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1MAS

Million African Scholarships

SPRING 2025 REPORT



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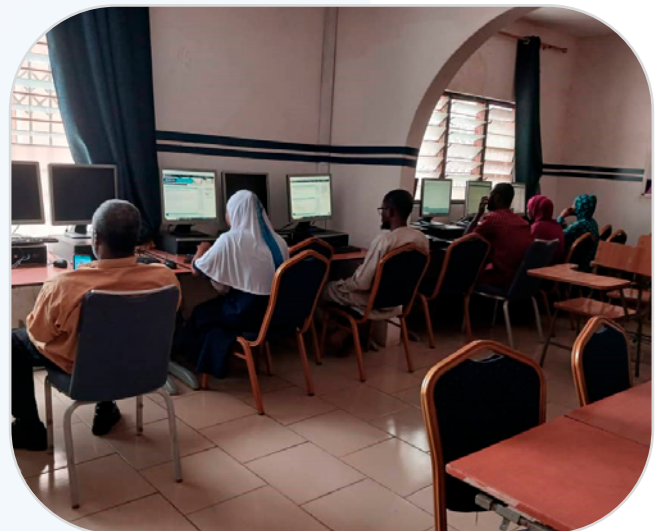
Introduction



The International Open University (IOU) endeavors to strengthen the capabilities of African youth through the provision of quality higher education. Earning a university degree helps disadvantaged students create a beneficial livelihood for themselves and in turn others, as well as empowers them adequately to work towards the eradication of poverty in their communities.

In 2017, IOU launched the African scholarships project with the aim of educating one million African students. Alhamdulillah, within **8 years** we have reached **28 countries** and have offered scholarships to almost **6,000 students**.

We've granted scholarships across Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Eswatini (Swaziland), Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Zambia, Vanuatu, and Zimbabwe. Currently, we have 17 active representatives deployed in 15 of these countries.



Purpose

The ultimate purpose of the 1MAS project is to build and develop the capacities of the African poor, the deprived, and the underprivileged populations to acquire relevant education that will enable them to lead a productive and prosperous life and livelihood to transform individual, family and community modelled on the profitable economic and sustainable development approach. It must also be understood that the 1MAS Scholarship project is overwhelmingly contributing to the United Nation's resolve of the right to education which revolves around availability, accessibility, acceptability, and adaptability.

Goals and Objectives

The 1MAS project is an IOU initiative that provides scholarships to determined students who need more financial capability to fund higher education. Article 13 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966) advocates state parties' transition into free education, which depends on state parties' commitments. In this regard, the International Open University has championed to

In its commitment to change the world through education, the International Open University endeavours to strengthen African youth's capacities for an improved, sustainable, productive, and economically viable life. The realisation and exploration of the potential of the African youth population will ultimately contribute to the growth and socio-economic development of the continent. In this endeavour, the International Open university has built numerous learning centres in 12 countries for young people to access this rare opportunity that will subsequently improve individual, family and community quality of life and livelihoods.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ysgiKJF7XM>

Our Team

Supervisor

The scope of the Supervisor covers many aspects of the project like the strategic development, financial analysis, establishing the governing policies, level-one approvals, ensuring procedural compliance, and central student performance evaluation, etc.

Representatives

The Representative ensures development of the project in a country and monitors overall functionality of the local learning centers. This includes local collaborations, legal engagements, local learning center facilitation, and student retention. Currently, 17 active Representatives are deployed in 14 countries.

Center Managers

The role of a Center Manager is to ensure smooth running of the learning center and to provide complete support to the active students; it includes day-to-day operations of the center and routine administrative support. To operate Centers across Africa, 21 Managers are actively working under the 1MAS project.



SUPERVISOR

USMAN AMJAD QAZI

COUNTRY	REPRESENTATIVE	REGIONS	CENTER MANAGER
CAMEROON	BR. ABDULLAH	YAOUNDE	BR. ABDULLAH
ESWATINI	SR. NAZEERAH	MANZINI	SR. NAZEERAH
		NHLANGANO	SR. JAMILA
FIJI	BR. KASSIM	SUVA	BR. KASSIM
GAMBIA	BR. SEDIKE	HQ	BR. CAMARA
		SOMA	BR. SAINE
GHANA	BR. SAMUDEEN	ACCRA	SR. HAMDALA
		TAMALE	BR. YAMUSAH
KENYA	BR. KASSIM	MOMBASA	NONE
LIBERIA	BR. ISHMAEL	MONROVIA	BR. ISHMAEL
MALAWI	BR. KACHALA	ZOMBA	BR. QASIM
		LILONGWE	BR. KASINDE
		MANGOCHI	BR. MUSTAFA
		BLANTYRE	BR. KACHALA
MOZAMBIQUE	BR. LOBOS	ANGOCHE	BR. LOBOS
NIGERIA	BR. ABDULLAH & BR. MURTADHA	LAGOS	BR. MURTADHA
		ILORIN	BR. ABDUL HAKEEM
		OGBOMOSHO	SR. JEMILAT
		OSHOGBO	BR. IBIKUNLE
		SULEJA	SR. FATHIMA
		ZARIA	BR. ABDUL QADIR
		KADUNA	SR. UMME ASMA
		JIGAWA	BR. SADIQ
		MUBI	BR. RASHEED
		YOLA	BR. AYUBA
		JOS	BR. GATA
			BR. DAHIRU
SIERRA LEONE	BR. IBRAHIM	FREETOWN	BR. IBRAHIM
TANZANIA	BR. SALUM	PEMBA	BR. MUSTAFA
UGANDA	BR. ABDULLAH	KAMPALA	BR. ABDULLAH
ZAMBIA	BR. BILAL	LUSAKA	BR. BILAL
	BR. HASSAN	KITWE	BR. HASSAN
ZIMBABWE	BR. SHAIKU	HARARE	BR. SHAIKU
		GWERU	BR. LAJA

1MAS Countries

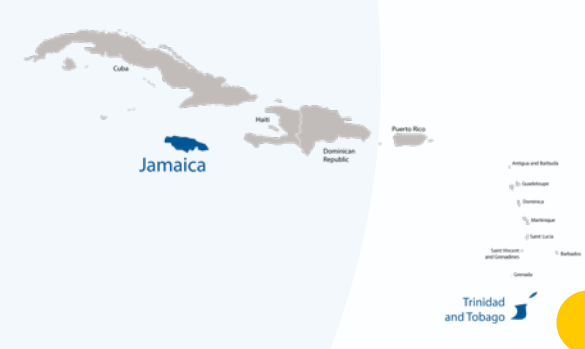
The countries highlighted in the map below are the beneficiaries of the 1MAS project.



