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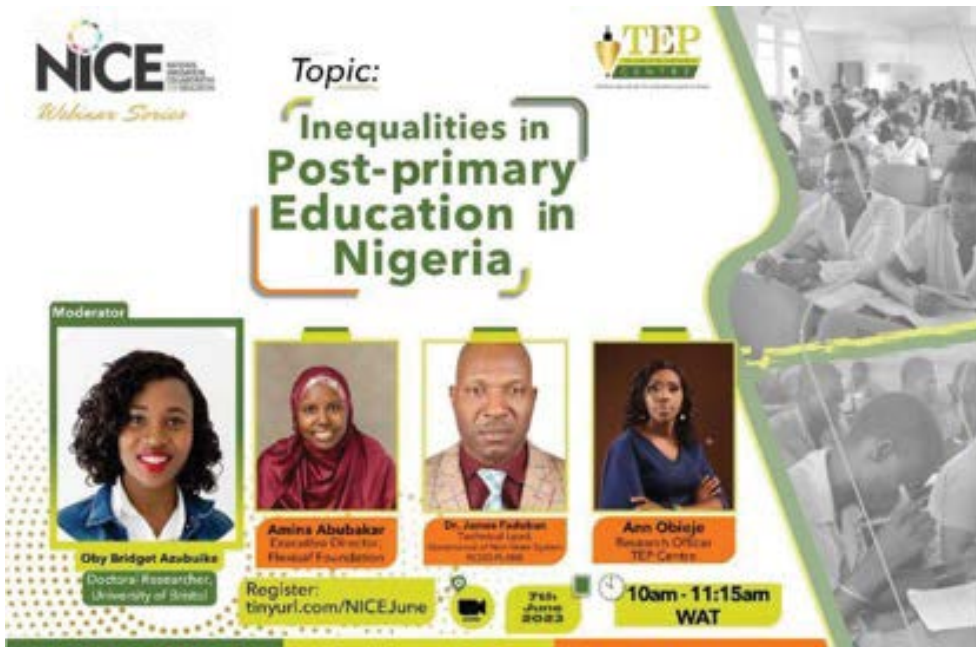
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Invitation to Speak on NICE Webinar



Our Executive Director was invited to speak on an insightful webinar organized by the TEP Centre where she gave valuable insights on the discussion 'Inequalities in Post-Primary Education in Nigeria.' She raised very important points on how we can work towards bridging these gaps and ensuring equal educational opportunities for all Nigerian students, regardless of their background or geographic location.

Instagram Live Session on Clean-Tech Solutions



We had an enlightening Instagram live session with Mrs. Chisom Nwankwo, Founder, The Skilled Women Initiative and a development specialist with expertise in refugee and displacement management, clean technology policy and programme implementation. She gave valuable insights on the topic 'Clean Tech Solutions: Transforming Education for a Sustainable Future' and effectively conveyed its significance to our audience and encouraged them to contemplate the role of technology in shaping a sustainable future for education.

Seminar on Nigeria Data Protection for NGOs in Abuja



We attended a seminar on Nigeria Data Protection for NGOs in Abuja hosted by Convexity, a Software Consultancy offering Enterprises, Humanitarian, and Government bodies bespoke, customizable solutions that help institutions increase operating margins, where we delved into the topics of transparency and accountability in finance.

One of the highlights was learning about Convexity's groundbreaking CSR initiative called CHATS (Convexity Humanitarian Aid Transfer Solutions), which aims to transform fundraising especially for NGOs.

Convexity also took the opportunity to showcase their all-in-one CHAT application, which enables efficient campaign setup, fund tracking, and ensures unique beneficiary identification. Overall, the session was truly enlightening, providing us with valuable insights and a renewed understanding of topics discussed.



Civil Society Dialogue Workshop



FlexiSAF Foundation team attended the Civil Society Dialogue workshop during the Global Action Week for Education, an esteemed event within the education movement worldwide. This annual celebration marks its 20th year, with this year's campaign theme being "Investing in a Just World: Decolonize Education Funding Now!" (GAWE 2023). The workshop aimed to establish a stance and formulate an education agenda for the new administration at both the federal and state levels.

