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FUNDING ALONE CANNOT GUARANTEE QUALITY EDUCATION – PROF. OSINBAJO

The Vice President, Professor Yemi Osinbajo represented by the Minister of Budget and National Planning has said availability funding alone will not guarantee quality education but rather with proper management of funds committed to training, motivation of teachers, well designed curriculum that ensures the relevant need of the country, coupled with effective monitoring would certainly improve quality of education.

He stated this on Tuesday, 27th November, 2018 at a 2-day stakeholders' workshop on **Sustainable Funding for Education in Nigeria held at State House Conference Centre, Abuja.**

Prof. Osinbajo called on all stakeholders in education via Federal, State, Local Government, Private donors and corporate sponsors to rally round fund education in Nigeria, adding that education is critical to the development of any nation.

The Vice President charged the participants that at the end of the workshop, government expects them to come up with innovative ways by which increased funding of education can be achieved from all possible sources and also ensuring that the outcome of the workshop would make a major contribution to ensuring that this Administration meets the targets set out in the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) which is to ensure quality, universal education for all Nigerian children and youth.

Speaking earlier, the Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu identified lack of adequate attention, especially in matters of funding and management as the problems of quality education in Nigeria, explaining that to address these challenges and reposition the education sector, the Ministry got together all stakeholders and coordinated the development of a roadmap **Education For Change: A**

Ministerial Strategic Plan, the MSP, built on ten pillars, with three results areas of access, quality and systems strengthening.

He said with an estimates 10.7 million children out-of-school, the Ministry seeks to check the tide of exclusion from schooling through targeted funding that adequately addressing the impediments to the universalization of access to basic education, stating further that the Ministry also focuses on scaling up special initiative already started by development partners and NGOs aimed at providing special means of access to schooling, using temporary structure where appropriate structure are not readily available.

To address these challenges, Mallam Adamu Adamu called for adequate funding, establishment of national resource centres of excellence for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Technical and Vocational Education and Training, TVET curriculum and policy, construction and equipping of new existing Science and Technical Colleges, Vocational and Trade Centers; conducting a skill gap assessment between industry and academia.