Melanesia



The Caribbean



1MAS Student Committees

Student Committee is a panel where nominated students collaborate and work to accommodate IOU students in a region. Therefore, regional Student Committees work together to assist local students with their studies and allied activities - below is the list of 1MAS student committees:

SR.	COUNTRY	CHAIRPERSON
1	ESWATINI	Br Mohammed Khadir Uthman
2	ETHIOPIA	Br Abdullahi Noor
3	GAMBIA	Br Tijan Loum
4	GHANA	Br Abdul Rahman Issaka - Ghana (Eastern Zone)
		Br Alhassan Abdul Malik - Ghana (Middle Zone)
		Br Djibril Batadja - (Northern Zone)
		Sr Asmau Musah - (Western Zone)
5	JAMAICA	Br Malik Blake
6	KENYA	Sr Manal Abdulrahman
7	NIGERIA	Br Yusuf Sanni Brothers Committee Chairperson Nigeria (Lagos)
		Sr Shonekan Khadijah Sisters Committee Chairperson Nigeria (Lagos)
		Sr Khadija Ibrahim Committee Chairperson Nigeria (North West)
		Br Aminu Yahaya Brothers Committee Chairperson Nigeria (North Central)
		Sr Hauwa Lami Jibril Sisters Committee Chairperson Nigeria (North Central)
		Sr Raliat Afolabi Sisters Committee Chairperson Nigeria (South West)
		Br Bashir Oyegbola Brothers Committee Chairperson Nigeria (South West)
		Sr. Maryam Ali Jamila Sisters Committee Chairperson Nigeria (Plateau)
		Br. Aliyu Hassan Ardo Brothers Committee Chairperson Nigeria (North-East)
8	SOMALIA	Sr Hibaq Mohamed
9	SOUTH AFRICA	Sr Nabeela Paleker
10	TANZANIA	Br Abdallah Mchenga
11	UGANDA	Br Jabbar Yunus
12	ZAMBIA	Br Alex Mwewa
13	ZIMBABWE	Sr Aleena Mlotshwa Belinda

1MAS Student Summary

Following is a breakdown of the students who have been granted scholarships under the 1MAS project since the scholarship scheme was introduced in 2017.

COUNTRY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
ALGERIA	0	1	1
CAMEROON	27	19	46
ESWATINI	105	149	254
EGYPT	4	0	4
ETHIOPIA	18	10	28
FIJI	3	1	4
GAMBIA	732	413	1145
GHANA	275	103	378
JAMAICA	0	2	2
KENYA	66	43	109
LIBERIA	4	0	4
LIBYA	1	0	1
MALAWI	259	69	328
MAURITIUS	1	1	2
MOROCCO	1	0	1
MOZAMBIQUE	163	10	173
NAMIBIA	1	0	1
NIGERIA	1851	1378	3229
RWANDA	14	6	20
SIERRA LEONE	73	12	85
SOMALIA	13	19	32
SOUTH AFRICA	25	29	54
TANZANIA	47	28	75
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1	0	1
UGANDA	124	33	157
VANUATU	2	2	4
ZAMBIA	40	32	72
ZIMBABWE	36	20	56
TOTAL	3886	2211	6266

Fall 2025 Target

We are determined to increase the 1MAS induction every year; the table below shows the country-wise target for the upcoming semester:

SR.	COUNTRY	REGION	TARGET
1	CAMEROON	Yaounde	20
2	ESWATINI	Manzini	20
		Nhlangano	5
3	FIJI	Suva	5
4	GAMBIA	HQ	50
		Soma	25
5	GHANA	Accra	50
		Tamale	25
6	KENYA	Mombasa	10
7	LIBERIA	Monrovia	20
8	MALAWI	Zomba	10
		Lilongwe	10
		Mangochi	10
		Blantyre	20
9	MOZAMBIQUE	Angoche	20
10	NIGERIA	Lagos	30
		Mubi	10
		Kaduna	10
		Oshogbo	20
		Suleja	20
		Jos	50
		Ogbomoso	20
		Yola	50
		Jigawa	20
		Ilorin	20
		Zaria	20
11	SIERRA LEONE	Freetown	25
12	TANZANIA	Pemba	25
13	UGANDA	Mengo	25
14	ZAMBIA	Lusaka	20
		Kitwe	20
15	ZIMBABWE	Harare	10
		Gewru	5
TOTAL			700

