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United States Signs Memorandum of Understanding to Support Primary Education in Bauchi State

Abuja – The U.S. government, through the Agency for International Development (USAID), announces its continuing support to the education sector in Bauchi state with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by the USAID Mission Director Michael T. Harvey and His Excellency the Governor of Bauchi Barrister M.A. Abubaker.

This five-year MOU sets out the shared and individual commitments for collaboration in the education sector made by both USAID and the Government of Bauchi and provides a framework for mutual accountability for education activities in Bauchi State. The MOU supports the Bauchi state government's goals and targets in its education sector strategic plans, and establishes a preliminary plan for joint monitoring and evaluation of progress.

“The United States commends Bauchi State for its extraordinary efforts to provide greater learning opportunities for its children. This MOU will expand the partnership between USAID and Bauchi State to improve primary education in Bauchi,” said USAID Mission Director Michael Harvey.

USAID supports Nigeria's efforts to improve the quality of and access to basic education. Currently, USAID implements three activities that support Bauchi State efforts to improve the education sector: Northern Education Initiative Plus, Education Crisis Response, and the Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy and Development. These activities build state and local government capacity and systems that will teach approximately 2 million primary school children how to read and allow nearly 551,000 children the opportunity to attend classes in community-based learning centers by the year 2020.

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