**STAY IN SCHOOL INITIATIVE (SISI)**

**Grant No. NG/ABJ/SISI/001**

“Stay-In-School Initiative” (SISI) is a programme with goals of making children remain in school, access quality education and improve their educational performance.

Access to quality education is the foundation to creating sustainable development in any society. In addition to improving quality of life, access to inclusive education can help equip children with the tools required to develop innovative solutions to the world’s greatest problems in the nearest future.

Over 265 million children are currently out of school and 22% of them are of primary school age according to the United Nations. In Nigeria, it has been reported recently that the population of Nigeria’s out-of-school children has risen from 10.5 million to 13.2 million, one of the highest figures in the world.

Many children are out of school due to economic impediments, poverty and high cost of education. For the fact that about one-third of countries in the developing regions in the world have not achieved gender parity in primary education, the girl-child is more affected by these limiting factors and challenges. It is therefore of utmost necessity to activate practical initiatives, interventions and programs that will deter children who are currently in school not to drop out of school and add to the number of out-of-school children, which is already at alarming pinnacle. For quality education to be provided to the children of impoverished families who are the most susceptible to dropping out of school, investment is needed in direct educational supports to keep them in school.

Access to Humanitarian Assistance and Development Initiative (AHDI) subscribes to the UN’s sustainable development agenda that by 2030, gender disparities in education would be eliminated and that all girls and boys will complete free, equitable and quality primary education.

In order to support global actions in education, (AHDI) through SISI, a pro-poor program will be providing educational grants to selected pupils in Abuja and its environs. The grant will enable children (especially the girl-child) from poor background cover educational expenses that will enable them stay in school and access quality education. The grant will cover eligible costs such as school fees, writing materials, textbooks, uniforms and other basic educational needs for a period of one year.

Summary of the grant opportunity are as follows;

**Target Educational Institutions (Applicants):**

Public preprimary and primary schools applying for one or more number of its students

**Target Beneficiaries:**

* Girl-child in school
* Smart and intelligent children that are threatened to drop out of school due to lack of funding

**Available Funding for This Program**:

* Funding will vary per beneficiary (student) because it will depend on the actual eligible costs of keeping the child in the school that they attend just as the other peers
* Funding will cover school fees, uniforms, books and other educational materials and needs that will enable the child access quality education

All applications submitted by schools must provide justification why their funding request is of utmost necessity and the impact of not accessing the educational grant

**Criteria for Selection/prerequisite for award of grant:**

* The school should be a public school and based in Abuja or its environs
* The school should be providing preprimary or primary school education
* Students (beneficiaries) should be enrolled in the school for at least one (1) full academic year
* The school will be required to provide evidences of verifiable and certified results of beneficiaries in the past one (1) year
* The school would be required to provide evidences of the child’s parents or sponsors inability to support the child with the financial assistance and minimum requirements for the child to remain in school.

**How to apply:**

All application can be uploaded online at [www.ahdinigeria.org/grants](http://www.ahdinigeria.org/grants) or sent by email to: [grants@ahdinigeria.org](mailto:grants@ahdinigeria.org) on before 15th of November, 2018.

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