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EDUCATION INITIATIVE

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THE BIRTH OF A NEW MISSION

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Co-Founder's Note

Dear Reader,

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to peruse this report. It encapsulates the updates on our activities throughout 2023, chronicling our journey since inception. This marks the maiden edition of our report, offering insights into the numerical data, narratives, and processes that illustrate how we've impacted lives and upheld our mission.

Globally, the threat of cyber insecurity is significant, with a staggering 6% loss of the global GDP to cybercrime. It becomes imperative to safeguard people, processes, and technologies while promoting responsible digital practices.

As the most populous black country globally, Nigeria hosts a majority of young people. Unfortunately, due to various unjustifiable reasons, some succumb to cybercrime as a response to peer pressure.

At CYSED, we firmly believe that if we can't manage the thousands already involved, we can, at the very least, prevent the millions who aren't engaged in cybercrime. Our approach is simple: implementing a prevention strategy to deter cybercrime and advance cybersecurity from the grassroots, focusing on areas with a high risk of cybercrime involvement.

The year 2023 has been pivotal for us, marked by the execution of several projects, and the empowerment of talents through various engagements and opportunities, all made possible by the support of our generous donors.

MOSES JOSHUA
Co-Founder

This report is a compilation of stories from young people in Africa who have united to reshape the African narrative. It highlights the opportunities, strides, challenges, community, and growth witnessed since our inception. I am optimistic that the ensuing pages will convince you of the urgency and importance of cybercrime prevention. CYSED champions the message of utilizing the talents of young Nigerians for positive endeavors.

We believe that empowering our youth will, in turn, economically empower the continent. As you navigate through these pages, I hope you feel a sense of pride and hope. Please consider joining us, sharing this report, donating, or supporting us in any way you can.

About CYSED

Cybersecurity Education Initiative (CYSED) is a youth-led non-profit organization committed to preventing cybercrime and advancing cybersecurity through education and advocacy in Africa. CYSED exists to empower vulnerable individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to protect themselves from cyber-attacks.

Our flagship initiative is the Diary of Hackers (DoH), which is an award-winning cybersecurity initiative that responds to the urgent demand for trained Cybersecurity talent in Africa while recognizing the importance of providing enthusiasts with the knowledge, skills and insights needed to thrive in this important field.

Mission Statement
To combat cybercrime and advance cybersecurity through education and advocacy in sustainable and innovative ways.

Vision Statement
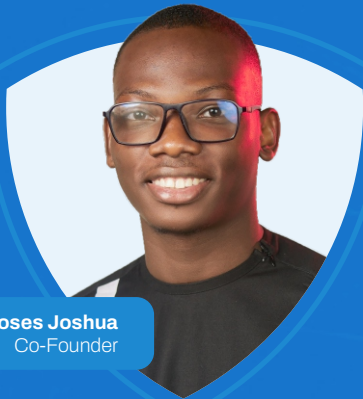We exist to ensure a more secure digital space.

Areas of Focus
- Cybersecurity awareness
- Capacity building
- Cyber diplomacy
- Digital Inclusion
- Research, Development & Innovation
- Digital Rights and Data Privacy

Our Objectives
- To advance cybersecurity education in the Society.
- To promote international opportunities in cybersecurity scholarships, training, and internships.
- To champion national and global cybersecurity awareness campaigns against all forms of cyber-related Crimes in our society.
- To build an outsourcing hub for cybersecurity professionals to access global projects and build rewarding careers, particularly for the youth.
- To promote, advance, and accelerate a safe digital transformation, its inclusion, and education worldwide.
- To Initiate societal programs that enhance awareness of individual rights to data privacy through accessible information.

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The Birth of a
New
Mission

The Birth of a New Mission

As the year draws to a close, it is both a privilege and a responsibility to reflect on the journey we've collectively undertaken. In the pages of this impact report, we find ourselves at the intersection of "The Birth of a New Mission." This impact report serves not only as a testament to our achievements but also as the cradle of a new mission, one that will propel us further into the realm of positive change.

At the beginning of this transformative journey, we were driven by a simple yet powerful vision of creating a cybersecurity community that aims to promote professional development for cybersecurity students, enthusiasts, and professionals. Fueled by the unwavering belief in our potential to make a difference and to create an enabling environment for capacity development, the Diary of Hackers was birthed.

Over the years, we have made a difference by organizing a series of capacity development events ranging from interviews with experts to meetups, conferences, and workshops amongst others. These successes are not merely numbers on a page; they represent lives transformed, communities empowered, a safer cyberspace and the world nudged closer to a brighter tomorrow.

Yet, as we celebrate these accomplishments, we also recognize that the cyber landscape of challenges has shifted. New needs have emerged, and existing ones demand innovative solutions. This realization ignited a fire within us, a burning desire to expand our reach and deepen our impact.

