessons from the camp are still useful to me till date.”

Infrastructure Upgrade

In addition to sponsoring football tournaments, and as part of our commitment to grassroots football development, we provide sports facilities within school communities. This ensures that students and young people in general have a safe and enabling environment to train and develop their talents. During the year, we remodelled the football field of Obele Community Schools in Surulere, Lagos State. The Obele Community Schools comprise two groups of co-educational and single-sex secondary schools; Obele Community Junior and Senior High School, and Ideal Girls Junior and Senior High School. The schools have a combined population of 2,530 students and more than 100 teaching and non-teaching staff.

Prior to our intervention in 2017, students of Obele Community Schools played football on a wide expanse of sand and used stones as goal posts. Following our intervention, the students now play football and carry out other sporting activities on a standard football pitch with a well laid turf with goal posts.



Unveiling the community football pitch

BEFORE



AFTER





SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

“The communities where we work are the reason we exist; we have a unique role to play to make them stronger”

Our Community Development Footprint in 2017

- Support for people living with Autism - Orange Ribbon Initiative
- Supporting Pregnant Women with HIV
- Support for children affected by war & conflicts - Swiss Red Cross Partnership
- Staff Support of Social Responsibility - Orange Heart Initiative
- Increasing Access to Quality Medical Care for Sickle Cell Patients
- Encouraging Quality Public Service ...Nominate a Champ
- Supporting Female Entrepreneurship
- Helping Small Businesses Thrive

At GTBank, we are committed to creating value for our business and helping our communities thrive. We know that the true impact of our business is also reflected in the role we play in the communities where we operate, and during the year we continued to work with organizations that share our core values to bring much needed positive change to our host communities.



Cycle for Autism

The Orange Ribbon Initiative: Supporting People Living with Autism



According to World Health Organization, Autism Spectrum Disorders affects 1 in 160 children worldwide. In Nigeria, the condition is hardly diagnosed, rarely understood and people with ASD often suffer stigmatization. In response to the challenges faced by people living with autism, we launched the GTBank Orange Ribbon Initiative, an advocacy program which has been at the forefront of creating awareness for ASD to ensure autism is diagnosed early in children, encourage investment in autism research and management as well as campaigning not only against the stigmatization of children living with autism but also that they receive the required support from parents, teachers, friends and the society.

In 2017, activities under the Orange Ribbon Initiative included a robust public awareness campaign on World Autism Day; our annual 2-day conference on autism; free one-on-one consultation services for children as well as workshops for parents, educators and caregivers of children with ASD.



The 2017 Annual Autism Conference

This year, our 2-day conference themed “Childhood to Adulthood: Communication and Social Interaction” focused on the dynamic communication and social needs of children living with autism as they transition into adulthood. We worked in partnership with Non-Governmental and Charity organisations as well as ASD professionals from the United States and Nigeria, to create societal awareness and discuss expert ideas

on the management of developmental disabilities. We also provided trainings to parents and caregivers on the care and management of the people living with Autism.

1,451 caregivers trained at the conference venue

5,687,449 online audience



Cross section of caregivers and parents at the autism conference

ASSESSMENTS & CONSULTATION



People with autism have unique needs and need to be assessed by a variety of medical practitioners, and this creates huge financial burden for parents. Alongside our 2017 Annual Autism Conference, we provided 274 children with free one-on-one consultations facilitated by health professionals across a wide range of developmental specialties, such as Speech Therapy, Behavioural Analysis, Nutrition and Psychiatry. These consultations provided parents and caregivers with knowledge on how best to help their children make an easier transition from childhood to adulthood. Consequently, they can grow into responsible citizens that can contribute their quota to national development.

274 children received free consultation/ assessment in various areas such as speech therapy, behavior analysis, nutrition, psychiatry e.t.c



IMPACT STORY

Oritoke Abioye

“Through the GTBank Orange Ribbon Initiative trainings and parent support group meetings, I have become a better person at managing my son and not forcing my will on him. Today, he can lay his bed, wash plates, fix loose louvres, bathe and dress himself in matching shoes. His self-confidence has improved and now, he won't take it likely if he is treated as a kid. Seun is also very security conscious and would ensure that every door and window is locked before retiring for the night...Autism is not a curse but a difference. There is always ability in disability so respect children with special needs and give them skills and education. From the trainings GTBank has been giving us, we are more aware of who our children are.”

