

News Letter



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Coordinator,
Mrs. Amina
Usman

Second Quarter Review Session

We had the second quarter review session, where we reflected on our activities and accomplishments, assessed the challenges we faced, and outlined our strategic plans for the upcoming quarter. We are encouraged by the progress made and remain dedicated to overcoming obstacles and enhancing our efforts to provide quality education to out-of-school children. Looking ahead, we are focused on expanding our reach, improving program delivery, and securing necessary resources to support our mission. Thank you for your unwavering support as we continue this important work.



Global Education Commission Launch



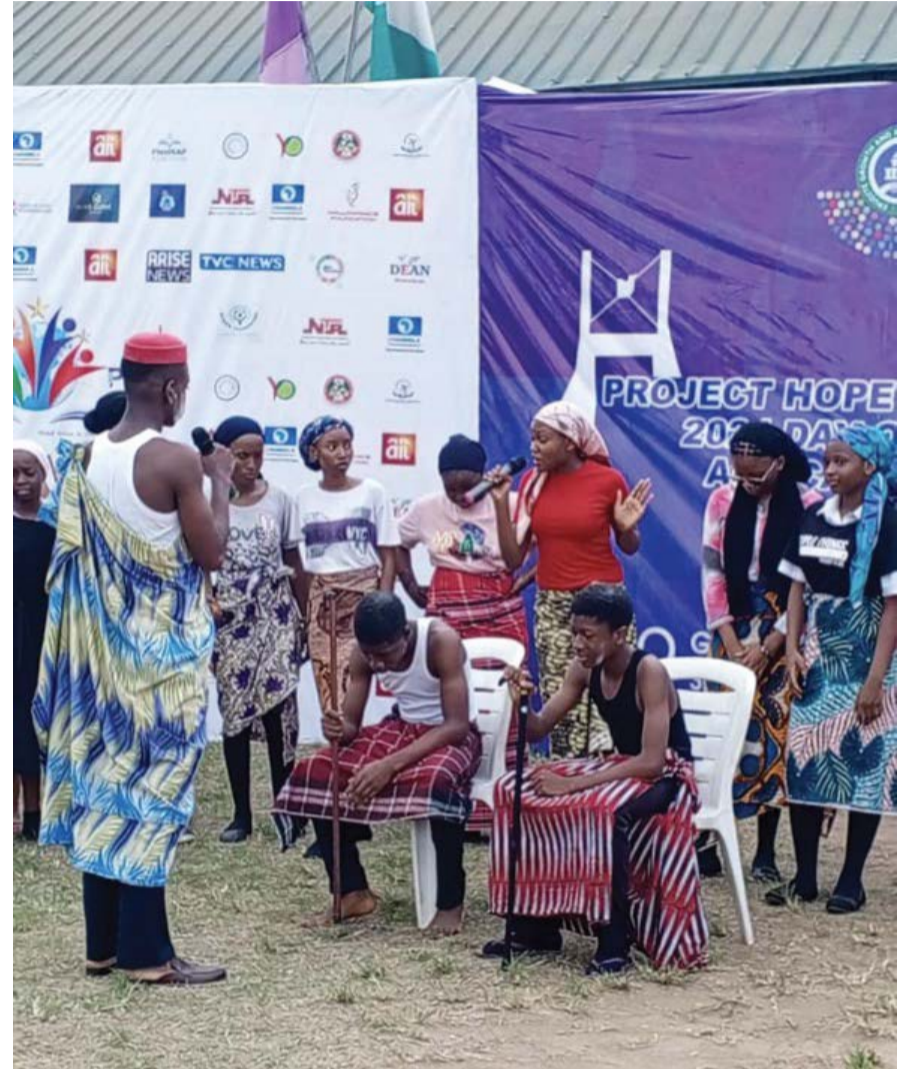
We are delighted to have participated in the inaugural launch of the Global Education Commission hosted by the Lola Cater for the Needy Foundation. The Commission is dedicated to tackling worldwide educational obstacles, fostering sustainable development, and advocating for transformative reforms within educational frameworks. This occasion resonates deeply with our mission to provide children with access to an inclusive and quality education.

During the event, Amina Usman, our coordinator, emphasized, "It is a privilege to collaborate with Lola Cater Foundation, a fellow NGO." She assured our organization's commitment, expressed readiness for cooperation, and extended openness to partnerships.

We stand together in our unwavering dedication to inclusive and high-quality education for all. The presence of various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and UNESCO further underscored the significance of collective efforts in addressing global education challenges, promoting sustainable development, and advocating for transformative changes.



