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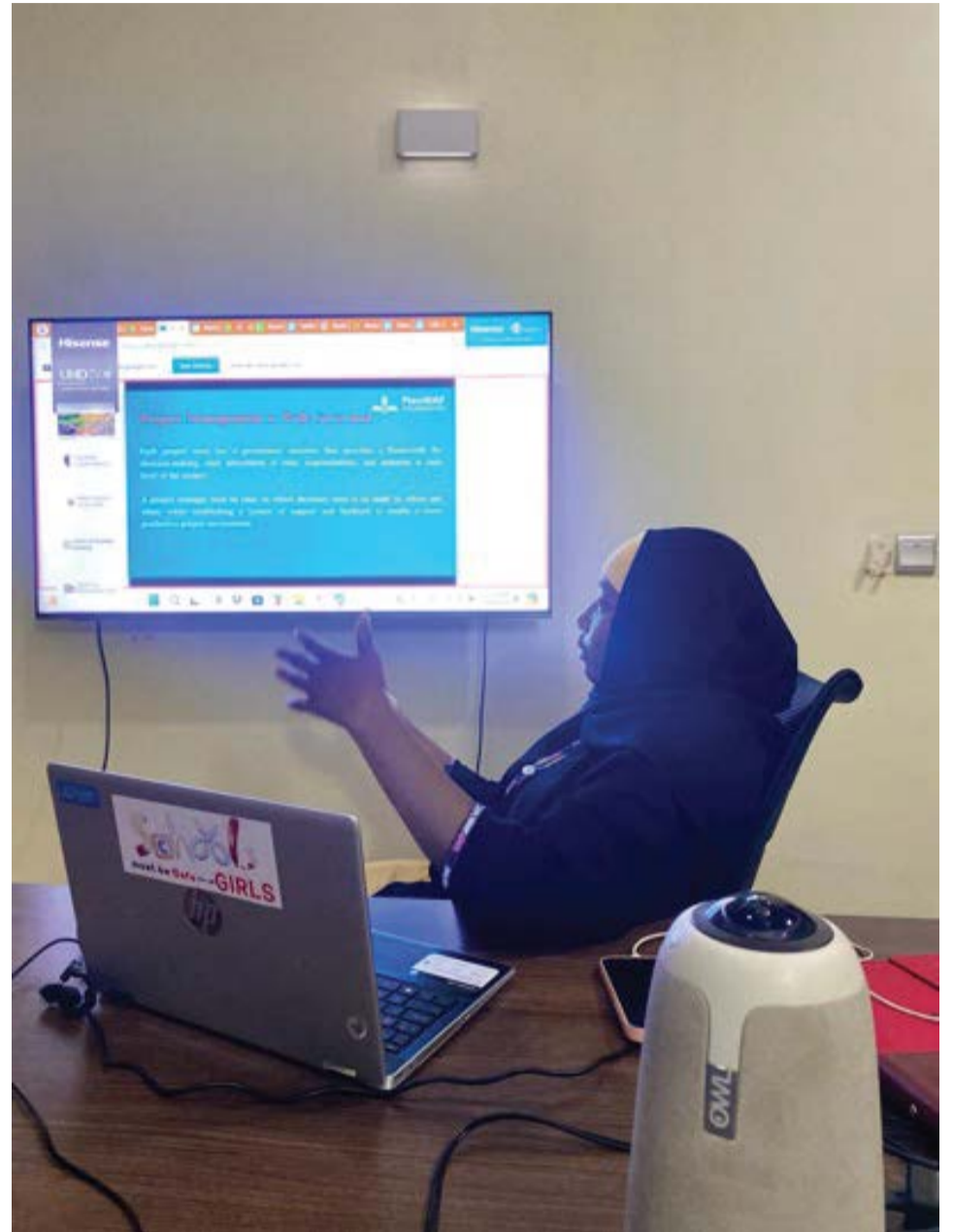
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Capacity Building Session on Project Management

We had an enlightening dive into project management during our recent capacity building session led by our Programs Manager. We honed our skills in planning, executing, and monitoring projects. Highlights included interactive discussions on project planning, risk management, and stakeholder engagement.

The session fostered collaboration and equipped us with practical strategies to enhance our project management practices.



Inspiring Instagram Live Session for International Women's Day 2024!



