

From Here the World Listens-Welcome to Smart Aid Initiative's Q3 Newsletter!

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THIRD-QUARTER ACTIVITIES



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The third quarter of 2025 was marked by growth, recognition, and meaningful community impact for Smart Aid Initiative. We strengthened our voice in education policy by contributing to high-level dialogues, while also earning international recognition for our Education for Digital Skills Advancement (EDSA) project, which was showcased on a global stage among youth-driven innovations.



During this period, we expanded our reach through new partnerships and collaborations that advanced our mission of equity and inclusion. From empowering young leaders with digital skills, AI knowledge, and civic rights education, to building connections with community-based organizations, our engagements highlighted the importance of collaboration in driving sustainable development.

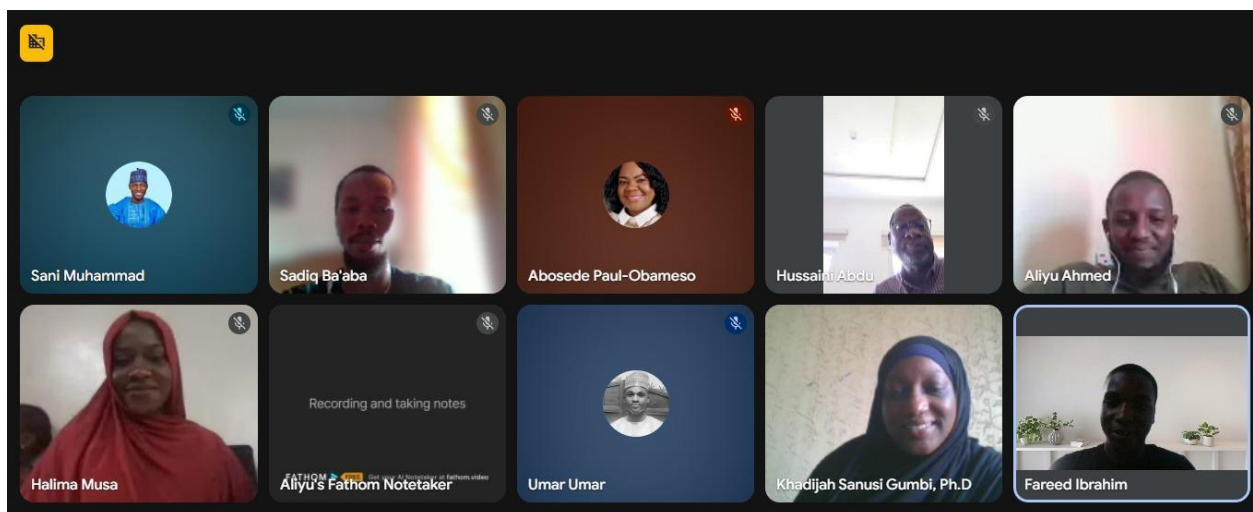


EQUAL -TES (Tech, Ethics and Solutions)

We also translated strategy into action by rolling out the Equal-TES Project, a stepdown pitch of the Hadis Foundation build tech project, and funded by Luminate, training teachers across Kaduna state, on how to integrate ethical technology and digital literacy into classrooms, also by launching a 30-days advocacy campaign on online etiquette in local languages to create safer and more inclusive digital spaces.



Welcoming Our Dynamic New Board Leaders!



A defining milestone of the quarter was the unveiling of our Advisory Board, a distinguished body of professionals whose expertise in advocacy, development, and leadership will guide the next phase of our journey as a youth-led nonprofit. Together, these achievements reflect Smart Aid Initiative's

unwavering commitment to building inclusive systems, empowering communities, and equipping young people to become changemakers in creating a just and sustainable future.



LOCAL ACTION, GLOBAL RECOGNITION

Smart Aid Initiative was deeply engaged in on-ground activities that brought our mission closer to the communities we serve.



In July, we took part in the Kaduna State Education Pact Summit, where our Programs Lead, Sadiq Ba'aba represented the organization, a high level platform to discuss ways forward in achieving the state's 2025 education goals. This positioned Smart Aid as a key voice in shaping policies that ensure no child is left behind.



On the global stage, our Education for Digital Skills Advancement (EDSA) project was recognized as a finalist for the 2024–2025 100 Excellence Actions for Global Youth Development. At the World Youth Development Forum (WYDF) 2025 in Suzhou, China, Executive Director, Fareed Ibrahim presented our digital skills strategy to global leaders. The team also engaged in the Thematic Forum on Artificial Intelligence, Science & Technology Innovation, connecting with 150 delegates from 64 countries and 7 international organizations.

