



ARAROMI YOUTH COUNTDOWN FIESTA 1.0 EVENT REPORT



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ROYAL FOREWORD

I am pleased to write this foreword to the Stakeholder Brief of the Maiden Edition of the **Araromi Youth Countdown Fiesta (AYCF 1.0)**, powered by the Araromi Youth Advocacy (AYA).

The successful organization of AYCF 1.0 reflects the growing capacity of our youths to mobilize responsibly, work collectively, and contribute meaningfully to community development. I commend the Olóri Odo and the leadership of AYA for their vision, discipline, and accountability.

When youths are guided by shared values of unity, service, and responsibility, community progress becomes inevitable. AYCF provides a credible foundation upon which future youth-oriented programmes can be built.

I encourage all sons and daughters of Araromi, at home and in the diaspora, as well as friends of our community, to continue supporting youth-led initiatives that align with the growth and progress of Araromi-Ekiti.

May this maiden edition mark the beginning of a sustainable tradition that strengthens communal bonds and prepares our youths for leadership and responsibility.

**His Royal Majesty, Oba Gabriel
Adebomi Babatunde Babalola,
Odimulele IV
The Aláraromi of Araromi-Ekiti**

INTRODUCTION



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The Araromi Youth Countdown Fiesta (AYCF) is a structured youth engagement initiative designed to unite young people, promote social cohesion, and lay a sustainable foundation for youth advocacy and community development in Araromi-Ekiti.

AYCF 1.0 marked the first large-scale youth gathering coordinated by the Araromi Youth Advocacy (AYA), conceived not merely as a celebration but as a platform for inclusion, orientation, and long-term youth engagement.

Purpose & Objectives

The objectives of AYCF 1.0 include:

- Providing a peaceful, inclusive year-end platform for youths
- Strengthening unity, shared identity, and community pride
- Engaging younger generations in positive civic interaction
- Establishing a credible advocacy platform for future initiatives
- Demonstrating youth capacity for organization and accountability

Event Overview

AYCF 1.0 was held on 31st December 2025 in Araromi-Ekiti. The event featured controlled entertainment, music, dance, and community interaction in a non-partisan, family-friendly environment. Deliberate emphasis was placed on orderliness, safety, and respect for community norms.



Leadership Structure

The event was planned and executed by the Araromi Youth Advocacy (AYA) under the leadership of:

- Mr. Francis Oluwarotimi Osayomi – Olori Odo (Youth Leader), Araromi-Ekiti
- Mr. Adedayo Anthony Ojo – President, Araromi Youth Advocacy (AYA)

Planning Approach

A non-committee execution model was deliberately adopted for this inaugural edition. This approach was chosen to:

- Improve speed and clarity in decision-making
- Reduce bureaucratic delays
- Cement foundational principles and discipline
- Protect the event as a single-vision initiative at its formative stage

This structure proved effective in ensuring coordination, safety, and successful delivery.



ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION



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AYCF 1.0 recorded an estimated attendance of over 300 participants, including youths, children admitted under guided supervision and community care, elders, and visitors.
Estimated Attendance Breakdown:

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- Ages 5–10: 70
- Ages 10–20: 100
- Ages 21–35: 80
- Ages 36 and above: 50
- Visitors (outside Araromi): 50

This reflects strong intergenerational participation and growing external interest.



SAFETY & SECURITY



Zero incidents recorded



**No cases of violence,
disorder, or medical
emergencies**



**Event ran peacefully
throughout**



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Funds Raised and actual Spending



The expenses for the event include the following:

- Event decoration materials and décor fees amount to **₦150,000**.
- Barricades, frames, and stage setup costs are **₦250,000**.
- The DJ's fee is **₦80,000**.
- The fee for the hypeman or MC is **₦20,000**.
- Banners and Shirt cost **₦40,000**.
- Drinks for the king and dignitaries are priced at **₦55,000**.
- Decorator logistics expenses total **₦50,000**.
- Costs for generator and vehicle fueling are **₦50,000**.
- Cinematography and photography services are charged at **₦200,000**.
- Planks and accessories add up to **₦50,000**.
- Fireworks expenses are **₦40,000**.