Celebrating the International Day of the African Child 2024



In commemoration of the International Day of the African Child 2024, FlexiSAF Foundation partnered with the Erudite Growth and Advancement Foundation (ErGAF Africa) on its Project Hope Alive Initiative.

To honor this occasion, we celebrated Africa's rich culture at the Government Junior Secondary School in Jabi, Abuja, with dignitaries in attendance. The event featured cultural dances, debates, and spoken word performances. Additionally, the Project Hope Alive initiative provided funds for educational support to the Government Junior Secondary School, Jabi 1, enabling their participation in the Day of the African Child (DAC) 2024 event.

Introducing Our Coordinator, Mrs. Amina Usman



Amina Usman
Coordinator
FlexiSAF Foundation

Amina Usman is a seasoned educator, Child Education Specialist, and dedicated facilitator. Equipped with a Master's degree in Education Administration and Planning, Amina channels her passion and expertise towards empowering both children and changemakers alike.

Amina's commitment to providing quality education for marginalized children has left an indelible mark on their lives, facilitating their seamless reintegration into the educational system. In her role as Programs Manager at the FlexiSAF Foundation, she continues to spearhead initiatives that bring about tangible change and empower the most vulnerable among us.

Amina's impact doesn't stop there - she also serves as a facilitator, empowering activists and young changemakers with the knowledge and tools they need to effect meaningful change in their communities. Her guidance and mentorship serve as a catalyst for transformation, inspiring others to become agents of positive change.

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to Amina Usman, who will be joining our team as the new Coordinator. Amina's steadfast dedication and extensive experience make her an invaluable addition to our organization. Her proven track record of excellence and leadership assures us that she will navigate us smoothly through this transition.

Amina has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence in her previous roles, and we are excited to see the positive impact she will undoubtedly have in her new position. Her ability to lead with both vision and practicality will be instrumental in driving our projects forward.

Please join us in congratulating Amina as she embarks on this next chapter of her journey with us. We look forward to the many achievements and successes that lie ahead under her coordination.

Unveiling of the Tsangaya Reformation and Gender Responsive Education Sector Planning (GRESP) CSOs Manual



We were honored to be invited to the unveiling of the Tsangaya Reformation and Gender Responsive Education Sector Planning (GRESP) CSOs Manual!

This groundbreaking event, organized by the Civil Society Action Coalition on Education For All (CSACEFA) and Plan International, was a pivotal step in promoting gender-responsive education across Nigeria. The event featured the unveiling of the GRESP CSOs Manual, engaging discussions with key stakeholders, and a shared commitment to advancing children's rights and equality for girls.

The GRESP CSOs Manual is an essential tool designed to address the unique challenges faced by both girls and boys in the education system. With the collaborative efforts of government representatives, non-state actors, and education advocates, this manual aims to foster a more inclusive and equitable education environment for all children.

Mr. Laban Onisimus, Head of the Social Development Programme at Plan International Nigeria, in his final note, said, "Our overarching goal is to unify our efforts and speak with one voice to provide effective solutions for out-of-school children. By addressing the barriers these children face, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and thrive."

Unveiling Selected Participants for our Incubator Program!



Aliyu Idris



**Abbas Alhassan
Yusif**



**Hanifa Zakari
Shuaibu**



**Muhammad
Nasiru Almansur**



**Khairat
Suleiman**



**Munir Adam
Garba**



**Sadiq Sani
Sulaiman**




**Muhyiddeen
Muhd Abdullahi**



**Stephen
Samuel**



**Gambo Maina
Bawa**

 **Incubator
Program
Participants**

We are thrilled to announce that after a competitive selection process, we have chosen our top 10 outstanding participants for the incubator program, generously supported by Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NyFF)! With numerous exceptional applicants, these individuals have truly stood out with their innovative ideas and passion for growth.

We began our journey with an engaging onboarding session, paving the way for success. Participants will receive technical support, including mentorship and training, and the top 5 will win a micro-grant of 100,000 naira to support their projects.

We are looking forward to seeing these young change-makers develop their impactful advocacy projects.

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Crowdfunding Success: FlexiSAF Foundation Completes Tadamon Course



The FlexiSAF Foundation Team successfully completed a crowdfunding course with the Tadamon Crowdfunding Academy! This journey has been filled with learning, growth, and teamwork, culminating in the receipt of our certificates of completion. The training not only equipped us with valuable crowdfunding skills but also fostered a strong sense of camaraderie.

