PRIVATE EDUCATORS: COPING WITH THE PANDEMIC

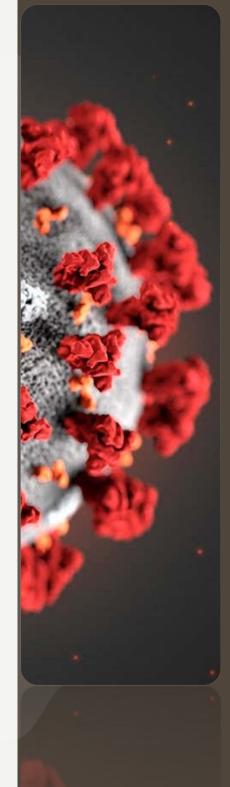
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PREAMBLE:

 Before COVID-19 10.5 million of Nigerian children, aged 5-14yrs were out of school Only 61% of 6–11-year-olds regularly attended primary school

 Nigeria contributes approximately 20% of the total global out-of-school population Source: UNICEF



• THEN CAME THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC! GREATEST DISRUPTION TO EDUCATION!!

• ACCOMPANYING REALITIES: CONFUSION, PANIC, FEAR

• 1.5 MILLION CHILDREN GLOBALLY OUT OF SCHOOL DUE TO COVID-19 WAS NIGERIA READY TO ADDRESS OR EVEN COPE? NO?

 WERE OUR PRIVATE SHOOLS READY? MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION!

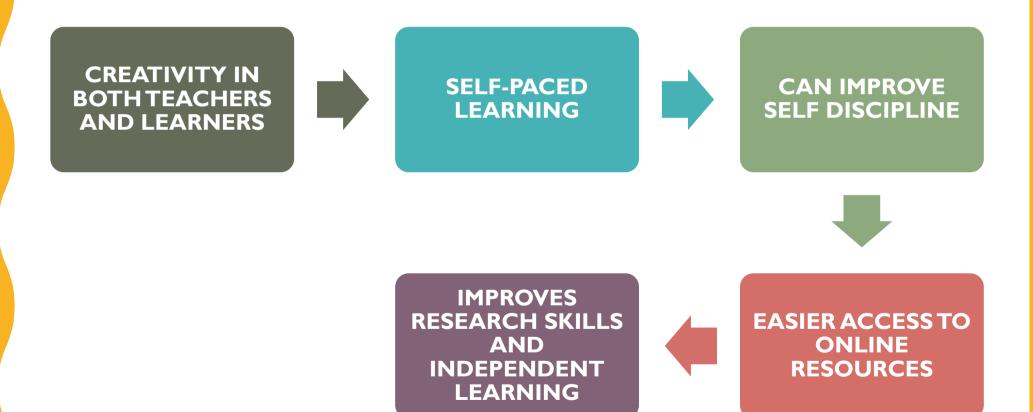
CATEGORIES OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN NIGERIA:

- 1. MISSION SCHOOLS (ANGLICAN, BAPTIST, METHODIST, CATHOLIC, PENTECOSTAL, MUSLIM)
- 2. INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS
- 3. LANGUAGE SCHOOLS
- 4. OWNER SCHOOLS
- 5. LOW FEE-PAYING SCHOOLS
- 80,000 PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NIGERIA. IN LAGOS ABOUT 18,573 (NOV 2019)
- PRIVATE SCHOOLS CONSTITUTE 75-80% OF SCHOOLS. 33% OF CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS

IMMEDIATE STRATEGIES:

- PIVOT TO TECHNOLOGY -VERY EXPENSIVE!
- ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS RESOURCES DESK TOPS, LAPTOPS, TABLETS, MOBILE PHONES, RADIOS ETC
- DATA
- ELECTRICITY
- DIESEL
- INVESTEMENT IN DELIVERY PLATFORMS (ZOOM, EDTECH, GOOGLE CLASSROOMS, EDMODO, KAHOOT, PREZI, WHATSAPP)
- STAFFTRAINING

BENEFITS:









MORE
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR TEACHER
STUDENT
INTERACTION



GAIN GREATER
ACCESS TO
EXPERTS IN
THEIR FIELDS



GREATER ABILITY
TO
CONCENTRATE
AND STAY
FOCUSED



IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

BENEFITS:

- 1. FINANCE FOR SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, PARENTS
- 2. MIGRATION OF STAFF
- A 3. SCREEN TIME FOR STUDENTS
- 4. LOSS OF SOCIAL INTERACTIONS
- 5. LEARNING LOSSES/GAPS(UP TO 30% IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES)
- 6. STUDENTS' ENGAGEMENT/ MORE STRESSFUL
 FOR TEACHERS
- 7. SYLLABUS COVERAGE
- 8. MENTAL WELLNESS OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS MOST ESPECIALLY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

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FURTHER CHALLENGES OF COPING WITH THE PANDEMIC FOR OWNERS:

UNCERTAINTIES THAT ACCOMPANIED SCHOOL CLOSURES

PARENTS' RESPONSES

LOSS OF REVENUE

EFFECT ON PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND IMPACT ON FAMILIES

SOME SCHOOLS HAVE HAD TO SHUT DOWN