Awareness for public sensitization on World Autism Day

156 Cyclists

In a society where autism remains shrouded in superstition, awareness remains the key to improving the understanding and acceptance of people living with autism in the society. With a three-month radio show called "Let's Talk Autism", we continued to increase societal awareness about ASD, reawakening people's social consciousness about the needs, concerns and hopes of people and families impacted by ASD.



Only A Mother Knows

Dedicated to families who care for loved ones with Autism

Titilope Sonuga

Only a mother knows how miracles happen
how the spark of an idea becomes a heartbeat
how a universe is formed in the quiet of her
womb

Only a mother knows how to house a galaxy in
her body how to speak its light into existence
and weave the thread of life in her gentle hands

A mother knows how to protect her child
how to swoop down and snatch it
from the mouth of any danger

This is what they say:
that mother knows best
guided by a spiritual intuition
an umbilical connection to her child
she anticipates every need before it arises

But no one prepares you for this a body
that betrays itself, a muddy gene pool
nerves that jam like a trigger

There is no manual for a lifetime
of standing in the gap
of stretching hope to its very limit
of crying out to God to doctors
hoping madly for anything that can
bend time fold me back inside my own body

to find that errant string of DNA
and pluck it at its root
I want so desperately
to gather the mangled cells into my hands
hold them still and beg them,
to give me back my child
weave them into a chord, a melody
a voice that can call me by name
say I see you, say I love you, say mama

But only the silence answers back a shadow
of a word; eyes that will not latch on
Fear presses into my belly, with open palms
forms a fist that knocks the air out
Strangers whispers crowd
the room judgment falling from their faces
for the mother of this child
whose body folds forward like a question
they cannot understand
this desperate wailing with no language

But I still remember how it felt
to house a universe in my belly
the quiet victory of your becoming,
so for this child
I reach through membrane and blood
memory sit with you
match my body to your rhythm
vibrate back a love song

Even when your body is a wall I cannot
get
over I will still love my way through to
you
and I will wait, for that one look
one step, one word
the power of one touch
I will offer up my back again and again
for my rainbow child who dreams in
color who moves to a divine rhythm
even when I cannot hear it

Who knew
that I could mine joy from this sorrow
use your laughter as a balm
a kind of healing
So that when they ask about you
I will offer up my voice when yours fails

snatch you out of the mouth
of any danger guard your ears from
the voices that follow
Tell them you are other worldly
you are magic and moon dust
you are a testament to a love that
persists inspite of itself
This gift
this child who is still a miracle this child
who is still mine

NOMINATE A CHAMP

Encouraging Quality Public Service

As an organization passionate about service, we launched a public service campaign in December 2017 to celebrate the exemplary service of traffic wardens who stand for hours, oftentimes under the sun and in the rain, in order to provide comfort to road users.

We engaged members of the general public via social media to nominate the traffic wardens who won their hearts during the year, and thousands responded. After a competitive selection process, 60 service champions made our final list and were given gift items and monetary rewards to celebrate the festivities.

60 service champions rewarded



Some of the public service champions

Supporting Pregnant Women with HIV

Through our partnership with St. Kizito Clinic, an accredited Prevention Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) Centre, we provided medical care to stop mother-to-child transmission of HIV. During the year we donated medical equipment to the clinic so that it could provide free medical care—routine laboratory and chest x-rays, specialist consultations and medication— to treat life threatening HIV infections. Within 2017 alone, our donations to St Kizito Clinic helped support 70,000 pregnant women living with HIV.

70,000 pregnant women with HIV supported



Making a Global Impact with the Swiss Red Cross



Shelter for some displaced persons in South Sudan

Through our collaboration with the Swiss Red Cross (SRC), we stretched a helping hand to people beyond the shores of Nigeria. We provided support for children suffering from famine in South Sudan, shelter for millions of displaced people around the world and solace for migrant children whose homes and homelands have been torn by war and violent conflicts.