AYODELE OLUWATOBI (CISSP)
Co-Founder

Thus, with profound excitement, I announce the birth of our new mission: CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION INITIATIVE - CYSED, a youth-led non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cybersecurity awareness and capacity building to ensure a secure cyberspace. We are committed to combating cybercrime in sustainable and innovative ways. This evolution is not a departure from our original purpose; it is an expansion, a powerful embrace of the evolving landscape.

Our new focus involves cybersecurity awareness, capacity building, cyber diplomacy, digital inclusion, research, development and innovation as well as Digital rights and data privacy. This is a clarion call not only for us as an organization but for everyone who shares our vision and mission. It is an invitation to join hands, to leverage our collective resources and talents, and to create a ripple effect of positive change that extends far beyond our immediate reach but for the sake of posterity.

The Birth of a New Mission

The road ahead will not be without its challenges. But fueled by the unwavering support of our partners, the dedication of our team and volunteers, and the unwavering belief in the power of collective action, I am confident that we can achieve the seemingly impossible.

This impact report is not just a chronicle of the past; it is a blueprint for the future. It is a testament to the power of human ingenuity and a beacon of hope for a safer cyberspace. Let us embark on this new chapter together, armed with the lessons of the past and the unwavering commitment to creating a safer cyberspace.

Together, let us write the next chapter in the story of our mission. Let us be the generation that redefined the meaning of impact in the cyberspace.

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Our
Programs

Brighter Futures

As the digital age continues to evolve and shape the world around us, cybercrime has become an increasingly prevalent issue that affects people of all ages and backgrounds. In Nigeria, this problem is particularly acute among the youth population, where many are lured into engaging in criminal activities online due to a lack of opportunities and awareness of the risks involved.

At CYSED, we believe that young people have the potential to be a force for positive change in their communities. That's why we were thrilled to partner with TAG International (Torchlight and Axiom Group), a UK-based organization that shares our vision of creating a safer and more secure online environment for all.

Together, we implemented a youth-driven intervention program aimed at reducing the involvement of young people in cybercrime activities in Nigeria. The project was conducted for 2 weekends in two (2) local governments (Ikorodu and Ajeromi-Ifelodun) in Lagos state, Nigeria, featuring a sensitization campaign on the first day and a CaptureTheFlag competition on the second day.

The sensitization campaign was aimed to raise awareness of the dangers of cybercrime while promoting alternative pathways for young people. We had experts from the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) engage with our target audience between the ages of 15-30 numbering 110, sharing information and insights about the risks of engaging in cybercrime and the potential consequences of these actions. We also had Yusuf Augustine (Cybersecurity Expert) emphasize the importance of digital literacy while encouraging the participants to explore legitimate opportunities in the technology industry.
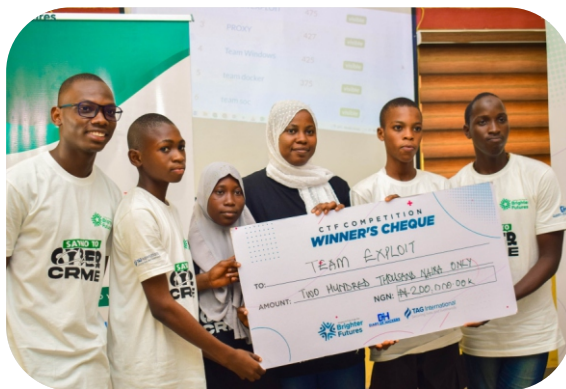
On the second day of the program, we organized a CaptureTheFlag competition that provided an opportunity for young people to showcase their skills and knowledge in a fun and engaging way. By presenting cybersecurity challenges that required critical thinking and problem-solving, we were able to foster an interest in cybersecurity among the participants and promote positive behavior.

The success of this program would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of our team at Diary of Hackers, as well as the support from TAG International. We are proud to have contributed to the fight against cybercrime and empower the youth to become agents of change in their communities.
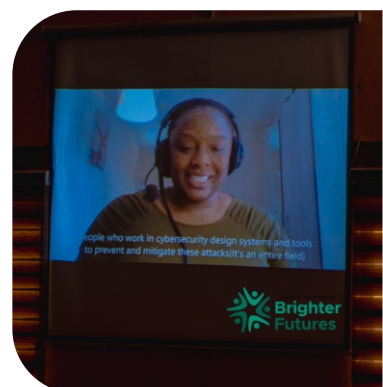
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Sabi Cyber

cybersecurity workshop for Business Owners underscored the critical need to safeguard businesses from cyber threats.

With over 200 volunteers in 11 states, our Sabi Cyber Movement reached far and wide, from Abuja and Lagos to Oyo, Ondo, Kwara, Akwa-Ibom, and beyond Nigeria's borders to Kenya and Ghana. We engaged with 21 schools, 5 organizations, and local businesses, visited 4 radio stations, 4 religious centers, conducted 2 rallies, and participated in 1 NYSC Community Development Program. Social media played a crucial role in spreading awareness and reaching numerous individuals in these locations.

