

# ORIGHOMISAN REWANE

West Africa Vocational Education (WAVE)

2014 Global Fellow



## BIG BOLD IDEA

Transform life opportunities for West African youth by offering employable skills training and career opportunities.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

WAVE is a vocational training platform aimed at empowering millions of disadvantaged West African youth with employability skills that transform their mindsets and employment opportunities that enhance their social mobility. WAVE provides self-motivated youth with skills employers want, teaches them how to stand out professionally by inculcating a mindset of continuous improvement and places them in paid technical apprenticeships in high-growth industries where they earn while they learn. By empowering these youth, WAVE will enhance their social mobility and spark a cultural mindset change of professional excellence that catalyzes Africa's economic development.

## PERSONAL BIO

Born and raised in Nigeria, Misan Rewane is no stranger to the challenges of education and social mobility in West Africa. When her parents, unable to ignore the education system's breakdown, were compelled to send her to the US for college, Misan resolved to play a role in transforming the region's education and skills development systems. After earning her Economics degree from Stanford University, she worked in management consulting with The Monitor Group on a wide spectrum of projects in both the private and public sector. Post-Monitor, she supported aspiring Ivorian entrepreneurs through TechnoServe's Business Plan Competition and developed a scholarship administration model as a consultant with the Center for Public Policy Alternatives in Nigeria. More recently, Misan supported Bridge International Academies' international expansion strategy. While getting her MBA at the Harvard Business School in 2012, she sought out and connected with fellow socially-minded Africans to discuss ways to tackle youth unemployment in the region, and the seeds that were planted grew to become WAVE. Misan is also a Draper Richards Kaplan Social Entrepreneur.

### Organization/Fellow Location

Yaba, Nigeria

### Impact Location

Africa

Nigeria

Ghana

### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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