



Lessons Learned from Structured Leveled and Decodable Book– Writing Program Using Bloom Software – **The Enabling Writers Workshop Experience in Nigeria:** Response from NERDC

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NERDC Participation

- NERDC is the Federal agency in charge of the following functions:
 - ✓ Curriculum development
 - ✓ Book development
 - ✓ Language Development
 - ✓ Educational research etc.
- It is engaged in many educational:
 - ✓ policy activities
 - ✓ best practices and,
 - ✓ innovations in Nigeria
- It performs several regulatory and quality assurance duties and responsibilities.

NERDC Participation

Therefore as the gateway to innovations and partner to development initiatives, NERDC's participation in the Hausa EW Project statutorily driven and active because of derivable benefits to education especially the Reading initiative that is recording some gains and creating impact.

Way Forward

The development of 200 levelled and decodable EW project using the Bloom Software is a success story and as such must be sustained and scale up. This can be achieved through the following:

Mass production of the books and be made easily accessible to learners especially for reading and other lessons in both urban, rural and other difficult to reach areas.

Involvement of sister educational agencies particularly the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) to support the production, distribution of the materials in the relevant states.

Partnership involving NERDC, UBEC, State Universal Education Boards (SUBEBs) and development partners to build the capacity of teachers to produce more materials and use them effectively as instructional resources

Lessons Learned

Realization of the importance and usefulness of the decodable readers to literacy and reading.

Learned concerted and effective means of covering the space and narrowing the gap created by shortage or dearth of reading materials.

Enabled an opportunity to build the capacity of practitioners and strengthening of institutional capacity.

Provided an opportunity for the introduction of a global best practice and thus opening the gates more widely for Nigeria into global community of practice and for the community knowing that it now happening.

Replicating the Practice

It is important and useful to replicate this EW and other reading projects in other countries.

However, considering the linguistic terrain and population of Nigeria, NERDC asserts strongly that a replication of the project to cover certain identified languages domestically would be a bright and rewarding initiative.



Kudos to the **Nigeria EW Project Team** and thanks a lot
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