1MAS Learning Centers



Fiji

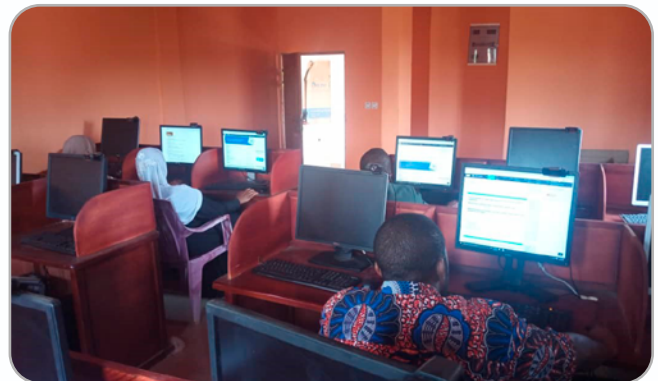
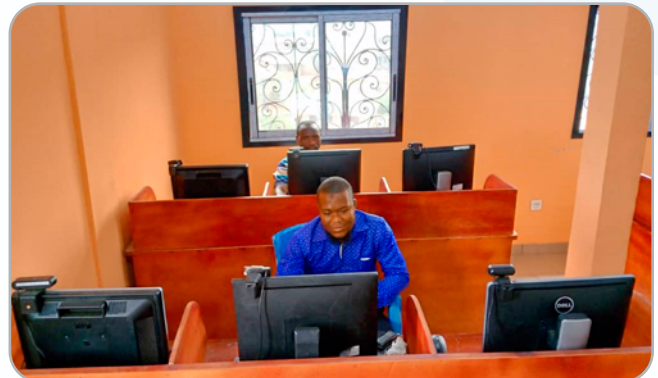
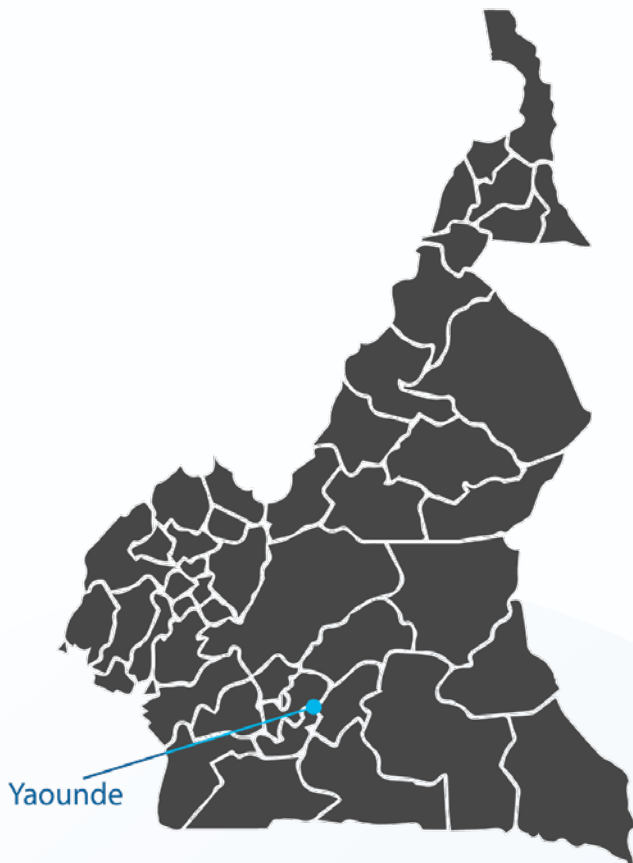


List of Centers

The table below shows the region-wise IMAS centers along with the details of the active students as of the current semester.

SR.	COUNTRY	CENTER	ACTIVE STUDENTS
1	Cameroon	Yaounde	27
2	Eswatini	Manzini	68
		Nhlangano	25
3	FIJI	Suva	0
4	GAMBIA	HQ	624
		Soma	251
5	GHANA	Accra	88
		Tamale	44
6	Liberia	Monrovia	3
7	MALAWI	Zomba	17
		Lilongwe	12
		Mangochi	21
		Blantyre	52
8	MOZAMBIQUE	Angoche	99
9	NIGERIA	Lagos	138
		Ilorin	51
		Ogbomosho	27
		Oshogbo	47
		Suleja	51
		Zaria	67
		Kaduna	21
		Jigawa	43
		Mubi	9
		Yola	87
		Jos	557
10	SIERRA LEONE	Freetown	29
11	TANZANIA	Pemba	58
12	UGANDA	Kampala	42
13	ZAMBIA	Lusaka	27
		Kitwe	10
14	ZIMBABWE	Harare	24
		Gweru	0

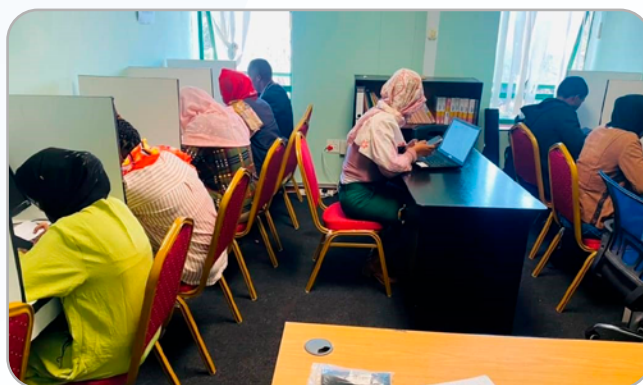
Cameroon



IOU-YAOUNDE

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAAH
REGION	YAOUNDE, CAMEROON
CENTER MANAGER	BR. ABDULLAAH
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	27
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	AUGUST 2023

Eswatini



IOU-MANZINI

REPRESENTATIVE	SR. NAZEERAH
REGION	MANZINI, ESWATINI
CENTER MANAGER	SR. NAZEERAH
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	68
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	MARCH 2019

Eswatini



IOU-NHLANGANO

REPRESENTATIVE	SR. NAZEERAH
REGION	NHLANGANO, ESWATINI
CENTER MANAGER	SR. JEMILAT
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	25
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	JUNE 2023

Gambia

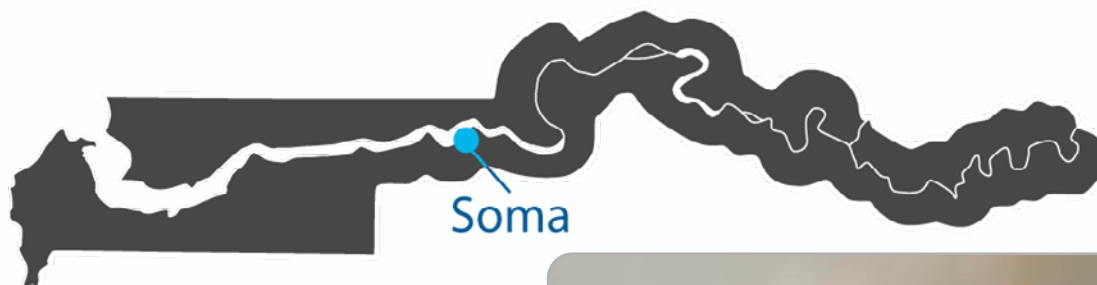
Kanifing South



IOU HQ

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. SEDIKI
REGION	KANIFING SOUTH, GAMBIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. CAMARA
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	624
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	SEPTEMBER 2017

