



March 30th, 2024

SUBJECT: URGING ACTION TO SUPPORT EDUCATION FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NIGERIA.

Dear _____ [MP/Representative],

On behalf of IA Foundation, a UK and Nigeria-registered educational charity committed to transforming lives through education in Nigeria and Africa. As a constituent deeply concerned about global education, I urge you to lend your voice and support to address the critical issue of out-of-school children in Nigeria.

Despite efforts to promote education, millions of children in Nigeria remain deprived of this fundamental right due to various challenges, and lack of resources. IA Foundation, founded with the vision of ensuring every child has access to quality education, has been tirelessly working to remove barriers hindering children from accessing education.

While the UK and Nigeria have recently renewed their commitment to collaboration in various sectors, including education, it's imperative to highlight the persistent challenge of out-of-school children in Nigeria. Despite efforts to promote access to education, millions of children still lack the opportunity to attend school due to various barriers such as poverty, lack of infrastructure, and cultural norms. This situation not only deprives these children of their fundamental right to education but also perpetuates cycles of poverty and inequality. Addressing the plight of out-of-school children requires concerted efforts from both national and international stakeholders, emphasizing the need for innovative solutions and sustained advocacy to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and thrive.

A new report, launched in The Houses of Parliament by the Nigeria-focused UK charities, The IA-Foundation www.ia-foundation.org and The International Organisation for Peace-Building and Social Justice UK (PSJUK) www.psjuk.org and underscores this and provides valuable insights into the impact of insecurity on education in Nigeria. They offer recommendations for a comprehensive approach to address the crisis involving both national and international stakeholders. [Here is a link to the Executive Summary and full report.](#) Can I please ask you to read through it and write to the relevant government ministers to act by responding to the report's recommendation and by

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engaging civil society as partners in progress to fix this very worrying and escalating ‘burning bridge’.

Furthermore, I urge you to take proactive steps by reaching out to your respective representatives in the House of Assembly, House of Representatives, Senate, or Local Government Chairmen. Informing them about the critical issues outlined in this report and providing them with a copy of the report will ensure that they are fully aware of the challenges facing out-of-school children in Nigeria. Your engagement with them can contribute significantly to amplifying our collective voice and advocating for concrete actions to address this pressing issue.

Please do lend your voice to support and advocate for solutions to address the issues raised in the report - whether through written questions (WPQs), calling for and participation in parliamentary debates on this issue, engagement with relevant APPGs or through other means you may suggest. Your voice and support will make a significant difference in improving the situation in Nigeria.

Thank you once again for your dedication to our constituency and your concern for the welfare of our global community too. Your leadership and advocacy are greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ibirode Adeagbo".

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