We had an inspiring Instagram live session with the remarkable Fatima Gebi, held to commemorate the International Women's Day 2024. Fatima, an esteemed expert in International Development, specializing in girl child education and youth development, delivered an engaging and insightful discussion on the theme: "Invest in Women, Accelerate Progress."

During the session, Fatima shared profound insights on the critical importance of empowering women and investing in their education and development. She highlighted the transformative impact that such investments can have on societies and emphasized the need for collective action to drive positive change.

Attendees were captivated by Fatima's expertise and passion for the cause, and the session sparked meaningful discussions on strategies for advancing gender equality and fostering inclusive development.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Fatima Gebi for sharing her knowledge and wisdom with us, and to all who joined us for this enriching event. Your participation contributed to making it a resounding success!

Stay tuned for more updates on future events and initiatives as we continue our commitment to promoting education for all. Together, let's accelerate progress and create a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

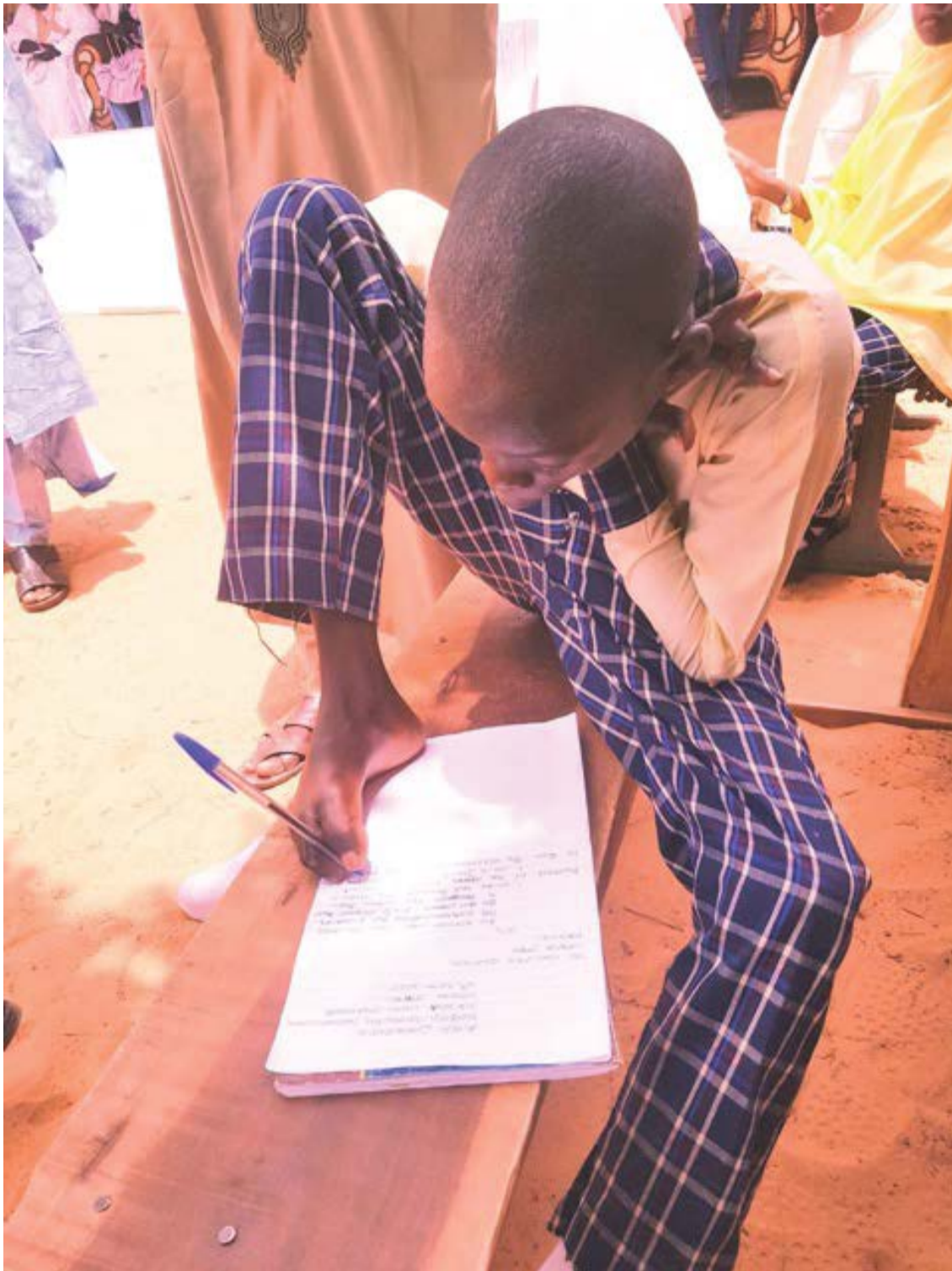
International Women's Day celebration hosted by the Mandela Washington Fellowship Alumni Association Nigeria (MWFAAN)



