



**FlexiSAF**  
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Back to School  
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# PREFACE



It's the end of yet another term. Are you wondering how we are building back better from Covid-19?

Read on to find out!

## 1. Meet Abdallah Abdulhamid (beneficiary story)



"I am originally from Madagali local government, we moved here with my family sometimes back in 2013. Our community had been attacked by insurgents, and I lost a lot of family members, capital and every other thing that I owned back in my hometown.

After moving to Yola, we began to live a new life with no house and no source of income, but with the help of God and the nice people here in Yola, we have been able to survive since then". Malam Abdulhamid Nzaranye (Father).

"We thank god for this rare opportunity given to our son. Education is the most important thing and now you are giving our son just that, something even the government couldn't give him".

Malam Abdulhamid Nzaranye

## 2. Graduation of our beneficiaries



We attended the speech and prize giving day of the Adamawa International Bright Academy of Nigeria (AIBAN) where 3 of our beneficiaries just graduated.

It has been a real pleasure watching them grow and we are so proud to see how far they have come.

## 3. Our **Bottles for Books** program got launched in Kano



We enrolled 110 more children through the **bottlesforbooks** program in partnership with Waste Africa, funded by the Coca Cola foundation. We are excited to have reached a new community and many children in need. The parents pledged their support to make the program successful.



## 4. We were invited to speak at the Edtech Summit



We were at the Edtech Summit organised by Afritex and the Federal Ministry of Education in June, sponsored by FlexiSAF EduSoft among others. The summit convened several educational experts and our Executive Director, Amina Abubakar shared her expertise on how to make digital education work in slums and underserved communities.

The organisers applauded our strategy

## 5. JDI partnership



FlexiSAF Foundation had signed a partnership agreement with Jela's Development Initiatives to work together towards building the next generation of leaders by adopting Nigerian graduates as interns. These interns will be able to hone their skills and leadership potential while increasing their prospects for future opportunities.

We officially started in August by engaging an intern for one month.

## 6. We also attended the Arewa Entrepreneurship Conference



We were at the Arewa entrepreneurship summit organised by Arewa Entrepreneurship Frontier Network (AEFNet). Our Executive Director inspired the audience to invest in personal development while speaking on the topic “Self Help as a tool for entrepreneurship development.”

## 7. We hosted capacity building workshop for partners



Our week began on a very productive and educative note with a two day extensive communications and marketing training for some of our partner organizations, Centre for Girls Education and waste africa

The sessions were very interesting, enlightening and thought provoking. We all got a new perspective on how to communicate effectively both within and outside our organizations.

We at Flexisaf Foundation believe in strengthening our capacity and that of our partners as it is essential for



## 8. We relaunched the Back To School Campaign



We brought back the #backtoschool campaign with full force, in our strides aimed at reducing the number of out of school children in Nigeria.

This time around, we are determined to enroll more than a thousand children in school by September 2021!

## 9. Results from the Save Acclearn Campaign



With your kind donations, we were able to get learning supplies, hire instructors, provide nutritious snacks for children and have a mobile classroom. We are also transitioning them to formal school in September.

## 10. Interview with Malala Fund Country Rep

**Kindly introduce yourself ma'am. What is the secret behind your achievements?**

Hello. My name is Crystal Ikanih-Musa. I am the Country Representative for the Malala Fund in Nigeria. I'm a loving wife (smiles), dedicated mother, a faithful sister and daughter, and loyal friend. There are many sides to me that make me who I am and I give credit to these various roles for my achievements.

The part I have played is to work hard, being diligent and continuously learning. These characteristics have helped me in every situation I've encountered.

**Tell us about the works of the Malala fund in Nigeria, what has been your biggest achievement so far?**

Malala Fund is working to ensure every girl has the right to free, safe and a quality education up to senior secondary school.



We do this by working with local activists by awarding grants to organizations and working closely with our Education Champions. We've had some great achievements.

In Kaduna, an organization we funded called YouthHubAfrica was able to get the Child Rights Act passed through their advocacy. Also Centre for Girls Education was able to successfully advocate for free education for girls up to senior secondary in Kaduna as well.

## **Do you have any focus areas? What is your strategy?**

Our focus is senior secondary education. SDG 4 is a guide, but based on our own research we realized that so many girls are not making it to senior secondary level.

Also there aren't many laws and policies supporting education up to this level, and they are not gender sensitive. Our strategy is to let girls lead. We allow girls to let us know what their educational needs are and we give them a platform to advocate for themselves.

## **You seem to have recorded tremendous success within a short span of time including influencing the policy to make education free for girls till senior secondary level in Kaduna state. How were you able to achieve that?**

Our success is always through our partners. Centre for Girls Education identified the need for free education to senior secondary schools, and we provided any needed support to them.

We believe that members of the communities and local organizations are the experts that can best solve the girl child education issues. We focus on providing resources and support to amplify their efforts.

Also stick to your niche and go deeper until you see impact. Having an area of focus will make you an expert in that area.

## **What is your message for education activists in Nigeria?**

Let's work together to achieve one milestone at a time. There are so many issues that it can be overwhelming to think where to start, but let's start together. There are strength in numbers.

## **There are many CSOs that aspire to be like yours, what is your message for them?**

Don't underestimate the power of collaboration and partnership. This has been a guiding principle for us.





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