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Q3 2026 QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE KWARA STATE EDUCATION TRUST FUND

1. Introduction

This report presents the activities and achievements of the Kwara State Education Trust Fund (KwaraETF) for the third quarter of 2026, covering the period from July to September 2026.

During the quarter, the Fund focused on advancing strategic education programmes, expanding community-based resource mobilisation initiatives, strengthening stakeholder partnerships, supporting scholarship beneficiaries, and promoting innovative approaches to education development and human capital advancement across Kwara State.

2. The Third Quarterly Board Meeting

The third quarterly Board Meeting of the Kwara State Education Trust Fund for 2026 was held on July 18, 2026. The Board reviewed progress made on key resolutions arising from the Strategic and Capacity Building Retreat held earlier in the year and assessed implementation progress across governance, resource mobilisation, programme development, and strategic partnerships.

Discussions focused on the continued operationalisation of the Board Committees, implementation of the approved Endowment Fund strategy, expansion of fundraising initiatives, advancement of strategic partnerships, and emerging opportunities for improving educational outcomes across the State.

The Board reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the Fund's sustainability, promoting accountability, expanding stakeholder participation, and supporting innovative approaches to education development.

3. Resource Mobilisation and Community Partnership Initiatives

During the quarter, the Fund recorded significant progress in advancing community-driven education financing initiatives.

A major milestone was the launch of the Lafiagi Education Matching Fund Pilot, the first community-based education matching fund initiative approved by the Fund. The pilot was developed through a strategic partnership involving the Lafiagi community, KwaraETF, and AlumUnite, with the objective of mobilising additional resources for education projects within Lafiagi and surrounding communities.

The Fund also continued engagement with existing and prospective donors, development partners, and private sector stakeholders in support of its broader resource mobilisation agenda and the establishment of the KwaraETF Endowment Fund.

4. Strategic Partnerships and Programme Development

The Fund continued to pursue strategic partnerships aimed at expanding educational opportunities and strengthening innovation within the education sector.

A. KwaraETF Summer School Program 2026

One of the major programme activities during the quarter was the successful implementation of the KwaraETF Summer School Program - Project TutorED 2026 through a strategic partnership with She Builds Lives Foundation.

The programme was held from July 27 to August 25, 2026, at Government Day Secondary School, Oke Aluko, Ilorin. The Summer School was designed to provide structured holiday learning opportunities for secondary school students through academic enrichment, leadership development, public speaking, entrepreneurship education, digital literacy, and vocational skills training.

The programme recorded over 200 registrations, enrolled 150 participants, and successfully graduated 120 participants. The successful completion of Project TutorED further demonstrated the value of strategic partnerships in expanding access to quality educational experiences and youth development opportunities.

B. Scholarship Programme Monitoring and Academic Support

The Fund continued to monitor the academic performance and welfare of beneficiaries under the KwaraETF Scholarship Programme.

During the quarter, beneficiaries successfully completed the 2025/2026 academic session and resumed for the 2026/2027 academic year as JSS2 students across their respective schools.

A comprehensive review of beneficiary performance for the completed academic session was conducted. The review assessed academic outcomes across all beneficiaries and evaluated the impact of interventions introduced earlier in the year.

The assessment revealed that five beneficiaries exceeded the Fund's academic benchmark of 60%, while several beneficiaries demonstrated measurable improvement following tutorial support, parental engagement, and enhanced monitoring interventions.

Among all beneficiaries, Emmanuel Donald Olamilekan of Federal Government College, Ikirun emerged as the highest-performing beneficiary, recording a session average of 80.6 percent and maintaining strong academic performance throughout the year.

The review also highlighted the need for continued support for beneficiaries who remain below programme expectations. Consequently, the Fund will sustain targeted academic monitoring,

tutorial support, and stakeholder engagement efforts aimed at improving learning outcomes and ensuring beneficiaries maximise the opportunities provided under the scholarship programme.

The Fund remains committed to maintaining high standards of academic excellence while providing the support necessary for beneficiaries to succeed.

