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To commemorate Children's Day 2022, we partnered with Illmi Children's Fund (ICF) to organize a sports-based advocacy event named Education Marathon! The Education Marathon is an initiative of FlexiSAF Foundation aimed to raise awareness about the disparities that exist between public and private schools in Nigeria. The maiden edition, Education Marathon 1.0 in partnership with Illmi Children's Fund advocates for access to quality education for children of all backgrounds while bringing the attention of government and all stakeholders to the welfare of teachers. The event was graced by stakeholders in government, public and private sectors as well as CSOs. It was a huge success!

BESDA training in Oyo, Ibadan

We were invited to facilitate a step-down training on the DLI.7 Digital attendance app in Oyo state. The team, represented by the Program Manager, Mr. Nelson Egbunu visited the Oyo state's State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) where they met with the Executive Secretary, Mr. O. J. Adeniyi and Chairman SUBEB Oyo Dr. Nureni Aderemi Adeniran to discuss and draw up an itinerary on the cascading training for states, LGAs, Head teachers and SBMCs.



BESDA DLI App master training in Lagos

FlexiSAF Foundation was invited by Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) for a 5-day (10th-14th May 2022) training of Master Trainers on the Disbursement Link Indicator (DLI.7) Guidelines For Utilization of School Grant/Supports in BESDA (Better Education Service Delivery for All) focus states held at Ikeja, Lagos state. The training involved an overview of DLI.7 which is a digital attendance intervention to bolster attendance and renting in public schools, and a description of the ICT-based BESDA Attendance Management Information System (BAMIS) tool, which is an app that will help with monitoring both students' attendance and teacher coaching.



BESDA Training Adamawa and Taraba state

We were invited to Adamawa and Taraba states to provide support to the SUBEB state safeguard team in delivering step-down training for their LGEA safeguard teams as part of the BESDA (Better Education Service Delivery for All) project. We supported the overall step-down by facilitating the following;

- Understanding Safeguarding
- Safeguarding best practices
- Understanding GBV/SEA/SH
- Steps in conducting risk assessments



Interview with Trust TV News

On Children's Day, our Executive Director Mrs. Amina Abubakar was invited by Trust Tv News to speak on "Issues That Matter To Children." The session shed light on the many problems Nigerian children are exposed to that hinder them from getting the quality education they deserve. Our Executive Director hammered on the fact that for any tangible impact to be noticed in the development space, there must be synergy amongst actors and proper coordination from the Government.



Children's Day in Yola!

We celebrated Children's Day in style!

We partnered with Sulaimanu Ribadu Academy (SRA) Yola to organize an event celebrating children's day on Friday, 27th May 2022. Children from different public and private schools participated including our beneficiaries. The kids played games and participated in so many fun activities. It was a great experience for them.



Partnership with ACCA

The foundation recently partnered with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is the global body for professional accountants on getting recyclables from members of the Association across the country and converting the same to fees that will be used to send some beneficiaries of the foundation's to school the WASTE 2 FEES project.

The partnership with the ACCA aligns with Sustainable Development Goals 12,4 and 17. The foundation intends to continually lead productive partnerships that are aimed at achieving its core mandate of reducing the number of out-of-school children in Nigeria.



Street Child Event

We were invited to a closeup project event organized by Street Child and GIZ, funded by the UN. The project is aimed at improving children's learning, it also helps in the transition of children from primary to secondary school. The event was attended by many other stakeholders in the development space.



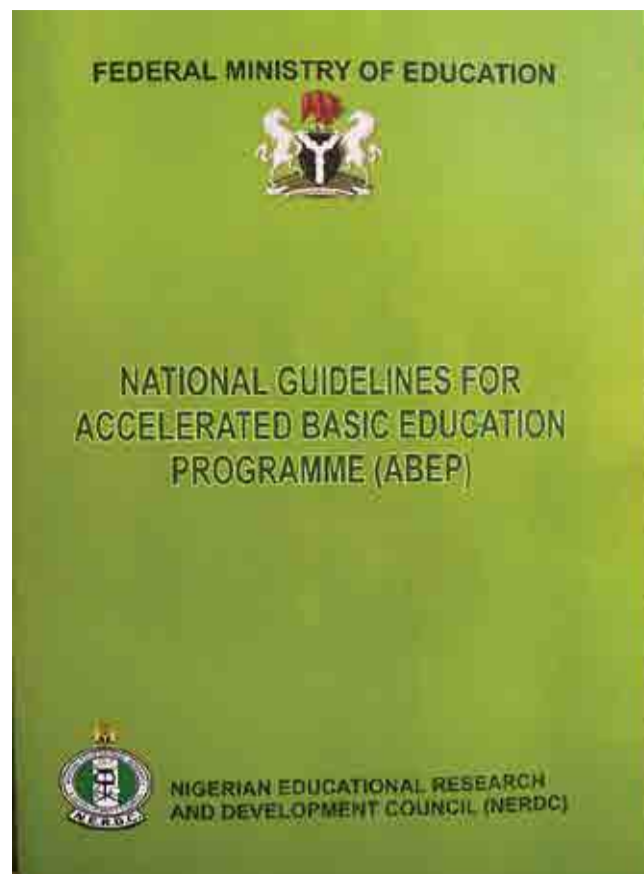
Invitation to the workshop on the development of draft re-entry guidelines for girls as resource persons

Our Executive Director got invited by the Federal Ministry of Education to support the development of girls' re-entry guidelines into learning centers as a national resource person alongside resource persons from UNICEF Nigeria and UN Women Nigeria. Focus group discussions were organized amongst relevant stakeholders at the community level to analyze the need to build and maintain a system that supports girls to re-enroll in school, remain, and transit to higher levels of education.



