



Festus Fajemilo Foundation (FFF)

2025 **IMPACT** **REPORT**

TRANSFORMING **LIVES**. **SHAPING** THE FUTURE

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Introduction

The Festus Fajemilo Foundation (FFF) is a leading Nigerian non-profit organization committed to advancing the rights, wellbeing, and inclusion of persons living with spina bifida, hydrocephalus (SBH), and other disabilities. Established in 2006, out of a deeply personal experience with inadequate care and support for a child affected by hydrocephalus, the Foundation has since become a pioneer voice for disability inclusion in Nigeria.

Over the past two decades, FFF has worked tirelessly to bridge critical gaps in awareness, access to quality healthcare and rehabilitation; psycho-social support, education, and economic empowerment for

individuals and families impacted by SBH and other forms of disability. Through strategic partnerships, capacity-building initiatives, advocacy campaigns, and targeted service delivery projects, the Foundation champions a Nigeria where every person with a disability enjoys equal rights, dignity, and opportunities to thrive.

In 2025, FFF continues to strengthen its impact by scaling life-changing interventions such as **continence** care management for people living with **spina bifida**, vocational and empowerment programs, and robust advocacy for disability-inclusive policies. This Impact Report captures the Foundation's achievements, insights, and milestones throughout the year, and reflects its unwavering commitment to advocating for inclusion, enhancing lives, and shaping a just and equitable future for all.

Executive Director's Message

As we present the 2025 Impact Report, I am honoured to share the progress, challenges, and transformative impact that the **Festus Fajemilo Foundation** has made this year in service of persons living with *spina bifida, hydrocephalus, and other disabilities across Nigeria*. Our work is rooted in a profound belief that every life matters and that inclusion is not an aspiration but a fundamental human right.

In 2025, we strengthened our efforts to expand access to quality healthcare, advocate for disability-inclusive policies, and promote public awareness to dismantle stigmas and barriers that have historically limited **opportunities** for persons **with disabilities**. Through initiatives such as our **Saving Lives, Improving Futures (SLIF) project**, we reached hundreds of children and youths with life-saving and **l i f e - enhancing support** in continence care and management,

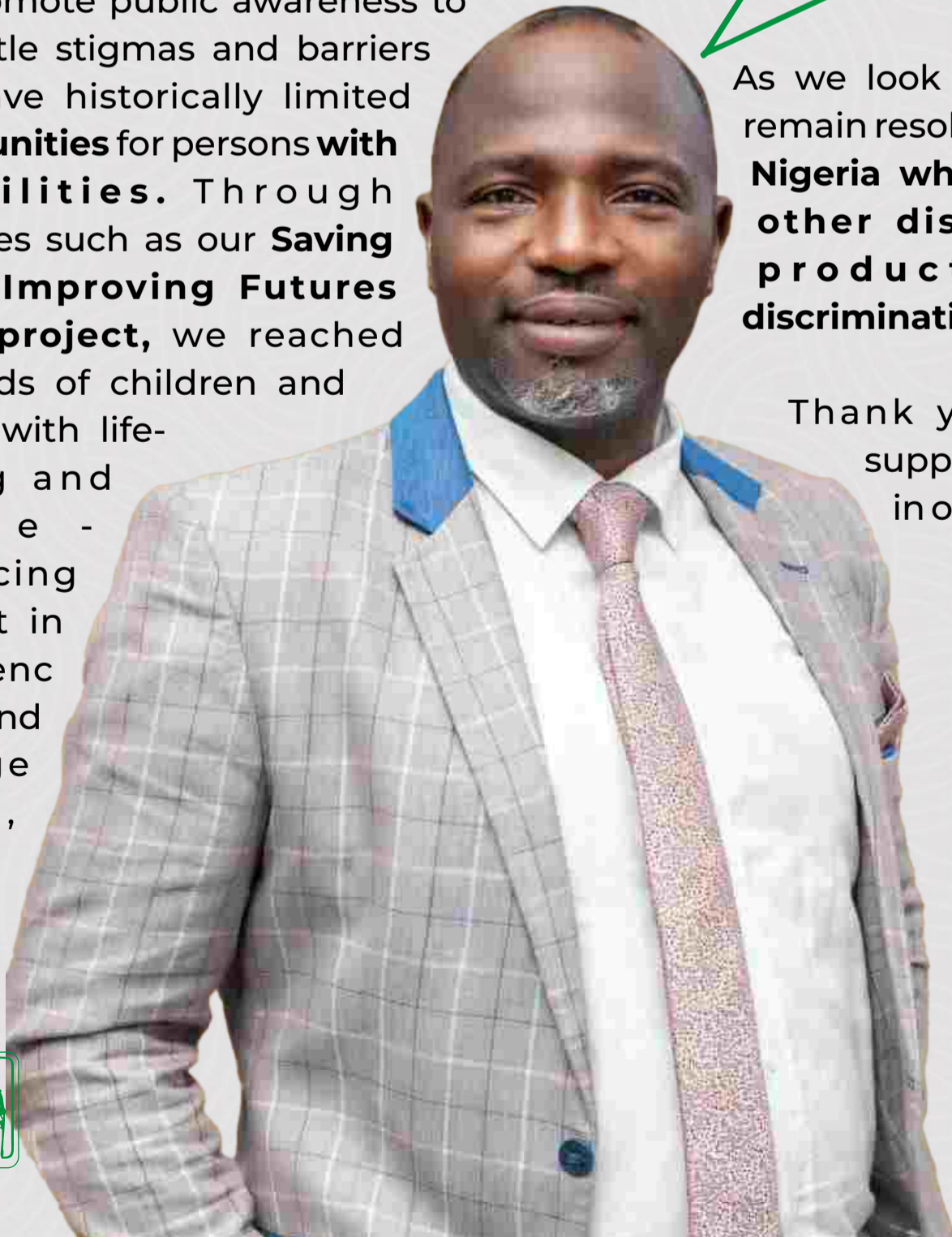
training health workers and connecting families to critical resources.

