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## Q2 Review: Reflecting on Progress, Recommitting to Impact

Last week, the FlexiSAF Foundation team held its Q2 Review meeting—a valuable opportunity to reflect on the progress we've made over the past three months, evaluate our challenges, and realign our focus for the next quarter.

From expanding access to education for out-of-school children to strengthening our internal systems, each milestone achieved is a testament to the collective effort of our team, partners, and supporters like you.

As we step into Q3, we do so with renewed commitment and clarity; because every child deserves a chance to learn, grow, and thrive.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

### Children's Day Celebration at AccLearn Space



To mark Children's Day, we visited the AccLearn space at the Disabled Colony, Abuja, and spent a joyful day with the children.

The kids engaged in fun and creative activities like coloring and writing their dreams on cardboard cutouts adorned with "Happy Children's Day" messages. During heartfelt conversations, many of the children shared their dreams of becoming doctors, engineers, and teachers with a strong desire to give back to their communities.

We wrapped up the day with refreshments and laughter, leaving behind smiles and a renewed sense of hope.

## School Drive at GSS Gwarinpa: Breaking the Silence on Bullying



We held a powerful safe space session at GSS Gwarinpa, Abuja, in partnership with the Sunshine Series, to help students #BreakTheSilenceOnBullying.

Led by our incredible facilitator Ms. Judith-Ada from The Sunshine Series, students explored harmful beliefs like the idea that reporting bullying is snitching or that seeking help is a sign of weakness.

The students shared thoughtful reflections. One said, "I learned that there are more than one way to resolve issues and students should not resort to fighting when they have a problem, but instead report it."

Another added, "Now I know that there are a lot of people one can go to for help if they are being bullied."

These reflections remind us that open dialogue can plant the seeds of change. A big thank you to the Sunshine Series and the school community for their trust and partnership. Progress is happening—and we're here for it.

### Mentorship Session at JSS Karon Majigi



in the quarter, we hosted a mentorship session focused on the importance of education and staying in school at JSS Karon Majigi in the Disabled Colony, Abuja. Our Acting Executive Director, Zainab Salihijo, shared her inspiring journey as a thriving fashion entrepreneur and founder of Pink Fleur. She encouraged students to see education as a tool that empowers their entrepreneurial dreams, not a barrier.

Our Coordinator, Odinaka Agbo, also spoke on the connection between education and entrepreneurship, highlighting how learning equips young people to create better futures for themselves and their communities.

This wasn't just a motivational talk, it was about instilling the belief that they are capable, their dreams are valid, and education is the bridge to get there.

### AccLearn Katsina Update: Exam Revision in Full Gear



Towards the end of the quarter, students at AccLearn Katsina actively engaged in revision as they prepared for their upcoming assessments.

With guidance from our dedicated facilitators, learners revisited core subjects and strengthened their understanding in key areas. Their focus and determination during this period was truly encouraging, and we remained hopeful for excellent outcomes.

## Donation of Whiteboards to Wassa IDP Learning Hubs



Thousands of displaced children in Nigeria continue to fight for their right to education and we're proud to support that fight.

We recently visited the Wassa IDP settlement in Abuja to donate whiteboards to the learning hubs run by Education Plus Community Initiative. These hubs give displaced children from Northeast Nigeria the chance to learn, grow, and dream again.

Seeing the children's excitement over something as simple but essential as a whiteboard was a powerful reminder of why we do what we do.

We salute the unwavering commitment of the Education Plus team and look forward to future collaborations that expand access to learning for every child.

### AccLearn Abuja: Resumption and Renewed Learning



Learning is back in full swing at AccLearn Abuja following resumption. Our learners have returned with energy, curiosity, and the determination to keep pushing forward. With lessons in full gear and facilitators ready to guide, we're excited about the learning milestones ahead.

### From a Dream to a Lifelong Mission

Written by Haleemah Abubakar



I remember my first trip from Abuja to Zaria, Kaduna State. We passed through Suleja, Niger State, and I saw so many people through the car window. It was a weekday, yet countless children were on the streets instead of in school. I couldn't stop wondering why.

Right then, something clicked in me, I wanted to do something about it. I wanted to help give them access to a better life. The answer was short and clear: education.