As the curtains draw to a close on this year's International Women's Day celebrations, our Executive Director, Mrs. Amina Abubakar, participated as a panelist in an engaging discussion on Civic Engagement with the Mandela Washington Fellowship Alumni Association Nigeria (MWFAAN).

Joined by many other accomplished women, including Dr. Mairo Mandara, Funke Adeoye, and Zainab Yau, who have made significant contributions to society, Mrs. Abubakar shared insights, inspirations, and aspirations, instigating a movement towards growth and improvement.

Beneficiary Feature: Mansir's Inspiring Journey



Young Mansir was a pupil at a Primary School in Mai Addua Local Government Area of Katsina State. He suffered from measles at infancy, which left his two hands paralyzed. However, this misfortune did not deter him from his quest to obtain Education. Mansir perfected the art of using his legs to write. Unfortunately, his dream was threatened by the poor circumstances of his parents who are subsistence farmers in a remote area.

It was at this juncture that the National Commission for Nomadic Education (NCNE) contacted FlexiSAF Foundation to intervene and ensure that Mansir's dream of furthering his education is kept alive. The Foundation immediately rose to the occasion by sending a volunteer to assess the situation. After much interaction with Mansir's community of Tsohon Birni, his school teachers and many more, it was realized that Mansir is indeed passionate about schooling despite living with disability. He was confirmed to be punctual and attentive in his school.

The challenge then was to find a suitable secondary school that would be close to Mansir's village, and unfortunately, there was none. To access the closest secondary school to him, Mansir had to cross a busy highway to trek down to an adjacent village. After much deliberation, a school (Alheri Nursery, Primary and Secondary School) not so far from Mansir's village was identified for him to be enrolled. Luckily, his grandparents reside in the vicinity. The joy and happiness of Mansir knew no bounds as he readily agreed to relocate to his grandparents' in order to start schooling again.

Fast forward to today, Mansir is now a JSS 2 student of Alheri Nursery, Primary and has been labeled by his principal as a model child who is hard working and always punctual to school. His dream of furthering his education is now a reality thanks to the Foundation's unwavering and decisive action.

As we celebrate Mansir's triumph, let his story be a call to action. Together, let's strive for a society that embraces inclusivity and accessibility for every individual, regardless of their abilities.

February

FlexiSAF Foundation Named Grant Recipient for NYFF 2024 Cycle



We are delighted to announce that the FlexiSAF Foundation has been selected as a grantee for the Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF) 2024 Grant Cycle.

The grant will be used to train the second cohort of the “Activism that Yields Results: Building the Future Now” project under the Foundation’s Young Education Advocates (YEA) program.

This significant accomplishment serves as a testament to our unyielding commitment to creating positive change through effective activism. We are deeply grateful to NYFF for their support and belief in our mission.

We eagerly look forward to welcoming Cohort Two in Kano, Nigeria, for our transformative project — ‘ACTIVISM THAT YIELDS RESULTS: BUILDING THE FUTURE NOW.’ This initiative is designed to empower young changemakers with essential skills, knowledge, and resources to bring about tangible change in their communities, connect with like-minded individuals, and amplify their voices.

Stay tuned for all the exciting details we will be sharing with you soon.

Successful Accelerated Learning Program Review Session/PTA Meeting in Yola



We are thrilled to announce the success of our recent Accelerated Learning Program Review Session/PTA Meeting in Yola, held in collaboration with our esteemed partners at Madina Institute Nigeria.

The active participation and invaluable contributions from the community were truly remarkable, reflecting their genuine commitment to the program's success. Not only did they actively engage in the session's planning, but they also provided insightful perspectives on ways to sustain the program effectively.