Workshop on Mobilizing Civil Society for a Gender Responsive Education Sector Planning



We participated in a 3 day workshop on Mobilizing Civil Society for a Gender Responsive Education Sector Planning, organized by Forum for African Women Educationists FAWE (Nigeria) in partnership with Plan International Nigeria and Civil Society Action Coalition Education For All (CSACEFA).

The overall objective of the workshop is to achieve gender equality in education through inclusive planning, support for gender-sensitive policies, and addressing gender-based discrimination and violence in schools.

Dialogue on Ending Violence Against Children in Educational Institutions



FlexiSAF Foundation's team recently took part in a stakeholder meeting organized by Amnesty International, focusing on ending violence against children in the education sector. The event, held in memory of Keren and two other students who tragically lost their lives due to negligence and violence in schools, aimed to bring attention to this pressing issue. Representatives from various secondary schools in the FCT attended the event, with Mr. Sanusi, the acting Country Director, delivering insightful opening remarks. He stressed the significance of schools as safe spaces for children to learn, while emphasizing the importance of parents staying informed about their children's activities at school.



Beneficiary story: Amina's journey to new heights!



This is Amina Muazu, a 13-year-old beneficiary of our scholarship program at Sonesis International School in Tudun Murtala, Kano. She was enrolled four years ago in the 2019 academic session. Amina faced financial difficulties, which forced her to drop out of school and help her mother sell Gurasa. During her enrollment, her father had been missing for more than seven months, as narrated by her mother.

Initially, Amina struggled academically and wasn't a model student. We discovered during a routine visit to her house that she would dress in her school uniform but spend her time elsewhere, having fun with friends instead of attending school.

To address this, we enrolled Amina in our intensive mentoring program, which involved close coordination between her parents and the school. Amina's mother personally escorted her to school, and the teachers provided her with special attention regarding her academics, conduct, and behavior. Thanks to this mentoring program, Amina gradually developed an interest in her studies, and her performance began to improve.

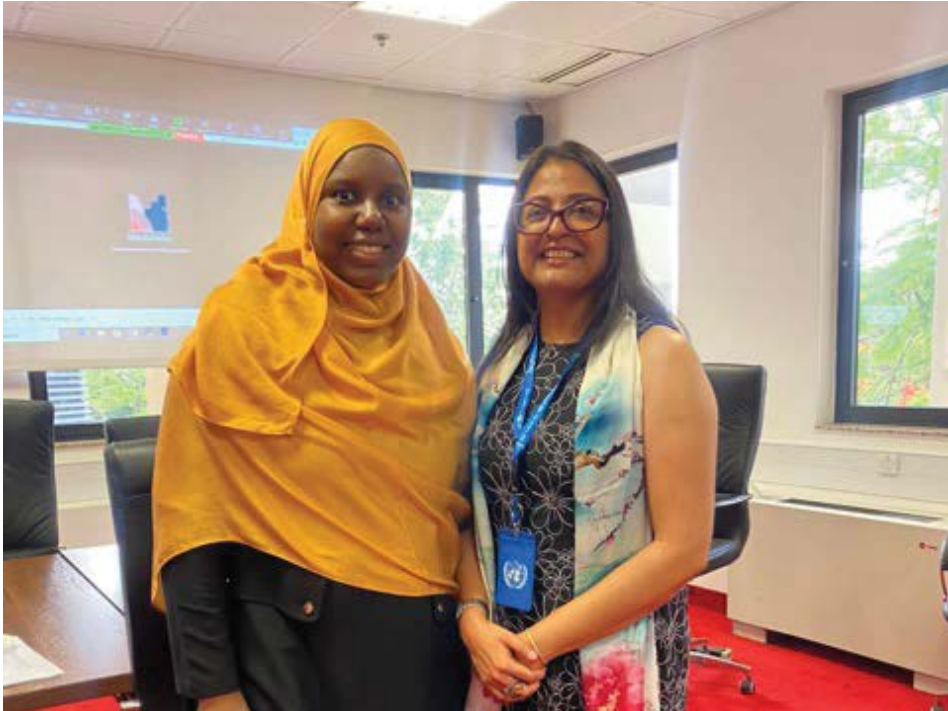
In the last session of Primary 3, she achieved the 10th position out of 26 students in her class. Her progress continued, as she secured the 4th position out of 30 students in the first term exam of Primary 4. In the second term exam, she achieved the 6th position out of 30 students.