Our advocacy work continues to influence policy and practice, exemplified by collaborative efforts with government agencies, partners, and communities to ensure that *disability inclusion* remains central to Nigeria's social development agenda. Whether through awareness campaigns, skill-building programs, or direct services, our commitment has always been to uplift dignity, strengthen capacity, and open doors to opportunity for all persons affected by disability.

The achievements documented in this report are not ours alone; they belong to the families we serve, the partners who walk with us, and the many advocates whose voices amplify the call for inclusion.

As we look forward to the future, we remain resolute in our mission: **to build a Nigeria where people with SBH and other disabilities live fulfilled, productive lives without discrimination or exclusion.**

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and belief in our vision.



Afolabi Fajemilo
Executive Director
Festus Fajemilo Foundation



OUR MISSION

FFF is strongly committed to providing accurate strategic information on SBH and other types of disabilities for the purpose of raising public awareness and enlightenment.

The Foundation commits to providing and/or linking persons with SBH and other types of disabilities to free or highly subsidized quality services across critical sectors such as health, education, rehabilitation, vocational, transport, assistive technologies, etc. and

FFF shall maintain a strong and visible position as a major advocacy organization on the rights of persons with SBH and other types of disabilities; pushing for disability-inclusive legal, policy and institutional frameworks; disability-sensitive attitudes and behaviours, global best practices, standards, and systems as well as physical and all forms of accessibilities.



OUR VISION

A Nigeria where People with SBH and other forms of disabilities enjoy equal rights and live fulfilled and productive lives without any form of abuse, discrimination, and exclusion.

Our Targeted SDGs



2025 AT A GLANCE

	<h3>Health & Medical Support</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ 47 children and adults living with spina bifida and hydrocephalus (SBH) received direct care and support▶ 300 individuals with spina bifida supported with continence care management and life-saving supplies▶ 120 healthcare professionals trained on SBH management and disability-inclusive care▶ 11 public teaching hospitals and health facilities engaged through partnerships and capacity-building initiatives
	<h3>Advocacy & Awareness</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ National and community-level awareness campaigns conducted on spina bifida, hydrocephalus, and disability inclusion▶ 6 millions people reached through **media, community outreaches, and digital platforms▶ 32 strategic engagements with government agencies, policymakers, and disability stakeholders
	<h3>Community & Family Support</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ 215 families provided with psychosocial support, counselling, and referrals▶ Community sensitization sessions held to reduce stigma and discrimination▶ Caregiver support meetings facilitated across target communities
	<h3>Economic Empowerment & Capacity Building</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ 30 parents/caregivers of children with disabilities supported through skills development and empowerment initiatives.▶ Beneficiaries linked to livelihood opportunities, training, or micro-enterprise support▶ Partner organizations and community groups strengthened through collaboration
	<h3>Partnerships & Collaboration</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Local and international partners engaged across health, advocacy, and inclusion programs▶ multi-sector collaborations supporting sustainable disability inclusion efforts▶ Donor and institutional partnerships strengthened in 2025
	<h3>Organizational Growth & Sustainability</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ 20 years of continuous service in disability advocacy and support▶ Staff and volunteers contributing to program delivery nationwide▶ 100% commitment to accountability, transparency, and ethical service delivery



HEALTH

SAVING LIVES! IMPROVING FUTURES

Continence Management Project

Spina bifida is a complex congenital condition that requires lifelong management. Infants born with spina bifida typically experience some degree of bowel and bladder dysfunction, which may result in urinary and faecal incontinence.

Without access to trained professionals, equipment, and support for good and hygienic continence care and management, many experience recurrent urinary tract infections, kidney infections, and, sadly, some will die due to kidney failure.

This is hugely exacerbated in Nigeria and other West African countries due to the lack of access to services, poverty, and stigma.

Children, young people, and adults with spina bifida also face extreme social exclusion, lack of education, and very limited life opportunities. Women and girls, often the primary caregivers, bear the most of this burden.

