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at the Durumi IDP
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International Day of Education 2024

International Day of Education

From Crisis to Classroom: Education's Resilience in Building Sustainable Peace.

Speakers

- Jeremiah Oseni**
Executive Director, Dbegotin
- Amina Abubakar**
Executive Director, FlexISAF Foundation
- Gideon Olanrewaju**
Executive Director, AREA

Where Join the conversation on **Twitter/X Spaces @Dbegotin_**

When Wednesday **24 January, 2024 | 6pm WAT**

In commemoration of the International Day of Education 2024, celebrated annually on January 24th worldwide, our esteemed Executive Director, Mrs. Amina Abubakar, joined other influential education leaders to participate in an enlightening Twitter/X Space hosted by Dbegotin Educational Foundation. The engaging conversation shed light on the transformative power of education for lasting peace, emphasizing the vital role education plays in shaping a brighter future for all.

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VILLAGE SQUARE AFRICA

**IMPROVING NIGERIA'S EDUCATION SECTOR
THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA PORT ROW**

- Dashen Usman**
Host
- David Matsanga**
African Affairs Analyst, Ghana
- Amina Abubakar**
Executive Director, FlexISAF Foundation, Nigeria
- Mukhtar Sulaiman**
Policy and Public Affairs Analyst, Nigeria

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On the same day, Mrs. Amina Abubakar also appeared live on News Central Africa's Village Square Africa, a daily current affairs program, where she discussed steps toward improving Nigeria's institutions and underscored the significance of the International Day of Education.

We are thrilled that, due to the work we do at FlexISAF Foundation, including our educational programs for Persons of Concerns in IDP camps in partnership with the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI), our contributions are recognized as pivotal in addressing the education crisis in the country as we support learning for lasting peace.

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Finally, the Young Education Advocates Community, an initiative by the FlexiSAF Foundation, organized a successful Instagram Live event to mark the International Day of Education 2024. The event centered around the theme "Unite Through Education: Empowering Youth for Lasting Peace," aligning with the broader 2024 theme for the International Day of Education, which is "Learning for Lasting Peace."

The Instagram Live featured remarkable guest speakers, including Dauda Abdurrazaq Gidado, a Global Youth Ambassador of TheirWorld and ECOWAS; and Shuwargwe Damak, the founder of Arm the Child Foundation—an organization dedicated to providing quality education for less privileged individuals in Nigeria.

The discussions revolved around how education plays a crucial role in fostering peace and how young people can be catalysts for positive change in the educational sector. Some key points that were raised included the importance of promoting inclusivity and diversity in education, empowering students to become active global citizens, and creating safe and supportive learning environments. It was truly inspiring to see everyone exploring the topic of discussion during the Instagram live.

Annual Staff Retreat



It was a fun and enlightening session during our Annual Staff Retreat last weekend. We engaged in team-building activities, exercises to help us reflect on the past year, and strategic planning to plan the course for the future. The day focused on fostering individual and team growth, promoting a positive work culture through collaboration. Activities included critical thinking exercises, games, brainstorming sessions, discussions on the foundation's mandate, and core values. The retreat ended with strategic discussions and an invigorating team-building exercise, leaving us inspired and united for the challenges ahead.



Project Educate All: Project Activities Officially Kicked Off at the Durumi IDP Camp, Abuja

We are excited to have successfully initiated project activities at the Durumi IDP camp, Abuja, for Project Educate All, in partnership with the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI). With a focus on improving the lives of People of Concern (PoCs), particularly 1,200 children in the FCT and Niger state over three years, the project aims to provide accelerated education and climate education to these vulnerable groups.

Our team engaged the Durumi IDP community to enlighten them about the project, its criteria and expected outcomes, and collected the bio-data of selected PoCs after obtaining their consent. Verification of their background and stories was also conducted, followed by a baseline assessment/placement test to determine their levels for program enrollment.

We eagerly look forward to the next steps, where we will recruit supervisors and instructors, with the anticipation of starting the learning sessions soon. The project is poised to make a positive impact on the lives of PoCs in the community.

We had the pleasure of hosting Engr. Abatcha Jarawa MNSE, General Manager of Borno Plastic Industries Ltd. and Adviser to the MD of Green Tokole Ltd. For a courtesy visit. Our discussions were highly productive, setting the stage for possible future endeavors!



Beneficiary Feature: “From Rugga to Resilience: Fatima’s Soaring Education Journey.”



Meet Fatima Nasir, a resilient soul hailing from the humble village of Rugga in Wuye, Abuja, Nigeria. In 2019, the FlexiSAF Foundation, a non-governmental organization born out of a commitment to tackle the alarming rates of out-of-school children and illiteracy in Nigeria, identified her in the depths of poverty, marking the beginning of her transformative journey through the foundation's flagship initiative, the Accelerated Learning Program (AccLearn).

Fatima, initially completely out of school and having no experience of formal education, found herself immersed in the AccLearn program, a community-based alternative education initiative designed to equip out-of-school children for integration into the formal schooling system within a remarkably short span of 12 to 36 months.

From day one, Fatima exhibited an unwavering commitment to learning. She had remarkable attendance, earning her the Best Attendance award during the pilot AccLearn Program Pre-transition event in 2021. Her dedication paid off when, after just 18 months of learning in Rugga, she seamlessly transitioned into primary 4 in a formal conventional school, emerging among the top 5 students in her class—an extraordinary feat for someone experiencing formal education for the first time.

Fast forward to the present, Fatima is on the cusp of another milestone—preparing to write her common entrance examination in April 2024, to secure admission into junior secondary school. Her progress is not just academic; she has mastered English and even addressed the press during the foundation's maiden Walk for Education, an annual fundraising fitness and advocacy event, which happened in 2021.

What makes Fatima's journey extraordinary is not just her academic triumphs but the resilience she displayed every step of the way. Picture her first day, stepping into the world of learning, a world she had never known before. Witness her receiving the Best Attendance award during the pilot AccLearn pre-transition event—a recognition not just of her attendance but of her determination, her unyielding spirit against the odds. After 18 months of relentless learning in Rugga, Fatima transcended barriers and seamlessly integrated into primary 4 in a formal conventional school. Picture the joy, the pride, and the sense of accomplishment as she emerged among the top 5 students in her class—a feat almost unbelievable for someone who had not experienced formal education until just some months ago.

Indeed, Fatima's story is a testament to the impact of FlexiSAF Foundation, tirelessly working to change the narrative for out-of-school children in Nigeria. Her story is the story of many other children in the country; countless others like her who are waiting for an opportunity.

We enthusiastically invite you to join hands with us to create more stories like Fatima's, stories of triumph over adversity, stories of hope and transformation. Your donation can rewrite the future for children waiting for an opportunity.

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