

Joint Faith Mass Literacy Empowerment Scheme:

In collaboration with



**FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

And

**MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND
NATIONAL PLANNING OF NIGERIA**

**Promoting National Unity,
Enhancing National Development, Prosperity and
Security Through Mass Literacy.**

Vision:

To see to the creation of equal opportunities and multiple possibilities for people of different genders, faiths, social classes, tribes and cultures, with adequate support for them to thrive and in turn become creators of more opportunities for others, within or beyond their community.

Mission:

To create an enabling environment where every citizen, irrespective of their social circumstances can acquire basic literacy and additionally learn about our rich diversity, cultures, values, history, arts and science, in order to view issues from a more enlightened perspective, and to give people a chance to mold themselves into more responsible members of society, considering that education is indispensable in the building of modern and peaceful societies, .

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Research conducted by our experts has shown clearly that, mass literacy empowerment can speedily and impactfully enhance peaceful coexistence, as it has the capacity both to compel and to propel, without employing the use or threat of force.

Sharpening Critical Skills. It is a known fact that education can help in developing critical skills like sound decision-making, mental agility, problem-solving, and logical thinking. Although people face problems in their professional as well as personal lives, in such situations, their ability to make rational and informed decisions depends to large extent on their level of awareness which is itself mostly a function of education and social exposure.

Although there are many factors that could promote the school drop-out syndrome, we shall however in this presentation lay the blame principally on the high level of poverty in our country.

Extreme poverty is the major reason why parents withdraw their children from school and throw them prematurely into the labour market, street hawking, etc. These young minds that were not properly guided and nurtured into refined and skilled force national development become exposed to easy manipulation and employment by evil minded individuals and groups for negative and oftentimes violent activities leading to breakdown of peace and social harmony across the land. Many Nigerian parents cannot send their wards to school due to the high rate of poverty. Many public basic schools in Nigeria pay some fees like examinations and PTA dues. Such fees are paid by households. When family resources are low, a family will have to choose one or two children to attend school while the others stay at home. Older children, orphans, and girls are most likely to be left out. Children are meant to go work for their parents because of poverty. Children are kept at home to help with domestic chores or care for siblings. Older children supporting younger siblings must work to have money for food and other needs. This is a major contributor to the out-of-school problem. The majority of children who drop out of school are young girls who come from poor and rural backgrounds (World Bank, 2010, 2011). Poverty and parental decision-making supported by cultural practice of the people remain two difficult challenges, which are viewed as common denominators for unequal access to education for the girl-child (Academy for Educational Development, 2002). In addition, it is also observed that the initial decision for a child to attend school and the chances of a child becoming educated depend on the attitude, cultural and religious beliefs of the parents or guardian. The present economic situation in Nigeria is seriously affecting parents' readiness to send their children to school, thus, creating an increase in the total number of out-of-school children in Nigeria. Moreso, our team of experts has discovered that most of the strong determinants of primary school non-attendance were due to household factors, with

parental education and wealth being the most important. Also, identified major factors that influence basic school drop-out in rural Nigeria into non-school-related factors which include poverty and child labour, and school-related factors which include low academic performance, distance to school and sometimes school environment, punishment by teachers, children dislike of school, among others.

Aims and Objectives:

1. Joint Faith Mass Literacy Empowerment Scheme will help the Government push the frontiers of education further, for peace and national development. Empowering someone with knowledge is the best way anyone can help them. As mentioned above, education is the most powerful tool for personal and societal development. The extremely poor, minorities, women and people with disabilities are usually left unseen and ignored, despite their potentials. Educating these sections of society not only enhances their growth but also the growth of the entire society because empowered people empower people. For instance, increased education rates for women have led more women to join the workforce across various industries and stand up against the inequality they face. More and more women are being empowered through education, which has helped in the creation of a more inclusive and empathetic society. There is still a long way to go, but the importance of education in empowering neglected sections of society cannot be overlooked.

