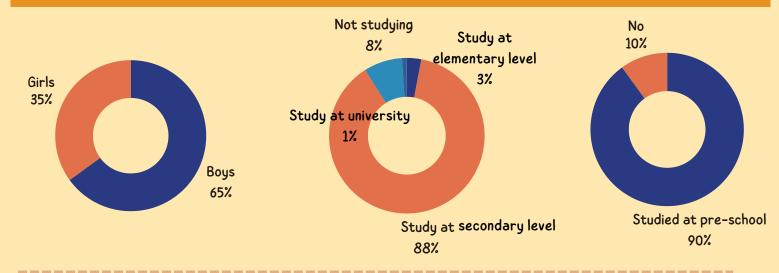
What children in Nigeria said about access to free public preprimary and secondary education?

What we know about the children who filled out the survey?

101 children replied to the survey. Most of them were 13 and 14 years old, while the youngest respondent was 10 years old.



What did they say in their replies?

What makes it difficult for children to attend pre-primary school?



They canno	ot pay for t	transporta	tion.			58.0%
Preschool	is not free	and is expe	ensive.			55.0%
Children w	•	special car	e or suppo	rt do not ha	eve	54.0%
	e no trair s in their arc		ers or	39.0%		

What makes it difficult for children to attend secondary school?



Secondary school is not free, and parents pay for it.	are not able to	26.0%	
Children who require special care or supp for it or do not have access to it.	ort have to pay	26.0%	
School uniforms, materials and supplies are expensive, and parents cannot pay for them.			
Children drop out of school to start working.	19.0%		

If children can go to free public preschool,

they develop their social and communication skills.

66%

their parents or older siblings don't have to stay at home with them.

23%

They can break the cycle of poverty by continuing their education.

13%

their brain develop better.

If children can go to free public secondary school,

they are less likely to get married off as a child or exposed to violence.

38%

they will be more prepared for adult life, and they will be able to create a better life for themselves and for their own children.

26%

They will not be sent to work to support their family.



20%

they have more chance to find a decent job and earn their living.



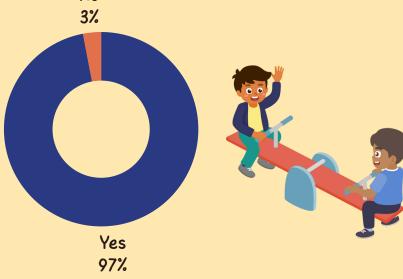
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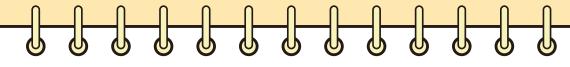
In Nigeria, schooling is compulsory for children between the age of 6 and 15, while 1 year at preschool and 9 years at primary and secondary school is free.

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Do some children have a harder time or greater challenges attending public pre-primary and secondary school than other children?



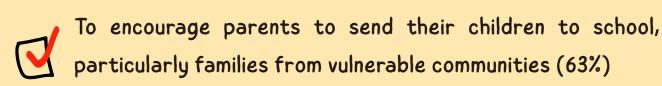


Who are these children?

- Children from indigenous communities
- Children with health conditions including mental health issues
- Children with disabilities
- Migrant children
- Children who might face harassment because of situation of their parents
- Minority children
- Children from religious communities



What should governments do to make sure that all children can attend public pre-primary and public secondary education for free?



To prevent school dropouts with an early warning system

To adapt the school environment to be inclusive and offer integrated or alternative learning methods for those who need it (36%)

To give scholarships (35%)

To protect the schools and the children therein (34%)

To provide free school meals, textbooks, uniforms (26%)

To develop policies and laws to ensure access to free public education (23%)

To train the teachers (23%)



This sheet was prepared based on the survey conducted by Kamsi, from Nigeria, member of the Children's Advisory Team of

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