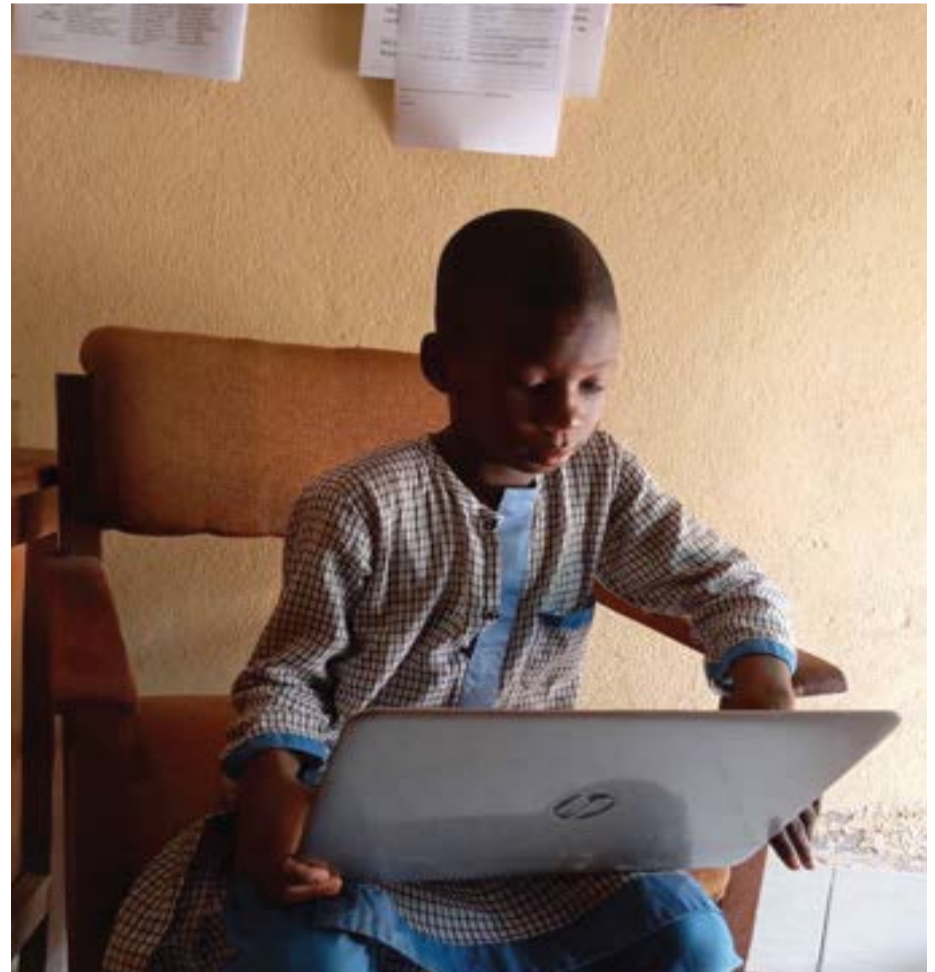
We have been working closely with our mentor, Ms. Burcu Mavis, to bring something truly exciting your way. Stay tuned for updates. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Tadamon for the incredible opportunity and unwavering support.

Building Connections: Sponsors Engage with Beneficiaries During Sponsors' Week



We held our first Sponsors' Week of the year, allowing sponsors to engage with their beneficiaries, both physically and virtually. This interaction provided sponsors with insights into the progress of the children and an opportunity to offer guidance and encouragement.

It was a very productive week, and we are immensely grateful to these generous supporters for their unwavering dedication to ensuring a better future for these children through education sponsorship.



FlexiSAF Foundation Leadership Transition: Celebrating 6 Years of Impact!



It was a bittersweet experience as we marked the transition of our esteemed Executive Director, Mrs. Amina Abubakar, who is embarking on an exciting new chapter in her journey. As a co-founder of FlexiSAF Foundation, her vision and dedication from the beginning set the foundation and guided us to where we are today

For 6 years, Mrs. Amina Abubakar dedicated herself to the role, pouring her heart into securing and maintaining significant partnerships for the foundation and building a highly motivated and exceptional team. Her phenomenal leadership has undeniably elevated FlexiSAF Foundation to a leading position in the education and development space.

Under her guidance, the foundation has supported over 5,000 children, expanded its presence to 8 states, and tirelessly worked to reach thousands more indirectly through innovative programs. Her efforts in building the capacity of the foundation have been instrumental in creating a resilient and robust organization.