- ➔ Supported 300 babies, children, young people, and adults living with spina bifida in Nigeria through hospital-based clinics and outreaches to access quality continence healthcare services.
- ➔ Trained 120 healthcare workers across 11 public health facilities in 10 states of Nigeria and FFF clinic to strengthen their knowledge, skills, and capacity to deliver disability-inclusive continence healthcare.
- ➔ Supported the establishment of continence clinics in 10 public tertiary hospitals in Nigeria.
- ➔ Supplied 11 public tertiary hospitals with equipment and other vital medicines to aid the running of clinics, including free catheters to babies, children, and young adults with spina bifida.



Save- A -Life Initiative (SALI)

Surgery is the first among a wide range of other medical interventions that children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus need to improve their life chances and participate in family life and in their communities.

These surgical procedures are essential components of a comprehensive,

lifelong management strategy for individuals with these conditions, addressing the underlying structural abnormalities, preventing complications, improving functionality and symptom management, optimizing outcomes, and enhancing the overall well-being of affected individuals.

47 children received support for life-saving brain and spinal repair surgeries, to address structural abnormalities, prevent complications, improve functionality, and overall well-being.

Physiotherapy

PHYSIOTHERAPY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS

10 children with spina bifida & hydrocephalus received physiotherapy support to improve their physical functioning and prepare them for life-long independence.

In 2025, FFF provided specialized physiotherapy support to 10 children living with spina bifida and hydrocephalus to improve their physical functioning and promote greater independence. Through individualized therapy sessions, children received targeted interventions to strengthen muscles, enhance mobility, and improve posture, balance, and coordination. The program focused on building functional skills necessary for daily activities, including sitting, standing, walking, and self-care tasks. Caregivers were also trained on basic home-based exercises and mobility support

Physiotherapy session



techniques to ensure continuity of care beyond clinical sessions.

By addressing physical limitations early and consistently, the intervention contributed to improved functional outcomes and increased participation in school, home, and community life. This initiative reflects FFF's commitment to early intervention and rehabilitation as critical components of disability-inclusive development. Supporting children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus through physiotherapy not only enhances their physical capabilities but also strengthens their confidence, autonomy, and long-term prospects for an independent and fulfilling life.

The project addresses the complex challenges faced by individuals with spina bifida by empowering healthcare professionals and building a sustainable support network for individuals and families.

Mental Health

Psychosocial Support For Parents And Caregivers

In 2025, FFF prioritized mental health and psycho-social wellbeing by supporting children and young persons with disabilities (CYWD) and their caregivers through structured mental health and emotional wellbeing sessions.

These interventions provided safe and inclusive spaces for participants to discuss challenges, access basic psycho-social support, and learn practical coping techniques. Caregivers were equipped with tools to manage stress, reduce burnout, and address stigma, while CYWD were encouraged to build self-esteem, emotional resilience, and healthy communication skills, strengthening their overall



wellbeing and quality of life. Through guided discussions, peer learning, and expert-facilitated workshops, participants gained practical tools for emotional regulation, self-care, and positive parenting. The support groups also fostered a sense of community, reducing isolation and strengthening social networks among families facing similar challenges.

By prioritizing caregiver mental well-being, FFF strengthened family resilience and improved the overall quality of care provided to children with disabilities. This intervention reflects FFF's holistic approach to disability inclusion, recognizing that empowering caregivers emotionally and psychologically is essential to ensuring sustainable outcomes for children and families.

Support Group

A Community of Care, Knowledge, and Hope

Our Support Group provides a safe, empowering space for parents and caregivers of children living with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. These sessions are designed to offer emotional support, practical knowledge, and a sense of community for families navigating complex medical and caregiving challenges.

Through regular meetings, parents receive training on continence care, catheterisation, bowel management, pressure sore prevention, physiotherapy techniques, and early warning signs of complications. The sessions also address mental health,



caregiver burnout, stigma, and advocacy, helping families feel informed, confident, and less isolated.

Beyond education, the support group encourages peer connection and shared experiences; enabling caregivers to learn from one another and build healthy relationships. Many parents report increased confidence, reduced anxiety, and improved caregiving practices after joining the group.

By strengthening caregivers, these sessions ensure better outcomes for children and builds resilient families, letting them know that they are not alone.





EDUCATION

Supported 19 children and young persons with disabilities to access education at various levels to become resilient and attain a good standard of living.

In 2025, FFF championed inclusive education by enabling 19 children and young persons with disabilities (CYWD) to access learning at various levels. Through targeted support and mentorship, these young learners developed resilience, built confidence, and acquired essential skills to achieve a better standard of living.

The interventions focused not only on academic access but also on creating a supportive environment that nurtures personal growth and independence.

By prioritizing education as a foundation for empowerment, FFF reinforced its commitment to ensuring that children with disabilities are not left behind and have equal opportunities to succeed academically and socially.





LIVELIHOOD/ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



Project “EMSER” Empowerment for Self-Reliance

Project EMSER aimed to support the well-being of children with disabilities by empowering their parents.