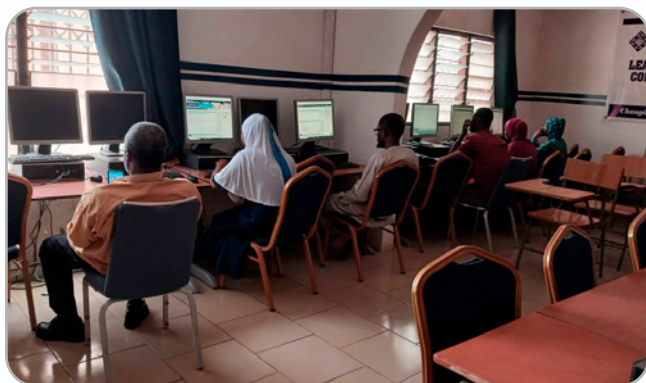
Gambia



IOU LEARNING CENTER – SOMA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. SEDIKI
REGION	SOMA, GAMBIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. DIBBA
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ACTIVE STUDENTS	251
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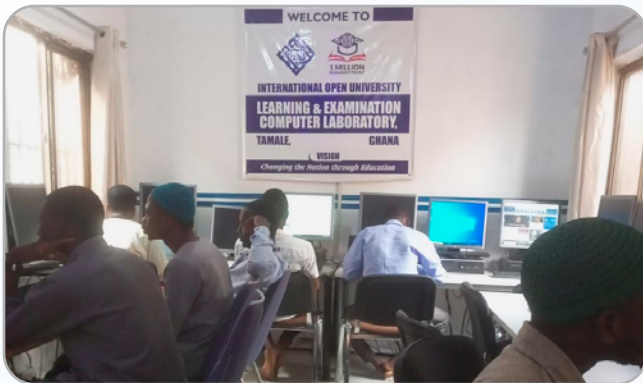
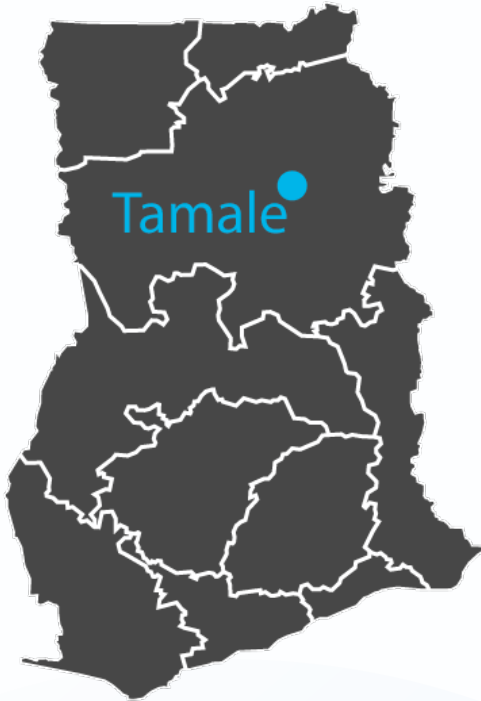
Ghana



IOU-ACCRA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. SAMUDEEN YUSIF
REGION	ACCRA
CENTER MANAGER	SR. HAMDALA
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	88
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	SEPTEMBER 2017

Ghana



IOU-TAMALE

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. SAMUDEEN
REGION	TAMALE, GHANA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. YAMUSAH
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	44
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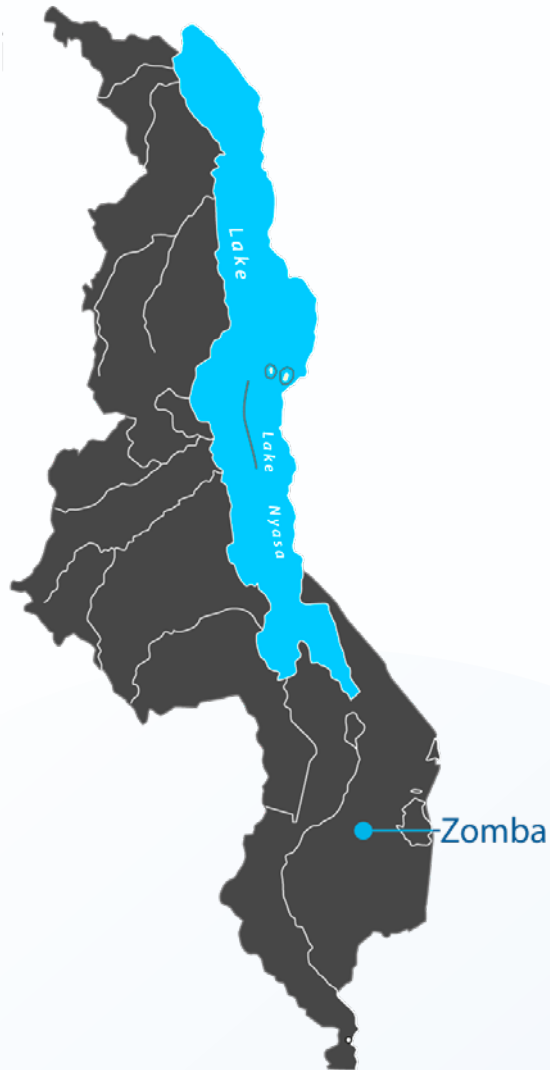
Liberia



IOU-MONROVIA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ISHMAEL
REGION	MONROVIA, LIBERIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. ISHMAEL
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	3
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	JULY 2023

Malawi



IOU-ZOMBA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. KACHALA
REGION	ZOMBA, MALAWI
CENTER MANAGER	BR. QASIM
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	17
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	SEPTEMBER 2018

Malawi



IOU-LILONGWE

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. KACHALA
REGION	LILONGWE, MALAWI
CENTER MANAGER	BR. KASINDE
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	12
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	SEPTEMBER 2018

