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# Spelling Bee Competition



To commemorate the World Poetry Day, celebrated annually on the 21st of March, the FlexiSAF Foundation organized a Spelling Bee event for its Accelerated Learning Program beneficiaries.

The event aimed to promote literacy by providing the young learners at the Accelerated Learning Program with a positive goal to work toward, bring out the best in them, and give them a platform to display the results of their hard work.

It was awe-inspiring to see contestants, who were out of school just a few months ago, courageously take turns to spell words of varying levels of difficulty.



The competition was really intense as elimination of contestants happened throughout the different rounds until the top three spellers emerged. It was a delight to witness the hard work of these children come to fruition as they battled to be among the top three contestants who would later go home with fantastic prizes.



# Identification of 10 beneficiaries in Zamfara State



10 children in Kaura Namoda, Zamfara state, have taken the first step towards a brighter future, thanks to the FlexiSAF Foundation's Back-to-School program!

We were able to identify 10 out-of-school children in Kaura Namoda, Zamfara state, to be enrolled in school. By identifying and enrolling these out-of-school children, we are one step closer to our mission of reducing the number of out-of-school children in Nigeria.

Every child deserves the opportunity to learn and succeed, and with each enrollment, we are building a better future for our nation.





# An Audience with the Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)



Our amazing Executive Director, Mrs. Amina Abubakar, also a Mandela Fellow, was at the United States Embassy Abuja to meet with the USAID Assistant Administrator, Dr. Monde Muyangwa.

The meeting was graced by other beneficiaries of the United States Department of State Exchange Programs, including Mandela Fellows, International Visitor Leadership Program alumni, and YALI Regional Leadership Center fellows.



Mrs. Amina used the opportunity to share the impactful and life-changing work we do at the FlexiSAF Foundation to improve the Nigerian education sector. During the meeting, Dr. Muyangwa encouraged the attendees to stay passionate and committed to their causes. In her words, “the future of the world belongs to Africa.”

It was an absolute honor and privilege for the FlexiSAF Foundation to be represented at such a very important meeting.





# Strategy Session with Almajiri Child Rights Initiative (ACRI)



We had the pleasure of hosting a strategy session with Almajiri Child Rights Initiative to brainstorm on effective strategies for uplifting the lives of Almajiri children. We are determined to give Almajiri children a chance to live a life of dignity and help them to pursue their dreams through innovative and social impact-driven projects.

The FlexiSAF Foundation and the Almajiri Child Rights Initiative share a deep concern for disadvantaged children like the Almajiri Children, and a genuine passion to change the lives of these children by empowering them with quality and inclusive education.

We were delighted to have had a productive session, full of brimming enthusiasm and life-changing ideas. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing our plans come to life as we set out to change the lives of Almajiri children in Nigeria.





# FlexiSAF Foundation End of Quarter Review Meeting



Staying true to our core values, we had an engaging and productive quarterly review meeting where the team reflected on the journey so far towards meeting our strategic goals and objectives for the year. The meeting was a great avenue to assess the performance of all teams, give constructive feedback, and identify areas of improvement in the next quarter.

We are incredibly grateful for an impactful first quarter; thanks to the remarkable show of discipline, excellence, and teamwork by our hardworking and passionate staff. We are also excited for what is to come in the next quarter and the rest of the year.



The fight against illiteracy and the alarming rate of out-of-school children in Nigeria is not an easy one, but our genuine passion and resilience keep us going. We are honored to be part of those changing the narrative of education in the country, one educated child at a time.





# Success story - A Ray of Hope: Sulaiman's Journey to Education and a Better Future



Sulaiman's life has been marked by tragedy from a young age. His father was taken from him in a brutal act of violence that shook their community to its core. It has been two long years since that day, but the pain and sorrow still linger for Sulaiman and his family.

His mother, Shafa'atu, has been doing her best, as a local food vendor, to provide for her six children. Despite her tireless efforts, it has been a struggle to make ends meet, and Sulaiman's sisters have had to help out by selling food on the streets.

However, the challenges have been many, and with only little help from society. Hence, Shafa'atu has been unable to enroll all of her children in school. Sulaiman, in particular, has never had the chance to attend school, except for a brief period at an Arabic school.

So you can imagine the joy and excitement that filled Sulaiman's heart when he received the news that he would be enrolled in school by the FlexiSaf Foundation. It was like a ray of hope in an otherwise bleak world.

Sulaiman's dream is to become a land Army officer, and with this opportunity, he feels like he's one step closer to making that dream a reality. He is determined to work hard, to study diligently, and to never let the memory of his father fade away.

For Sulaiman, education is not just a means to an end. It is a way to honor his father, to build a brighter future for his family, and to contribute to his community. His story is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit, and a reminder that no matter how hard life gets, there is always hope for a better tomorrow.

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