FlexiSAF Foundation Joins The Inter-Agency Accelerated Education Working Group

FlexiSAF Foundation has been recognized as a credible member of the National Working Group for the Accelerated Basic Education Program (ABEP). The Working Group has in its membership notable international organizations, representatives from Ministries, Departments, and Agencies of Government amongst all other stakeholders in the country's education sector. The outcome of the Inter-Agency Accelerated Education Working Group will see the Foundation play an active role in the Accelerated Education Task team, a team that will drive the core implementation of the ABEP countrywide.



ABEP Roll-Out

As members of the ABEP National Working Group, we got invited to participate in the National Roll Out of ABEP. The event was chaired by the honourable minister of education and hosted by NERDC with support from the Plan International-led consortium, funded by the EU. Many relevant stakeholders from International and National CSOs, Government agencies as well as the private sector graced the event.

Meeting with Governors' Forum

The Nigeria Governors' Forum Secretariat, represented by Dr. Leo, hosted a community of practice for strategic discussions on how best to effectively institutionalise the Accelerated Basic Education Programme (ABEP) curriculum within states in Nigeria. We were invited to participate in the meeting as part of the Nationally recognized members of the ABEP Working Group.



Teachers' Needs Assessment Abuja

We conducted a needs assessment exercise for teachers in 3 different schools in Abuja, LEA Wuye, LEA Wuse Zone 1, and LEA Wuse Zone 2. The exercise is to be implemented across different states, which include Abuja, Adamawa, and Kano and we will be assessing 1000 teachers by the end of 2022. The needs assessment aims to help identify common strengths and weaknesses among teachers and to provide feedback and necessary interventions for improvement.



Interview with VOA Africa

Our Executive Director shared her experience as a 2021 Mandela Washington Fellow during the discussion “Examining YALI: Is Africa’s future bright?” on Voice of America (VoA Africa). She mentioned the many ways the YALI program has impacted her life and work, which is why she is encouraging more young people to apply to the program and make the most of it as it will provide a platform where they can share their stories and reach more people.

**Examining YALI:
Is Africa's Future Brighter?**

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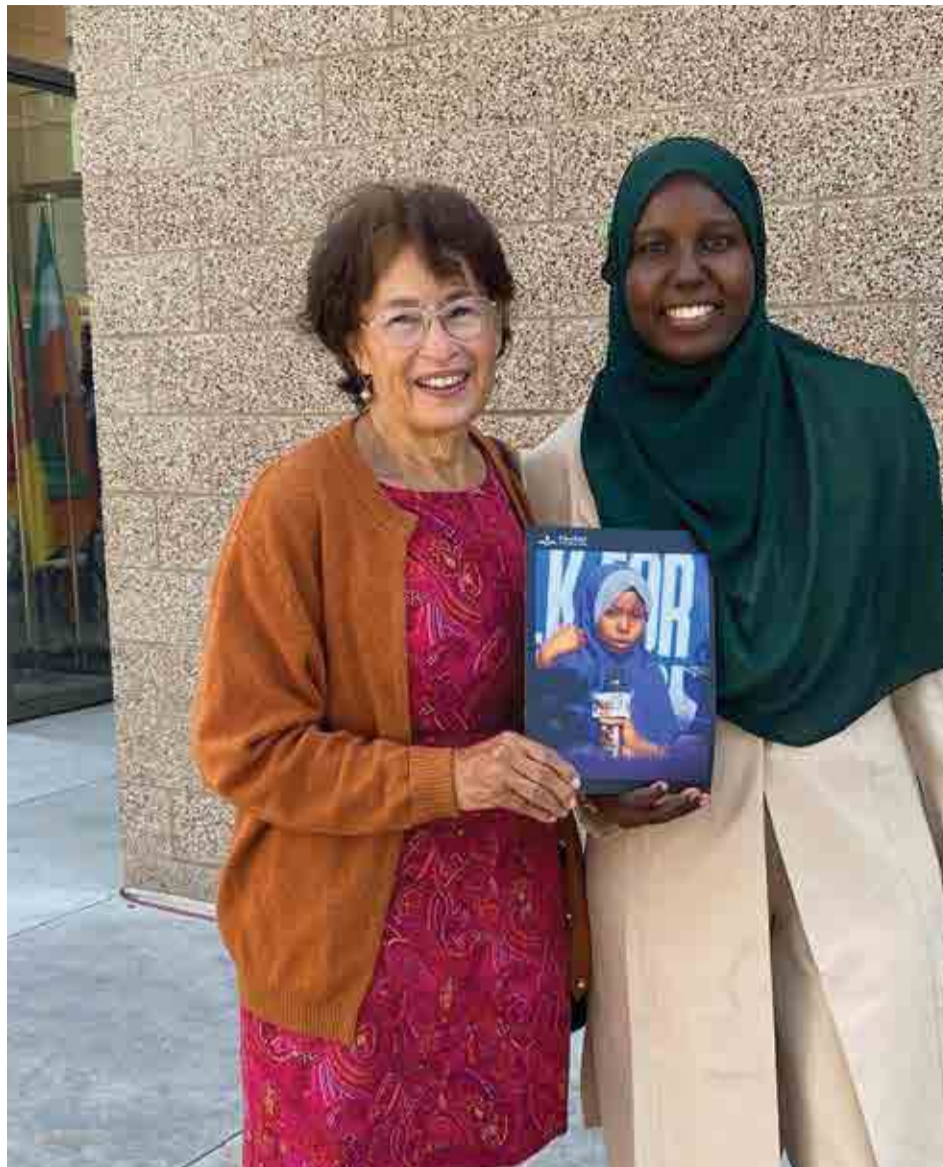