2. Joint Faith Mass Literacy Empowerment Scheme will bring people together. We all need people to show the new great possibilities. When people can afford a stable life for themselves, they are more likely to take the initiative to solve local problems. Education enables people to be self-dependent. It also teaches people the need for a stable and secure community. As a result, people join hands to help the less fortunate and solve the community's most pressing issues. The importance of education is at the forefront when it comes to social issues. No matter if it is the education of maintaining clean neighborhoods, practicing good sanitation, or knowing your rights. People can lift other people only by exposing them to new possibilities by educating them.

3. To create equal opportunities. People from different genders, religions, social classes and cultures have multiple possibilities laid out in front of them because of education. They in turn strive to create more opportunities for others, even if only within their community. Education has made filling an irrational rift possible by making merit the only criterion for judgment. Education makes people more tolerant of others. It makes them more open-minded, so they can accept different views and opinions. This further opens the gates for equal opportunities and a better standard of living for everyone.

4. Blurring geographical boundaries. The importance of education is especially pronounced when we want to communicate with people from different cultures across the world. When we have a wide knowledge base, it is easy for us to find common ground with someone from a different place. Digital mediums of learning and spreading information have played an instrumental role in bridging this gap. They have allowed more people to connect, interact and learn. This new way of teaching and learning has blurred geographical boundaries and contributed to sharing insights and opinions, broadening the horizons of all involved.

5. Financial stability. Yet another benefit of having a strong educational background is financial stability. Students who graduate from esteemed colleges and universities have a higher chance of landing well-paying jobs. The more knowledge you gain, the more skilled you become, and hence more opportunities open for you. If you are good at something and know your way around it, rest assured you will be compensated well.

6. Promotes and maintains peace among members of the global community, irrespective of race, ethnicity or religiosity.

About Us:

Joint Faith Peace Initiative, (JFPI), is a time - tested and vastly experienced Non-Governmental Organization, whose primary objective and mandate is the pursuit and promotion of peaceful and harmonious co-existence amongst our various ethnic and tribal communities and religious bodies, being unshakably convinced that there can never be progress and human development in the absence of peace. In order to truly fulfill this our mandate, we engage in

- a. Creating awareness of the too many violent tendencies that destroy nations and communities through objective and unbiased investigation into the causative factors and origins,
- b. Highlighting the negative impact of violence and absence of peace on the socio-economic development of such nations and communities, (with special attention to Nigeria).
- c. proffering workable and enduring solutions to these numerous challenges to peaceful and harmonious coexistence and development.

Conclusion: It is important to mention again that, the establishment of Joint Faith Awards Institution will go a long in redeeming the glory of our dear nation as well as restoring her integrity.

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May God bless our dear country Nigeria.

Conclusion:

Having come this far, it interesting though it is painful, to mention that illiteracy has contributed majorly in most of the wanton destruction of lives and properties, no wonder our great nation, rather than going forward, is retrogressing.

Joint Faith Peace Initiative therefore wishes to earnestly appeal for logistics support from Government (or your good office) in order to make Joint Faith Mass Literacy Empowerment Scheme a success story, for the benefit of our beloved country.

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Lunching of campaign against illiteracy in Nigeria at Nnamdi Azikiwa Stadium Enugu JFMIS



Mass Literacy awareness at Cyprian Ekwensi centre for Arts and Culture
Area 10 Garki Abuja FCT

Joint Faith Mass Literacy Empowerment Scheme:



Creating of awareness Against Illiteracy in Abuja



Official Meeting Against Illiteracy in Umuahia Abia State



Campaign Against Illiteracy In Nigeria



Campaign Against Electoral Malpractice in Nigeria



Dr. Liberty Okon with his cabinet members after a successful Mass Literacy awareness meeting, Abuja



Send your child to school for a guaranteed future,
Joint Faith Mass Literacy Support Programme



Joint Faith Mass Literacy Support program, Medical Outreach

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Attendance at the campaign
against Illiteracy in Nigeria



Executive members at the end of
Mass Literacy Awareness



Sensitization on the importance of Mass Literacy in Nigeria



Dr. Liberty Okon on the Importance of Mass Literacy Campaign in Nigeria



One On one Interview With Dr. Liberty Okon JFMIS

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