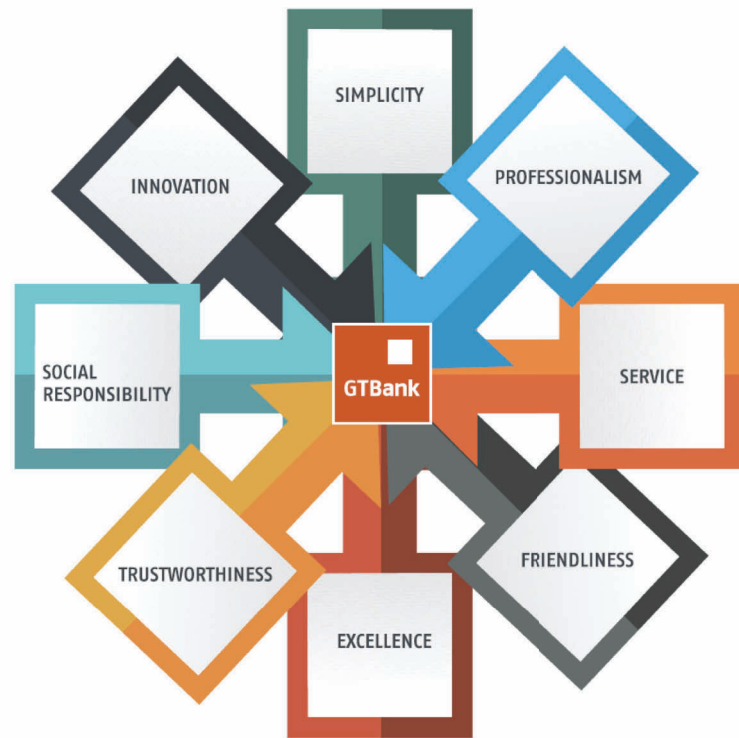
1,200,000 children impacted through the donations to SRC



MD, GTBank, Mr Segun Agbaje addressing the audience on raising funds for displaced people

Orange Heart Initiative

As individual embodiment of the Bank's philosophy of giving back to society, our members of staff collectively make donations through the Orange Heart Initiative to support causes and make positive change in our communities. During the year, members of staff participated in the #TouchingLives campaign to increase access to quality medical care for people with sickle cell disease (SCD) and a nationwide Social Responsibility Challenge aimed at impacting communities everywhere we operate.



The “Living by the Rules” initiative was developed to drive these core values by creating diverse platforms through which employees can truly adopt and exhibit at a personal level the values of the Bank.

The GTBank Staff Social Responsibility Challenge

The Staff Social Responsibility Challenge is an annual exercise whereby our members of staff undertake social projects unique to the immediate communities where they operate as part of the Bank's commitment to touching lives. Designed as a month-long campaign, the GTBank Staff Social Responsibility Challenge also gives members of staff the opportunity to win funding from the Bank for their community development initiatives. In 2017, members of staff took on the Staff Social Responsibility Challenge by championing over 100 social projects and causes across the 36 States of Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory. Some of the projects include, the building of blocks of classrooms for children in rural areas, the installation of Solar Power in the children's ward of a public hospital and the remodelling of a barbing salon in a federal prison. **78 staff projects across Nigeria.**

635, AKIN ADESOLA

Partnered with 5 HMO's and 2 pharmaceutical companies to conduct free medical screenings and give medication to street vendors, artisans and the general public around the Head Office environs. Over 300 persons were screened during the exercise.



EBONYI

1. Assisted an indigent patient in Federal Teaching Hospital Abakaliki to settle hospital bills
2. Held a seminar for Secondary School students on "Saving for the future"
3. Evacuation and cleaning of a gutter in Sam Egwu Way, Abakaliki
4. Beautification of a Secondary School in Ebonyi



BURMA ROAD

Visited the Apapa General Hospital and embarked on the following at the Children's ward of the hospital:

1. Installation of Solar Panels
2. Installation of an Inverter
3. Installation of Wall Fans



ILORIN

The branch renovated the administrative block, paid WAEC and school session fees for the best male and female students in GAA, School, Ilorin.