Malawi



IOU-MAMA KHADIJA CENTER

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. KACHALA
REGION	MANGOCHI, MALAWI
CENTER MANAGER	BR. MUSTAFA
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	21
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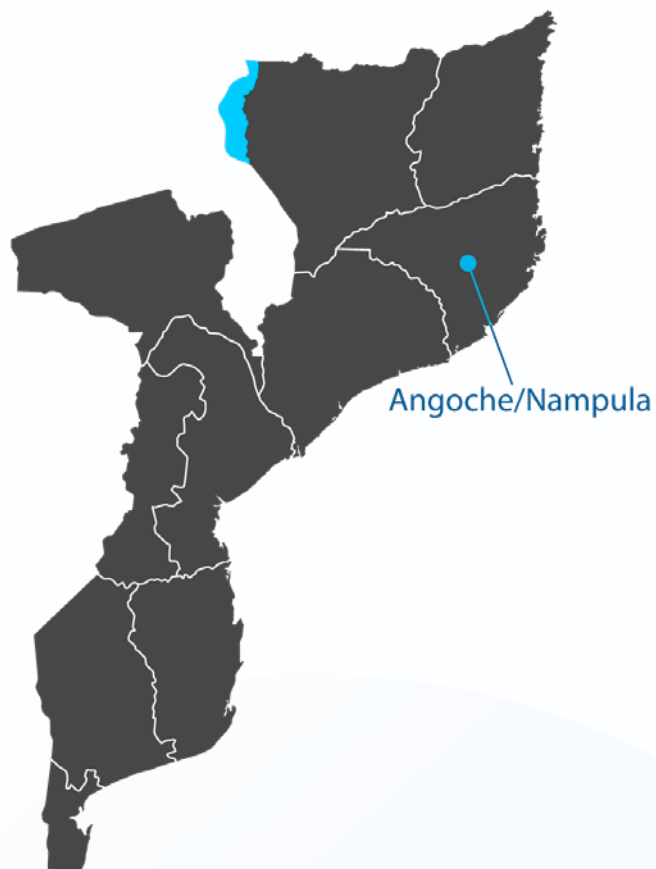
Malawi



IOU BLANTYRE

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. KACHALA
REGION	BLANTYRE, MALAWI
CENTER MANAGER	BR. KACHALA
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	52
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	SEPTEMBER 2018

Mozambique



IOU-CISLAMO-ANGOCHE

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. LOBOS
REGION	ANGOCHE, MOZAMBIQUE
CENTER MANAGER	BR. LOBOS
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ACTIVE STUDENTS	99
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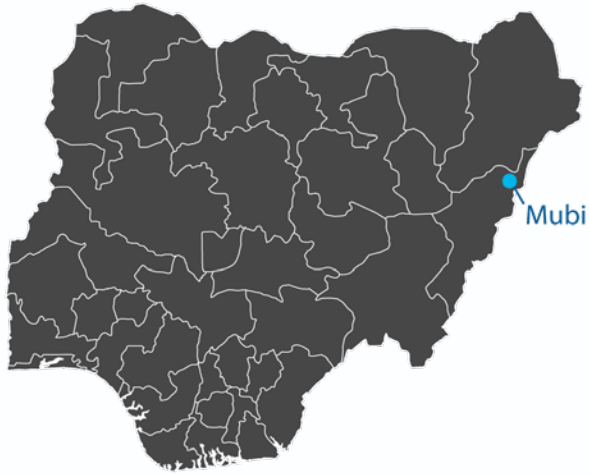
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IOU-LAGOS

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. MURTADHA
REGION	LAGOS, NIGERIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. MURTADHA
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	138
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	APRIL 2019

Nigeria



IOU-MUBI

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
CENTER MANAGER	MUBI, NIGERIA
REGION	BR. UMAR
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	9
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	SEPTEMBER 2021

Nigeria



IOU-ZARIA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
REGION	ZARIA, NIGERIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. ABDUL QADIR
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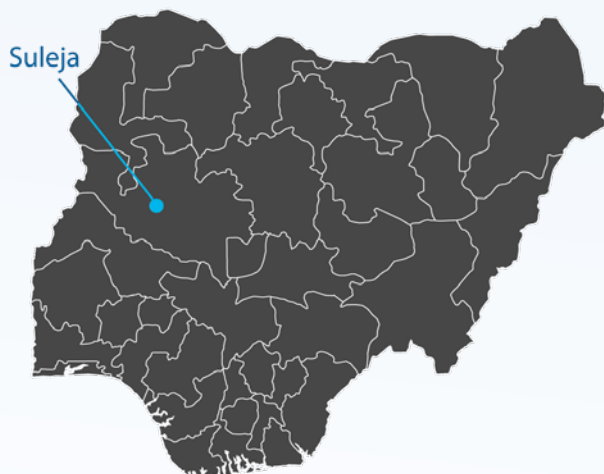
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IOU-OSOGB0

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
REGION	OSOGB0, NIGERIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. IBIKUNLE
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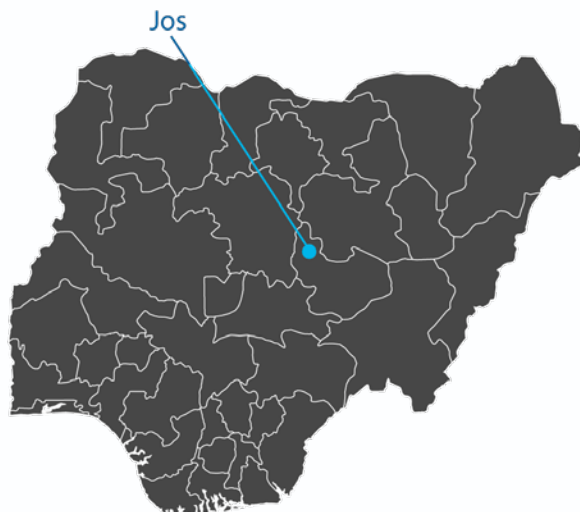
Nigeria



