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## FACT SHEET

### Education

USAID/Nigeria collaborates with the Government of Nigeria (GON) to strengthen education systems at the state and local government levels in select northern states.

Nigeria's education system has not kept pace with its rapidly growing school-age population. The quality of basic education in Nigeria is extremely poor, leading to low demand and unacceptably low academic performance. Of the 30 million primary school-aged children in the country, it is estimated that up to 10 million are not enrolled in formally recognized schools. Of those students currently in primary school, less than one third will attend junior secondary school and even fewer will proceed to senior secondary school. While education indicators are poor nationwide, they are weakest in the northern states.

In this context, USAID/Nigeria currently works in two northern states (Bauchi and Sokoto) and will expand programming another one or two states to:

- Strengthen effective education management systems, focusing on increased capacity to provide quality education services;
- Improve education quality, demonstrated by increased reading skills; and,
- Increase equitable access to safe, relevant and accredited educational options.

#### Basic Education

USAID employs a system-strengthening approach that supports the delivery of basic education services by addressing key issues in the management, sustainability and oversight of basic education. This includes support to the GON for data collection and analysis for appropriate educational policy and decision making. A major achievement has been the adoption of a system that tracks and prioritizes funding for education that has led to an increase in the education budget for the two states. Initiatives also strengthen non-formal education systems to provide orphans and vulnerable children with reading, mathematics, life skills, and psycho-social counseling.



USAID supports girls' education



Elmo and Pupils at the Launch of Sesame Square Season 3

#### BUDGET 2013-2015:

2013: \$31 million

2014: \$19 million

2015 (est): \$15 million

## Support for the Northeast

In Northeast Nigeria, where access to educational opportunities due to the Boko Haram insurgency and the resulting displacement of families and communities have been disrupted, USAID activities provide continuity to education, improve the quality of teaching and learning, increase equitable access to education, stabilize institutional capacity to deliver education, and integrate peacebuilding and safety into school communities in Adamawa, Bauchi, Gombe and Yobe states. Multi-donor efforts help communities of teachers, parents, police, community leaders and young people to promote safe zones for education.

Our full Education portfolio is profiled in the table below.

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ACTIVITY NAME	PARTNER	TIME FRAME	AMOUNT	SUMMARY
Leadership Empowerment Advocacy and Development	Research Triangle Institute	11/2009–06/2016	\$44,935,377	Strengthen the management capacity of the Nigerian government to effectively deliver health and education services, and to build better relationships with communities.
Education Crisis Response	Creative Associates, International	10/2014–09/2017	\$20,500,000	Provide assistance to internally displaced children ages 6 to 17, and their host communities that are affected by violence in the Northeastern Nigerian states of Adamawa, Bauchi, Gombe and Yobe.
Reading and Access Research Activity	Research Triangle Institute	02/2014-11/2015	\$8,700,000	Assist USAID in identifying factors that will improve reading skills and increase access to education in activities that can be taken to scale in Northern Nigeria.
Improve Literacy and Numeracy Among Vulnerable, At-risk Children, Orphans and IDPs in Yola	American University of Nigeria (AUN)	08/2015-08/2016	\$801,000	Support AUN's Student Empowerment through Language, Literacy, and Arithmetic Program to improve literacy and numeracy through radio instruction, mobile classrooms, and innovative computer applications.
National Education Data Survey	Research Triangle Institute	11/2013-01/2016	\$4,891,000	To measure major education indices across the six geographic regions in order to provide reliable data for education decision and policy making
The Safe Schools Initiative	Government of Nigeria, Development Partners	11/2014-12/2017	\$2,000,000	This multi-donor effort supports stakeholders in promoting safe zones for education for the most at-risk and vulnerable children in Northeast Nigeria.
Nigeria Partnership for Education Partnership	Global Partnership for Education (GPE)	06/2015-06/2020	Multi-Donor funding: \$100 million	Under GPE, this multi-donor effort focuses on improving access and quality of basic education, with particular attention to girls' participation. in Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina and Sokoto states. USAID/Nigeria is the coordinating agency.