Due to Amina's passion, dedication, and the unwavering support from her mother, the school management decided to allow her to write the forthcoming Common Entrance Examination, aiming to inspire her to achieve even more. Currently, we are eagerly awaiting the results and hoping that Amina seizes this golden opportunity to defy the odds and become a source of inspiration for others.

Author: Abbanbello, Kano program volunteer

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Invitation to the National Skills Development Framework Validation Meeting



We had the privilege of attending a one-day regional validation workshop for the draft National Skills Development Framework and operationalization plan.

This collaborative effort by the Federal Ministry of Education, the National Skills Development Technical Task Team, and UNICEF aims to enhance foundational literacy and numeracy, life skills, digital skills, and employability skills.

It is an honor to have been involved in this workshop, and we eagerly anticipate the successful execution of this Framework.



Meeting with UNDP



The FlexiSAF Foundation was invited by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for a familiarization meeting. The Foundation was well represented by our Executive Director, Amina Abubakar, and Program Officer, Amina Usman, who introduced the Foundation and its programs to the UNDP staff in attendance, including the Country Representative. They commended the work we do at the FlexiSAF Foundation and showed genuine interest in working together in the near future. We are overly excited about the great opportunities for creating impact that will come out of this promising engagement.

Children's Day 2023



We were delighted to take our wonderful Accelerated Learning Program (AccLearn) beneficiaries on an unforgettable office tour in commemoration of Children's Day!

The children had an exciting day filled with various activities. They started by watching an educational movie, which brought smiles and laughter to their faces. They also indulged in a delightful meal and had the opportunity to meet the dedicated office staff, who warmly welcomed and interacted with them.



The highlight of the day was visiting different departments within the office, allowing the children to explore the work environment and learn about different office equipment.

Overall, it was a joyous and educational event that aimed to empower and inspire their young minds, create beautiful memories and foster a sense of hope for a brighter future.

Together, we are creating lasting memories and inspiring their dreams!



Resource Mobilization Training for Local NGOs by Management Solution for Africa (MS4A)



The FlexiSAF Foundation was well represented by our Communications Lead, Mrs. Amina Abbas, at the 3-day resource mobilization training for local NGOs that was organized by the Management Solution for Africa (MS4A). The training aimed to equip participants with effective strategies for resource mobilization and proposal writing.

The training was facilitated by Dr. Mrs. Josephine Ogazi-Egwuonwu, a compliance expert with over 20 years of experience and the Executive Director of Widows and Orphans Empowerment Organization (WEWE). Participants at the training included representatives from various local NGOs, all seeking to enhance their knowledge and skills in resource mobilization.



We are happy to have been a part of such an impactful training where participants got to learn valuable insights and practical skills to enhance their resource mobilization efforts and gain a deep understanding of effective strategies for engaging donors, developing compelling proposals, and building partnerships. The training also facilitated networking among participants, fostering potential collaborations and knowledge-sharing.



We are confident that this training will allow the Foundation to effectively mobilize resources and write impactful proposals, contributing to the sustainability and growth of the important work with do for out-of-school children.



Selection into the Theirworld Global Youth Ambassador Programme



Our Communications Officer, Maryam Ahmed, has been selected for the Theirworld Global Youth Ambassador Programme.

She is now joining a cohort of 2,000 young people in more than 120 countries around the world who are committed to unleashing the potential of the next generation and creating opportunities for the most marginalized through education.

As part of the Global Youth Ambassador initiative, Maryam will be on the front lines of the campaign for global education. She will also be connected to opportunities to make a bigger impact; and will have opportunities to improve her personal and professional capacity as a change agent in her community, country and the world.

Selection into the United People Global Sustainability #UPGSustainability Leadership Class of 2023.



Our Communications Lead, Amina Abbas, got selected as a Candidate for the #UPGSustainability Leadership Class of 2023.

As part of this program, she will undergo a three-month training alongside other young leaders (aged 18-35) from over 120 countries. The program is designed to equip candidates with the skills and knowledge needed to become certified UPG Champions and ambassadors for positive citizen leadership on sustainability-related issues.