INDUSTRIAL LAYOUT BRANCH, PH

The branch renovated and rebranded the Sick bay at Community Primary School to “Orange Bay”. They also provided basic medical supplies and first aid items for the school.

BEFORE



AFTER



MOBOLAJI BANK ANTHONY

Renovated and furnished the barbing salon at the Port Harcourt Maximum Prisons (largest maximum prison is W/Africa) with 3,834 inmates. Donated chairs, clippers, barbing aprons and vests to ensure that the inmates had a conducive and safe environment to cut their hair.

BEFORE



AFTER



#Touching Lives

Increasing Access to Quality Medical Care for Sickle Cell Patients

Every year, our staff at different locations across Nigeria make voluntary contributions towards supporting persons or communities in need. This year, donations received from staff of the Bank were used to provide free one-year medical insurance to 84 families dealing with several challenges associated with Sickle Cell Disorder.

84 families supported with sickle cell children provided with 1 year free health care service

IMPACT STORY

Mrs Odegbaïke, CEO, Soulage Foundation

“Soulage foundation provides access to quality healthcare for indigent people with sickle cell. In 2017, through donations from GTBank staff, the organisation provided access to HMOs for premium healthcare delivery for people living with sickle cell. This included a leg ulcer surgery for an orphaned sickle cell patient. We are able to provide more care for people who would not have been able to afford such care, increasing their chances at living fuller lives, giving them a better opportunity to contribute to their communities.”



Odafe Juya

“Back then, I took an oath when I lost my sister that I will go to any length just to survive, no matter the pain. I want GTB staff to continue what they are doing because not every sickle cell carrier survives and not all of them can do the things that I do when it comes to physical strength. Not all of them can bear the pain that I bear, not all of them can try not to give up because of the excruciating pain. I just want to see other people survive and this is why GTBank staff should not relent on the good work they are doing. There are lots of people out there suffering. What GTBank staff are doing will reduce this suffering and make the world a better place.”

Helping Small Businesses Thrive

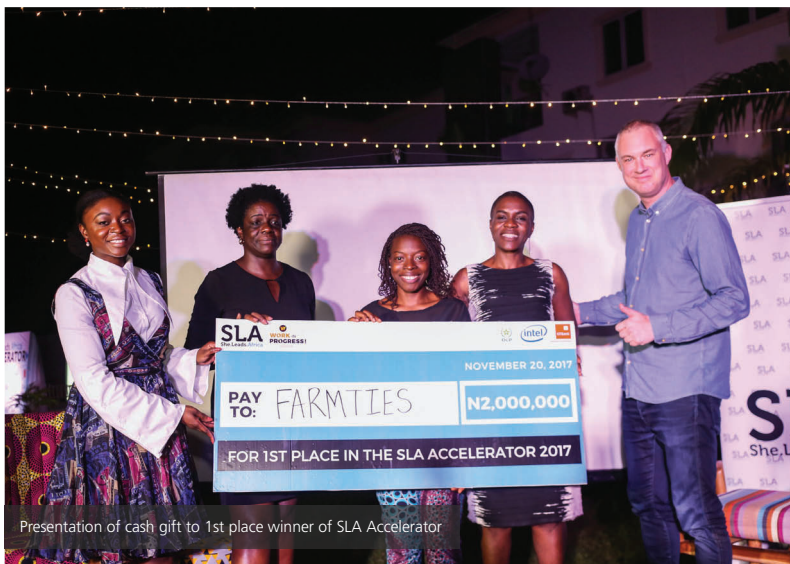
Our focus on growing SMEs is motivated by our understanding that small businesses play a crucial role in building wealth and economic prosperity for individuals and entire communities. Hence, when we support small businesses, we are not only helping countless individuals and their families thrive, we are also growing the economy and making our society better.

Supporting Female Entrepreneurship

In 2017 we partnered with Work in Progress! Alliance to sponsor the She Leads Africa (SLA) Accelerator, a platform for young female entrepreneurs to grow their businesses, impact their communities, even as they inspire other women. The She Leads Africa Accelerator is an inclusion to the bouquet of mentorship sessions sponsored by the Bank and is organised by She Leads Africa, a social entrepreneur-

ship enterprise which promotes African businesses engineered by women. For the third year running, we have, through our e-commerce platform, SME MarketHub, sponsored the She Leads Africa project not only to facilitate the growth of small businesses, but also to create a unique platform for female entrepreneurs to thrive.