I knew that getting children into school could transform not just their lives, but the future of their communities in ways beyond imagination. Years later, I'm grateful to see that vision taking shape through my work at FlexiSAF Foundation.

Through our Accelerated Learning Program in Katsina, we're helping out-of-school children, most of whom have never stepped into a classroom—catch up and gain the foundational skills they need to join conventional schools.

Working on the Accelerated Learning Program has been a deeply fulfilling journey for me. Over the past three months, we've seen remarkable changes. Children who were once disengaged are now building an interest in learning. They participate in class, connect with peers, and are gradually developing basic literacy and numeracy skills.

It hasn't been easy. It took weeks of planning, consistent supervision, and the combined efforts of everyone involved—myself, the program officer, the supervisor, our instructors, and the entire FlexiSAF Foundation team. But the progress we've seen has been incredibly rewarding.

Our pupils went from not recognizing simple words or numbers to making attempts at reading, writing, and working with figures more confidently. They're still learning, but the growth is clear.

Seeing their faces light up with the joy of learning is more than enough motivation to keep going. And this is just the beginning.

I'm proud of what we've achieved so far and even more excited about what lies ahead. I look forward to helping more children rewrite their stories and step into brighter futures—through education.

### Rewriting Futures: This Is What Access to Education Looks Like



There are children across Nigeria who wake up every morning with no access to education. No classroom. No books. No teacher waiting. Just another day of helping on the farm, hawking goods, or sitting idly while life passes them by. There are over 20 million of them.

#### Children like Aisha.

Born to blind parents in a struggling household in Karon Majigi, Abuja, Aisha never thought school was in her future. Other children laughed at her because she wasn't enrolled. For years, she watched from the sidelines, until FlexiSAF Foundation's Acclearn program gave her a seat in a classroom. Today, she's in Level 2, dreaming of becoming a fashion designer. What changed? One opportunity.

#### Or Abubakar.

Tucked away in a remote community in Yola North, Adamawa, his life was all about farming, spending hours after hours on the farm. Education was a far-off idea until the FlexiSAF Foundation reached his community and gave him a chance to enroll in one of its programs. He now dreams of joining the NDLEA and helping his community.

#### Then there's Amina.

At 17, Amina dreams of becoming a lawyer; to stand up for the oppressed and defend those who have no voice. Raised by her blind grandmother after losing her father, Amina grew up in Karon Majigi, Abuja, in a makeshift home of zinc and wood. Despite her potential, poverty kept her out of school for years. When she was enrolled into AccLearn in 2022, it was the beginning of a transformation. She struggled at first, but her determination pushed her forward. Amina has now passed her Common Entrance exam and is now in Level 3 — preparing for her Basic Education Certificate Examination and dreaming of senior secondary school.

These stories aren't just inspiring; they're a wake-up call. They remind us of what's possible, but also of everything that's still broken.

Because for every Aisha or Abubakar or Amina, there are millions more still left behind — children who stare longingly at the uniforms and books they couldn't have; children who have to choose between their dreams and their reality. These children are a reminder that education in Nigeria is under threat, not only from conflict, poverty, or weak infrastructure, but from inaction.

When education becomes accessible, everything changes.

- Girls find their voices.
- Boys discover paths beyond street life.
- Families begin to break the cycle of generational poverty.
- Entire communities start to heal.

And it's not just about a chance to be in classrooms, it's about dignity. It's about giving children the tools to shape their destinies and rewrite the narratives they were born into. In places where people have learned to expect so little, education reignites hope.

At FlexiSAF Foundation, we've seen that transformation firsthand. We have witnessed children who once struggled to hold a pencil now solving math problems with confidence. We have met grandmothers who never thought they'd live to see their grandchildren read or write, now witnessing education transform the lives of their grandchildren. We have watched tears turn into triumphs.

Since 2018, we have reached over 5,000 children across eight states through initiatives such as our Accelerated Learning, Back to School and Sustainable Education Programs. Every story reminds us that one child returning to school is never just one child. It's a ripple that can change an entire home, a village, a generation.

But we need to go further. And we need you to help us do it.

Our current Back to School campaign aims to send 500 out-of-school children back to the classroom by September 2025.

₩40,000 covers one child's full enrollment, including uniforms, tuition, books, and supplies.

Just one contribution can change a life forever; transform an entire family's future.

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