- ▶ **Economic empowerment through skills training and provisions of work tools to 30 parents (25 & 5 in Lagos and Osun States respectively) of children and youngsters with disabilities**

Project “EMSER” (Empowerment for Self-Reliance) was implemented to strengthen the well-being of CYWD by empowering their parents economically. In Lagos and Osun States, 30 parents participated in skills development programs and received

essential work tools, enabling them to generate income and improve their households’ economic stability. Through this initiative, families gained practical skills, increased self-reliance, and were better positioned to provide for their children’s needs. EMSER reflects FFF’s holistic approach to disability support, recognizing that the economic empowerment of caregivers directly impacts the overall quality of life and prospects of children with disabilities.





DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE POLICY AND LEGAL ADVOCACY

- ▶ **Policy Milestone:** Secured Federal Ministry of Health commitment to integrate spina bifida and hydrocephalus into national health and disability frameworks, strengthening national recognition and policy planning.
- ▶ **Capacity Building:** Trained 32 government officials and political leaders in Osun State on the implementation of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Law.
- ▶ **Institutional Strengthening:** Improved understanding of disability rights, legal obligations, and enforcement pathways among public sector stakeholders.
- ▶ **Governance Impact:** Enhanced policy alignment and accountability mechanisms for disability inclusion across health and governance systems.

organization secured the Federal Ministry of Health’s commitment to integrate spina bifida and hydrocephalus into Nigeria’s national health and disability frameworks.

Additionally, 32 government officials and political leaders in Osun State were trained to implement the provisions of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Law.

These efforts strengthened institutional capacity, aid policy alignment, and enhanced accountability in the implementation of disability rights, ensuring that persons with disabilities are recognized, protected, and empowered across public systems.

FFF made significant strides in advancing disability inclusion and legal protections in 2025. In August, the



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PROGRAM	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	LOCATIONS COVERED	ACTIVITIES
Saving Lives! Improving Futures (continence management) project	300 babies, children & young adults with spina bifida accessed quality continence care. 120 healthcare professionals' capacity strengthened in the delivery of quality continence care	Lagos, Oyo, Osun, Edo, Enugu, Rivers, Abia, Kwara, Sokoto & Abuja	Training, outreaches, Advocacy visits, awareness campaigns, and running of FFF clinic
Disability Inclusion Drive & Advocacy (DIDA) project	19 children with spina bifida & hydrocephalus received education support 215 parents and caregivers of children with disabilities received counselling & peer support through the family support group. 30 parents of children with disabilities received economic empowerment.	Lagos & Osun	Training, physiotherapy, family support group, empowerment
Save-A-Life-Initiative (SALI) project	47 babies, children, and young adults benefited from free surgeries	Lagos, Oyo, Osun, Abia, Abuja, Plateau	Surgeries
Family Support Group	215 parents & caregivers 85 children with spina bifida, hydrocephalus, and other forms of disabilities.	Lagos & Osun	Counselling Knowledge & experience sharing Capacity building Nutritional supports
World Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Day	6 million Lagos residents were directly and indirectly sensitized on spina bifida and hydrocephalus, and primary prevention.	Lagos	Awareness Walk, media chat, and news reportage.
Advocacy	Partnership established in two public tertiary health facilities to enhance access to quality continence healthcare for 300 children with spina bifida 32 government workers & political leaders sensitized, and their capacity strengthened on full implementation of Osun State Disability Law Public facilities in Lagos became more aware of the need for disability accessibility compliance in workplaces. Commitment by the Federal Ministry of Health to integrate spina bifida and hydrocephalus into national health and disability frameworks.	Lagos, Osun, Enugu, Kwara	Advocacy visit to two public tertiary health facilities. 2-day capacity building workshop for duty bearers in Osun State on Implementation of Osun State Disability Law. Advocacy visit to the Executive Secretary, Osun State Bureau for Persons with Disabilities. Advocacy visits to government and private facilities. Advocacy visit to the Federal Ministry of Health.

Journeys of Progress: Resilience in Action

AWODIPE GBEMISOLA:

Gbemisola is a 22-year-old young lady who was born at Ayinke House of the then General Hospital, now Lagos State University Teaching Hospital. Immediately after birth, symptoms of Spina Bifida were seen on her back, leading to an immediate referral to Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH). At five days old, she successfully underwent spinal repair surgery and has since been attending regular checkups made possible by her dedicated mother.

Gbemisola's educational journey progressed smoothly through primary school till the start of her secondary school education.

However, life took a challenging turn in



Junior Secondary School 3 (J.S.S 3), when she experienced bullying and discrimination due to her incontinence, which is the inability to control her bladder and bowel as a result of spina bifida. The constant wetting and soiling led to feelings of depression for Gbemisola, who attempted suicide twice. She grew tired of school and considered giving up on her education.

Shortly after these difficult moments, Gbemisola's mother was introduced to the Festus Fajemilo Foundation through a fellow parent already registered with the organization.