Under the guidance of our dedicated Program Officer, Lukman Adamu, it was gratifying to witness the convergence of parents, students, and educators to brainstorm innovative strategies aimed at furthering the program's impact. This collaborative effort exemplifies the shared commitment of FlexiSAF Foundation and Madina Institute Nigeria to ensure the program's long-term sustainability.



We extend our sincere gratitude to the community and all stakeholders involved for their unwavering support in shaping a promising future for our beneficiaries through these review sessions. Together, we are making significant strides towards realizing the objectives of SDG 4, as we collectively strive to build a brighter and more inclusive educational landscape.

Enhancing Impact: Capacity Building on Communications for Development!



We recently had a dynamic capacity-building session focused on Communications for Development led by a seasoned communications specialist Ms. Maimuna Sani, Community and Youth Engagement and Communications Specialist, Nigerian Youth Future Funds project, LEAP Africa. This insightful session provided our team with valuable strategies and techniques to enhance our communication efforts in advancing our mission of transforming education and promoting sustainable development.

We gained practical skills and actionable insights that will enable us to better connect with our audience, foster meaningful relationships, and drive positive change in our community.



We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from an expert in the field and are excited to apply these newfound skills to further our organizational goals. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to leverage effective communication strategies to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

AccLearn Abuja (Accelerated Learning Program) Review Session



We conducted a review session for our Accelerated Learning Program (AccLearn) in the Disabled Colony, Abuja, where stakeholders convened with clear objectives in mind. We delved into assessing the progress, milestones, and challenges encountered thus far within the Disabled Colony's Accelerated Learning Program. Valuable feedback from community members was garnered, shedding light on areas for improvement and celebration alike.

Looking ahead, the sustainability of the program emerged as a focal point of discussion. To ensure continuity and efficacy, recommendations were put forth. Furthermore, there is a shared ambition to explore opportunities for program expansion, engaging relevant stakeholders to broaden its impact.



As we navigate the road ahead, these insights and recommendations will serve as guiding beacons, driving us towards a future where inclusive education thrives. Together, we're poised to overcome challenges and seize opportunities, enriching the educational landscape for all.

Visit From the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Kano State on Girl Child Education



We had the honor of hosting the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Kano State on Girl Child Education, Ms. Hafsat Adhama, at our office. During our meeting, we shared insights into our current initiatives and explored potential areas for collaboration, particularly focusing on the welfare of the girl child.

Given our active presence in Kano State, we are thrilled about the opportunity to work alongside the government, leveraging our innovative interventions to make a meaningful impact. We're eagerly anticipating the positive outcomes that our partnership can achieve in empowering and supporting the girl child. Keep a close eye on the developments of this promising collaboration!



Appreciation Visit to Arabi Bello and Associates



We recently conducted an appreciation visit to Arabi Bello and Associates, one of our esteemed sponsors for the successful Walk for Education 3.0 event. This visit served as an opportunity for our team to express our heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable support towards our cause. Their generous contribution played a significant role in making the event a resounding success, further emphasizing their commitment to promoting education in our community. We extend our sincere appreciation to Arabi Bello and Associates for their unwavering support and look forward to continued collaboration in our shared mission of advancing education accessibility and quality.

Participation in a Capacity Training on CESA/SDG Tracking Report Tools by CSACEFA



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Exploring Partnerships: Visit to the Embassy of Belgium



We paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Pieter Leenknet, the distinguished Belgian Ambassador to Nigeria. We introduced the FlexiSAF Foundation and explored collaborative opportunities to enhance Nigeria's educational landscape.

Inspired by the embassy's commendable efforts in supporting education, we anticipate meaningful outcomes from this engagement. We are optimistic that the potential synergy between FlexiSAF Foundation and the embassy is a significant step towards achieving shared educational goals in Nigeria.

We are grateful for the opportunity and look forward to the positive impact we can create together.

FlexiSAF Foundation Empowered by Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy - Future is Green!



We're thrilled to announce that FlexiSAF Foundation has been selected to participate in the prestigious Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy - Future is Green training program! This interactive initiative empowers organizations by providing essential knowledge and skills to prepare and execute successful crowdfunding campaigns.

Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy offers a unique opportunity for social organizations like ours to learn how to fund climate-friendly projects through crowdfunding. Through this academy, we'll gain invaluable insights into various aspects of crowdfunding, including crafting compelling pitches, building supportive communities, and utilizing digital marketing strategies to reach a wider audience.

We are excited to embark on this journey and look forward to leveraging the skills and knowledge gained to further our mission of transforming education and contributing to a greener future. Stay tuned for updates as we progress through the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy - Future is Green!

Beneficiary Feature:



In the heart of Abuja, within the close-knit community of Kado Bimko, nine-year-old Habiba Abdulaziz found herself grappling with the harsh reality of limited access to education.

Habiba was born into a below-average family. She lost her mom a few years ago and has been under the custody of her grandmother, Asma'u, who is battling illness and currently unable to provide for the family. One of her daughters, Habiba's aunt, prepares and sells food in the community to help support the family. However, things have been hard.

In their pursuit of a better life, the family had to relocate. The road to their new home is narrow and dilapidated, a reflection of the challenges they faced. Financially challenged and unable to fund Habiba's education, Habiba's academic journey hit an abrupt halt, making her a dropout. Nevertheless, her innate interest in education persisted, and her dream of becoming a doctor shone brightly in the midst of challenges.

Fortunately, early last year, FlexiSAF Foundation, through its valued partnership with Sahel Consulting, identified Habiba and her need for the foundation's intervention. Thanks to the partnership with Sahel Consulting, the foundation was able to enroll Habiba back to school under its Sustainable Education Program — an innovative initiative that allows families to sustain their children's education through recyclable waste collection. To convert these recyclables into funds, the foundation partners with recycling companies that pay for the collected materials.



Returning to the classroom, Habiba faced challenges in communicating in English. Primarily using Hausa, she struggled to understand her teachers and peers. She also expressed to the foundation team her distress over the overcrowded classroom and scarcity of chairs, which compounded her difficulties and deprived her of a smooth learning experience.

Despite these obstacles, Habiba's journey with the Sustainable Education Program yielded great results, acting as the bridge that connected her to a new chapter in her life. With dedication and support, she not only coped with her initial difficulties but excelled. Her good behavior, respectful demeanor, and diligence in copying notes were testaments to her resilience. She was also a quick learner, and hence, the foundation ensured she received extra attention to help her excel in her studies.

The impact of the foundation's intervention extended beyond the classroom. As Asma'u, Habiba's grandmother, emotionally expressed her gratitude, she prayed for continuous blessings upon the foundation. The emotional depth of her words underscored the profound impact of its efforts. In a touching moment,

Habiba herself shared a heartfelt message:

"Tell the foundation I want to become a medical doctor. Thank you for giving me a chance."

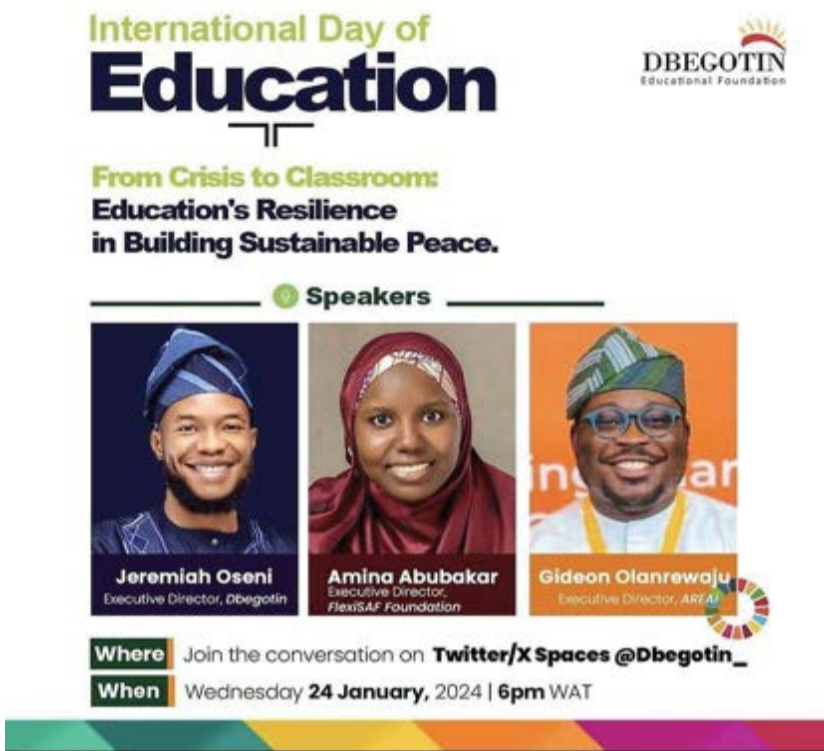
Her words resonated with the essence of FlexiSAF Foundation's mission – not merely providing education but also nurturing dreams.

