



Environmental Policy

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1. Policy Statement

Kwara State Education Trust Fund (KwaraETF) is committed to promoting sustainable education and development through practices that protect the environment, conserve resources, and ensure the wellbeing of present and future generations. As a public trust dedicated to advancing education in Kwara State, we recognize that our operations, projects, and partnerships have environmental impacts and therefore adopt this policy to guide responsible decision-making in line with global best practices and national regulations.

2. Purpose

This policy sets out KwaraETF's commitment to:

- Minimizing the environmental impact of our programs, projects, and administrative operations.
- Supporting climate-conscious educational infrastructure and practices.
- Aligning our initiatives with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 4, 7, 11, 12, and 13), the Paris Agreement, and Nigeria's Environmental Laws and Policies.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all KwaraETF staff, board members, contractors, consultants, implementing partners, and beneficiaries engaged in our programs and operations across Kwara State as well as All individuals representing KwaraETF in any official capacity.

4. Guiding Principles

KwaraETF's environmental commitments shall be guided by:

1. **Sustainability** – promoting environmentally responsible practices across all projects.
2. **Compliance** – adhering to relevant environmental legislation, policies, and regulations in Nigeria.
3. **Resource Efficiency** – minimizing waste and promoting energy, water, and material efficiency.
4. **Education & Awareness** – integrating environmental education and awareness into funded programs.
5. **Partnership** – collaborating with communities, government, and private stakeholders to advance sustainable development.

5. Commitments

KwaraETF will:

- Ensure all school renovation, construction, and infrastructure projects incorporate environmentally friendly designs, energy-efficient systems, and safe waste management practices.
- Promote the use of renewable energy and environmentally sustainable materials in education projects.
- Reduce paper use through digitization, efficient printing policies, and adoption of technology.
- Implement waste management practices, including recycling and safe disposal of electronic and hazardous waste.
- Encourage tree planting and green spaces within schools supported by the Fund.
- Support environmental awareness campaigns and integrate climate education into our initiatives.

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- Monitor, evaluate, and report on the environmental impacts of our operations and funded projects.

6. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Board of Trustees:** Provide oversight and ensure adherence to this policy.
- **Executive Secretary & Management:** Ensure integration of environmental sustainability into planning, funding, and reporting.
- **Staff & Contractors:** Comply with environmentally sustainable practices in daily operations and project delivery.
- **Partners & Beneficiaries:** Incorporate environmental considerations into project proposals, implementation, and reporting.

7. Implementation and Monitoring

- All project proposals submitted to KwaraETF shall include an Environmental Impact Consideration.
- An Environmental & Social Safeguards Desk shall be established within the Fund for monitoring compliance.
- Periodic environmental audits will be conducted on funded projects.
- Annual sustainability reports will highlight the Fund's contributions to environmental protection.

8. Review Timeline

This policy will be reviewed every three (3) years or as required, to ensure relevance, alignment with evolving standards, and compliance with applicable laws.

Approved by: The Board of Trustees, Kwara State Education Trust Fund

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