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Report on Notebook Distribution Exercise in UBE Junior Secondary School (JSS), Sarkin Noma Lokoja Local Government Area of Kogi State

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Position: Team Lead SDGs and Child Education Support Programme

To: The Director, AHEF/LEEP Project

Assignment: Distribution of customized Exercise books to 50 Pupils

Location: Sarkin Noma Community, Lokoja LGA

Period of Assignment: 1st -6th December, 2025

Team Members:

- 1 Riana Isaac
2. Isaac Achimugu
3. Okolo Omaga
4. Ocholi Felix
5. Faith Abel

Participants: 50 JSS students 7 staff members

Details:

Preparation:

1. Preparatory Meeting

A preparatory meeting was convened at the MEF office in Lokoja, Kogi State, on 1st December 2025. The meeting was attended by the MEF Team Lead, the Director of the AHEF/LEEP programme, the Secretary, and administrative support staff.

The key deliberations of the meeting focused on the logistics for the production of exercise books, establishing contact with the Principal of JSS Sarkin Noma, and fixing a date for the forthcoming school visit.

2. School Selection and Approval

During the preparatory meeting, the UBE Junior Secondary School, Sarkin Noma, was selected as the beneficiary of a notebook distribution initiative under the MEF School Child Education Support programme. The selection criteria were its rural location and proximity to the MEF office in Lokoja, which would help to minimize logistical costs.

On 2nd December 2025, prior to the team's visit, formal approval was sought and obtained from the school's principal. In preliminary discussions, the principal identified 50 students in JSS 1 who lacked the required number of notebooks. It was also noted that students in higher classes faced similar shortages of both textbooks and exercise books. Due to current financial limitations, MEF resolved to provide notebooks to the identified JSS 1 students, with a commitment to seek future funding to support the entire school and other UBE schools across Kogi State.

3. School Visit and Distribution Ceremony

The notebook distribution ceremony took place on 6th December 2025 at the school premises in the Sarkin Noma community, near Natako area of Lokoja LGA.

A team of five (5) representatives, led by the Team Lead, Riana Isaac, arrived at the school at 10:00 AM. Before the distribution exercise, a brief meeting was held with the principal and a member of the teaching staff. This discussion ensured a shared understanding of the programme's objectives and confirmed the criteria used by the school to select the beneficiaries.

Distribution Ceremony

The beneficiary students gathered in a classroom, joined by the principal, a staff member, the MEF team, and a number of invited parents.

The ceremony commenced with the recitation of the National Anthem. Following a brief introductory speech by the principal, the Team Lead addressed the gathering. She introduced MEF as a non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting positive values and supporting children's education. She explained the purpose of the visit and encouraged the students to make the best use of the books. The Team Lead also used this opportunity to create awareness about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

A school teacher called the students forward one by one, and the Team Lead presented each with a set of notebooks.

The distribution was followed by a group photograph with the staff and students, who expressed their happiness and gratitude. In his closing remarks, the school principal thanked the visiting team and appealed for the programme to be sustained, noting that a lack of basic educational materials is a significant contributor to school dropouts

Attachments: Photographs



A group of beneficiaries at UBE JSS Sarkin Noma, Lokoja LGA



Staff members and the visiting team