

# Q2 NEWSLETTER 2023



## Second Quarter Newsletter

*"A real leader uses every issue, no matter how serious and sensitive, to ensure that at the end of the debate, people emerge stronger and more united than ever before."- Nelson Mandela-*

**Dear OMLA Friend and Supporter,**

Welcome to July. It is the seventh month and the second quarter of 2023. It feels great coming your way again! Oh! How time flies, right? Trust you are diligently working on your set goals and resolutions. If yes, kindly keep up with the energy.

At OMLA, we are thrilled to share with you the latest edition of our newsletter, brimming with stories of resilience, compassion, and the pursuit of positive change in Africa. In this edition, you will find a tapestry of activities that span across the continent, weaving together tales of hope, courage, and unwavering determination.

From the journeys of OMLA 2023 Fellows who are set to transform their communities, to UN special events and other exciting updates that shape our work.

## 2023 OMLA FELLOWSHIP

We are excited to share that the Fellow's Challenge phase, where each of the OMLA 2023 Fellows recruited 100 OMLA Stars in their various communities across Africa, has been concluded. The young leaders (Fellows) passed down the knowledge and skills acquired during the first months of the Fellowship (Building phase) to the next generations of leaders in their local communities across the continent.

The 2023 OMLA Fellows are currently in the Stars' Challenge phase, where each OMLA Fellow, along with their Stars, will be executing community projects across various communities in Africa. We look forward to the positive impact these young African leaders will make in their communities. It's inspiring to witness the dedication and enthusiasm of these Fellows, and we are so confident that together, we'll create lasting and sustainable changes in Africa.



OMLA 2023 FELLOWS TRAINING THEIR OMLA STARS

### OMLA IN ACTION



It is always a feeling of fulfillment when you have a dream, and the universe paves the way for it to be actualized.

This is the story of Anne, an OMLA Fellow from Ghana. Growing up, she had always dreamed of a chance to one day be part of an international development body. So, she had always been on the lookout for opportunities to develop herself to be fit for that purpose.

She was incredibly excited when OMLA selected her to be part of the first cohort. Moreover, being the only applicant selected from Ghana gave her immense joy.

Anne, along with her OMLA Stars, was funded through the OML program in Africa to execute two community projects. The first project took place at the SDA Teacher Training College in Koforidua, where 1,500 students were taught and equipped with entrepreneurship and vocational skills such as soap making, body powder, washing powder, liquid soaps, and shower gel.

The project aimed to promote skills development among youth while in tertiary school, preparing them for the future of work and reducing the unemployment rate in Ghana and Africa. Its ultimate goal was to build successful young entrepreneurs and help them discover their innovations.

The second project focused on a campaign against domestic violence and child abuse in the Manson Akroso municipality of the Eastern region of Ghana. More than 500 women in four communities benefited from this initiative.

Through the One Million Leaders Africa (OMLA) program, Anne and her OMLA Stars have successfully saved approximately 1,500 young Africans from the slavery of unemployment and poverty. By utilizing the skills they were empowered with, these individuals can now earn money to meet their basic needs. In addition, their efforts have also resulted in the rescue of 500 African women and children from the devastating effects of domestic violence and child abuse.



## UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL EVENTS

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

To commemorate the 2023 International Women's Day, the OMLA Fellow along with the Secretariat organized a virtual event in March tagged "***Accelerate Equality***". Miss Libeso Kotelo from Lesotho, a legal practitioner enlightened the participants on the rights of women.

### WORLD HEALTH DAY

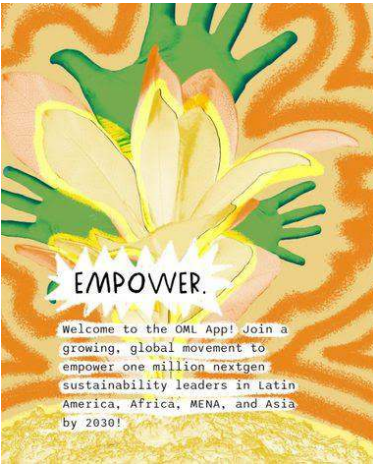
World Health Day 2023, A virtual symposium was organized by the OMLA 2023 Fellows themed "***Accelerating Health Equity in Africa***" where Mr. Ayobami Ogunlade, a Meta Developer Circle Lead spoke extensively on how Africa can leverage Technology for a sustainable Health system. Miss Mildred Omino, a disability activist, addressed why we need to provide Health equity for People Living with disabilities in Africa (PLWDs).

