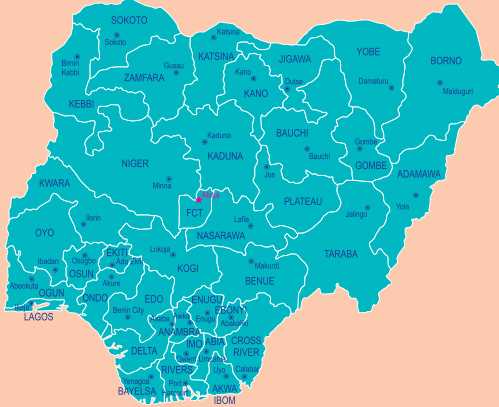




Building Learning Systems That Deliver

How Nigerian States Are Accelerating Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Through Capacity Development, Structured Pedagogy, and Accountability



Nigeria Education Crisis



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Context:

Nigeria’s public education system faces a dual challenge: expanding access to schooling while ensuring that children actually learn. Despite major investments, foundational learning outcomes remain critically low, and system-level inefficiencies persist:

- 3 in 4 Nigerian children aged 10 cannot read a simple sentence; most others are out of school entirely
- Nearly 195,000 teachers are missing from public primary schools, with pupil-teacher ratios reaching 124:1 in some areas
- 27 out of 36 states failed to access their full Universal Basic Education grants in 2023, due to insufficient planning, budgeting, and reporting systems
- Nigeria’s Human Capital Index is just 0.36, meaning a child born today will be only 36% as productive as they could be with full education and health

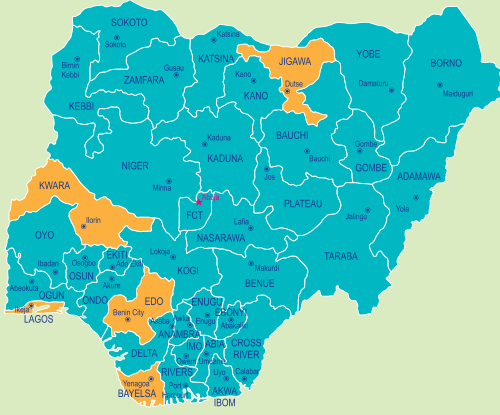
Several state governments are showing that education transformation is possible. A new generation of education reform is proving that foundational learning can be improved—consistently, cost-effectively, and at-scale—when system-level reform is prioritised.

The Response:

State-led programmes such as EdoBEST, EKOEXCEL, KwaraLEARN, BayelsaPRIME, and JigawaUNITE—designed and implemented in partnership with NewGlobe—are building a new standard for public education reform in Nigeria. These programmes strengthen education systems at all levels—from classroom instruction to state planning—through four interconnected pillars:

- **Institutional Capacity Strengthening:** Teachers receive up-front training followed by weekly in-school coaching. LGA and SUBEB leadership equipped with digital tools to support data-driven planning and administration.
- **Digitised State EMIS for Operational Monitoring:** Digital learning platform embeds real-time data on enrolment, teacher attendance, pupil attendance, lesson delivery, and learning outcomes into the state EMIS.
- **Structured Pedagogy Aligned to the National Curriculum:** Teachers are supported with detailed lesson guides delivered via tablets. Guides are aligned with national standards and adapted to pupils’ learning levels.
- **State-Level Digitised Learning Assessments:** Digitally marking and data-capture of standardised termly assessments in foundational learning areas and syllabus subjects; unlocks data-driven student support and targeted instruction, evidence-based curriculum review, and state-level planning.





Nigeria Today Educational Transformation



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Reduction of teacher absenteeism in JSS from 27% to 11% in Edo State



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The Impact:

Across these programmes, states are transforming their education systems and achieving dramatic improvements learning outcomes:

- **Accelerating foundational learning:** Additional 1.7 years of learning in Kwara State
- **Reduction in learning poverty:** 46 percentage point decrease in learning poverty in Lagos State
- **Supporting equity in outcomes:** Cut in half a 75% achievement gap between schools with higher vs lower levels of staffing in Edo State
- **Digitised learning assessments:** digital tools to collect item-level data on termly exams at scale
- **System-wide capacity development:** Large effects across teacher skill continuum in Bayelsa State - including pupil expectations, lesson delivery, critical thinking, and pupil feedback
- **Real-time EMIS:** Reduction of teacher absenteeism in JSS from 27% to 11% in Edo State
- **Data-driven staffing optimisation:** Filled 64% of teacher vacancies with no additional hiring in Jigawa State
- **Robust M&E frameworks:** Annual impact evaluations using rigorous methodologies
- **Rebuilding public trust:** 26% increase in student enrollment in Lagos State

Cost Effectiveness

At a large scale, NewGlobe's transformative model can be delivered for less than \$20 per student per year—a fraction (1/10th) of traditional education intervention costs. NewGlobe's work across 7 countries shows that it is possible to transform education systems and progress towards universal foundational learning—cost-effectively, at scale, and with full government partnership.

