

From Out-of-School to Classroom Ready: AccLearn Learners Take Their First Assessment



As part of our continuous effort to track learning progress and ensure quality outcomes, our AccLearn beneficiaries recently participated in an assessment exercise at LEA and JSS Kuchingoro.

The exercise evaluated their literacy and numeracy skills, helping determine their readiness to transition into the formal school system.

For many of these children, this was their first formal assessment experience a significant milestone in their educational journey. Their enthusiasm and confidence are testaments to the impact of the FlexiSAF Accelerated Learning Program (AccLearn) and our commitment to ensuring that no child is left behind.

Parent Teacher Forum (PTF) at AccLearn Abuja



At AccLearn Abuja, parents and teachers came together for a Parent Teacher Forum (PTF), an enriching time of dialogue, collaboration, and shared commitment to our learners' success.

Parents shared insights, offered feedback, and explored ways to support children's learning both at home and in school. Together, we're building stronger bridges between homes and classrooms, because when families and educators unite, children thrive.

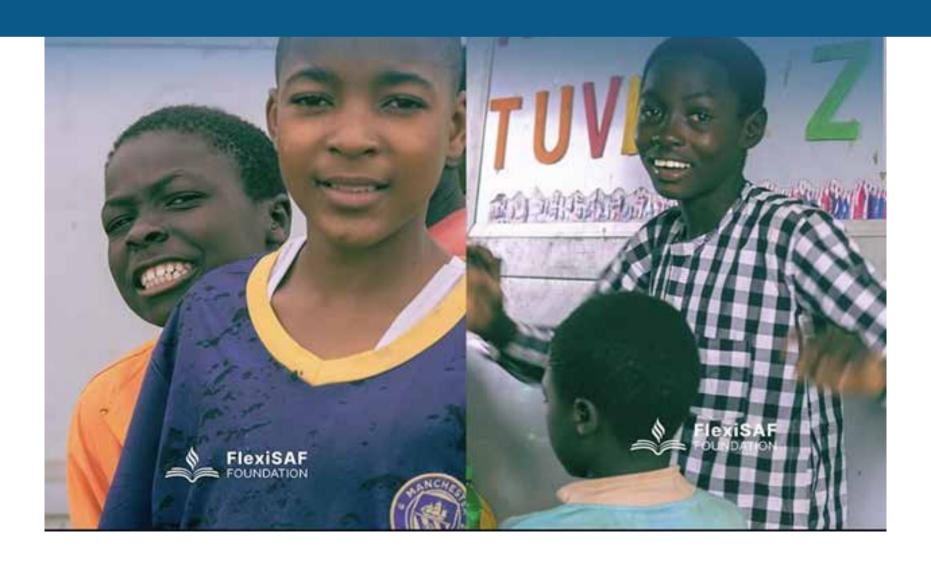
We're grateful to all the parents who joined us. Your participation and dedication continue to shape a supportive and nurturing learning environment for every child.

Smiles All Around: Wrapping Up the Term



The term ended on a joyful note as our learners completed their exams and celebrated with a mini closing party.

The excitement, laughter, and sense of pride were a reminder that learning doesn't just build knowledge, it builds confidence, curiosity, and community.





Zulaihatu's Story: Learning Beyond Barriers

In the quiet community of Karonmajigi, the disabled colony, lives 16-year-old Yusuf Zulaihatu, a bright, determined girl with dreams bigger than her surroundings.

After losing her mother, Zulaihatu's world changed. As a half orphan, she watched her family struggle to make ends meet by selling wrappers in the local market. Going to school felt like a distant dream, one her family could no longer afford.

But Zulaihatu never lost her curiosity or love for learning. Each time she saw other children walking to school, she wished to be among them, holding her books and learning something new every day. Her dream? To become a classroom teacher, so she could help children like herself find hope through education.

Everything changed when she was identified through community outreach and enrolled in the FlexiSAF Foundation's Accelerated Learning Program (AccLearn). With access to quality education tailored for out-of-school children, Zulaihatu quickly stood out in her class.

Her teachers describe her as passionate and eager to learn, often helping her classmates by translating English lessons into Hausa to ensure everyone understands. Her confidence and kindness have made her a role model in the classroom.

Today, Zulaihatu is catching up on her studies and walking steadily toward her dream of becoming a teacher. Her story is a reminder that when given the chance, every child can learn, lead, and lift others along the way.

An Interesting Read: What Children Teach Us About Education

By Halima Abubakar

It's one thing to enroll children into schools; it's another to listen to them. Too often, education for underserved children is approached as a one-way street: adults provide access, resources, and structure, while children are expected to simply follow along. But when we pause to listen, we discover that children themselves can be some of the most insightful voices in shaping their own learning journey.

At FlexiSAF Foundation, our Accelerated Learning (AccLearn) beneficiaries recently reminded us of this truth in a powerful way.

A Transition, A Conversation

As part of our program, we had planned to transition our learners into conventional schools. We initially identified schools that were very close to their homes, thinking proximity would be the most practical and beneficial factor.

But in our conversations with the children, they surprised us. They recommended a different school, still nearby, but not the one we had chosen. Instead of dismissing their idea, we asked why.

The Reasons That Inspired Us

Their reasons reflected the deep impact that learning has already had on them. They explained that they had observed the difference between their peers in both schools. The children in the school they recommended were learning more, progressing faster, and showing greater transformation.

For them, choosing that school wasn't about convenience or popularity. It was about learning. Their biggest concern was simple but profound: "We want to remain in school and continue learning."

Lessons We're Learning

This moment reminded us of three important lessons:

- 1. Education is not passive children are active participants, not just beneficiaries.
- 2. Listening matters when we take children's voices seriously, we uncover insights that improve our programs.
- 3. Impact is measured in growth, not just numbers the fact that these children could evaluate schools based on learning outcomes shows how far they've come.

Moving Forward Together

For us at FlexiSAF Foundation, this experience was a reminder that education is more than enrollment figures. It is about ensuring children can thrive in school, stay motivated, and make choices that keep their learning alive. Sometimes, those choices come directly from the children themselves.

As we continue our mission to provide access to quality education for out-of-school children, we carry this lesson with us: to build sustainable impact, we must not only teach children, we must also learn from them.

What's Next?

As we move into the final quarter of 2025, we're preparing for more community engagement, partnerships, and advocacy for education.

Walk4Education 2025

We're also gearing up for this year's Walk4Education, our annual awareness campaign that brings people together to stand for out-of-school children and raise support for their education.

The walk is a celebration of unity and compassion, showing that change happens when we take steps together.

Watch out for more information in the coming weeks as we unveil the date, time, and ways to participate.

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