As UPG Sustainability Leaders, they are committed to leading a sustainability-related project in their community or workplace, conducting mini-training sessions using UPG materials, sharing updates on their activities, and participating in brainstorming sessions to improve the UPG community's impact.

International Day of Families

In commemoration of the 2023 International Day of Families, the FlexiSAF Foundation hosted an Instagram live session to discuss the crucial role of the family setting in education. The Instagram featured Mr. Hammed Kayode Alabi, an educator and Founder of KCLI Initiative, a non-profit organization focused on equipping children in underserved communities with essential skills to help them thrive in the 21st Century.

Together with our guest, we explored how families can positively impact a child's education and academic success, addressed challenges faced by families in supporting their children's education with ways to tackle them, and learned about practical suggestions on creating a positive learning environment and fostering a love for learning among children.



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THE ROLE OF FAMILY IN EDUCATION

DATE: SATURDAY, 13TH MAY 2023
TIME: 11:00 AM



GUEST SPEAKER:
HAMMED KAYODE ALABI
EDUCATOR
FOUNDER, KLCI INITIATIVE



 **Join Live**
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What to expect:

- How to Create a Supportive Home Environment
- The Impact of Parental Involvement
- Addressing Educational Barriers
- Cultivating a Love of Learning in Children



AccLearn in Yola!



We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Madina Institute Nigeria for the launch of the Accelerated Learning Program (AccLearn) in Adamawa State. It has been an incredible journey so far, and we are excited to share our progress with you.

Earlier this month marked a significant milestone as we successfully completed the first round of data collection for our selected beneficiaries. The response has been overwhelming, and we are eager to see the transformative impact this program will have on their lives.

We invite you to stay connected with us as we embark on this exciting new project. Follow us closely for regular updates, as we believe this initiative will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



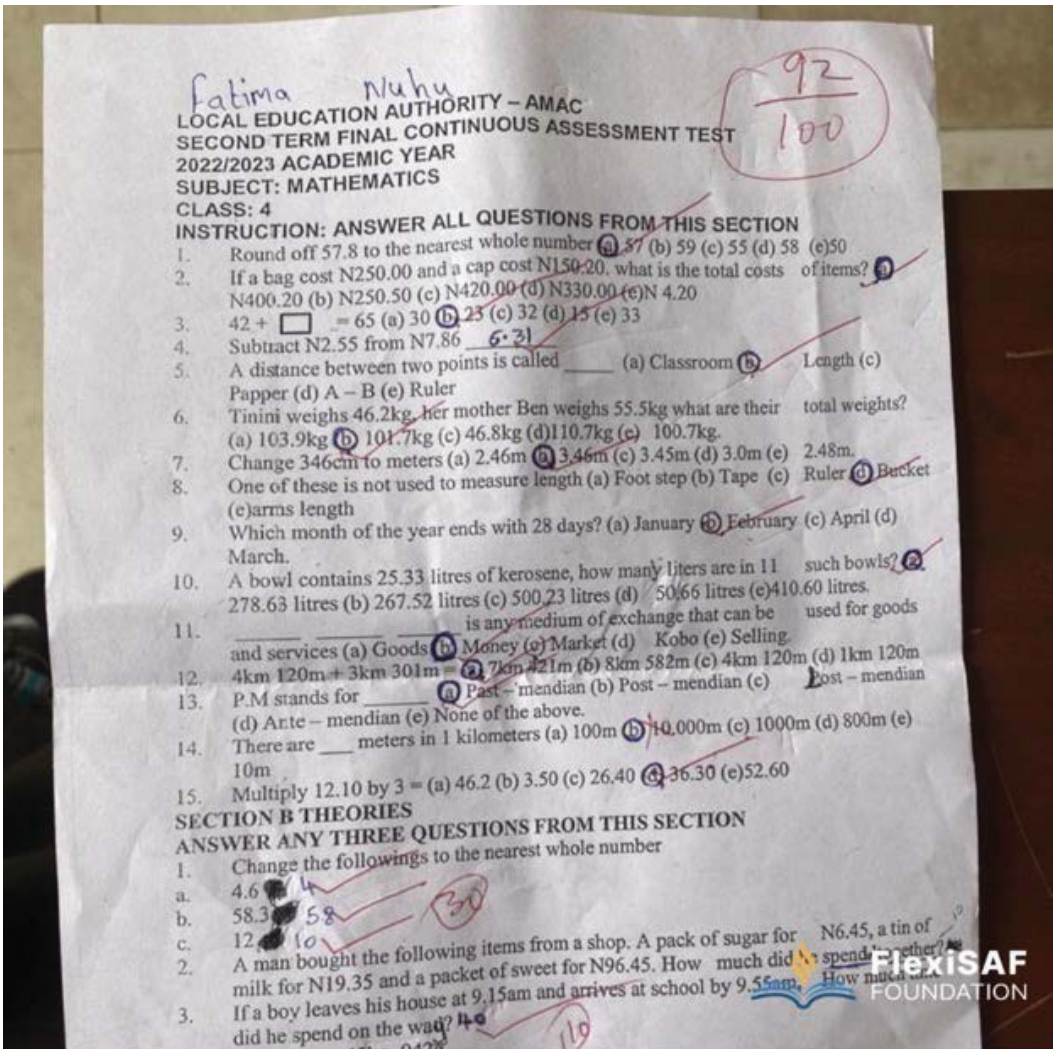
Webinar with Plan International Nigeria on Decolonizing Education Financing