5. Strategic Stakeholder Engagement and Human Capital Development Partnerships

A. World Bank's Advancing Nigeria's Early Years Agenda

During the quarter, the Executive Secretary represented the Fund at the World Bank-convened forum, Advancing Nigeria's Early Years Agenda: Strengthening Human Capital through the Creative Economy, Innovative Technologies, and Evidence, held in Abuja.

The engagement brought together policymakers, development partners, creative industry leaders, private sector actors, and human capital development practitioners to explore innovative approaches for improving social outcomes through strategic partnerships, evidence-based interventions, and sustainable financing mechanisms.

As part of the programme, the Executive Secretary participated in a thematic workshop on Innovative Financing Models for Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) and Entertainment Media. Discussions focused on developing practical approaches for strengthening collaboration between development actors, brands, investors, and creative sector partners while addressing issues relating to trust, accountability, verification, and intellectual property protection.

The Executive Secretary also participated in a high-level panel discussion on Collaborating with the Creative Economy to Advance Human Capital in Nigeria. Drawing on Kwara State's education reform experience, she shared insights on the importance of partnerships, institutional coordination, and sustainable financing in scaling educational innovations and translating successful pilot initiatives into long-term systemic improvements.

The engagement provided valuable opportunities to strengthen relationships with development partners, explore emerging partnership opportunities, and position KwaraETF within broader national conversations on human capital development, education reform, innovation, and sustainable development financing.

The Fund will continue to leverage such platforms to build strategic partnerships and identify innovative approaches that can support educational transformation and human capital development in Kwara State.

B. National Engagement and Innovation Ecosystem Development

During the quarter, representatives of the Fund participated in the National Commercialisation Baseline Assessment and Ecosystem Intelligence Mapping Roundtable organised under the Research Innovation and Commercialisation Committee (RICC) of TETFund.

The programme, held in Jos, Plateau State, brought together stakeholders from academia, government, industry, innovation hubs, financial institutions, and development organisations to

discuss strategies for strengthening Nigeria's research commercialisation and innovation ecosystem.

Participation provided valuable insights into emerging national priorities around research commercialisation, innovation financing, technology transfer, entrepreneurship development, and industry-academia collaboration.

The engagement also highlighted opportunities for KwaraETF to contribute to innovation ecosystem development within Kwara State through strategic partnerships, stakeholder convening, and support for research and innovation initiatives capable of generating social and economic impact.

The Fund will continue to explore opportunities arising from the engagement, particularly those aligned with education innovation, entrepreneurship, technology, and human capital development.

6. Communications and Public Engagement

The Fund continued to strengthen public communication and stakeholder engagement through its website, social media platforms, publications, and stakeholder interactions.

These efforts supported increased awareness of the Fund's activities, strengthened stakeholder confidence, and enhanced visibility for ongoing programmes, partnerships, and fundraising initiatives.

The Fund will continue leveraging strategic communications to promote transparency, encourage stakeholder participation, and showcase the impact of investments in education across Kwara State.

7. Next Steps

As the Fund enters the fourth quarter of 2026, priority focus areas will include:

- Advancing implementation of the KwaraETF Endowment Fund and broader resource mobilisation strategy.
- Supporting the operationalisation and fundraising activities of the Lafiagi Education Matching Fund Pilot.
- Deepening engagement with development partners, philanthropists, and private sector stakeholders to expand funding opportunities.
- Strengthening monitoring and academic support mechanisms for scholarship beneficiaries.
- Expanding strategic partnerships that support educational access, quality, innovation, and youth development.
- Enhancing institutional visibility, stakeholder engagement, and public communications.
- Continuing to strengthen governance systems, accountability mechanisms, and organisational sustainability.

8. Conclusion

The third quarter of 2026 was characterised by steady progress in programme implementation, partnership development, community-based resource mobilisation, and scholarship support activities.

The successful implementation of the KwaraETF Summer School Program, the launch of the Lafiagi Education Matching Fund Pilot, and active participation in national innovation ecosystem discussions collectively demonstrate the Fund's commitment to delivering sustainable and innovative solutions that strengthen educational opportunities across Kwara State.

The Fund remains grateful for the continued support of His Excellency, the Board of Trustees, development partners, donors, and stakeholders, and remains committed to mobilising resources, fostering partnerships, and supporting initiatives that contribute to a stronger, more inclusive, and future-ready education system in Kwara State.