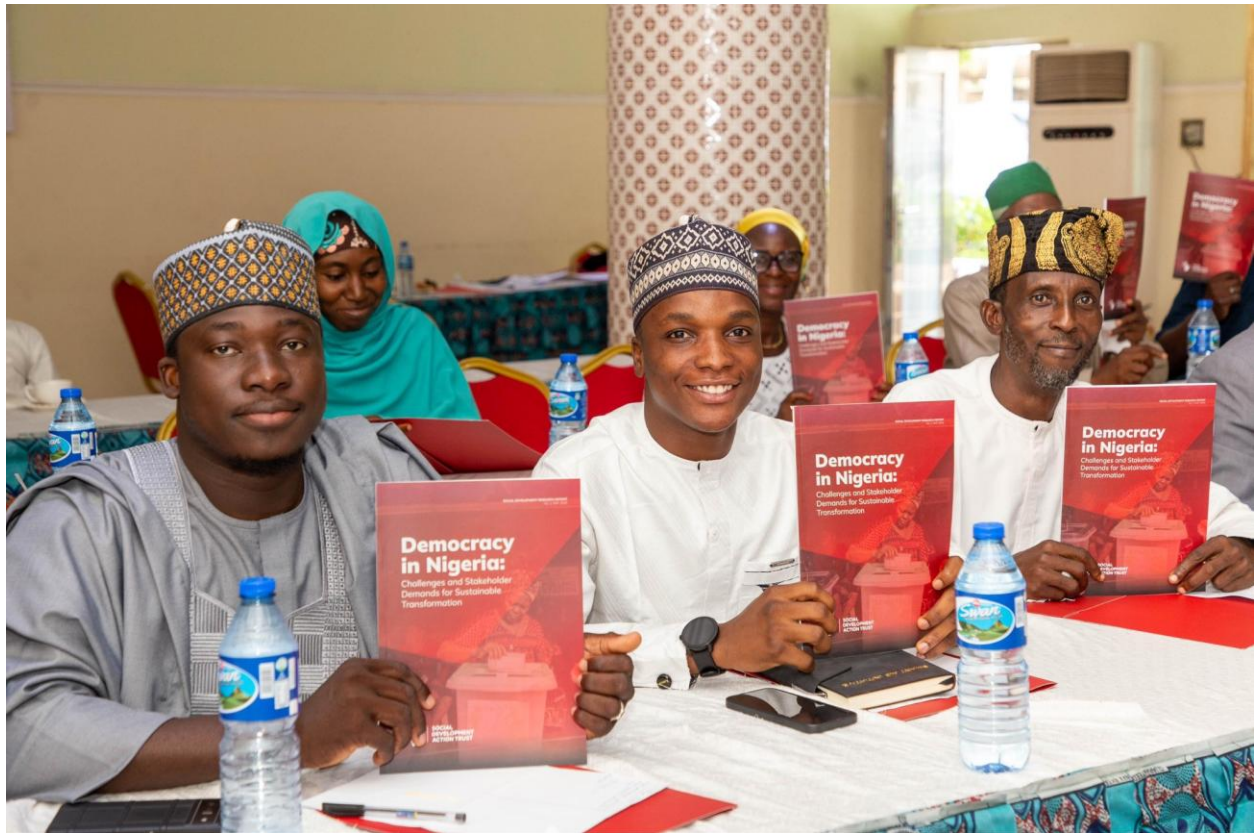
These milestones underscored Smart Aid's unwavering commitment to driving inclusive education, innovation, and digital equity

EMPOWERING YOUTHS AND BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

August brought opportunities to connect more directly with young people and community partners. We commemorated International Youth Day in partnership with YandyTech and NESTAfrica, spotlighting the role of local youth in advancing the SDGs.



Our Executive Director also participated in a citizen engagement workshop in Kaduna, reinforcing our role in civic dialogue and accountability.





In addition, we partnered with Mecin Consult, Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, and Danhaus Initiative on the Equal Access 2025 Project, which empowered young class leaders with training in digital skills, artificial intelligence, and civic rights.



Later in the month, our courtesy visit to Bridge Connect Africa Initiative (BCAI) in Kano opened new avenues for collaboration on youth-focused community impact. This month also opened pathways for collaboration to amplify youth voices and strengthen community impact.

ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

September was a month of advocacy, storytelling and deepened community engagement.



We implemented the Equal-TES Project, training three batches of teachers in Kaduna on ethical technology use and digital integration for classrooms. Complementing this, we launched a 30-day advocacy campaign on online etiquette, creating accessible content in Hausa and Pidgin to promote responsible and inclusive digital behavior across communities.



This quarter reaffirmed Smart Aid Initiative's commitment to advancing inclusive development through advocacy, innovation, and collaboration. It highlighted the vital role of youth as drivers of change, the importance of grounding advocacy in real community experiences, and the necessity of strong partnerships to sustain impact. As we look to the next quarter, we remain focused on deepening our programs, strengthening collaborations, and accelerating action toward lasting and inclusive progress. Together, we are building a future where every voice counts, every young person thrives, and every community advances.



These engagements reflect Smart Aid Initiative's belief in community-driven change, where teachers, young leaders, and local partners are empowered as active contributors to sustainable development.