Our Executive Director, Mrs. Amina Abubakar, joined thought leaders in the education space to speak on a webinar organized by Plan International Nigeria during the #GlobalActionWeekonEducation on the theme “Decolonizing Education Financing: Setting an agenda for the new administration.” During the session, she gave some powerful insights and impactful points.

End of Term Assessment for AccLearn Beneficiaries

Our Accelerated Learning Program (AccLearn) beneficiaries were given LEA Primary 3 and 4 exam questions for their end of term assessment and they rose to the challenge, exceeding all expectations. Their impressive results prove that with determination and support, anything is possible. We are so proud of their efforts!



Stakeholder Meeting with USAID



Our Executive Director, Mrs. Amina Abubakar, was invited to participate in a stakeholder meeting aimed at identifying sector-specific gaps, opportunities, and entry points for greater inclusion of marginalized populations in USAID/Nigeria's programs, as it relates to the education sector in particular.

In Nigeria, the USAID advances inclusive development by strengthening the participation and leadership of marginalized populations, including persons with disabilities, religious minorities, women, girls, and youth; while striving to ensure that all people are included in, and can fully participate in its development efforts.

It was an absolute honor for the Foundation to be represented at such an important meeting. We are excited about the incredible opportunities that would come out of this engagement.



Beneficiary Story: Abdulkarim's Pursuit of



Meet Abdulkarim, a determined young boy who was forced to drop out of school due to the challenging situation he found himself in. After losing his father three years ago, he became an orphan under the care of his widowed mother. The burden of providing for her five children falls solely on her shoulders, forcing her to take up house labor in order to make ends meet. Every day, his mother faces the daunting task of ensuring her helpless orphans have at least three meals, though sometimes even that becomes an uphill battle due to the family's financial struggles.

Despite the adverse circumstances, Abdulkarim's thirst for knowledge remains unquenched. Although his mother cannot afford to pay his P.T.A. fees to enable him to attend a formal primary school, he eagerly attends an Arabic school daily. Fortunately, fate smiled upon Abdulkarim when he was identified as one of our beneficiaries for the Back-to-School program. Abdulkarim was elated that his noble ambition of becoming a medical doctor is a step closer to becoming a reality.

Abdulkarim's journey is not an easy one, but with the support of generous education advocates like yourself, we can help pave the way for his success. By providing him with the necessary educational opportunities, we can empower him to rise above his current situation and fulfill his dreams of becoming a medical doctor.

Abdulkarim's story represents the resilience and determination of countless children who are facing similar challenges. Through our collective efforts, we can make a lasting impact on their lives and create a brighter future for them.

We invite you to join us in supporting Abdulkarim and others like him on their journey towards a better tomorrow. Together, we can provide them with the tools they need to overcome adversity and achieve their aspirations. Kindly visit our website to become a sponsor.

Author: Mamuda Salihu (FlexiSAF Foundation's Volunteer)



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