IOU-SULEJA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
REGION	SULEJA, NIGERIA
CENTER MANAGER	SR. FATIMA
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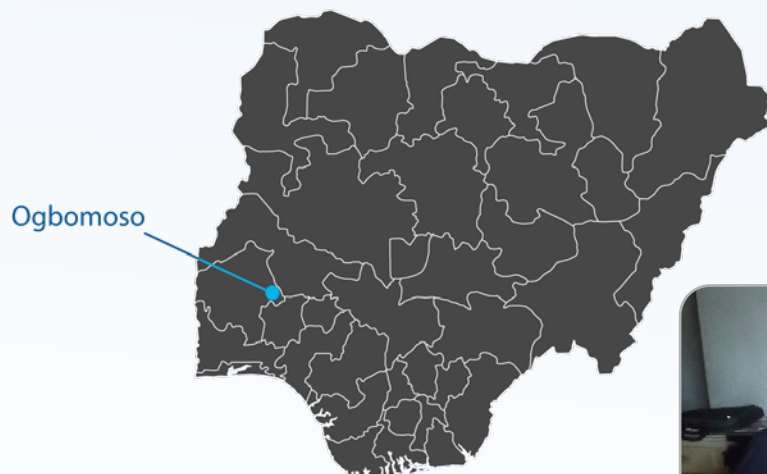
Nigeria



IOU-JOS

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
REGION	JOS, NIGERIA
CENTER MANAGER	SR. AUWAL & GATA
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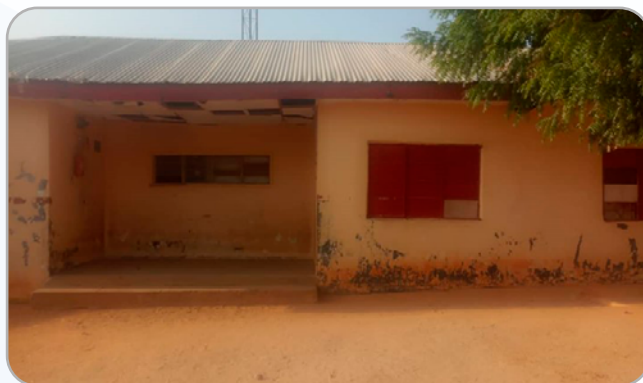
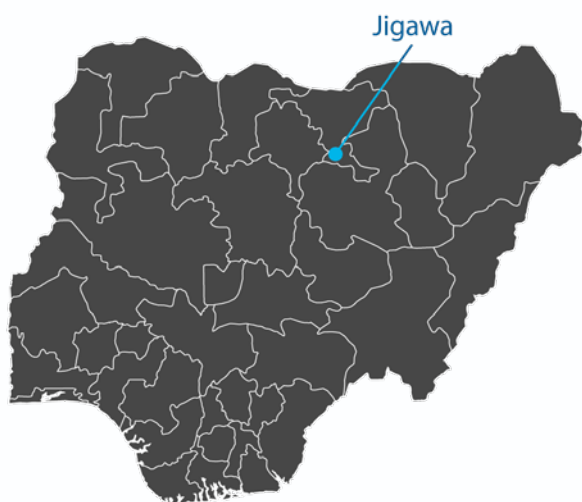
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IOU-OGBOMOSO

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
REGION	OGBOMOSO, NIGERIA
CENTER MANAGER	SR. JEMILAT
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	27
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	MARCH 2018

Nigeria



IOU-JIGAWA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
REGION	JIGAWA, NIGERIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. SADIQ
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ACTIVE STUDENTS	43
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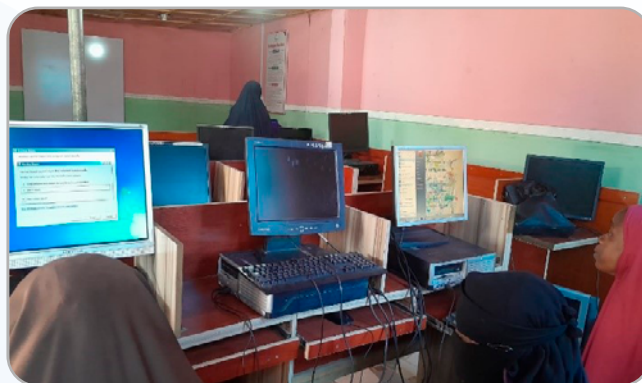
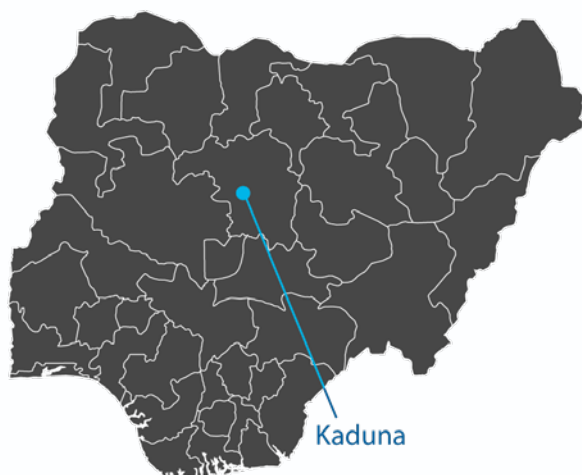
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IOU - ILORIN

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CENTER MANAGER	BR. ABDUL AKEEM
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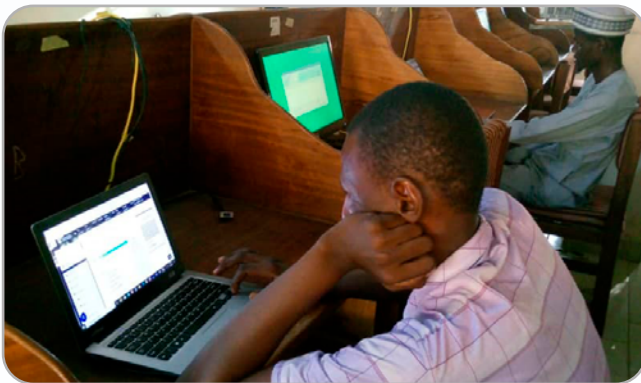
Nigeria