### OMLA BLOG!

**Are you leadership driven?** Do you want to know and learn more about sustainability, leadership, and entrepreneurship?

OMLA Blog is your way to go! Kindly visit our website to stay updated. Click [here](#) to read more

### OML APP



Hundreds of participants from over 40 countries joined NELIS in April for the launch of the One Million Leaders (OML) App. It was an impressive spectacle of diversity from all continents showing up for the new generation of leaders that NELIS is empowering, connecting, and inspiring, and who are the primary reason behind the App's existence.

Inspiring speakers from Jordan, Nepal, Ethiopia, and Colombia stressed foundational ideas that make a sustainable future possible, such as learning from those who came before us to reunite with the nature we are part of and leading with an expansive vision that transcends individual gain.

The OML App is not only a way to advance these ideals and the next generation of sustainable leaders spear-heading change in their communities for as little as 1 dollar/month, but a space for joint learning–training included which will help supporters become part of positive change and witness first-hand the progress they are enabling on the ground.

Young leadership for a sustainable world is our mission. Join us. Dare to partner with the future!

[Access the App](#)

**ONE MILLION LEADERS BOOTCAMP**



One Million Leaders Bootcamp is a flagship project of One Million Leaders Africa aimed at High School students between the ages of 11-18 years. It is designed to take place during the summer break. The Boot camp focuses on providing basic training in various areas, including Sustainability, Entrepreneurship, Climate Change, ICT (Information, Communication, and Technology), and career orientation and development. The Bootcamp will be running for 2 weeks from 7th – 18th August 2023.

For the maiden edition of the boot camp, 17 schools in rural communities will be participating. The selection process has involved screening over 150 students who will be attending the program. The goal of OMLA and the boot camp is to empower and develop young leaders across Africa, providing them with valuable knowledge and skills in important areas that can contribute to their personal growth and make a positive impact in their communities.



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## Support the BootCamp

You can support us in making this a reality by donating through all of our payment platforms <https://onemillionleadersafrica.org/get-involved/>

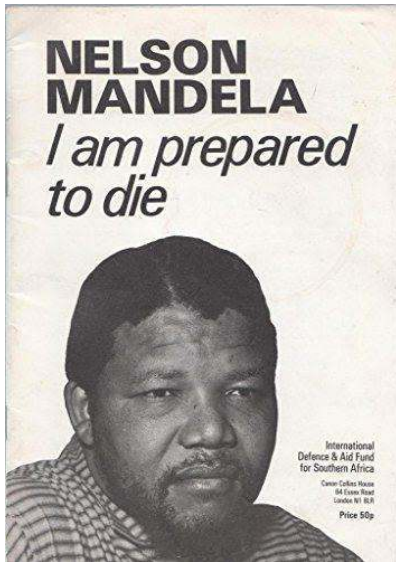
You can also volunteer or facilitate a session during the Bootcamp [here](#)

### OMLA FINANCIALS

On behalf of the Founders and Board of OMLA, we want to appreciate our donors and partners. Your support is helping to empower the young, determined, and heart-centered across the continent. Up until now, we have raised \$12,957 through the GlobalGiving platform and \$21,308 through other means, particularly wire transfers. Altogether, we have raised \$34,184, while we still need about \$25,730 to finance the second cohort of the OMLA Fellowship program and make it a success.

You can continue to support us financially via any of our platforms or through our new App (OML App) [here](#). With as little as a 12 USD annual subscription on the OML App, you can raise a next-generation leader with the hearts, minds, and skills to enable and unleash the future, instead of destroying the present!

Regularly, we display a consolidated report of OMLA's financial statement on our website. You can view it [here](#).



Why should you read a book this month? reading improves your focus, memory, and communication skills. It also reduces stress and helps you live longer.

OMLA Book of the month is **I AM PREPARED TO DIE.**

it is a three-hour speech given by Nelson Mandela on the 20th of April 1964. It focuses on the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, for social equality, and political rights for all.

Nelson Mandela is a true leader worthy of emulation and should be a role model to all African young people.

#### CLOSING NOTE

On behalf of the OMLA Founding Members, Mentors, and Beneficiaries across Africa, we want to appreciate your support towards developing and empowering a million credible young leaders that will help put the continent on a more sustainable and prosperous path by 2030. Please do share this with family, friends, colleagues, and anyone else who is interested in supporting Africa's progress.

We hope that you will continue to engage with our monthly newsletter continuingly. We wish you an excellent Fourth quarter ahead.

Greater Africa,

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