Total Expenditure: ₦985,000

Here is a summary of the contributions received:

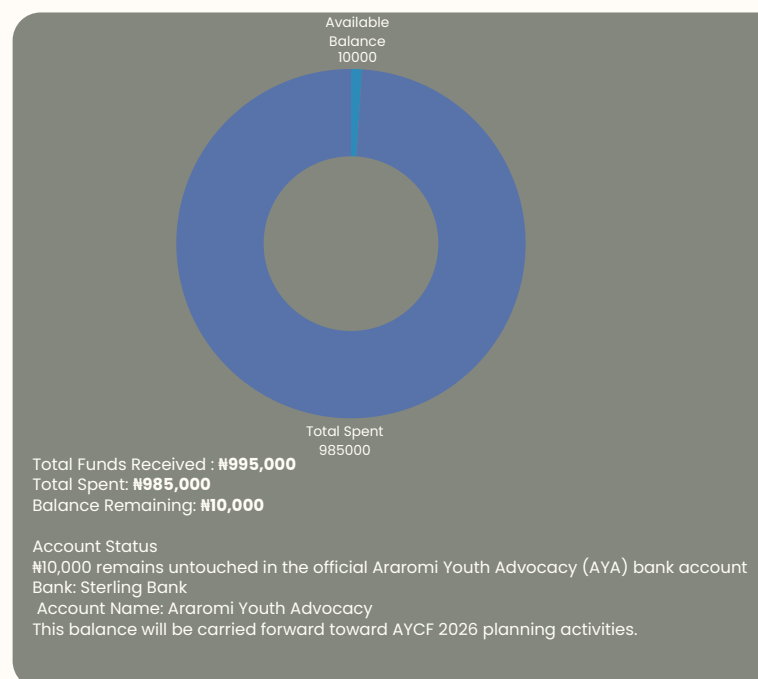
External Contributions:

- An anonymous donor contributed **₦700,000**.
- Ms. Modupe Mary Adetiba, Senior Special Assistant to the Ekiti State Governor, donated **₦50,000**.
- Mr. Segun Osayomi contributed **₦20,000**.
- Hon. Idowu Phillips donated **₦20,000**.
- Hon. Bode Dada contributed **₦20,000**.
- Mrs. Kehinde (née Ajayi) donated **₦20,000**.
- Mr. Seun Owoeye contributed **₦10,000**.
- Mr. Kayode Ojo donated **₦10,000**.
- Mr. Femi Osayomi contributed **₦10,000**.

The sub-total for external contributions is **₦870,000**.

- Personal Contributions from Araromi Youth Advocacy:
- Mr. Francis Oluwarotimi Osayomi (Olori Odo) contributed **₦105,000**.
- Cosmas Ayo contributed **₦20,000**
- Mr. Adedayo Anthony Ojo, President of AYA, donated **₦10,000**. This amount covered all outstanding obligations and ensured the event concluded without any debt.

The total funds available amount to **₦995,000**.



KEY ACHIEVEMENT

Over 300 attendees with zero publicity spend

Gathering over 300 attendees without publicity expenses showcases the effectiveness of organic reach and community engagement. Success relies on word-of-mouth, social media, and the event's inherent value. It emphasizes the need for a resonating experience that encourages voluntary sharing, as well as the benefits of strategic partnerships that enhance outreach without traditional marketing costs. Attracting a large audience without a publicity budget highlights creativity, resourcefulness, and strong community connections.

Zero incidents recorded

Remarkably, there has not been a single incident reported. This complete absence of incidents is a testament to the effectiveness of the implemented safety measures and protocols. The diligent efforts of all involved parties have ensured an environment free from any disturbances or mishaps.

Full financial transparency and accountability



Successful use of a lean leadership model

Under the lean leadership model, the complete absence of incidents highlights the effectiveness of the implemented safety measures.

Establishment of AYCF as a credible annual platform

The AYCF has successfully positioned itself as a respected and reliable annual platform, marked by its impeccable track record. Remarkably, there has not been a single incident reported at the AYCF, underscoring its credibility as a safe and dependable event. This unblemished record highlights the effectiveness of the comprehensive safety measures and protocols that have been put in place. The concerted efforts of all involved parties have created an environment free from disturbances or mishaps. This consistent excellence fosters trust and confidence among participants and stakeholders, solidifying AYCF's reputation as a benchmark for excellence in event management.

CHALLENGES



Funding limitations affected the full expression of the original vision



Late fundraising increased pressure on leadership



Early sponsorship engagement is critical for AYCF 2.0



CONCLUSION



Countdown to the New Year '26

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The Araromi Youth Countdown Fiesta 2025 successfully met its core objectives and demonstrated that youth-led initiatives in Araromi-Ekiti can be safe, transparent, impactful, and well-organized. The experience and lessons from this maiden edition will directly inform a structured, year-long planning and fundraising strategy for AYCF 2026.

By building on this foundation, the organizers aim to foster even greater community engagement and participation in the coming years. In particular, the focus will be on expanding outreach efforts to involve more local talents and resources, thereby creating a vibrant atmosphere that celebrates the diverse culture and aspirations of Araromi-Ekiti's youth.

The success of the 2025 event has also paved the way for potential partnerships with local businesses and international sponsors, who are increasingly recognizing the value of investing in youth empowerment and community development. As the countdown to AYCF 2026 begins, there is palpable excitement and anticipation for what promises to be an even more dynamic and inclusive celebration.



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