IOU-KADUNA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
REGION	KADUNA, NIGERIA
CENTER MANAGER	SR. LATEEFA
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	21
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	SEPTEMBER 2021

Nigeria



IOU-YOLA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
REGION	YOLA, NIGERIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. AYUBA
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	87
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	AUGUST 2023

Sierra Leone



IOU-FREETOWN

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. IBRAHIM
REGION	FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE
CENTER MANAGER	BR. IBRAHIM
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	29
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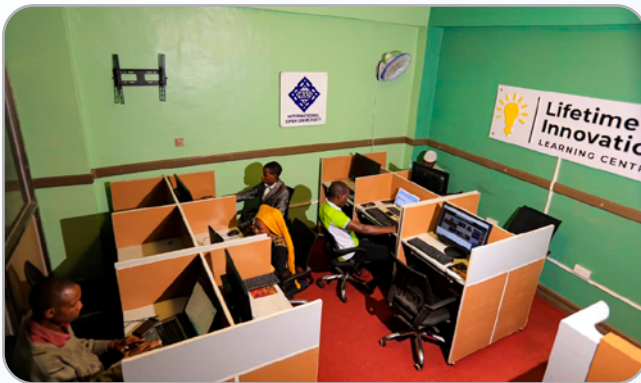
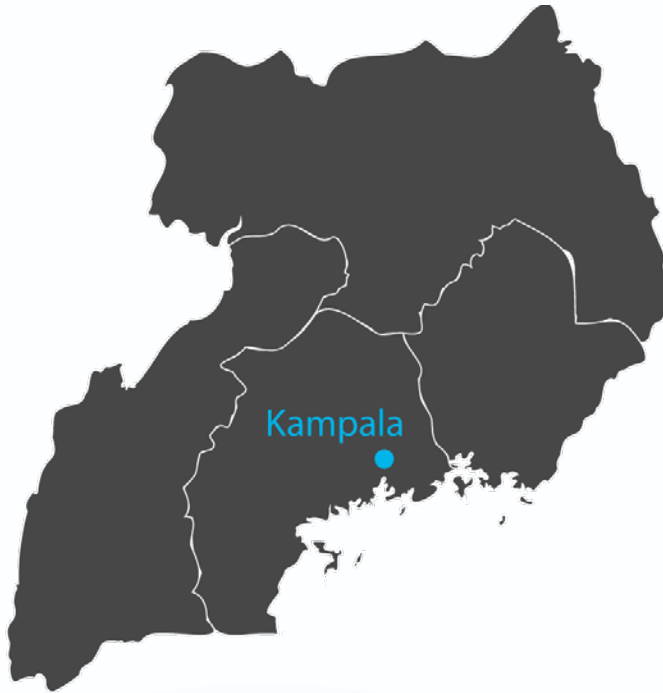
Tanzania



IOU-PEMBA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. SALUM
REGION	PEMBA, TANZANIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. MUSTAFA
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	58
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Uganda



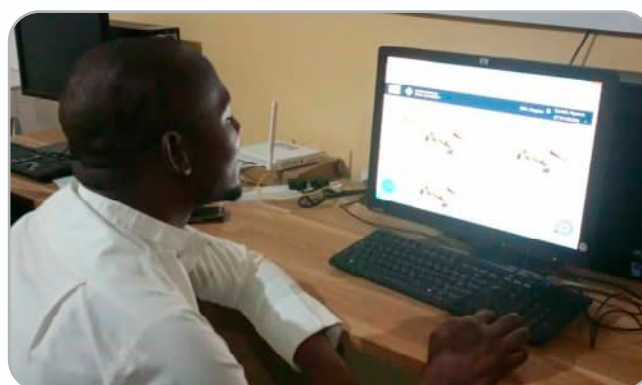
IOU-KAMPALA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. ABDULLAH
REGION	KAMPALA, UGANDA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. ABDULLAH
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	42
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	AUGUST 2023

Zambia



Lusaka



IOU-LUSAKA

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. BILAL
REGION	LUSAKA, ZAMBIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. BILAL
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	27
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	MARCH 2022

Zambia



IOU-KITWE

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. HASSAN
REGION	KITWE, ZAMBIA
CENTER MANAGER	BR. HASSAN
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	10
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	MARCH 2022

Zimbabwe



IOU-HARARE

REPRESENTATIVE	BR. SHAIBU
REGION	HARARE, ZIMBABWE
CENTER MANAGER	BR. SHAIBU
STATUS	ACTIVE
ACTIVE STUDENTS	24
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT	MARCH 2019

Testimonials



Lamin Dibba

All praise is for Allah Who has guided us to this and given us the patience to persevere, Alhamdulillah.

My name is Lamin Dibba from The Gambia. I am a graduate in Information Technology from the International Open University (IOU). I graduated in February 2023 and was a beneficiary of the 1 Million African Scholarship (IMAS), Alhamdulillah.

My academic pursuit journey at the IOU had been a wonderful one, which afforded me the opportunity to learn authentic Islamic Knowledge. The journey is indeed a blessed one, I have earned knowledge that can be applied to benefit in both this world and the hereafter, Alhamdulillah. I have been blessed to learn from renowned scholars like Dr. Bilal Philips in various Islamic Studies subjects, which helped a lot towards my transformative life journey.

The 1 Million African Scholarship (IMAS) has played a great role in my academic pursuit. It enabled me to pursue my Undergraduate Degree without any interruptions, Alhamdulillah.

In Conclusion I would like to express my profound gratitude to the Management and Staff of the International Open University and the IMAS team for the wonderful and unique opportunity availed to me. I pray to Allah the Almighty to continue blessing all your efforts and help the University in its mission of "Changing the Nation through Education".

Baraka Allahu Feekum!!!

Name : Lamin Dibba

Stream : BSc in Information Technology (IOU, 2023)

Country : Gambia



Mubarak sani Muhammad

All praise is for Allah Who has guided us to this and given us the sabr to persevere, Alhamdulillah.