50 female entrepreneurs benefitted



Presentation of cash gift to 1st place winner of SLA Accelerator



Some participating female entrepreneur

GTBank Food and Drink Fair

We created the GTBank Food and Drink Fair to provide small businesses involved in food business with the opportunity to expand their business frontiers, build capacity and increase revenues. In May 2017, we held the 2nd edition of the consumer-focused initiative, where we provided free stalls to more than 133 small businesses in the food sector and hosted over 160,000 people over a two-day period. Featuring

renowned international chefs and food business entrepreneurs, the event included food and entrepreneurial masterclasses focused on how to grow small businesses involved in food and the food sector as a whole.

133 free shops given to small businesses
120,000 shoppers over the 2-day period



Shoppers and sellers at Food & Drink Fair 2017

The GTBank Fashion Weekend

We created the GTBank Fashion Weekend in 2016 to showcase the best of Africa's Fashion to a global audience whilst promoting the effervescent enterprise of the continent's growing fashion industry. In November 2017, we organized the second edition of the GTBank Fashion Weekend, giving hundreds of small businesses in the fashion industry the opportunity to attract new customers and expand into new markets locally and internationally. Through the 2-day event, we brought

together more 120,000 people, treating them to the biggest and most thrilling exposé of African fashion to take place on the continent till date. In recognition of our commitment and determination to help SMEs, we were recently awarded the Best Bank for SMEs by the Euromoney Magazine.

88 Stores given to fashion retailers

20 Stores given to Artisans in fashion business



Free stores for SMEs at Fashion Weekend 2017



PROMOTING ARTS

“Art plays a critical role in creative expression, preserving the cultural heritage, transforming the society and creating a better world.”

Our Arts Footprint in 2017

- Providing a platform for Artists to display their works
...Art 635 Gallery
- Workshops for Artists
- Support for African Artists - Tate Partnership
- Yinka Shonibare Art Exhibition

We see art as an avenue for unlocking people's creative potential, and by creating ART635 we aim to expand the opportunities for art education as well as broaden the reach and viewership of the works of indigenous artists. Our Arts initiatives seek to not just connect, enrich and educate individuals, but also promote cultural exchanges that break down societal barriers and build global relationships.

Art635 Virtual Gallery

Art635 (www.art635.gallery) is a foremost online repository of African artworks which serves as a leading platform for the promotion of indigenous artists across the continent. Launched in 2016, Art635 has significantly expanded the exposure of these artists, provide an enabling platform for the marketing of their works and serve as a much needed motivation for the further development of their artistic skills and talents. In 2017, we continued to grow the Art635 platform which now hosts more than a thousand original African artworks and has over 100 professional artists signed up to the platform.

79 New Artists brought onboard to the gallery

488 New pieces of artwork added to the gallery

24 News articles on the blog section

30,416 New views of the Art635 Gallery

2,040,040 Social media views



Catch them young

Art Workshops

Our Art635 workshops help empower artists to become not just more seen and appreciated, but also to develop much more profitable and commercially viable ventures so that they can make profit from their works. During the year, we held the first edition of “Hard Part of Art”, our Art Workshop, which was moderated by leading artists who discussed several topics and shared lessons from their experiences with budding artists. Through the workshop, young and experienced artists had the opportunity to connect and exchange ideas that would help advance their careers.

72 workshop participants
44,309 online audience



Participants at workshop

IMPACT STORY

Uche Okpa Iroha, Curator, Art635 Gallery

“The virtual gallery is an additional impetus for the Nigerian art scene and many people have embraced it. Daily, we get enquiries. More Nigerian artists come on board. The sector is expanding and experiencing a proliferation of projects and platforms. What Art635 Gallery brings to the table is a new kind of eclecticism that allows for dynamism in artistic production, promotion and gives visibility to artists and their works. Today, the gallery is home to a little over 300 works and it keeps growing daily.”



Practical Session



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