

# Young Digital Bridger International



This is an Innovative deployment of ICT facility to the rural creeks of the Niger Delta area of south – south Nigeria. The Aim of this project is mainly to increase primary and secondary school enrolment via fascinating technology that would draw interests.

## Objectives

The main objective being Realized in the Projects are as Follows

1. Building the digital divide between the western world and Africa in one hand and bridging the divide between urban and rural youths in Nigeria
2. Encouragement and increase in both primary and secondary school enrolment
3. Access to research tool that enhances easy accessibility to scholarship opportunities via the internet.
4. Innovative in nature because the rural populace in this covered area have never had access to the internet.
5. This has given rise to continuous search for knowledge
6. Some of the Niger Delta Restive youths have dropped Arms to embrace this new way of learning hence reducing conflict in the oil rich Niger Delta area.
7. The digital bridge village has improved the employability rate of young people in the creeks of the Niger Delta.

## Additional information

This project was selected as a semi – finalist in the 2007 Echoing Green Fellowship and Won the project of the Year Award from Congress of Niger Delta Youth Association.

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## Young people

The Internet is a super influential tool for creating positive change. Youths being agents of change have embraced this digital access to information and knowledge sharing. This have had significant impact on the lives of the restive youths amongst other things, it has helped increase enrolment rate of students seeking admission to higher educational institution in Nigeria. Enrolling for the West Africa Examination council and the joint admission and matriculation board examinations are strictly done online through the use and application of scratch cards. Initially these students had to travel over 200 kilometers to the nearest urban centers to obtain these scratch cards, and this tend to discourage a lot of them from furthering their education especially when automatic admission is not guaranteed.

But with the coming of the Young Digital Bridgers International, the students no longer need to travel far to obtain the scratch cards and enroll for their examinations