Sabi Cyber is an annual cybersecurity campaign executed in October during the 'National Cyber Security Awareness Month' (NCSAM). The term "Sabi," derived from Nigerian Pidgin English, translates to "to know" or "to be knowledgeable," perfectly encapsulating the essence of #SabiCyber as an initiative promoting cybersecurity knowledge—an essential aspect of being well-informed. Originating in 2021 from Diary Of Hackers, the flagship community of The Cybersecurity Education Initiative (CYSED), #SabiCyber has evolved into a more significant cybersecurity awareness movement.

This year's Sabi Cyber Movement marked a remarkable chapter as CYSED embarked on an extensive adventure spanning across Nigeria. Our mission was unequivocal: to ensure that every Nigerian is informed about cybersecurity and aware of online dangers. Workshops were conducted for State Ministries, Departments, and Agencies in Niger State, as well as Federal Government MDAs in Abuja. Various speakers addressed the events, and exercises were provided to enhance their security knowledge. Additionally, a virtual

Adding to the impact, we hosted the first-ever national Cybersecurity Essay Competition, open to Secondary and Tertiary School Students across Nigeria. The primary goal was to engage participants in critical thinking about cybersecurity and digital safety. Winners were rewarded with cash prizes.

Beyond imparting knowledge, our focus was on making people aware of the challenges in the digital world and how to stay safe online. These moments were invaluable, underscoring our commitment to creating a safe and secure Nigeria. It's not just an adventure; it's our mission, the essence of CYSED.

Sabi Cyber

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Cyber Starters Conference 2023

The CyberStarters23 conference started and ended on the 6th of May, 2023 at the University of Lagos, Nigeria. The conference aimed to give different categories of people, from newbies to professionals, insights on how to navigate cybersecurity as a field. With the amazing speakers and enlightening sessions, the aim of the conference was achieved tenfold.

During the conference, numerous speakers took the time to enlighten the attendees at different sessions. Starting from the keynote speech, where we had Favour Femi-Oyewole. The lightning talks were delivered by excellent professionals like Confidence Staveley, Chikodili Udeh, Ronnie "BEC" Tokazowski, Ikechukwu Ugoji, and Jonathan Ayodele.

Another part of the conference was aimed at letting the attendees know that technology was evolving and they had to level up with the evolution. This part was handled in one of the panel sessions (which was in two sessions) with top industry experts like Gbolabo Awelewa, Bolu Oluwagbesan, and Obiora Awogu. The second panel session was with young professionals; Aisha Gbemi Matti, Fortress Abioye, Fatma Omar Salim, and Toluwanimi Emmanuel Banji-Idowu where they discussed everything as regards entry-level experience.

Putting the attendees on the verge of excitement was the live hacking demo with Olufela Osideko where she demonstrated a Business Logic Vulnerability. The attendees were given a glimpse of some career options and paths in the breakout session with Oluwatosin (Tosin) Fatokun (GRC), Oluwaseyi Ajadi (Devsecops), Adamu Usman (ethical hacking), and Sulaiman Gbadamosi (BlueTeam).

There was a capture-the-flag hacking competition during the conference where winners were awarded cash and other prizes. Other sessions like the games and presentation of awards to our CTF players and social media flex, added more fun to the mix.

During the event, we launched our umbrella organization Cybersecurity Education Initiative which is a youth-led non-profit organization on a mission to combat cybercrime in a sustainable and innovative way.

The CyberStarters23 in its entirety was a huge success with all fun and seriousness. Special thanks to our sponsors and partners; Trend Micro, ISACA Abuja, Hack The Box, PentesterLab, MaxHedRum, Digital Security Village, Techbuild.Africa, University of Lagos Engineering Society and others.

Cyber Starters Conference 2023

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Ilorin Cybersecurity Meetup

The Cybersecurity Meetup was hosted at Malhub on Saturday, April 15th, 2023, the Ilorin Cyber Meetup attracted over 50 attendees and engaged them in a day of learning and networking, featuring a captivating hacking demo, insightful speaker sessions, interactive games, and valuable opportunities to connect with fellow cybersecurity enthusiasts. The event was organized by a dedicated team of 5 volunteers and was made possible through the partnership with Malhub, Being the first of its kind in the state (Kwara), it drew the attention of more enthusiasts and experts to engage more with the community and it birthed the local community.

Ilorin Cybersecurity Meetup

Abeokuta Cyber Meetup

The Abeokuta Cyber Meetup was scheduled for Saturday, September 2nd, 2023, and took place at TheBunker. The event was filled with a diverse range of activities, including engaging Hacking Demo, enlightening Speaker sessions, fun-filled Games, and valuable Networking opportunities. A total number of 40 enthusiastic attendees joined the event, bringing together individuals interested in cybersecurity and technology. To ensure the smooth flow of the event, four dedicated volunteers were assisting with various aspects. Importantly, the ticket policy for this gathering is open and inclusive, with free entry for all participants.

Abeokuta Cyber Meetup

Lagos Cyber Meetup: Owambe Edition

The second edition of the Lagos Cyber Meetup took place on the 9th of December 2023 at CC Hub, located on 8th Montgomery Road, Yaba. The theme for this year's Lagos Cyber Meetup edition is "#Owambe" and the event was an exciting fusion of African fashion with technology.

