

# News Letter



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# Meeting with Universal Basic Education (UBEC) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)



We were honored to participate in the interactive meeting between the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and civil society organizations (CSOs) on the implementation of the Universal Basic Education (UBE) Programme in Nigeria. The event was organized by the Executive Secretary of UBEC.

The session, convened at the UBEC Digital Resources Center in Abuja, aimed at fostering dialogue and sharing experiences to enhance the UBE Programme nationally.

Key figures, including Prof. Isiaka Kolawole and representatives from CSACEFA, Tabitha Cumi, and ActionAid Nigeria, were in attendance. Prof. Kolawole's keynote underscored the pivotal role of CSOs in education, highlighting UBEC's achievements and challenges, notably addressing out-of-school children and operational enhancements.

Discussions spanned critical topics such as the status of UBE implementation, funding, and the imperative of stronger UBEC/CSO collaboration in UBE delivery.

Dr. Ossom Ossom of UBEC aptly summarized the urgency, stating, "If CSOs are not on the front burner in this regard, who will?" It was a transformative dialogue paving the way forward for inclusive education nationwide.



## Celebrating Our Coordinator's Transformative Leadership Journey at the Lagos Business School



We are thrilled to announce that our incredible Coordinator, Mrs. Amina Usman, has successfully participated in the 2024 Nonprofit Leadership and Management Programme at Lagos Business School.

According to Mrs. Amina, the past seven weeks have been incredibly transformative, and she is deeply grateful for this enriching learning journey.

We are eager to see her continue her growth as a leader committed to driving social impact. Here's to Mrs. Amina's ongoing journey of making a significant difference in the nonprofit sector!

Stay tuned for updates on how her new insights and skills will further our mission at FlexiSAF Foundation!

## Our Participation at FAWE Nigeria and Echidna Giving's Discussion on the Adoption & Implementation of the Safe School Declaration



The Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) Nigeria, in collaboration with Echidna Giving, recently hosted a pivotal panel discussion advocating for the adoption and implementation of the Safe School Declaration across Nigeria.

The event empowered stakeholders with strategies to protect students, educators, and institutions from armed conflicts.

The National Safe School Response Center (NSCDC) also gave their emergency hotline (09131232323), providing crucial support during crises.

This gathering was very informative and signaled a new era of resilience and safety in Nigerian schools.

Our participation in this program is aligned with our vision of safeguarding vulnerable students, especially those in remote and underserved communities.



# Revive to Live Campaign - A Tree Planting Initiative



We were at LEA Primary School Wuye where we planted 20 trees as part of our “Revive to Live” campaign under our Sustainable Education Program (SEP).

We engaged with the pupils, discussing the importance of protecting our environment and the benefits of planting trees. The pupils recited a beautiful poem on tree planting, and we were inspired by words of encouragement from the Head Teacher and PTA Chairman.

A heartfelt thank you to the Universal Basic Education Board for their approval, which made this event possible. We also extend our gratitude to the dedicated teachers, enthusiastic pupils, and supportive parents who joined us. It was especially rewarding to see some of our beneficiaries actively participating in this initiative.

This event marks a significant step towards creating a greener, healthier school environment! We are working to expand this initiative to other schools and are open to collaborations to make this vision a reality.



# Common Entrance Examination: Celebrating Our AccLearn Students' Remarkable Progress



What an extraordinarily heartwarming moment it was to witness our second set of AccLearn students, who were out of school with zero formal experience just two years ago, progress from Level Two to successfully sitting for the Common Entrance Examinations, which took place two weeks ago.

Our hearts are filled with immense pride at their remarkable journey—a testament to their unwavering hard work and dedication, supported by the tireless efforts of their teachers. They inspire us deeply, serving as a reminder to strive for continuous improvement each day. We are immensely grateful to have reached this significant milestone in our journey.

Our dedicated efforts with the AccLearn Program have not gone unnoticed. We have earned recognition from the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council and Plan International leading to our inclusion in the national Accelerated Education Working Group (AEWG) of the Accelerated Basic Education Program (ABEP). Additionally, we have contributed to the development of ABEP implementation guidelines and played an advisory role on out-of-school children for the Nigerian Governors Forum through ABEP.