Habiba's story is one of triumph over adversity, a testament to the power of education and the unwavering support provided by FlexiSAF Foundation. Through the Sustainable Education Program, the foundation has not only opened doors to learning but has also sown the seeds of ambition in a young girl's heart, paving the way for a future where dreams can blossom against all odds.

We invite you to be a part of impacting more lives like Habiba's. Your contribution can make a huge difference. Kindly visit our page: <https://flexisaf.org/donate/> to donate and support the FlexiSAF Foundation in its mission to empower and educate out-of-school children, creating pathways to brighter futures. Together, let's nurture dreams and build a better tomorrow.

International Day of Education 2024

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.



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.





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."

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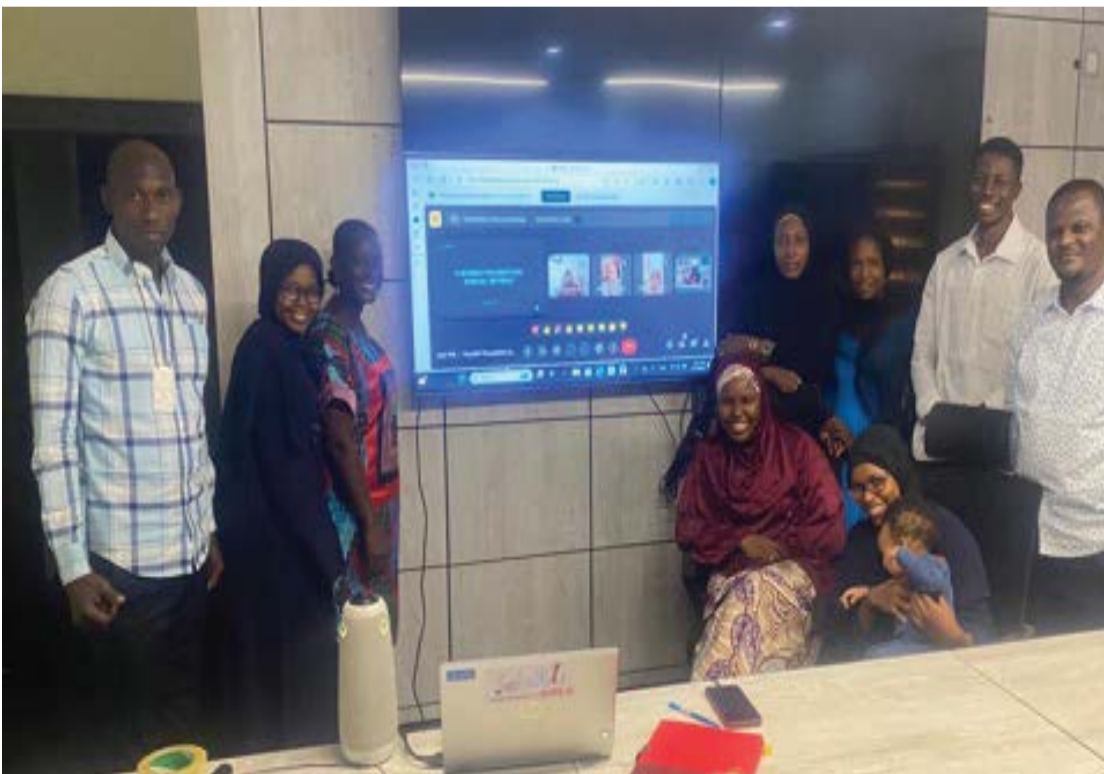
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Annual Staff Retreat

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.



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.



Beneficiary Feature:

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. To donate, you may visit our donation page on our website or make direct transfers to our bank account with the following details:

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