At Festus Fajemilo Foundation, Gbemisola was introduced to continence management through which she's able to manage her continence and keep dry. Gbemisola's family encounter with FFF has been a turning point in her life, especially with the vital continence care support that significantly boosted her self-esteem and improved her quality of life.

Today, Gbemisola shines as a second-year student at one of the Lagos state-owned higher institutions pursuing studies in Photography. Her story is one of resilience, hope, and refusal to give up despite the challenges she faced. Gbemisola's journey stands as an inspiring testament to the power of support, determination, and dedication

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AHNAHODE ARIEL



her return to the hospital, where it was discovered that she had arrested hydrocephalus. Growing up, Ariel faced delayed developmental milestones in her lower limbs, including the ability to crawl and walk. This is a common challenge associated with spina bifida due to nerves damage and muscle weakness in the lower extremities. To address these issues, her mother enrolled her in physiotherapy when she was one year old. However, Ariel's physiotherapy sessions lasted only a year due to financial constraints

Despite these challenges, Ariel thrives academically and socially. She is currently in J.S.S. 2 at a private integrated school, where her favorite subject is English. Although she struggles slightly with mathematics, her outspoken nature makes her stand out among her peers. Ariel's achievements include winning the QUEEN FFF position initiated by Festus Fajemilo Foundation in the year 2024, making her the first holder of this title.

Ariel is a 12-year-old girl diagnosed with spina bifida at birth in a private hospital. Ariel underwent spina repair surgery immediately after birth at the same hospital. Six months later, her mother noticed symptoms like increased head circumference and irritability, which led to

Her hobbies include singing, and she aspires to become a lawyer in the future.

Her mother, a trained hairdresser supported by the Festus Fajemilo Foundation, teaches Ariel hairdressing skills to help her develop vocational abilities alongside her education.

OPEYEMI SAMUEL:

Opeyemi is a determined 23-year-old young man who was diagnosed with Spina Bifida Occulta, a mild form of spina bifida, at birth in a public hospital. Despite his diagnosis, Opeyemi's parents embraced and showed their youngest of three much love.

From an early age, Opeyemi showed remarkable focus and resilience. He did not allow his medical condition to hinder his ambitions. Throughout his primary and secondary education, he attended boarding schools starting at a private primary school in Mowe Ibafo, Ogun State, and later Yewa College in Ilaro for his secondary school education. Opeyemi battled frequent infections during his secondary school years, which eventually impacted his kidneys, leading him to undergo a six-month of five dialysis sessions in 2022, but he

remained undeterred.

His spirit and dedication to excellence persevered as he pursued his dreams. In 2019, Opeyemi advanced into Federal Polytechnic Ilaro, where he studied accounting and graduated obtaining a National Diploma (ND). He further honed his skills during his Industrial Training (IT) program at Festus Fajemilo Foundation's head office in Lagos as an Assistant Account Officer for 12 months, after which he proceeded to read the same course in the same institution to earn his Higher National Diploma (HND) in 2025 with an excellent performance. He is currently awaiting a call for the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) posting.

Opeyemi's parents have been pioneer and committed members of Festus Fajemilo Foundation since commencing its full activities in 2007. The family expressed deep gratitude for being part of such a valuable initiative, which has supported them in numerous ways. Specifically, parents cited the support group activity of the Foundation provided immense relief by allowing them to connect with other families facing similar challenges, reinforcing that they are not alone.

Additionally, Opeyemi is one of the pioneer beneficiaries of financial assistance under the Liliane Foundation-supported program of Festus Fajemilo Foundation.

The family continues to value their membership in FFF, appreciating the ongoing support and encouragement they receive on their journey.



Changes in beneficiaries' conditions



Before surgery



After surgery



Before surgery



After surgery

IMPACT PHOTOS



2-day Workshop for Duty bearers in Osun State



Economic Empowerment for 30 parents of CWDs



Continecence Managment Onsite Prcatical Demonstration Training



Advocacy Visit to FMoH



World SBHDAY-2025



Support Group Photos



Advocacy visit to WHO



Counselling Clinic



World SBHDAY-2025

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Support Group



Presentation of Work tools



Continenace Managment Onsite Prcatical Demonstration Training



Advocacy Visit to FMoH



Counselling Clinic



Physiotherapy Sessions



World SBHDAY-2025



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World SBHDAY-2025



2-day Workshop for Duty bearers in Osun State



World SBHDAY-2025



Continenace Managment Onsite Prcatical Demonstration Training

Partners in Impact



Liliane Fonds opens the world to children with disabilities from age 0-25 and provides funding and technical expertise to strategic partners organisations in different countries including Nigeria.

The Leprosy Mission Nigeria (TLMN) is the Strategic Partner Organization for Liliane funded programmes in Nigeria. The organization manages and empowers local organizations like Festus Fajemilo Foundation forming a collaborative network dedicated to providing healthcare, education, and inclusion for Nigerian children and youth with disabilities.



