

Education in Nigeria.

A brain teaser and food for thought!!!

NSF(UK) Education Sub-committee



How well has your education impacted your community or your country?

NIGERIA: BASIC EDUCATION INDICATORS

Pre primary, Primary, Junior secondary school and Senior secondary school

- 3 in 5 people are aged under 24 years (60%)
- 2 in 3 children completed primary school (62%)
- Less than 1 in 2 children aged twelve can read a sentence (44%)
- 3 children in 10 attended Junior Secondary School (JSS) (28%)
- 1 child in 3 attended Senior Secondary School (SSS) (35%)
- Literacy rate-**28%** and Numeracy rate -**45%**



Why children do not go to school: cost thought too young, distance and labour.



South-South Nigeria: Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, and River

- Relatively high pre-primary, primary school attendance and JSS attendance, but have not achieved universal basic education
- Portion of children who learn to read is much lower than expected given the school attendance rates; indicate poor school quality
- Of those children who never attended school, 1 in 2 is due to school costs and parents' perception of children being too young



Southeast Nigeria: Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu, and Imo

- Performance in basic school indicators much higher than the national average
- 1 in 3 children remain illiterate, the region will benefit from literacy programs
- Of those children who never attended school, 2 in 5 is due to parents feel they are too young, school route too far or risky



Southwest Nigeria: Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, and Oyo

- High school attendance with 4 in 5 children attending, though they do still not achieve universal basic education.
- Literacy rates at 75 percent are much higher than the national average of 40 to 46 percent
- The most disadvantaged group in terms of primary completion and learning are the rural poor.



Northwest Nigeria: Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Jigawa, Sokoto, and Zamfara

- 40 percent attend only Qur'anic schools, where they are not taught the formal curriculum.
- On all indicators, performance on basic education is below the national average, especially for attendance in junior secondary school (JSS).
- Literacy rates are very low at 20 to 35 percent



Northeast Nigeria: Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, and Yobe

- Lowest on almost all the formal education indicators
- School costs, the distance to the school and attendance at Qur'anic schools are reasons for school non attendance
- Secondary school attendance is fairly low at 40-60 percent and many children aged 12-16 years are still in primary school



North-Central Nigeria: Benue, F.C.T., Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger and Plateau

- Primary attendance and literacy are better than the national average
- Poorer primary completion and junior secondary school (JSS) attendance
- Even though parents value schooling, the general lack of interest in school is higher than national average, which means that schools must try harder to make themselves relevant to the community



Speakers and panel at 2017 Seminar

NSF(UK) Education:

- Hold annual education seminars
- Support various education and school based activities by Nigerians in the diaspora
- NSF(UK)'s School improvement Project pilot. **NEED**
- Register your Alumni's interest.