Teachers' Needs Assessment Yola

We conducted a needs assessment exercise in Adamawa state across 20 schools in Yola South and Yola North Local Government Areas. It was a seamless process due to the involvement of Adamawa SUBEB, and the schools and teachers were very cooperative which enabled us to interview no less than 200 teachers in 3 days.

Intensive Leadership Program in the USA

Our Executive Director, Amina Abubakar participated in an intensive leadership and cultural exchange program; the Alumni Enrichment Institute, sponsored by the United States Bureau for Cultural Affairs. The Alumni Enrichment Institute is a program that provides an opportunity for Mandela Washington Fellowship Alumni to travel to the United States to collaborate with U.S. counterparts and each other and to continue building the professional and leadership skills they developed during their Leadership Institutes. The participants also enrich their U.S. host communities through public service, cultural exchange, and the lasting personal ties they create during their program.



She interacted with distinguished personalities like congresswoman Karen Bass, Mayors of Counties, and Top US professionals and is still enjoying the coaching and mentorship she gets as a result of the program. We're super excited about this experience and look forward to productive collaborations with her fellow alumni across Africa.





World Humanitarian Day 2022

To commemorate World Humanitarian Day 2022, FlexiSAF Foundation extended a hand of fellowship to the parents and guardians of the AccLearn (Accelerated Learning) beneficiaries by supporting them with food items. We also facilitated the installation of 5 solar street lights and 24 solar home systems in the disabled colony by the Nigeria Rural Electrification Agency (REA). 15 of the AccLearn (Accelerated Learning) children were selected to be beneficiaries of the Solar home system intervention from REA based on their attendance and performance.



Youth Arise Football Academy (YAFA) Scholarship

Three (3) of our beneficiaries together with 3 other beneficiaries from ICF who played against the boys of YAFA (Youth Arise Football Academy) won themselves a lifetime football coaching. We believe this is going to be a life-changing opportunity for the kids and we are excited to see the positive impact it will have on them. We also presented a cash prize of 400,000 Naira to the academy which was awarded by the Captain of the Super Eagles, Ahmed Musa. YAFA expressed their gratitude and pledged to always be trailblazers in the development of the Nigerian child.



Education in Emergencies Working Group in Nigeria (EiEWGN) Monthly Meeting

We had a productive session at the Education in Emergencies Working Group in Nigeria (EiEWGN) monthly meeting at the Federal Ministry of Education chaired by the Director of Education Support Services, Dr. Lydia Ifeyinwa. Members gave updates on various interventions, challenges, and upcoming plans specifically in North Eastern Nigeria. We also bid farewell to a strong backbone of the working group, Dr. Judith from Unicef, who has so much goodwill in the group.



Safeguarding Our Schools Conference

We were at the SOS (Safeguarding Our Schools) event organized by Emergency Communications Centres (ECC) and sponsored by UNICEF. The event was a high-level meeting that had the Ambassadors of Norway, the United States, and some other countries. The School Principals of GSS Chibok, GSSS Kankara, and GGSS Jangebe were present to speak about their experience of the insurgency. The event also had the Minister of Finance, the representatives of the Chief of Army Staff and the Chief of Naval Staff present, and finally the Chairman of the Nigerian Governors Forum present. The event was insightful and very impactful as the team learned firsthand the community stigma that victims of insurgent attacks face. The school principals held a panel session where they related with the audience and took questions.



Accelerated Education Program Task Team Workshop

We were invited to participate in a 3-day workshop titled the Nigeria Accelerated Education Program Task Team workshop. The workshop is to formally inaugurate the Nigeria Accelerated Education (AE) Task Team and get them acquainted with the Accelerating Change for Children's and Youths' Education for System Strengthening (ACCESS) research and their roles in ACCESS Phase 2. The ACCESS is a 4-year research partnership between the University of Auckland, the global Accelerated Education Working Group (AEWG), and Dubai Cares. The overall outcome of the workshop is to develop a world plan to guide the activities of the AE Task Team and facilitate the Institutionalization of the ABEP in Nigeria.



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