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**ALBINO FOUNDATION SEEK COLLABORATION WITH FG ON
OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN**

The Albino Foundation is seeking collaboration with the Federal Government in an effort to establish the actual and accurate data of Out of School Children in the country.

This was made known today when the Foundation Executives led by its President Jake Ekpele paid a working visit on the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry Education, Arc Sonny Echono in his Office in Abuja.

According to the foundation president, establishing the exact number of Out of School Children would help government and relevant stakeholders in designing strategies that will degrade the problem from the phenomenon it is today to manageable proportions.

Jake Ekpele was emphatic that the Foundation has the capacity to bring out the accurate data of Out of School Children in the endemic states in less than three months if given the opportunity.

Responding, the Permanent Secretary, Sonny Echono acknowledged the Foundation's effort in partnering with the federal government to win the war on out of school children.

The Permanent Secretary emphasized the importance of funding in carrying out such data collection exercises adding however, that the Ministry of Education is constrained by inadequate budgetary allocations to carry out a complete census of Out of School Children.

Arc. Sonny Echono called on the leadership of the Foundation to send in the Foundation proposals for harmonization with other stakeholders who have also shown interest in same partnership.

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