Mrs. Amina Abubakar's remarkable contributions have positioned the foundation for continued success, allowing her to confidently pass on the helm of affairs to her successor as she pursues new and exciting opportunities. We extend our heartfelt thanks to her and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

In the interim, we are thrilled to welcome Amina Usman who will be serving as the Coordinator. With her extensive experience and passion, we are confident that she will lead us smoothly through this transition.

Honoring Our Executive Director: Amina Abubakar Recognized as an Influential Woman

Our Executive Director, Mrs. Amina Abubakar, has been honored as one of the most influential women this month! A heartfelt thank you to the Girl's Gate Initiative for highlighting our ED's impactful work. Join us in celebrating her inspiring leadership!



Recognizing Leadership: ED Honored by MWFAAN for NYFF Grant

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the Mandela Washington Fellowship Alumni Association of Nigeria (MWFAAN) for recognizing and honoring our Executive Director's outstanding leadership in securing the Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF) grant for the 'Activism that Yields Results: Building the Future Now' workshop held last month in Kano State. This acknowledgment fuels our passion to make a lasting impact, and we are incredibly grateful for this recognition.

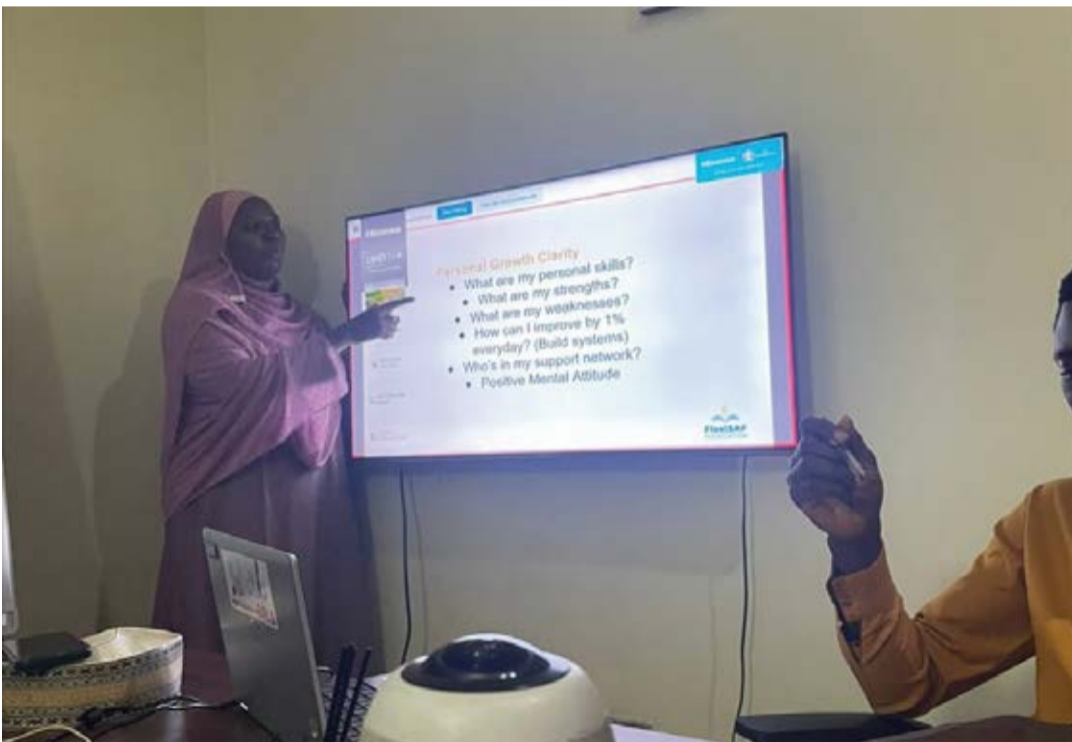


Capacity-Building Session: Charting Personal and Professional Growth



Our Executive Director, Mrs. Amina Abubakar, led a dynamic capacity-building session focused on personal and professional growth. The session covered the development and execution of comprehensive growth plans, including defining short-term and long-term goals, identifying key experiences, and outlining our aspirations and contributions to the world.

This exercise provided clarity and direction for our personal and professional journeys. Each team member is now tasked with creating a growth plan that outlines their aspirations for the coming years. We are excited to see the diverse and ambitious plans our team will develop and to support each other in achieving our goals.