The attendees could testify to the dynamic agenda featuring activities such as games, quizzes, cyber career fair, and insightful sessions with experienced cybersecurity professionals who shared their expertise and ideas for optimizing a career in cybersecurity.

We are proud to say that about 80 participants of the meetup were impacted through capacity build and clarity to their cybersecurity careers. A big thank you to the support of 5 dedicated volunteers, the event was set to provide valuable networking opportunities. Attendees were required to purchase tickets for admission, and the event is proudly sponsored by GDG Lagos, reflecting a collaborative effort to foster a vibrant cybersecurity community in Lagos.

Lagos Cyber Meetup: Owambe Edition

Cyber Fit Abuja

The Maiden Edition of our mental wellness campaign was initiated in Abuja as #CyberFitAbuja where it was a day of heart-pumping, adrenaline-filled Competitive indoors and outdoors Activities, we explore the synergies between fitness and cybersecurity. The event witnessed 30+ cybersecurity professionals and enthusiasts on a Saturday away from screen day.

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Project Beneficiaries

Dorcas Makinde,
Abeokuta Grammar School Idi-Aba, Ogun State.
Winner, National Cybersecurity Essay Competition
(Secondary Schools Category)

I appreciate CYSED for their determined effort to rid our society of cybercrimes. Apart from this, CYSED has contributed largely to the process of challenging the participants of the National Cybersecurity Essay Competition to engage in thorough thoughts, processes, and analyses demanded by the essay. I know and believe that one of the motives of CYSED for organizing the essay competition was to create awareness of cybercrimes among our youths who are oftentimes, culprits of cybercrimes.

For this, I can confidently say, that awareness has been created. In my little way, I will continue to preach the gospel in school, market, church, and everywhere I go thereby becoming an ambassador of a cybercrime-free society. The role of cybersecurity in this digital age cannot be overstated as it serves as the backbone that protects privacy, minimizes financial losses, protects infrastructure, and so on.
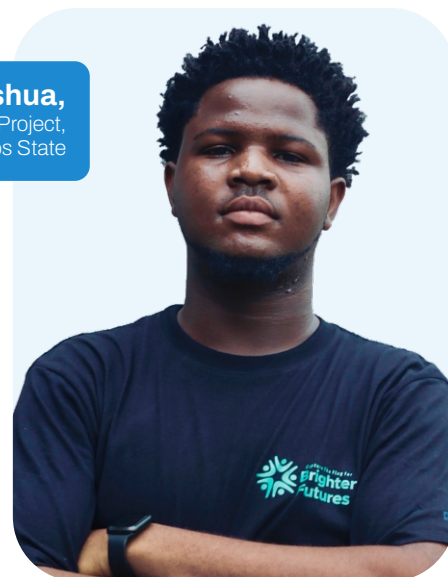
In conclusion, I truly appreciate CYSED for the platform given to me to express my views on cybersecurity and your generous cash award. This cash will go a long way to meet my various needs in school. God will continue to bless CYSED to contribute more to knowledge and mankind. I encourage CYSED not to relent in their efforts until we have the Nigeria of our dreams that we shall have in no distant future.

Ochedi Joshua,
Participant, Brighter Futures Project,
Ajeromi-Ifelodun LGA, Lagos State

I gained an understanding of the meaning, dangers, and disadvantages of cybercrime. I also learned how to help stop these crimes in our society and how I can help prevent them from happening in my community. I now know that cybercrime is not a good use of computers and that there are many other positive ways to use them.

I was also taught that the minimum jail sentence for cybercrime is seven years and the maximum is twenty years. This made me realize that I would never want to spend twenty years in prison, especially when there are so many other things I could be doing with my life. I also learned that those who commit cybercrimes often believe that it is the quickest way to make money, but they fail to realize that they could end up spending twenty years in prison if they are caught.

Omotayo Owolabi,
Community Leader & Teacher,
Ikorodu LGA, Lagos State

Our first event in Ikorodu was an eye-opening experience for students hailing from an environment plagued by cybercrimes, commonly known as "yahoo-yahoo." They discovered that one can pursue a career as an ethical hacker and lead a more fulfilling life. This marked their initial exposure to the realm of cybersecurity.

Several students developed a keen interest and have since engaged in self-directed learning. The monetary prizes awarded to some proved instrumental, with two students having their parents utilize the funds to pay for their school fees.

Subsequently, we also participated in another event, the 'Lagos Cyber Meetup.' During this gathering, my students gained insights into various specializations in cybersecurity. They were introduced to platforms like "Skill for All," where they can pursue self-learning opportunities.

Mr. Chukwudi, at the event, pledged to provide training to our students, to transform them into skilled system engineers. We extend our gratitude to the Diary of Hackers for providing the students with an excellent platform for learning and growth.

