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"The best way to predict the future is to create it." — Abraham Lincoln



## Where Learning Begins with Questions.



### Nurturing Every Step of a Girl's Journey

We want you to imagine a 15-year-old girl standing in a circle with us. When it's her turn to speak, she looks at her shoes. She dreads saying her name or introducing herself. It's that heavy feeling of not quite having permission to be seen yet. At Iwari, we don't just give her a seat; we give her a voice.

We've created a youth-friendly centre in Ibadan where teenage girls can explore because we believe curiosity is the whole point of growing up. A girl's journey from being hesitant to being focused is a delicate, beautiful thing. We want every girl who walks through our doors to feel supported, understood, and finally free to figure out who she actually is.

#### What we've been up to:

- **Real Growth:** Girls who once dreaded speaking now lead projects and design useable products.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** We upcycled discarded tires into outdoor seats, finding value where others see trash.
- **Skill Building:** First-time computer users researched fabric waste and self-taught fashion techniques, music, hair styling, jewelry making and hair product formulation.
- **Exposure Trip:** A visit to the University of Ibadan turned lack of information into big academic dreams.



## The Iwari Effect

When Precious first joined us, she was what we call a "go-with-the-flow" girl, quiet and easily overshadowed. After 3 months of learning, 30 days of our reading challenge, art sessions and an exposure trip, something shifted.

The girl who dreaded speaking up disappeared. In her place is a leader who takes initiative in her family's shop and creates artwork that finally tells her own story.

## Discovering the Joy in Every Moment

Whether it's learning to share, painting their first masterpiece, or singing along with friends, every moment holds the potential for growth and happiness.

Our program encourages teenage girls to be curious, kind and confident and to find joy in learning and connection. We celebrate every small achievement because we know that in these little moments, the biggest growth begins.



## Life Skills That Build Confidence

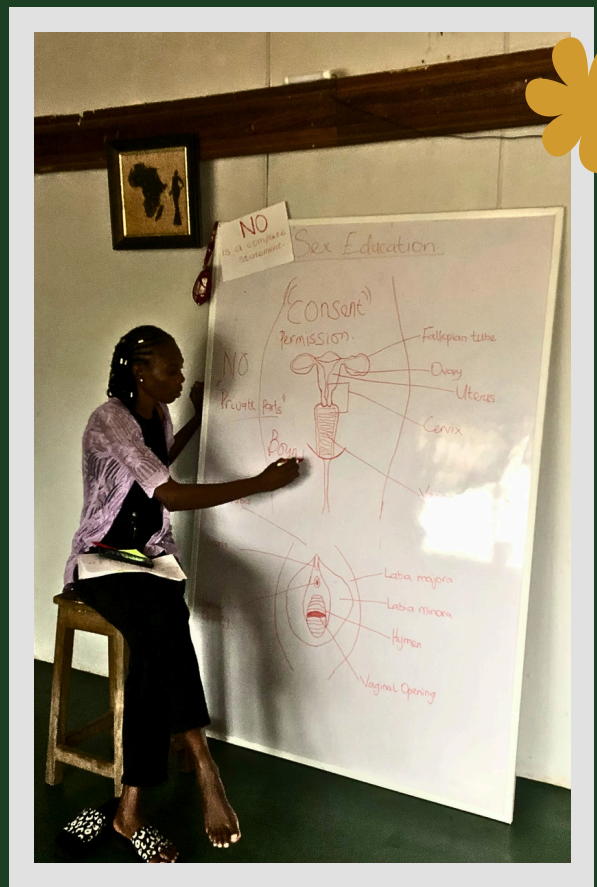
The headlines in Nigeria lately have been heavy. Every scroll brings another story of a life interrupted, another reminder of the predators that walk among us. It's enough to make anyone want to shrink back. However, we are building a generation that is physically untouchable and mentally undefeatable. Adolescents who are no longer targets but warriors.

We teach self-defence and total fitness and build strength that serves a purpose. We instil a mindset that rejects victimhood before a hand is ever laid.



# Tackling Lack of Information With Digital Skills

Who would have thought that teenagers who never operated a computer before could design their own learning? All our learners transitioned from watching YouTube tutorials to independently operating sewing machines, making jaw-dropping art, formulating their own hair-care products, and trying their hands at various DIY projects.



## The 'Taboo Conversations': Sex and Consent

We stopped whispering and we started learning. Breaking the silence is the first step toward safety, respect, and a predictable outcome for teenage girls.

By talking openly about hygiene, sex, consent, and boundaries, we strip away the stigma and replace it with clarity. We had many hilarious yet crucial questions from the girls and were able to guide them through while validating their feelings.

This laughter-filled curiosity is how we turn fear into self-assurance, ensuring they walk into the future knowing their bodies are their own and their voices carry weight.



## Our Next Adventure

Next quarter, we're taking this vision on the road. We're planning **trips** to 6 companies, tech hubs and studios, and we're working on a **Solar Powered ICT Hub** so our digital learning doesn't have to stop when the lights go out.

**Will you walk with us?** A solid future needs a solid foundation. We've built the hub; now we need your help to keep this momentum going. Your support would help us equip our ICT hub, cover transport for our volunteer experts and buy the technical tools these girls are so eager to use.

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Our learners visited the University of Ibadan campus, interacting with lecturers and students. For many, this was the first time higher education felt like a tangible goal rather than a luxury.

