

# EDUCATION MATTERS

*A Quarterly Newsletter of the Nigeria Education Donor Partners Group*



***"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."***

*- Nelson Mandela,  
Former President,  
Philanthropist,  
Revolutionary*

## Upcoming Events

### **FMoE and EDPG Meeting**

December 10, 2019

### **EDPG Coordination Meeting**

February 5, 2020

### **National Education Group**

First Tuesday of every month

### **Happy New Year!**

## Message from the Education Donor Partners Group

As the new year approaches, more important than simply tallying failures and successes, it is critical to be grateful for the lives positively impacted by the collective work of education partnerships. Each teacher trained, quality book received by a pupil, and new registrant in an accelerated learning program represents another life-changing moment for a child, their immediate family, and their community. The challenges are complex, and the development community remains committed to supporting the Nigerian government in delivering quality education that meets international best practice standards while representing the local context. Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy new year 2020.

## Good News & Moves

- **International Day of The Girl** UNICEF and partners commemorated the International Day of the Girl on October 11, 2019 with a series of activities organized to amplify the voices of girls and support their rights to a safe quality education. Highlights included school-level mentoring and interactive sessions with newly elected government officials on key issues affecting girls held in 96 schools across seven states and the Federal Capital Territory. Young female professionals and policy makers encouraged young girls with insights to stay in school. The Girls for Girls organization also held a four-day conference in 10 states and Abuja. The National Centre for Women's Development hosted 150 girls to participate in an essay writing competition and speak-out sessions on life and vocational skills.



- **Monitoring National Learning Achievement Initiative** With support from the World Bank, the Federal Ministry of Education is implementing the Monitoring National Learning Achievement initiative across Nigeria. After successful field-testing in Nasarawa and Federal Capital Territory, the study will serve in establishing a national learning benchmark for Mathematics, English and Science.

## Good News & Moves (Continued)

- Government-to-Government Consultations** German International Cooperation hosted government-to-government (G2G) consultations between the Minister of State for Budget and National Planning, Prince Clem Ikanade Agba and Christoph Rauh. The G2G negotiations resulted in new commitments for technical and financial cooperation totaling 70.5 million Euros. Technical and vocational education (TVE) will continue through the ongoing Skills Development for Youth Employment (SKYE) program with a long-term aim of a demand-oriented TVE system to build a workforce whose skills are aligned with the demands of industry and commerce, thus further driving economic development, employment and energy.
- Safe Schools Initiative** In response to the Chibok mass abduction of schoolgirls and the displacement of thousands of students, Germany continues to support students for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 academic years under the Safe Schools Initiative. This effort seeks to improve the safety of students, family members and teachers through the rehabilitation of destroyed schools, the transfer of students from high-risk areas to safe schools in other parts of the country, and the provision of education in camps and communities for internally displaced persons (IDP).



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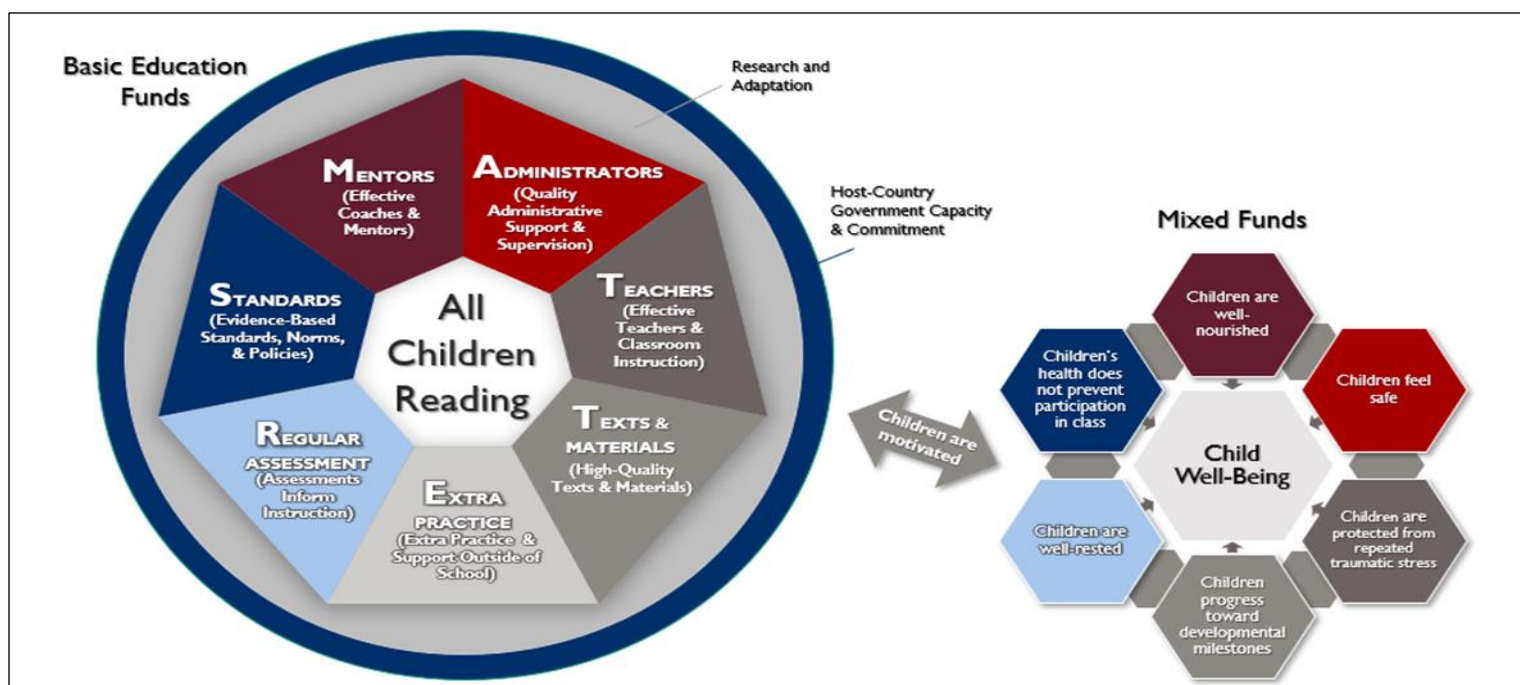
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*"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."*

*-Chinese Proverb*

**Innovation, Development and Effectiveness in Acquisition Skills (IDEAS)** As the World Bank's State Education Programmatic Investment Program ended in October 2019, the Bank prepares to launch the IDEAS project with the aim of improving the relevance of technical skills for labor market entrants in Nigeria. Innovative strategies will enhance the capacity of science and technical college graduates and TVET centers for labor market preparedness.

## New Developments...



In November 2019 USAID launched the Reading MATTERS (Mentors, Administrators, Teachers, Texts, Extra Practice, Regular Assessment, Standards) Conceptual Framework highlighting seven components that evidence shows are critical to fostering reading acquisition for all.