Volunteer's Corner

James Bobai,
Project Volunteer,
Brighter Futures Project

I've had the privilege of working with CYSED, in combating cybercrime within the country. Working seamlessly with the team, we've orchestrated campaigns, meet-ups, and initiatives that have educated and empowered individuals and organizations.
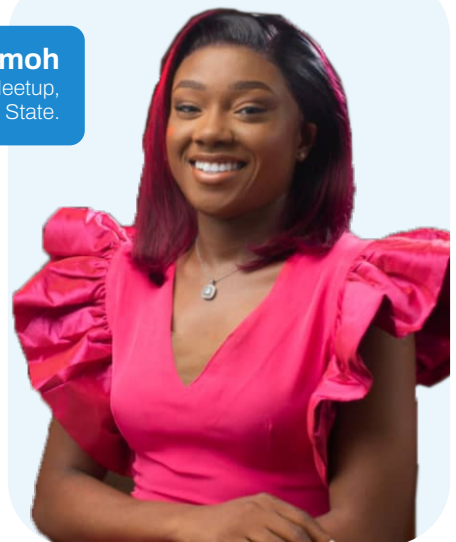
One of the awareness we held that is so dear to our hearts is the Brighter Futures Project (Ikorodu and Ajegunle), An unforgettable experience.

The satisfaction and fulfilment of successfully providing cybersecurity awareness to young minds in places like that are profound. I feel so blessed to have worked with CYSED. Dynamic, proactive, and impactful are what I can use to describe CYSED. It's a privilege to contribute to such a positive and impactful initiative.

Shalom Omoh
Volunteer, Abeokuta Cyber Meetup,
Abeokuta, Ogun State.

My involvement with DOH/CYSED has been beneficial to my personal and professional development. I've gained a greater understanding of security consciousness, its importance, the latest threats, and how to defend against them.

I also developed relationships with other Cybersecurity professionals who have, and are helping me advance in my career. I believe this community will be stronger and their efforts will make a difference in the coming years. They have and are still playing a key role in combating cybercrime by raising awareness and educating the public on how to protect themselves online and offline.

Volunteer's Corner

David Archibong
Volunteer
Cyber Starters Conference

Throughout the year, I was opportune to actively engage in various activities with CYSED to raise awareness and educate the public on cybersecurity and ways to combat cybercrime.

One of the highlights was the Cyber Starters Conference, an event that served as a pivotal platform for fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange within the cybersecurity community. Bringing together seasoned professionals, industry experts, and enthusiastic, the conference played a crucial role in shaping the future of cybersecurity.

Attendees had the opportunity to delve into cutting-edge trends, participate in hands-on workshops, and engage in dynamic discussions, creating a vibrant ecosystem and community for skill development and networking. Recognizing the critical role of the youth in shaping the future of cybersecurity, we launched the "Say No to Cybercrime" campaign, specifically targeting young individuals in selected areas.

Bashirah Hammed
Volunteer, Sabi Cyber
Ilorin, Kwara State.

My cybersecurity journey has been a challenging and at the same time fulfilling journey. Joining DOH has made it possible for me to meet cyber-like minds and network with people in the industry. From the Ilorin cyber meet-up where I met other cybersecurity minds in Ilorin to volunteer for the Cybersecurity Education initiative for this year's National Cybersecurity Awareness month, the community has given me a sort of comradeship on the journey.

The recent cybersecurity awareness campaign in commemoration of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, in which I had the opportunity to co-lead Team Kwara, has had a positive impact on my journey. The experience not only provided the general public with the essential information they need to navigate the digital world safely, but it also gave me a deep sense of accomplishment.

An even more rewarding experience was the positive feedback I received from cybersecurity experts in the field. Their recognition not only validated this awareness campaign but also motivated me and created opportunities for future networking.

The whole experience was worth it.

Volunteer's Corner

Ayooluwa Oluwagbenga
Volunteer, SabiCyber
Akure, Ondo State.

The NCSAM'23 Outreach was an entire experience for me.

Aside from being provided the avenue to educate the public on How to Stay Safe Online, I was also given the responsibility of heading the volunteers in Ondo State.

Professionally, this held latent benefits for me. The opportunity to speak in a formal setting has helped build my confidence and oratory skills. The reiteration of all those cyber tips did solidify my knowledge base as well.

Finally, the leadership experience was a training session for me, as I also improved my soft skills. The network of people I was able to connect with was an added benefit as well.
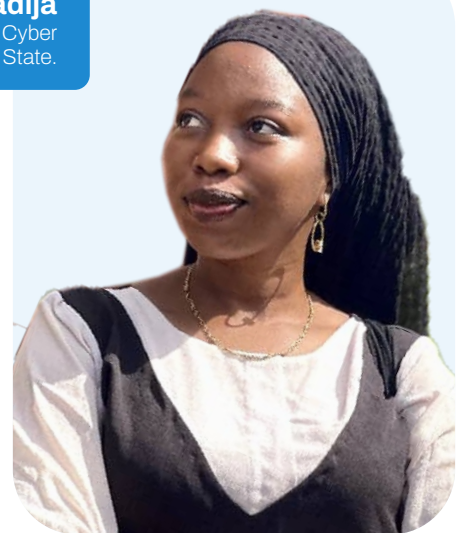
Khadija
Volunteer, Sabi Cyber
Akure, Ondo State.