A Exploring Collaboration: Courtesy Visit from Erudite Growth and Advancement Foundation (ErGAF Africa)



We were honored by a courtesy visit from Ambassador Chibuzo, Founder of Erudite Growth and Advancement Foundation (ErGAF Africa), and his team. During their visit, we explored potential areas of collaboration to promote our organizations' shared mission of advancing children's education. We are excited about the future and look forward to making a greater impact together.



Invitation to United Nations House



We were called by UNICEF Nigeria to discuss topics related to early childhood education (ECE). The discussion focused on the problems of early childhood education (0-5 years) and the importance of collaboration among home, school, and community to shape a child's learning experience.

We also examined several UNICEF projects implemented across Nigerian states. This project demonstrates the organisation's commitment to ensuring that every child receives an education.



80 Young Advocates Empowered in NYFF-Sponsored Workshop: 'Activism that Yields Results: Building the Future Now' (Cohort 2) in Kano, Nigeria



In collaboration with the Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF), we recently hosted the “Activism that Yields Results: Building the Future Now” Workshop (Cohort 2) in Kano, Nigeria.

Over two days, 80 young individuals from Kano gained essential skills and knowledge to become effective advocates for social change, thanks to this workshop.

The workshop was graced by esteemed guests, including Hon. Umar Haruna Doguwa, Honorable Commissioner Kano Ministry of Education; Ms. Hafsat Adhama, Senior Special Assistant to the Executive Governor of Kano State on Girl Child Education; and Mr. Sa’ad Bashir, Acting Chair, FlexiSAF Foundation; among other distinguished individuals.

It also featured phenomenal personalities as facilitators, including: Amina Abubakar, Executive Director, FlexiSAF Foundation, a leading voice in education reform and gender equality advocate; Amina Usman, Programs Manager, FlexiSAF Foundation, a seasoned educator dedicated to empowering marginalized children; Sadiq Abubakar Shehu, Program Associate, Bridge Connect Africa Initiative, a passionate advocate for women's empowerment and healthy living initiatives; and Adamu Abubakar Ishaq, Founding Partner, Braveminds Attorneys, a champion of community development and education access for all; among others. These facilitators brought a wealth of expertise to the workshop, enriching participants' experiences and empowering them to drive meaningful change in their communities.

Participants are now encouraged to apply their newfound knowledge by initiating projects that drive positive change in their communities. Additionally, the FlexiSAF Foundation is organizing a step-down webinar to allow participants to share their skills. Those who join the incubator program will receive funding, technical support, and mentorship.

Interview with NTA International on The Nigerian Child and Access to Education

Our Executive Director was invited to NTA International for an enlightening discussion on the challenges surrounding access to education for the Nigerian child. During her appearance on NTA International, she discussed access to education for Nigerian children, highlighting barriers and proposing innovative solutions. She expressed concern about out-of-school children and emphasized the importance of digital platforms and addressing cultural practices. Her insights provided valuable recommendations for improving education access.



