



## Upcoming Activities

8-20 12 16

### Training of CBMCs, CCs and Women Groups

To effectively monitor learning in Non-Formal Learning Centers.

Bauchi/ Sokoto

20-23 12 16

### Develop Coaching and Mentoring Guide for NFLCs

Mentor Facilitators coach and mentor Learning Facilitators.

Abuja

13 11 16

### SAME/ NEI Plus Dialogue Meeting

To standardize data collection tools and procedures for NFLCs with SAME.

Bauchi

13-15 11 16

### EGR ToT Training

To train Trainers of Teachers on Let's Read! Mu Karanta! P1-3 Term 2 materials and refresher on basic skills, and Coaching  
Bauchi/ Sokoto

## Voices



Umaru Mohammed Yabo is the Director Planning, Research and Statistics Sokoto State Universal Basic Education Board.

**How will you describe the working relationship between the Sokoto State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) particularly the Department of Planning, Research and Statistics (DPRS) and the Initiative?**

The relationship is very cordial and there is synergy between us as far as improving the quality of basic education is concerned in the state. In what particular areas has your department worked together with the Initiative?

As Director Planning I am also the desk officer in charge of all the activities related to the Initiative. So

we have worked on teacher education, access and fragility, systems strengthening, mobilization as well as reading.

**So far how have we been able to support SUBEB to improve quality of basic education in Sokoto state?**

The Initiative is not here to implement but to support and strengthen our capacity so we can equally implement interventions on reading and access.

**How has SUBEB shown that it is committed to the objectives of the Initiative?**

When the Initiative trained our school support officers, as part of the board's contribution we were able to take care of transport and feeding for mentor teachers and 160 school support officers. We are very aware of the design of the project and how responsibility for trainings and materials increases on the part of government.

So how is SUBEB planning to meet next year's financial commitment?

It has already been budgeted for. It is part of the Medium Term Sector Strategy plan.

How about release of these funds?

Actually we do not think we will face serious challenges as far as release is concerned considering the determination and political will on the

part of the state government. The Governor of the state, His Excellency Aminu Waziri Tambuwal is really passionate about this project knowing the benefits it could bring for children within the education system.

**What is your department doing to ensure we get quality data to inform planning and decision making within the basic education subsector?**

We have statutory LGEAs and in each one we have planning officers so although the data comes through them we also go out for monitoring to verify and validate these data before we transfer it to our data bank. Education planning is very crucial and when you fail to plan there is every tendency to make misinformed decisions.

**Are there any plans as part of your monitoring activities to monitor implementation of the Early Grade Reading program in schools?**

Immediately after the training of teachers the SUBEB management visited different LGEAs to monitor what was happening and to understand how we can meet immediate needs that can add value to what the Initiative is doing.

## Celebrations

Happy Thanksgiving holidays! To our friends in America, save some roasted turkey for us in Nigeria.

## Fun facts

Your body has enough iron in it to make a metal nail 3 inches long.

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