

Improving education for thousands of children in Nigeria



There are 9 million children out of school in Nigeria (*UNESCO 2015*)

Approximately 86% of children in Nigeria do not attend pre-primary school.

30% of pupils drop out of primary school and only 54% transit to junior secondary Schools (*Nigerian Ministry of Education*)

There is a wide gender gap with a 1: 2, 1: 3 girl to boy ratio in class.



Median monthly Bridge Nigerian income per household is N40,000. Average Bridge family in Nigeria lives on N312 per person per day.

The average Bridge Nigeria household is made up of 4.58 people and 74% of Bridge parents are self-employed.

Bridge is committed to supporting SDG4: Ensuring inclusive and quality education for all.



Bridge currently educates over 100,000 children worldwide. Our vision is to educate 10,000,000 pupils across 12+ countries by 2025.



Education in Nigeria

Nigeria has struggled to meet education standards due to exponential population growth and limited public services and resources. With children under 15 years of age accounting for about 45% of the country's population, the burden on education and other sectors has become overwhelming.

UN statistics show that many children are enrolled in school, but never attend. Approximately 34% of out-of-school children are primary school aged and approximately 57% of children do not attend school during early childhood. Reports show that even where children are attending school they are not learning enough. 50% of in-school children cannot read or write, 63% of children who live in rural areas cannot read at all and 84% of children in the lowest economic quartile cannot read at all.

Only 66% of 15-24 year olds are literate and there is an 18% disparity between male and females. Parents are increasingly choosing to educate their children in private schools, where approximately 70% of children currently attend school (*School Choice-Lagos State Report*)

Bridge in Nigeria

Bridge works in partnership with governments, communities, teachers and parents with parents to deliver great schools and high quality education. Bridge believes every child has the right to education and works to ensure that every child has access to an education that will prepare them to achieve not only academically, but become confident adults able to meet the economic and social challenges of life. The Bridge model supports United Nations Development Goal Number 4: Ensuring inclusive and quality education for all and promoting lifelong learning.

Bridge has an ongoing relationship with the Nigerian Ministry of Education and works closely with the Government of Nigeria to improve learning outcomes. Bridge is committed to teaching the Nigerian Curriculum in all of our academies. Our network operates in underserved urban and rural locations often serving families who live on under \$2 a day. We are committed to empowering women and girls have and nearly 50% gender parity in our classrooms.

Bridge believes that teachers are at the heart of what we do and provides ongoing training and support from selection, into the classroom and then throughout their career. Teacher Absenteeism at Bridge in Nigeria is just 1%.

Independent exams in Kenya have proven that the Bridge approach is working. In 2016, Bridge pupils scored an average of 59% in the KCPE exams compared to a national average of 44%. In 2015, Bridge pupils scored 60% compared to a national average of 44%. In addition EGRA and EGMA tests, conducted in 2014, showed that pupils made standard deviation gains of 0.31 in reading and 0.9 in maths, gains are equivalent to 64 more days of learning in reading and 26 more of maths, in a single school year. We are confident that this success will be replicated in Nigeria.