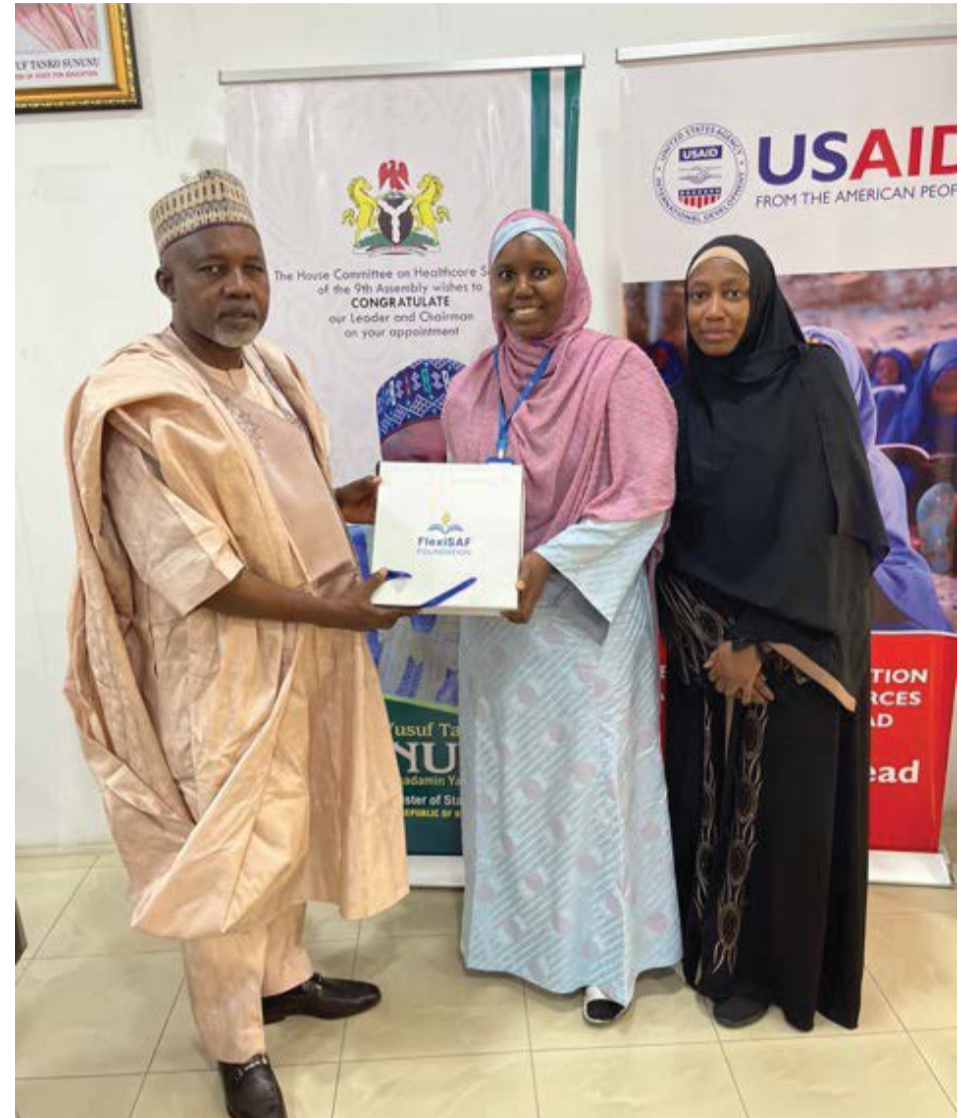
Advancing Education in Nigeria: Collaboration with the Ministry of Education

We had the privilege of engaging with the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu, during a follow-up meeting at his office.

At the Walk for Education 3.0, an advocacy event primarily aimed at drawing the government's attention to prioritize education, commitments were made by the Minister's Special Adviser, Dr. Claris Ujam, who represented him at the Walk. These commitments include providing education access to 3 million out-of-school children, improving teacher skills and welfare, and enhancing coordination across the education sector.

We are prepared to work in tandem with the Federal Ministry of Education to advance the objectives outlined in SDG4, and we urge fellow education enthusiasts and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to align their efforts and collaborate to meet SDG4.

Our heartfelt appreciation extends to the Minister and his team for their commendable work in tackling the challenges faced within the educational sector in Nigeria.



Beneficiary Feature: The Story of Abubakar Sani



In the remote community of Rugan Fulani Gangara, Dou-girei, buried among the hills of Yola North, Adamawa State, lives a ten-year-old boy with a spirited mind and a heart full of dreams. His name is Abubakar Sani.

Before starting his transformative journey with the FlexiS-AF Foundation, Abubakar's days were spent assisting his parents on the farm, navigating the challenges of their lower-class life in this small rural part of Nigeria.

Education was a distant aspiration for Abubakar and many children like him in the community, where public schools were scarce, and the terrain posed its own obstacles. Yet, Abubakar's thirst for knowledge burned brightly, fueled by a dream to one day serve in the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and contribute to his society.

Amidst his struggles, a golden opportunity emerged — the Accelerated Learning (AccLearn) program, a collaboration between Madina Institute Nigeria and the FlexiSAF Foundation. This initiative sought out-of-school children aged 7 to 18, offering them a chance at education and empowerment by fast-tracking their basic education, condensing the 9-year curriculum into 3 years.

Abubakar seized this opportunity eagerly, stepping into a classroom for the first time with determination in his eyes. However, communication posed a challenge for him initially. Despite this hurdle, Abubakar's innate intelligence and quick grasp of concepts soon became evident, pushing him forward on his educational journey.

Through the unwavering support of the AccLearn program, Abubakar flourished. He not only learned to read and write but also discovered his own unique talents and potential. His progress was a testament to the resilience and strength of spirit that defined him.

As Abubakar's knowledge grew, so did his ambition to pursue his dream of joining the NDLEA. His story resonated deeply within the community, inspiring hope and igniting a belief in the transformative power of education.

You, too, can be a part of our journey of giving disadvantaged out-of-school children a chance at a better life by providing them access to quality education. Visit our page now at www.flexisaf.org to learn more on how to get involved in creating meaningful impact for children who need it the most.



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