

Committee:UNESCO

Topic:Barriers to education in conflict-affected countries

Country:Nigeria

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Nigeria is the largest country in Africa. Capital city of Nigeria is Abuja. Nigeria is composed of various ethnic groups and cultures. The official language is English. Nigeria has an average population of 207 million. Nigeria became a member of UNESCO on the 14th of November 1960.

Education is one of the main problems in the country for long years. The reasons are the lack of education budget, strikes, disagreements in the country, terrorist attack and high charges in education. According to Nigeria Education Ministry and UNICEF data, in 2015 10.5 million children and in 2018 13 million children didn't go to school because of Boko Haram attacks. These are the half of the children population in the world which can not go to school. World Bank has given money support to Nigeria to reduce the number of the children that could not go to school. Private schools are able to provide better education, while the quality of the education is lower in public schools. This difference in education is directly related to economic problems. Also religion differences affect on the education system while Muslims did not prefer west education mission for long years.

UNESCO supports Nigeria's education sector, providing funding and technical assistance to accelerate the nation's progress towards EFA goals. In order to establish a plan of action, the UNESCO developed National Education Sector Strategy (UNESS) between 2006 and 2015 with government institutions, parastatals, civil societies and other partners. The main goal is to achieve the education development and EFA standards in Nigeria. These fundings and support should be distributed to among all of the public with good management. Also the mechanism of the education system should be controlled.

I think public should be informed about the factors like terrorism and disagreements that have negative effect on education. Parents should be advised to send their children to school, so that their children will be healthy and happy.