Global Health Partnerships (GHP/THET) serves as the fund and grant manager for the Global Health Workforce Programme, which is financed by the UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). Under this framework, GHP facilitates strategic collaborations to strengthen healthcare systems. In Nigeria, Festus Fajemilo Foundation (FFF) acts as the local implementing partner alongside Shine UK (Lead partner) on the basis of a health partnership models to strengthen the health workforce capacity to deliver quality continence healthcare for children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus.



Hydrocephalus Association (HA) acts as a global mentor to the Festus Fajemilo Foundation, integrating it into the world's largest hydrocephalus advocacy network. While HA provides foundational framework and resources, FFF implements these locally in Nigeria to facilitate parents support group platforms at hospitals like LASUTH (Lagos) and OAUTHC (Ile-Ife) where families of children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus share experiences, knowledge to deal the challenges associated with having spina bifida & hydrocephalus. This partnership ensures that Nigerian patients benefit from international medical insights and a supportive global community.



Gay & Keith Talbot UK

The Gay and Keith Talbot Trust serves as the primary financial partner for Festus Fajemilo Foundation, providing critical grants through Shine UK. The Trust finances life-saving brain and spinal surgeries for indigent Nigerian children with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.



BT Technologies Limited is a Lagos-based IT and telecommunications firm specializing in fiber networks and hospital systems. As a corporate partner to the Festus Fajemilo Foundation, the organization for more than ten years has been donating food stuffs and nutritional items to the Foundation during yuletide seasons.



Shine UK is a leading UK charity providing specialist support, advice, and networking for people affected by spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus, as well as related conditions. As FFF's primary International partner, they manage surgical funds and provide technical support and training on continence care and management for FFF and its local partners in the country.



Liham Schools is a local educational partner that supports Festus Fajemilo Foundation through annual philanthropic donations and community advocacy. By fostering a culture of giving, the school helps FFF to meet one of its core pillars of social inclusion.

Opportunities:

- ▶ Partnerships with 11 public tertiary health facilities in 10 states of Nigeria, with enhances FFF service coverage.
- ▶ Strong International collaboration and partnership.
- ▶ Strong collaborations with local partners including mainstream disability groups.
- ▶ United community of people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus facilitated and led by FFF.

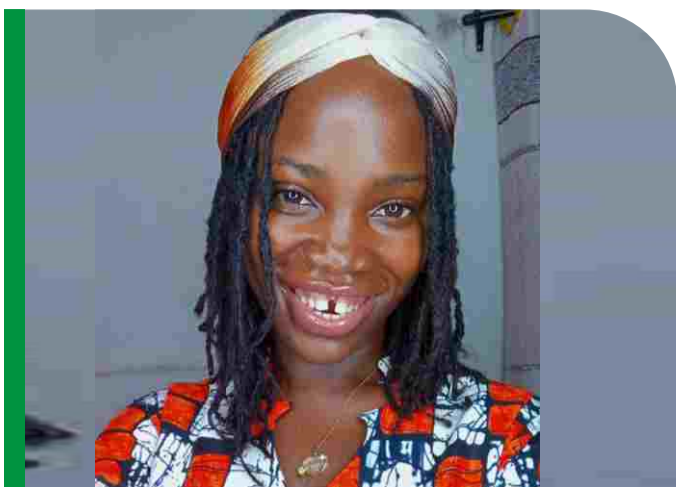
Challenges:

- ▶ Limited resources
- ▶ High staff turnover
- ▶ Low awareness of disability issues among families of children with disabilities, especially those with spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

Plans for the coming Year

- ▶ Scale up the Saving Lives! Improving Futures (Continence Management) Project, by integrating mental health, expanding outreaches, strengthening primary prevention efforts, as well as introducing SLIF in Ghana to strengthen West Africa collaborations.
- ▶ Reinforcing existing partnerships and establishing new collaborations to address the shrinking global funding space.
- ▶ Reach more parts of Nigeria with free brain and spinal repair surgeries.
- ▶ Continuous advocacy to the Federal Ministry of Health for the integration of spina bifida and hydrocephalus into national health and disability frameworks.
- ▶ Unveiling new FFF strategic plan (2026 -2030).

TESTIMONIALS



“ Before we found Festus Fajemilo Foundation (FFF), we struggled to secure surgery for our 3-month-old baby, Zion. FFF welcomed us like family, referred us to LUTH, and Zion had surgery within days. After the procedure, he became more active and healthier. The support group meetings gave me knowledge, emotional strength, and confidence as a caregiver. FFF also empowered me with skills and physiotherapy training, which helped Zion reach important milestones. Today, he can sit, turn, and lift his head. FFF truly cares for special needs children and their caregivers. I am deeply grateful.

Mrs. Adisa (Zion's Mum)

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Joining Festus Fajemilo Foundation restored the confidence of my son Joel and I. We say a big thank you to this great foundation and its dedicated staff. Thank you, Mr. Afolabi Fajemilo, for your tireless efforts and support. We sincerely appreciate everything you do for families like ours. Truly, 2025 ended in praise for our household.

