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A TEN-DAY REPORT ON THE SECOND PHASE MAPPING AND CONNECTIVITY ASSESSMENT IN LAGOS STATE TO ENHANCE DIGITAL LEARNING AND LITERACY IN SCHOOL

> CONDUCTED IN TWENTY LGA'S IN LAGOS STATE

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## **1.0 OPENING/REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS:**

The exercise began with arrival of participants from Abuja, Katsina and Lagos and they all converged at the Lagos State Ministry of Education (MoE), Alausa, Ikeja by 9:00 am.

## 2.0 MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE LAGOS STATE MoE:

The project supervisors of Lagos, Mr. Iwuchukwu Charles and Mr. Clement Akaninyene along with the enumerators met with the principal Officers of Lagos State Ministry of Education. During the meeting they briefed the D(PR&S) Dr. (Mrs.) Oyetola and Mr. Adeyemi Adebayo D(PPP) who represented the Honourable Commissioner for Education, Lagos State Ministry of Education on the purpose of the exercise and solicited their co-operation to ensure a hitch free mapping and connectivity assessment in the States to enhance digital learning and literacy in schools. In response, Mr. Adeyemi Adebayo D(PPP) welcomed all participants to the meeting on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner. He went on to assure the team of maximum collaboration with UNICEF and Federal Ministry of Education (Statistics & NEMIS). He concluded his remark by assuring FME and UNICEF team of maximum support throughout the duration of the exercise. He went further to informed the team that adequate measures have been put in place to ensure that the Education Secretaries of the 20 LGAs communicate to the head teachers about the exercise to avoid downtime. After the meeting, the team was granted express approval to carry on with the exercise.

### 3.0 TRAINING OF ENUMERATORS:

One of the Supervisors Mr. Akan Clement of FME was directed by the lead supervisor (Mr. Iwuchukwu Charles) to train enumerators on how to go about the exercise. He began by briefing participants of the overview of Giga international and went further to explain the purpose of the meeting which was to map 1,390 schools in Lagos States and identify the geolocation of schools that don't have access to the internet. These maps can then be used to connect schools. He went further to introduce the two different tools which will be used for the exercise.





#### Netflix fast.com measures upload speed

Kobo Toolbox for mobile data collection

He went further in his training to outline the implementation strategy for the exercise as follows:

- Develop ODK tool for data collection;
- Map 110 schools which include Primary and Junior Secondary schools in Kano and Lagos State with longitude and latitude coordinates;
- Determine the number of students in each school;
- Determine connectivity status and Strength in each school;
- Determine availability of devices i.e., computers, laptops, Tablets etc.;
- Determine availability of electricity; and
- Identify with ISP with the strongest network coverage.

Some participants made contributions regarding observations noted in the questionnaire and Mr. Akan explained the peculiar challenges to be seen in the field.

Mr. Akan Clement went on to do a demonstration of how the data forms will be filled and the meeting came to an end. Participants were encouraged to meet and sort their various schools and prepare for field work.

# 4.0 TECHNICAL SESSION AND FIELD WORK:

The Lagos teams began their work simultaneously without any challenge at the initial stage as the enumerators expressed some level of confidence based on the training they received. However, the following challenges were later experienced in the field.

i. Non-provision of an introductory letter from the Lagos State Ministry of Education (MoE) and Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (LASUBEB):

It was observed that there was no introductory letter for enumerators. This was due to the short time allocated for the exercise. However, the supervisors were on hand to offer administrative support where issues were reported. Follow up phone call to the LGEA Education Secretary went a long way to calm the disagreement.

#### ii. Rough Topography of some school location:

Some terrains were so poor that it was almost impossible to cover but for the determination of the enumerators to ensure that their work was done. Some schools were later replaced due to the fact that their location was practically impossible to reach.



Location in Epe LGA

#### iii. Obsolete Equipment in some schools:

Obsolete and broken-down facilities were observed in some schools. The Nonworking computers was noted in most Primary School.

#### iv. Inaccurate distance reading:

From the Kobo Toolbox mobile data collection application, it was observed that distance was captured in kilometers only even when almost all schools in Lagos have fiber optics cable laid along the road leading in front of the school and the distance is also less than 1km. After observing this issue, the coordinator was requested to correct it to accommodate meter reading.

# v. No provision of Logistics vehicles to convey enumerators to various schools:

Due to the cosmopolitan nature of Lagos State, mobility was a big challenge for enumerators and the supervisor as most of the routes had buses which had to stop over at several points to pick and drop passengers. This affected the time it would take to cover more schools thereby slowing down the quantity of coverage as schools closes by 1:00pm.

#### vi. Down time in week-ends operation:

The exercise was slowed down during the week-end in Lagos because school heads could not attend to enumerators. If there was proper organization like kano state who worked on Saturday, more schools would have been captured to safe time.

#### vii. Poor Network Service in Some LGAs:

In some LGAs, network services were very poor, erratic and unreliable thereby affecting the mapping and connectivity assessment. This affected the internet speed reading as a result most enumerators captured wrong reading which caused them to revisit those schools twice.

#### 5.0 WAY FORWARD/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Form the foregoing, the following recommendations are noted:

- i. introductory letter should be provided from the Lagos State Ministry of Education (MoE) and Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (LASUBEB) in subsequent assignments;
- ii. Enumerators should be provided with kits such as raincoat, rainboot, lifejackets and umbrellas for School selected in waterline terrain;
- iii. Provision should be made for proper logistics arrangements (cars, motorbikes) to ensure ease of accessibility to rough terrains;
- iv. There should be provision for a school guide from LGEA in order to lead enumerators to schools around their LGA to ensure more coverage;
- v. Provision should be made for extra funding of supervisors with call card since they are responsible to coordinate enumerators within a particular state;
- vi. internet service providers should not be limited to MTN and Airtel only since other providers may have stronger reception where MTN or Airtel does not cover; and
- vii. the exercise should be made to commence from Monday to Saturday excluding Sunday in order to ensure more coverage.
- viii. Government should improve on provision of Information Technology equipment in the schools, training and retraining of teachers in Information Technology and provision of light to power the facilities.

#### 6.0 APPRAISAL OF THE EXERCISE:

The supervisor for Lagos State appreciated all those who participated in the mapping and connectivity assessment in Lagos state to enhance digital learning and literacy in school. After successful completion of the exercise, over one thousand schools were mapped. In his appraisal of the exercise, the supervisor expressed confidence at the level of expertise exhibited by the coordinator, Mr. Babagana Aliyu, the level of support exhibited by the D(PR&S), the head of LASUBEB EMIS and the entire team of enumerators for their unwavering support and capacity to carry out this initiative.

#### 7.0 VOTE OF THANKS/CLOSING:

After all the schools have been mapped, the supervisors gave a vote of thanks to UNICEF as well as Giga group and wished everyone safe journey back to their various destination.

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