I am Mubarak Sani Muhammad from Plateau State, Nigeria. I pursued and completed my Bachelor of Science in Information Technology at the International Open University (IOU) from 2019 to 2023, as a beneficiary of the IOU's 1 Million Africa Scholarship Initiative.

Enrollment at the International Open University (IOU) afforded me the invaluable chance to gain authentic Islamic knowledge. This transformative journey at IOU has altered my life's trajectory, unveiling a vast expanse of profound knowledge, contemplation, and introspection. The educational experience at IOU is distinctive, equipping students with practical wisdom and skills for real-world challenges.

Throughout my academic journey at the International Open University (IOU), I've encountered a host of knowledgeable and passionate lecturers, teaching assistants, facilitators, and proctors. My studies have been marked by numerous trials, challenges, and moments of doubt, where the thought of surrendering crossed my mind. Nevertheless, I am fortunate to have the guidance of two esteemed facilitators: Sheikh Auwal Dahir and Sheikh Ibrahim Gata. Their dedicated efforts have been instrumental in helping me persevere through my studies, recognizing the value of education at IOU, and instilling the motivation to make necessary sacrifices, for it is true that the finest achievements are seldom easily attained.

I once again express profound gratitude to Allah for this immense blessing. I pray for His blessings and rewards upon Dr. Bilal Philips, the esteemed founder of IOU, as well as all the dedicated staff. I must not forget to express my gratitude to my national representative, Br. Abdullahi Akindele. His kindness and care have been immensely helpful. He stands as a paragon of leadership. Each encounter with him evokes the admirable qualities of Dr. Bilal Philips. My heartfelt thanks extend to my family and friends, whose unwavering support has been pivotal in this journey. Additionally, I extend special gratitude to every individual contributing to and sponsoring the 1MAS initiative at IOU. May this collective effort be blessed. Ameen.

Name : Mubarak Sani Muhammad

Stream : BSc in Information Technology (IOU, 2023)

Country : Nigeria



Abdulkadir Bashir Adeshola

I am Abdulkadir Bashir Adeshola from Kwara State, Nigeria. I completed my General Diploma in Islamic Studies and Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies at the Islamic Online University (IOU) between 2018 and 2023 under IOU'S 1 million Africa initiative. My journey with IOU has been nothing short of transformative, opening doors I never imagined possible.

The comprehensive education I received at IOU has equipped me with a deep understanding of Islamic principles and practices. This knowledge, combined with the university's emphasis on practical application, has empowered me to make a significant impact in my community. Thanks to the skills and confidence I gained, I have been able to establish a local madrasa, providing accessible Islamic education to children in my area.

Furthermore, the digital literacy skills I acquired through IOU's online learning platform inspired me to expand my reach beyond physical boundaries. I am proud to say that I have successfully launched an online Islamic school, allowing me to share knowledge with students across Nigeria and beyond. This initiative not only spreads authentic Islamic teachings but also bridges educational gaps in underserved areas.

I am deeply grateful to the founder of IOU, Dr. Bilal Philips, and the entire academic and administrative staff for their unwavering commitment to providing high-quality, accessible Islamic education. The university's innovative approach to distance learning has made it possible for students like me to pursue higher education while maintaining our other responsibilities.

IOU has not just given me a degree; it has provided me with a mission. The university's emphasis on combining traditional Islamic knowledge with contemporary issues has prepared me to address the challenges facing our ummah today. I am now better equipped to guide my students in navigating their faith in the modern world.

I wholeheartedly endorse IOU to anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of Islam and make a positive impact in their communities. My experience is a testament to the transformative power of education when it is rooted in authentic knowledge and delivered with sincerity.

Name : Abdulkadir Bashir Adeshola

Stream : BA in Islamic Studies (IOU, 2023)

Country : Nigeria

Sponsorship Opportunity

An IOU initiative requires IOU funding which needs the unwavering support and assistance of individuals, philanthropists, organisations, and donors to step up their commitments for a successful implementation of this project. The successful implementation of this project means a change in the lives and livelihoods of more than a million African people. A difference in the lives of a million African people subsequently reduces the burden of poverty and its underlying factors leading to its ultimate eradication. Commitments and assistance to the International Open University are greatly appreciated, respected and valued; the change envisioned can only be properly implemented by soliciting unreserved benevolence.

Establishing a Center

The below is a one-time cost for establishing a 1MAS learning center in an African country, with a capacity of approximately 50 students. The cost-range mentioned is developed after thoroughly reviewing the market in different African regions.

SR.	ITEM	UNIT COST (USD)	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST (USD)
1	Desktop-Computer/Laptop	300 - 400	25	7,500 - 10,000
2	Projector	350 - 500	1	350 - 500
3	Computer Desks	40 - 60	25	1000 - 1500
4	Chairs	25 - 35	25	625 - 875
5	Office Desk and Chair	80 - 120	1	80 - 120
6	Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS)	25 - 35	25	625 - 875
7	Power Generator	300 - 400	1	300 - 400
8	Air Conditioner (optional)	275 - 325	3	825 - 975
TOTAL				\$11,305 - \$15,245

Operating a Center

The below are the recurring costs for running a 1MAS learning center. The cost-range mentioned is developed after thoroughly reviewing the market in different African regions.

SR.	ITEM	MONTHLY COST (USD)	ANNUAL COST (USD)
1	Center Rent	200 - 300	2,400 - 3600
2	Internet	30 - 50	360 - 600
3	Electricity	50 - 70	600 - 840
4	Gasoline for Power Generator	10 - 15	120 - 180
5	Center Manager	200 - 250	2,400 - 3,000
6	Security-Guard/Cleaner	40 - 60	480 - 720
7	Maintenance	5 - 10	60 - 120
TOTAL			\$6,420 - \$9,060

Sponsor a Student

SPONSOR A STUDENT	COST (USD)
ONE SEMESTER	200
ONE YEAR	400
TWO YEARS	800
THREE YEARS	1,200
COMPLETE DEGREE	1,600
GRADUATION FEE	100
TOTAL SPONSORSHIP OF A 1MAS STUDENT	\$1,700

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