I'm grateful to CYSED for giving me a platform to come into cybersecurity. During the 'National Cybersecurity Awareness Month' (NCSAM) 2023, As a Biomedical Engineering student, I was able to cross the boundary of my field to learn about Cybersecurity and raise awareness of the importance of Cybersecurity.

I was a part of Team Ondo, and we visited numerous schools and other venues to educate the public on cybersecurity, including public speaking engagements.

I was also able to participate in a radio talk show about Cybersecurity and, it made more sense because the message we passed across was for everybody to know about Cybersecurity. And there I was, a Biomedical engineering student doing what people assume Cybersecurity students should be doing.

With the help of CYSED, I envision myself as a Cybersecurity evangelist in the future. This was only possible because of their willingness to accept people beyond the tech and Cybersecurity landscape.

I'm a Health student, a Biomedical Engineer in the making, and I Sabi Cyber!

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Community
Engagements

Cyber Secure Nigeria 2023

Cyber Secure Nigeria Conference is an annual gathering of the best minds in the information and technology industry. It covers important areas like low cybersecurity awareness in Nigeria, cyber security and telecommunications, payment systems, emerging threats, vulnerabilities and countermeasures.

This event is produced by the Cyber Security Experts Association of Nigeria (CSEAN). CYSED actively contributed to Cyber Secure Nigeria 2023 which took place on the 11th and 12th of July 2023 at the Nigerian Army Resource Center by providing a team of ten dedicated volunteers. Additionally, Ummulkhair Bello and Moses Joshua served as valuable resource persons, sharing their expertise and insights with conference participants.

ISACA Abuja 15th Annual Conference

The conference is a world-class event, providing opportunities for competence development, skill acquisition, professional networking, brands and products marketing as well as a valuable platform for policy dialogue and strategy development. It also creates opportunities for relevant professionals to earn adequate Continuing Professional Education credits hours, required for the sustenance of their professional certifications.

CYSED Participated in this 3-day hybrid event which started on the 28th of August 2023 to the 30th of August 2023 by providing 5 dedicated volunteers who helped in spearheading the conference to make it a success. The theme for the conference (Digital Trust: The Balance of Governance, Innovation and Sustainability) aligns with our focal point at CYSED.

Bread of Hope
- TechXcite Conference

TechXcite is a dynamic and interactive tech program designed to ignite curiosity, inspire innovation, and foster a love for technology among primary, secondary, and higher institution students. The program aims to provide a platform for students to explore various aspects of the tech industry, from coding and AI to creative problem-solving.

The Executive Director of Cybersecurity Education Initiative (CYSED) Moses Joshua had an exciting session lined up at the TechXcite tech conference. He shared valuable insights and strategies on how to protect your digital identity, which took place at Nile University on the 9th of November, 2023.

DevFest Minna 2023

The DevFest2023 (Developer Festival 2023) which was organized by the Google Developer Group (GDG) Minna proved to be a remarkable event, and Diary of Hackers (DOH) actively engaged, further showcasing our involvement in all things regarding the technology landscape.

Ummul-khair Bello, our Publicity Team Lead, took the stage to represent the entire DOH team. She highlighted the community's and organization's notable achievements, as we continue to be a driving force in organizing and contributing to events aimed at equipping individuals in our society.

Federal Ministry of Justice - Cybercrime Awareness Program

At CYSED, our unwavering commitment to cybersecurity awareness and education fuels our mission to create a safer digital space for all. In line with this dedication, we proudly collaborated with the Federal Ministry of Justice (FMoJ) for a groundbreaking 3-day program tagged, "Don't Fall Victim, Don't Perpetrate."

This initiative aimed to enlighten and empower individuals on the nuances of cybercrimes and the imperative to safeguard themselves online. Our collaborative efforts underscore the significance of unity in addressing the challenges posed by cyber threats. Here is the breakdown of the events:

Day 1: Cyber Rally in Abuja

Day 2: Federal Ministry of Justice Staff Program:

Day 3: Student Workshop Inspiring the next generation, we conducted an engaging workshop for selected secondary schools in the country's capacity, Abuja, focusing on raising awareness about cybercrimes and promoting responsible digital citizenship.

Distinguished dignitaries, cybersecurity experts, and representatives from various sectors graced the occasion with goodwill messages, emphasizing the need to combat cybercrimes and ensure a safe digital world.

We express our sincere gratitude to the sponsor, the US Embassy Nigeria, for their pivotal role in making this event a resounding success.

Federal Ministry of Justice - Cybercrime Awareness Program

Lecture at the British High Commissioner's Residence.

On the 28th of July 2023, representatives from CYSED attended a lecture at the British High Commissioner's Residence in Abuja, Nigeria. The lecture which was co-hosted by the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation's Executive Vice-Chair, Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede, and the British High Commissioner, Richard Montgomery featured Professor Stefan Dercon of the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford.