Mrs. Obidile (Joel's Mum)



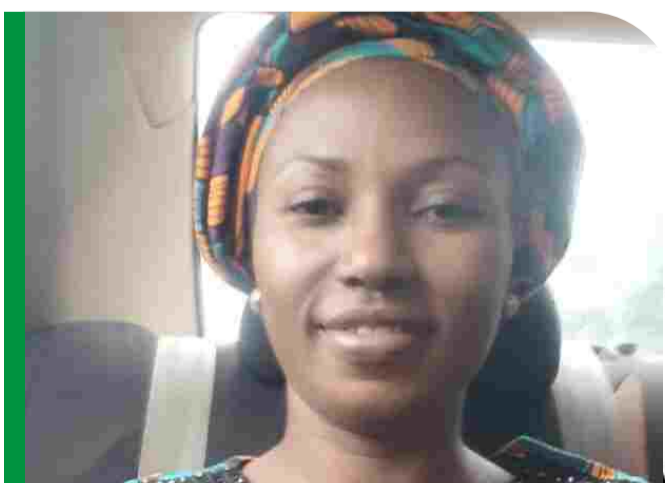
“ I am deeply grateful to Festus Fajemilo Foundation, its sponsors, and donors for their support for my child. The journey has been tough, but discovering FFF changed everything for us. We knew nothing about SBH, but through the support group meetings, we learned we were not alone and gained valuable knowledge, especially on continence care, catheterization, and bowel washout, which has greatly improved my child's wellbeing. I also appreciate Mr. Afolabi Fajemilo for his leadership and compassion toward families. May God continue to uplift Festus Fajemilo Foundation.

Mr. Kasali (Omofolawe's Dad)

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I want to say a very big thank you to Festus Fajemilo Foundation (FFF). Before joining FFF, my baby Oluwapemisire used 4 to 5 diapers daily. Through the continence training, she now uses only one or two. The bowel washout has also helped greatly, I am no longer afraid to take her out because I know she will stay clean. She is now more confident and comfortable in school because she is always dry. My family and I are very grateful. Thank you, Festus Fajemilo Foundation.

Mrs. Lawal (Oluwapemisire's Mum)



“ I thank Festus Fajemilo Foundation for the impact on my daughter, Doris. Through the foundation, I received training on therapy, how to manage her condition, especially when the shunt malfunctioned and guidance on educational challenges faced by children with hydrocephalus. When her shunt malfunctioned and her condition became critical, FFF supported her surgery. Before joining the foundation, I knew very little about hydrocephalus and its effects, but today, the knowledge and support from FFF have greatly improved both my daughter's life and mine.

Mrs. Eze (Doris' Mum)



I am Alaba Omolara Oyinda, mother of Joseph Alaba, who has spina bifida and hydrocephalus. My journey with Festus Fajemilo Foundation has been wonderful. Before joining, I didn't know how to manage my son's bowel and urine needs. Through the foundation, I learned clean intermittent catheterization (CIC) and bowel washout (BWO), which now allow me to leave him with friends without worry. FFF also provides free therapy, which has greatly improved his mobility, as I could not afford it before. I am deeply grateful to Mr. Afolabi Fajemilo and the sponsors for this life-changing support.

Mrs. Alaba (Joseph's Mum)

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Before we got to hear about the FFF, we had no source of encouragement for our son, Juwon. Through the support group meetings, we received encouragement, emotional support, and valuable guidance that has greatly improved his wellbeing. The support has boosted him emotionally and helped us achieve meaningful progress in his care. We are truly grateful for the impact of Festus Fajemilo Foundation.

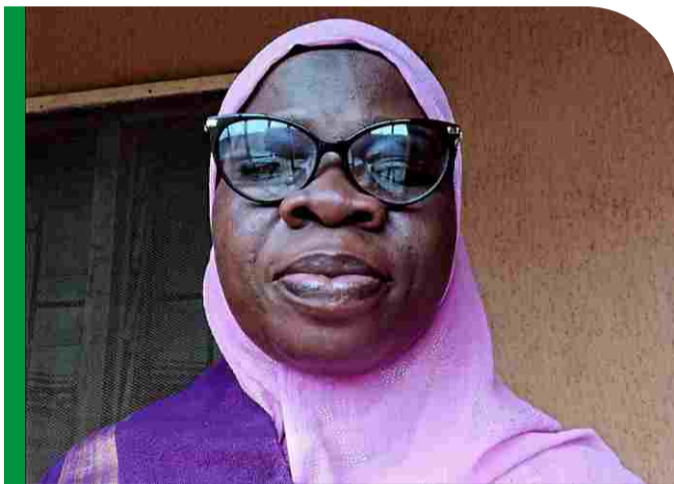
Mrs. Owolabi (Juwon's Mum)



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Managing the challenges of spina bifida alone is overwhelming, and we are deeply grateful to all the donors and supporting partners of Festus Fajemilo Foundation. Watching Muhammad Adefoye transition from cradle to young adulthood has been remarkable. Catheterisation is now easier, and pressure sores are manageable thanks to the knowledge and support we have received. We are truly grateful and hopeful for what the future holds for children living with SBH.