Presently, AccLearn is active in Adamawa and the FCT, equipping children with essential skills for seamless integration into formal education.

We look forward to making an even greater impact in the future and continuing to transform the lives of out-of-school children.



## Beneficiary Spotlight: Fatima Nasir's Inspiring Journey



This is Fatima Nasir. In 2022, she stood out as one of the exceptional beneficiaries who transitioned from our pilot AccLearn program in Rugga, Wuye, Abuja, to a conventional primary school in their community. Remarkably, Fatima was the only student from our program to advance directly into primary 4.

Last year, we shared the inspiring story of Fatima's journey from Rugga, highlighting her achievements in primary school, and her preparation for the common entrance examinations.

We are thrilled to announce that Fatima has recently sat for her common entrance exams! Her progress is a shining example of what happens when kind souls come together to ensure no child is left behind.



# AccLearn Kids Shine at the 2024 STEM Africa FEST in Abuja

Our AccLearn Kids had an incredible time at the Biggest STEM Event in Africa - the STEM Africa FEST 2024! They explored various career booths, attended coding sessions, and even experimented with volcano science!

From masterclasses and STEM labs to tech corners and inspiring speakers, the event aimed to ignite a passion for STEAM in young minds through hands-on activities, career talks and games, preparing them for future work.

We were thrilled to see familiar faces from our partners like Almajiri Child Rights Initiative (ACRI) and enjoyed the opportunity to connect with so many amazing kids.

It is our hope that this unforgettable experience will stay with them for a lifetime, sparking a love for STEAM and fueling their future endeavors.





# FlexiSAF Foundation Spotlighted as a 2024 Humanitarian Awards Nominee



We recently hosted the Humanitarian Awards and Magazine Event team who interviewed us as a nominee for the 2024 Humanitarian Awards. Our Coordinator, Amina Usman, warmly welcomed them and shared insights into our dedication to providing educational opportunities for out-of-school and marginalized children.

Amina Usman remarked, "We are deeply honored by this recognition. It fuels our commitment to continue providing vital educational resources and opportunities to children who need it the most."



Mr. Emmanuel Anabueze, founder of the Humanitarian Awards and Magazine Event, praised our efforts, stating, "FlexiSAF Foundation's unwavering commitment to educating marginalized children is exemplary. We are excited to honor the impactful work you do and celebrate your achievements at the upcoming awards ceremony."

We look forward to celebrating our contributions to education and community development at the Humanitarian Awards in August.



# Activism that Yields Results Building the Future Now (Cohort 2) Workshop Step-down Webinar Series (Part I)

Activism that  
Yields Results:  
Building the Future Now (COHORT 2)



## Workshop Step-down Webinar Series



Date: 27th July 2024  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Platform: Google Meet  
<https://shorturl.at/FiQ7p>

### Topics to be covered:

- Introduction to Activism
- Overview of Different Forms of Activism
- Historical Significance of Activism
- Effective Activism Techniques

