

# NEDIS RECOGNITION AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

## Background

NEDIS, the Education Innovation Summit is an annual educator sector stakeholders' convening organised and hosted by The Education Partnership (TEP) Centre. This summit was designed to convene a broad spectrum of education sector stakeholders, to highlight the challenges of education practice, innovations and their potential impact on the limitations facing the education sector in Nigeria. The inception of NEDIS provided a platform to discuss the needs of the education sector, connect stakeholders eager to apply technical support or other measures to achievement of the then millennium development goals (MDGs).

This year, the summit debuts the NEDIS Recognition Award for Innovation in Education which is designed to identify and recognise innovative solutions within the education space that addresses identified problems of access, equity and quality in the education sector. The Award serves as a platform to recognise and appreciate education interventions which have evidence of effectiveness, relative advantage over existing solutions and potential for scalability and sustainability.

## NEDIS Recognition Award for Innovation in Education Categories

- **Public Private Partnership (PPP) for education intervention**  
This award will recognise programmes which were initiated by public sector and implemented with the support of the private sector or non-state actors. The Innovation Awards will be conferred on an innovative intervention which is currently being implemented or ended no more than 2 years before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- **Use of technology in education intervention**  
The use of technology in the education sector is a pathway to bringing quality education closer to children at scale. The Innovation Award will recognise a programme which highlights the use of technology as a tool to support teaching and learning processes, increase student's access to information, and improve their engagement and motivation towards learning.
- **Education intervention for inclusion- Persons with Disabilities, Refugee and Internally Displaced children as well as out of school children.**  
Interventions which emphasize that children, irrespective of their situations, can be valued equally, treated with respect and provided with real learning opportunities are the focus of this award. It will recognise the work of state or non-state actors who have developed innovative solutions to increasing access to quality education for children with disabilities, refugee, IDPs and out-of-school children.
- **Teacher development education intervention**  
[Researchers](#) have proven that teachers are the most important in- school factor influencing student achievement. This award will therefore recognise state or non-state interventions that have demonstrated impact in the improvement of teacher quality with various innovative developmental programmes.

- **Gender focused education intervention**  
Equal access to education is the foundation for all other development goals. Girl education provides the girl child with the knowledge necessary to fight poverty and hunger, combat disease and ensure environmental sustainability. Therefore this award will therefore recognise the effect a of girl child education programme in Nigeria which has improved access to quality education for the girl child.
- **21<sup>st</sup> century skills intervention**  
This award will recognise state or non-state actors who have successfully implemented a programme that equips children with essential 21st-century skills to build meaningful relationships, take ownership of their education and encourage personal growth through social and emotional learning processes.
- **Technical and vocational education intervention**  
The rate of unemployment in Nigeria is steadily on the rise with a vast population of young people (15 – 35 years) joining the labour market annually. The Innovation Awards will recognise programmes with innovative solutions in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) field that offer young people technical and vocational skills with proof of positive impact on beneficiaries.

## NEDIS Recognition Award for Innovation in Education Evaluation Criteria

1. Proof of concept  
This provides evidence of the direct impact of the intervention highlighting the outcome and effectiveness of the programme.
2. Scalability  
The current operation model of the programme and scale up strategies.
3. Competitive advantage  
Specifics regarding the novel features of the programme that has given the programme an edge over similar programmes in the education sector
4. Relative advantage  
The design and innovation of this programme and how it directly compares to other existing programmes.
5. Sustainability  
Evidence of financial, impact and organizational continuity.

Applicants must cover the above issues in their application.

The panel deliberation is confidential and their decision is made by a simple majority vote.

## Entry Qualifications

The NEDIS Recognition Award for Innovation in Education is open to anyone who designs, engineers, promotes and implements education intervention projects in Nigeria, or is an authorized agent of the organisation and can submit entries on behalf of the organisation.

Innovation in Education is defined by the introduction of new elements, fundamental or incremental changes to activities and services which positively modify the results of any education intervention. Education intervention programmes must show how they improve

the quality of education as well as access to education in Nigeria and the strategies for the implementation of scale up of their programme.

The Innovation in Education Award is mainly for Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Company Corporate Social Responsibility projects and other not-for-profit programmes that aim to positively influence the education sector in Nigeria.

## Awards Committee

Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Awards Committee. The committee comprises members from various professional levels and disciplinary areas appointed by The Education Partnership (TEP) Centre.

The awards do not carry any monetary value but serve to recognize and celebrate extraordinary contributions in the education sector.

## Timelines

The NEDIS Recognition Award for Innovation in Education Call for Nominations is now open.

**Entry Deadline:** June 21st, 2019\*

All entries must be received by the deadline. Entries sent after will not be considered.

**Awardee Selection Process:** A four-member judging team evaluates each programme on the above listed criteria.

**Awardees Notified:** July 1st, 2019

**Awardees Announced:** July 5th, 2018

Unless otherwise indicated on the application, awardees will be announced at NEDIS 2019. All nominees will be listed and spotlighted in the NEDIS brochure.

Nominate an intervention/project [here](#).

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