IF I WERE TO BE AN INVENTOR, WHAT WOULD I CREATE?

An inventor transforms the world with new ideas and creations. Throughout history, many inventors have significantly impacted our lives. Isaac Newton invented the reflecting telescope in 1668, allowing us to explore the universe. Thomas Edison, despite numerous failures, created the first practical electric light bulb in 1879, illuminating homes and cities. Alexander Graham Bell revolutionised communication with the telephone. The Wright brothers made human flight possible with their “1903 Wright Flyer,” and Charles Babbage laid the foundations for modern computing.

Inventions are not limited to physical gadgets; they can also be applications and systems that improve our lives. If I were an inventor, I would focus on creating a device to cure terminal diseases such as cancer, asthma, diabetes, sickle cell anaemia, and HIV/AIDS. This invention would profoundly impact everyone on the planet.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), sickle cell anaemia affects over 7.4 million people worldwide, and HIV has claimed over 40.1 million lives.

My inspiration comes from losing my cousin, whom I affectionately called Aunty, to sickle cell anaemia. Her death left a void in our family and ignited my passion for finding a solution to prevent others from experiencing such heartbreak. I envision a project called "PROJECTSAVETHEWORLD," using the acronym "LLL" (Let’s Live Long). This project aims to eradicate suffering from these diseases, ensuring everyone can live a long and healthy life.

To bring this vision to life, I would seek sponsorships from NGOs, governments, and well-wishers. Creating such a device requires extensive research, testing, and development. We would collaborate with scientists, medical professionals, and pharmaceutical companies to develop effective treatments. This device would combine advanced medical technology and innovative engineering to target and eliminate these diseases at the cellular level. Working at my mother’s pharmacy, I have seen the impact of terminal diseases firsthand. Patients battling these illnesses show remarkable resilience, cherishing each day. This has further fuelled my determination to create a device that offers hope and a chance of a better life.

The device would be affordable and accessible to all, especially those in underprivileged communities. We would work on reducing manufacturing costs and seeking funding to subsidise the cost for those who cannot afford it. One of my primary focuses would be Africa, particularly Nigeria, my home country. Africa faces a significant burden from terminal diseases, and many people lack access to adequate medical care. I hope to provide people access to the best possible treatments.

My invention would be patented to protect intellectual property and ensure responsible and ethical use. However, my goal is not profit but saving lives. I envision a world where no one loses a loved one to a terminal disease, where children grow up healthy, and communities thrive.

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