The event served as an excellent platform for key stakeholders and prominent figures from various fields to convene and engage in constructive dialogue on critical development issues. Professor Stefan Dercon's lecture focused on Reshaping Elite Bargains and Gambling on Development.

He discussed the present state of Nigeria in terms of socioeconomic indicators and what is required of the elites in driving change. He highlighted the vices that prevent countries from achieving sustainable development and the initiatives that various countries, such as China, have taken to achieve economic growth.

In concluding his presentation, he offered insights on how elites in Nigeria can use their power and influence to drive change for development. Following the lecture, attendees had the opportunity to ask Professor Dercon intentional questions on how elites in different sectors could make a lasting impact on the economic development of Nigeria. The atmosphere was one of intellectual curiosity and camaraderie, enabling attendees to forge meaningful connections and potential collaborations. Mr. Aig-Imoukhuede restated the definition of an elite as "a person who excels in any field or industry." He asserted that every attendee at the event was an elite with a responsibility to make a positive difference in Nigeria. CYSED is appreciative of the opportunity to attend this event.

The lecture and discussion session provided valuable insights into Elite Bargains on Development, and it helped to foster a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities presently facing Nigeria. Through active participation in such intellectually stimulating engagements, CYSED aims to foster meaningful partnerships and contribute to the collective efforts in tackling global issues.

Engagement with the EFCC Executive Chairman

CYSED was represented by the Executive Director in a meeting with the newly appointed executive chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Ola Olukoyede. During the meeting, the executive chairman unveiled a transformative approach that the commission will adopt to combat financial and economic crimes.

Emphasizing that the collective responsibility of fighting these crimes extends to everyone, especially at the grassroots level. What resonates with us deeply is, the recognition that cybercrime is a grassroots issue which demands a proactive, rather than reactive approach to tackling the challenges.

At CYSED, we are committed to advocating for the implementation of over-regulation. Our focus remains on preventative measures, working tirelessly to deter individuals at high risk of involvement in cybercrimes by providing alternative pathways. We will persist in our efforts to create a safer digital environment and contribute to the broader mission of fostering a secure and thriving economy.

Cyber Career Fest - Federal University of Technology, Akure

The Cyber Career Fest is an event organized by the Department of Cybersecurity of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, The fest is aimed to help students and enthusiasts make more informed career decisions in cybersecurity. We are proud sponsor of this event where we dedicate our commitment to helping cybersecurity students. The event themed 'Networking for Global Relevance' happened on the 11th of August, 2023. Our Executive Director spoke on the topic 'Upskilling and Reskilling to Enhance Career Opportunities in Cybersecurity"

Digital Literacy Community of Practice Launch

The Digital Literacy Community of Practice Launch was hosted Re:learn by CCHUB in partnership with Meta which was designed to be a forum to bring important stakeholders up to speed with the goals and objectives of the community focused on leveraging the community to improve the outlook of Nigerians towards protecting their online personal data and privacy as well as reduce barriers to the adoption of digital literacy and online safety among stakeholders in the country.

CYSED was invited as a key stakeholder in the cybersecurity community. We joined an expert-led interactive session on the National Child Online Protection Policy and Strategy (NACOPPS), a technical tabletop exercise and the co-creation session to Design, Animate, and Manage the Digital Literacy Community of Practice for the community animation strategy.

Communication Report

Communication Report

Our communications game went off the charts in 2023 compared to the previous years. 2023 marked a year of expansive growth in our communications across all our platforms; LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, Facebook, and TikTok. The organization gained a reasonable amount of recognition because we perfectly utilized the community that we have been nurturing for some years now (The Diary of Hackers Community).

Placing this community at the forefront of our minds allowed us to think of many ways, programs, and opportunities that will help them grow in their cybersecurity career journey. Achieving this at every turn in 2023, increased the level to which the mission and vision of the organization got put out there. Additionally, it gave them a sense of kin as being a part of the CYSED family and also helped us connect with them on a different level.

Furthermore, we forged mutually beneficial partnerships with organizations keen on contributing value to our community and organization through diverse channels, whether on social media or in-person engagements.

We made some notable achievements concerning our communications platforms which indicates that we exceeded our expectations by a wider scale. Here are the numbers;

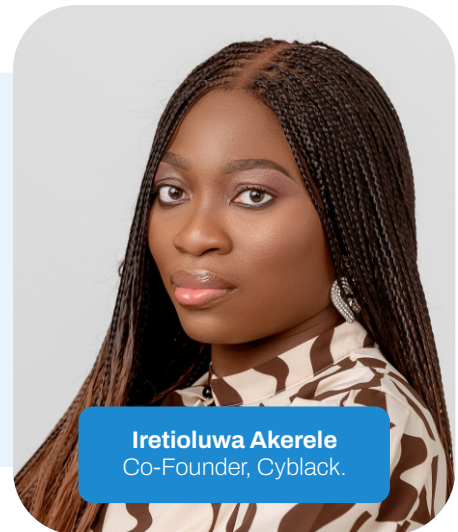| Platform	Followers		Engagement	
	CYSED	Diary of Hackers	CYSED	Diary of Hackers
Twitter	1,369	12,403	364,900	580,500
Linkedin	1695	5,017	50,289	76,043
Facebook	72	672	521	5,500
Instagram	181	518	8,837	23,809
Whatsapp	-	1,723	-	-
Total	23,650		1.110,399	

