



# ISTG Newsletter



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## ISTG Needs Your Support

### Welcome to AFARA™ FALL 2011

Dear Friends,

We are extremely pleased to inform you of the start ISTG's international science and technology program, project AFARA™: the Fall 2011 edition, which will include approximately **120** middle and high school students ranging from grades 8-12 (or ages 12-18) **from North Grand High School (Chicago, USA) and Christ's School Senior (Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria)**. The duration of this round of Project AFARA™ will be 4 weeks (November 14, 2011- December 12, 2011).



Project AFARA™ Students in Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria working on seed germination (2010).

### AFARA's Official Sponsors

In achieving our objective of promoting educational advancement in science and technology in disadvantaged urban areas in the US and in Africa, ISTG has been partnering with individuals as well as institutions that share our common beliefs and goals. Consequently, ISTG is honored to introduce Extech Instruments Corporation and Soudasworlds as official Project AFARA™'s sponsors. We would like to express our gratitude to Extech Instruments Corporation and Soudasworlds as well as the many individuals who

financially support Project AFARA™ and ISTG in providing unique and academically challenging opportunities in science and technology to low income students here in the US and in Africa.

### Looking ahead to 2012

ISTG is proud to have been highly successful in providing high quality programming at a low cost to those who need it the most; as a result interest in ISTG programs such as AFARA™ has skyrocketed. In fact, the next edition of AFARA™ (Spring 2012) is shaping to be another unprecedented unique experience: schools in Chicago, Lawndale (California), Philadelphia, New York City, Detroit, Bamako (Mali) and Lagos (Nigeria) have all currently expressed interest in participating in this one of a kind international project.

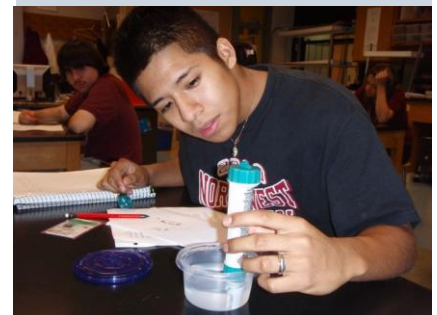
### How You Can Support Project AFARA™

A major part of Project AFARA™'s success these last couple of years is that the program has been **at no cost to all participating schools**, thereby making it economically accessible. To continue this in 2011 and 2012, with even more schools, **we need to raise \$10,000**. To this end, we ask that you support this ISTG program with any tax-deductible financial donation that you feel comfortable making. Even the smallest amount helps.

To make a secure donation, please click [here](#). - Thank you

### Project AFARA™ Highlights

- Means "bridge" in Yoruba
- 4-week science program for middle and high-school students
- Participating schools are from US urban areas in the US and Africa
- AFARA Fall 2011 will be conducted across two continents (US and Africa) and two cities (Chicago, and Ado-Ekiti). It will involve over 120 middle and high school students
- Fosters collaboration between students from different cultures
- Completely free for participating schools, i.e., fully sponsored by ISTG



Project AFARA™ students from North Grand High School in Chicago, IL working on soil analysis (2010).

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