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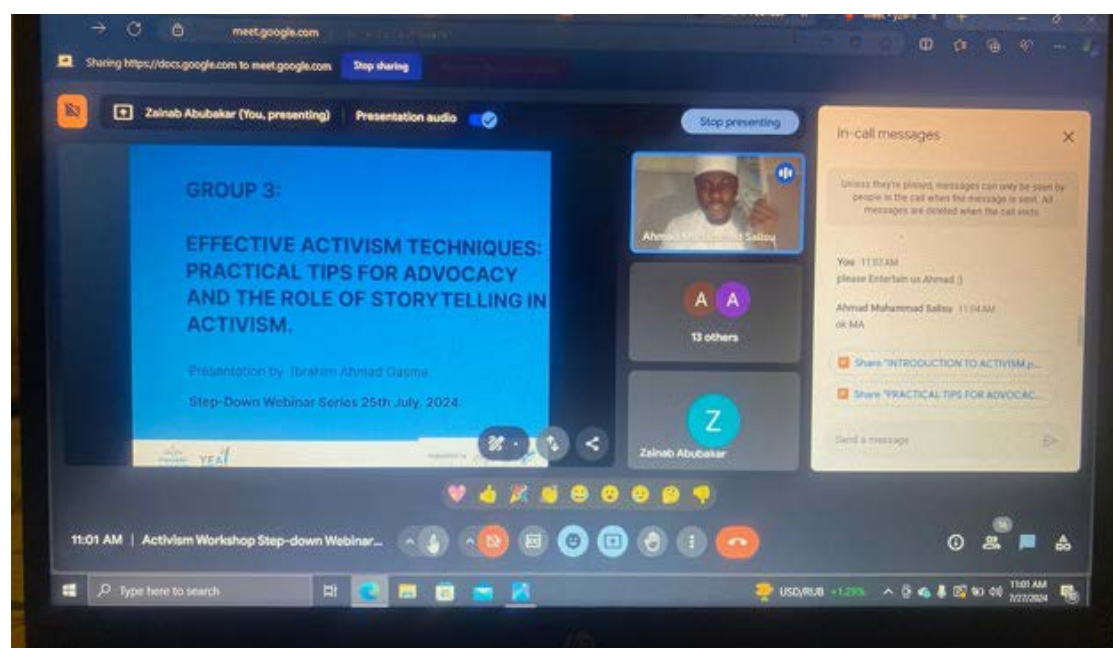


We are immensely proud to reflect on our recent Step Down Webinar Series (Part 1), a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to social change. This event is one of the key activities in our post-workshop phase following the intensive 2-day Activism Workshop held in Kano in April 2024, with invaluable support from the Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF).

The webinar was an exciting showcase of the remarkable progress made by our 80 young change-makers, who have honed their skills and acquired essential knowledge to become advocates for social change.

Two dedicated groups of participants delivered insightful presentations, sharing the valuable lessons and experiences they gained from the workshop.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Esteemed Coordinator, Mrs. Amina Usman, and our former Executive Director, Mrs. Amina Abubakar. Their support and presence truly made a difference, proving their dedication to our mission. We're grateful for their involvement and thrilled to have shared this achievement with them.





## A Productive End-of-Term Parent-Teacher Forum Meeting at the AccLearn Center



Wrapping up with a productive PTF meeting at our Accelerated Learning Center before the break!

The Parent-Teacher Forum (PTF) is a vital platform for fostering open dialogue and collaboration between parents and teachers.

On this day, we discussed different ways to enhance our curriculum, supporting our students' unique needs, and planning future activities to enrich their learning experiences.

Grateful for the genuine feedback we got as well as the invaluable input and partnership of our dedicated parents and instructors.

## Attending the Official Launch of the 'I Am Change' Project - Youth in Civic Action







We recently had the privilege of attending the official launch of the I AM CHANGE project, an event led by Hafsatu Umaru Shinkafi, the visionary founder of the I AM CHANGE Humanitarian Organization. This organization is committed to fostering civic engagement, promoting democracy, and building youth capacity. Their mission emphasizes education and empowers young people to actively contribute to society. The I AM CHANGE project will train 250 young individuals over the next six months to boost their political awareness and engagement. The event was honored by the presence of notable figures such as Dr. Zainab Shinkafi Bagudu, the founder of MedicAid, Mr. Farouk Ibrahim from Yiaga Africa, Mukhtar Modibbo representing Hamzat Lawal of Connected Development, and representatives from various esteemed organizations.

It is truly inspiring to witness a young individual driving such transformative initiatives. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this project will have on the community.

## Important Update: School Fees Adjustment for the Next Academic Session

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**N6,000**  
Monthly

**N72,000**  
Yearly

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our sponsors for their invaluable support throughout this academic session, which has positively impacted the lives of our beneficiaries.

As we conclude this session, we would like to inform everyone of an important update regarding school fees. Due to the country's current economic situation and rising operational costs, we are increasing the annual school fees from 60,000 naira to 72,000 naira; and the monthly fees from 5,000 naira to 6,000 naira, effective next session. This adjustment is essential to maintain and enhance the quality of education and services we offer to our beneficiaries.

We understand this may require some adjustments on the part of our sponsors. Please be assured this decision was made after careful consideration. We deeply appreciate the continued support and understanding of our sponsors and we look forward to their continued partnership in the coming session.





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