The Adefoyes (Mohammad's mum)



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We sincerely appreciate the FFF Foundation for the generous support rendered toward the payment of Hamzah's surgery. This kind gesture truly means a lot to me and my family. Your support has brought us immense relief and renewed hope during a very challenging time. We are deeply grateful for your compassion, kindness, and commitment to making a positive difference in people's lives. May the foundation continue to be blessed for the lives you touch and the hope you restore.

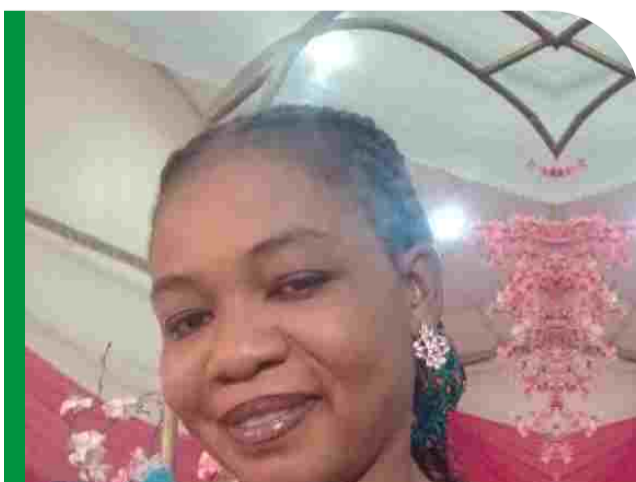
The Akinwale Family (Hamzat's mum)



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On behalf of Uzoma Daniel and our family, we say a very big thank you to Festus Fajemilo Foundation for your continued support for my son living with hydrocephalus. Before we found FFF, we were in darkness and had little hope. Through your support, especially physiotherapy, my son is now more active and can respond better. This foundation has brought light and hope into our home. Thank you, FFF, the donors, staff, and board members. May God bless and uplift this great work.

Mrs, Uzoma (Daniel's mum)





Since I joined Festus Fajemilo Foundation, my daughter Ariel has benefited greatly. The continence clinic helped her stay clean and confident, and people can now relate with her comfortably. Her school fees were also paid, and I was empowered through the foundation. Ariel also received a brand-new wheelchair from LASODA. I am very happy to be part of this foundation. On behalf of my family, I say a very big thank you to Festus Fajemilo Foundation. May God continue to bless this great work.

Mrs. Anahode (Ariel's mum)



I want to express my profound gratitude to Festus Fajemilo Foundation for turning my family's challenges into testimonies through weekly physiotherapy, medical care, counselling, training, debates, quizzes, football competition, career talk, and the provision of a wheelchair, Today, my child speaks confidently in public, associates freely, and competes with others. The trauma is gone, and his abilities are gradually emerging. Thank you, Festus Fajemilo Foundation, for turning our tears into joy

Mr. Tihamiyu (Yunus Dad)



Knowing Festus Fajemilo Foundation (FFF) has been a great blessing to my family. I met the foundation in October 2025, and they supported my son's surgery and medical tests. I am truly grateful for their constant support and care for my son, a hydrocephalus warrior. You have always been there for us, and we sincerely appreciate everything you do. May God continue to bless and provide for you abundantly. Thank you, Festus Fajemilo Foundation.

Mrs. Mustapha (Nurudeen's mum)



Our outreach work has brought care, hope, and reassurance directly into the homes of children and young adults living with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Beyond medical follow-up, it has helped families feel seen, supported, and empowered to care for their children with confidence and dignity.

Anthonia Bakare
FFF Outreach Worker,
Continence Management Project (Lagos State)



Although FFF is a small charity, it delivers incredible impact across Nigeria, taking essential continence care to children and families most excluded from vital services through its community-based outreach, nurse training, and family support. We are incredibly proud to be working with this brilliant Nigerian charity!

Kate Steele, CEO, Shine.



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FFF extends its heartfelt gratitude to all individuals and organizations who made our work possible throughout the year. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, whose dedication, compassion, and tireless service continue to drive our mission forward. Your commitment to advancing disability inclusion and supporting children and young persons with disabilities has been invaluable.

We also thank our partners, donors, and supporters for their trust and collaboration. Your financial contributions, technical support, and advocacy have strengthened our programs and expanded our reach across communities in Lagos, Osun State, and beyond.

We acknowledge the government institutions, policymakers, and community leaders who partnered with us to advance disability-inclusive policies and strengthen

implementation of existing laws. Your openness to dialogue and commitment to reform have been instrumental in driving systemic change.

Finally, we recognize the families and caregivers of children with disabilities, whose resilience and courage inspire our work every day. Together, we are building a more inclusive society where every child and young person with disabilities can thrive with dignity and opportunity.



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