People who Believe in CYSED

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Andrew Penpraze
West Africa Cyber Lead,
British High Commission Abuja

"It takes the whole society to build national cyber resilience, secure the digital economy and empower citizens to protect themselves online. Government, industry and academia all play critical roles; but the civil society is the glue that binds the ecosystem. CYSED is a leading part of that effort, taking on the role of effecting the change that lies outside of the reach of government. They achieve this by dynamically and firmly supporting the development of Nigeria's cyber security posture, brokering skills and educating stakeholders on the issues that matter."

"In the ever-evolving realm of cybersecurity, CYSED emerges as a beacon of innovation and sustainability. Their relentless pursuit of safeguarding a digital landscape is matched by their commitment to leading cybersecurity education and awareness initiatives. CYSED is committed to advancing cyber resilience by creating a secure and sustainable digital future for everyone."

Iretioluwa Akerele
Co-Founder, Cyblack.

Samaila Atsen Bako
Director of Communication,
CSEAN

"I am proud of the activities of CYSED over the last year or so. I have witnessed some of their approaches to educating the youth on the dangers of cybercrime while stirring up interest in cybersecurity as a career path. Their use of gamification and case studies to make concepts relatable is excellent. They are known for infusing fun into the learning process. I look forward to seeing what they come up with in 2024 and beyond."

People who believe in CYSED

We were very impressed by Diary of Hackers' enthusiasm and competence in delivering their Capture the Flag activity in Lagos. They understand our needs and took the initiative to work closely with local stakeholders and beneficiaries to deliver a quality project on time and within the budget.

James Donally
Team Leader, Brighter Futures

"The Diary of Hackers initiatives we've supported in recent years have been well thought-through and energetically delivered. The team's communication and reporting are extremely professional, and their activities are genuinely impactful. It's a privilege to support them."

Nick Denes
Program Director

Our Sponsors and Partners

At CYSED, collaboration is our bedrock, and partnership is our strength. This year, we partnered with some organisations to reach Africans who need training, scholarships, resources, and job placements.

What's Ahead:
A Vision for 2024

As we set our sights on the future, our mission for 2023 is crystallizing with clear objectives. The upcoming year promises a dynamic array of programs designed to make a lasting impact in several key areas:

Digital Inclusion:

In our commitment to fostering a digitally inclusive society, we are launching initiatives aimed at bridging the digital divide. Through targeted programs, we aspire to provide access, skills, and opportunities to individuals who have been historically marginalized in the digital landscape.

Child Online Safety:

Recognizing the importance of safeguarding the younger generation in the online space, we are dedicating efforts to implementing comprehensive programs for child online safety. Our initiatives will focus on educating children, parents, and educators on navigating the digital world responsibly and securely.

Cyber Talent Development:

Building on our foundation of empowering individuals, we have ambitious plans for cyber talent development. Through skill-building workshops, training sessions, conferences and mentorship programs, we aim to nurture the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, equipping them with the knowledge and expertise needed in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

Cyber Resilience for Organizations:

In recognition of the evolving cybersecurity threats faced by every organization, our focus extends to enhancing cyber resilience. We are developing targeted programs to assist organizations in fortifying their cybersecurity posture, fostering a culture of security awareness, and implementing robust strategies to withstand cyber threats.

How you can support

Sponsorship:

You can choose to champion a cause that resonates with you by sponsoring one of our impactful programs. Your sponsorship directly contributes to the success of initiatives that make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and communities.

Partnership:

Partnership is the cornerstone of our mission. Align your CSR projects with our mission or join our esteemed corporate partners. Collaborate with us to make a meaningful impact through various avenues such as mentorship, event sponsorship, and in-kind donations.

Recommend Us:

If you believe in our mission, recommend us to individuals or organizations that can provide support. Your recommendation can help broaden our network and strengthen our ability to make a lasting impact.

Volunteer:
We are on the lookout for exceptional mentors and individuals who are passionate about making a direct impact on the lives of our youth. Join our volunteer team and contribute to creating lasting positive change.

Connect with Us:
Visit our social media pages @CysedHQ or our website cysed.org to stay updated on our latest activities. Follow us for news, photos, and videos as we strive to create a secure digital future. Your engagement is key to spreading awareness and fostering a supportive community.

Donate:
Contribute to our cause and help us drive positive change. You can make a donation via our Flutterwave donation link:https://flutterwave.com/donate/cifbjihjb3eb or directly to our accounts. Your generosity fuels our mission to advance cybersecurity education and promote a secure digital environment.

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