

## ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA OUT-OF-SCHOOLCHILDREN SURVEY REPORT



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## PREFACE

The challenge of school-aged children who for one reason or another did not enrol in school at all or enrolled and later dropped out for whatever reason has been a perennial challenge to education the world over. Nigeria alone is said to house over 10 million out of school children. This is in spite of the universal basic education programme which has been running in the country since 1999.

For Enugu State, it is not clear what the state contributes to that national pool of children who are reported to be out of school. Given the effort of the State Government in implementing the universal basic education programme, it is easy to assume that all children in Enugu State are enrolled and are attending school. This kind of assumption might not give us the benefit of knowing the true state of things as they relate to out-of-school children in our State. This is even more so given the State's development and approval of the Inclusive Education Policy, which has increased the challenge of ensuring that every child of school age, no matter his or her circumstance of birth or residence, has access to quality education; hence, the need to be concerned even for only one child that is out of school.

It is, therefore, in a bid to ascertain the prevalence of the incidence of children who are outside the school system, whether public or private, that the Ministry of Education and Enugu State Universal Basic Education Board collaborated with DFID-ESSPIN and other stakeholders to conduct the out of school children's survey. The survey covered the entire 17 LGAs in the state and involved a sample of 4,567 households selected from 471 communities.

It is my hope that education planners and policy makers in the State will use the findings of the survey to formulate appropriate strategies to bring all children of school age into the school system in line with the State's UBE law and the recently adopted Inclusive Education Policy. No child needs to be out of school given the State's UBE law which has made basic education free and compulsory. All hands need to be on deck to bring every out-of -school child back to school.

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| Acronyms |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| ASC | Annual School Census |
| ATCES | Advocacy Task Committee on Education Sector |
| BE | Basic Education |
| DQAF | Data Quality Assessment Framework |
| EA | Enumeration Area |
| ECCD | Early Child Care Development |
| ECCDE | Early Child Care Development Education |
| EFA | Education for All |
| EMIS | Education Management Information System |
| ENSUBEB | Enugu State Universal Basic Education Board |
| ESP | Education Sector Plan |
| ESSPIN | Education Sector Support Programme in Nigeria |
| FGD | Focus Group Discussion |
| FME | Federal Ministry of Education |
| GPE | Global Partnership on Education |
| HH | Household |
| HHH | Household Head |
| IBM SPSS | Predictive Analytic Software |
| ISD | Integrated School Development |
| JSS | Junior Secondary School |
| LGA | Local Government Area |
| LGEA | Local Government Education Authority |
| MOE | Ministry of Education, Science |
| NBS | National Bureau of Statistics |
| NDHS | Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey |
| NPC | National Population Commission |
| NTWG | National Technical Working Group |
| OOS | Out-of-School |
| OOSC | Out-of-School Children |
| OOSS | Out-of-School Survey |
| SESP | State Education Sector Plan |
| SSS | Senior Secondary School |
| STSSD | Stratified Two-Stage Sampling Design |
| SUBEB | State Universal Basic Education Board |
| UBE | Universal Basic Education |
| UN | United Nations |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
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## Executive Summary

Enugu State conducted this survey for out-of-school children in order to ascertain the authenticity of various claims for out-of-school children in the State as well as to plan for EFA goals. Furthermore, the survey was conducted to determine the number of out-of-school children as well as the possible reasons for their out-of-school status for credible planning. The primary objective for this survey for out-of-school children in Enugu was to assess and evaluate the magnitude of the problem of out-of-school children, possible reasons for out-of-school children and the relationships between out-of-school children and family's socio-economic status. The stratified two-stage sampling design (STSSD) was used for the survey. In scope, 4,567 households were covered in 471 communities across the 17 LGAs of the State during the survey. Earlier, pilot survey was conducted in three selected communities to test-run the instruments as well as to try out the questionnaire and the field methods on a small scale. The data collected during the survey were fully analyzed and the result were quite revealing. The results have shown that in Enugu State there were 416,832 out-of-school children aged 3-18 years, which constitutes $\mathbf{2 8 . 6 \%}$ of the total number of children aged 3-18 years. Almost 3 in 4 out-of-school children ( $73.5 \%$ ) are dropouts, with the remaining 1 in 4 ( $26.5 \%$ ) never having attended school.

## Dropouts

In Enugu State, 37,263 boys and 34,537 girls aged 12-14 (junior secondary school age) dropped out from school. In all, there were 156,092 boys and 150,168 girls aged 3-18 years that dropped out from school in the State. Moreover, $23.4 \%$ of the dropout children were 12-14 years of age (junior secondary school age).

## Never Attended School

Furthermore, there were 3,353 boys and 3,608 girls aged 12-14 (junior secondary school age) that never attended school across the 17 LGAs of the State. In all, there were 54,513 boys and 56,059 girls aged 3-18 years that never attended school in the State. Moreover, $6.3 \%$ of the children that never attended school were 12-14 years of age (junior secondary school age).

## Overall Out-of-School Children

Overall, 416,832 children aged $3-18$ years were out-of-school which constitutes $28.6 \%$ of the total projected population of children 3-18 years of age in the State. Out of this, 40,616 boys and 38,145 girls aged 12-14 (junior secondary school age) were out-of-school across the 17 LGAs of the State. In all, there were 210,605 out-of-school boys and 206,227 out-of-school girls aged 3-18 years in the State. Moreover, $18.9 \%$ of the out-of-school children were 12-14 years of age (junior secondary school age). Again, $26.0 \%$ of the out-of-school children were $15-18$ years of age (senior secondary school age).

Furthermore, the population projections have revealed that there were a total of 737,326 boys and 718,819 girls aged 3-18 years in the State. Moreover, $29.7 \%$ of the children aged 3-4 years were out-of-school, $26.0 \%$ of the children aged 5-8 years were out-of-school, $22.9 \%$ of the children aged 9-11 years were out-of-school, $26.9 \%$ of the children aged $12-14$ years were out-of-school and $37.0 \%$ of the children aged $15-18$ years were out-of-school. The summary is depicted in the following table.

School Attendance and Non Attendance in Enugu State - 2014-3-18 year olds

| Status | Number |  |  | Percent |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total |
| Dropped out | 156,092 | 150,168 | 306,260 | $51.0 \%$ | $49.0 \%$ | $100 \%$ |
| Never attended | 54,513 | 56,059 | 110,572 | $49.3 \%$ | $50.7 \%$ | $100 \%$ |
| Overall out of school | 210,605 | 206,227 | 416,832 | $50.5 \%$ | $49.5 \%$ | $100 \%$ |

## Reasons for OOS Children

The most prominent reason for OOS children was financial constraint (21.4\%). Other prominent reasons include physical disability ( $14.2 \%$ ), general medical reason ( $11.5 \%$ ), mental health issues $(9.6 \%)$, loss of father ( $7.7 \%$ ) and hearing impairment (6.4\%).

## Socio-Economic Factors for OOS Children

This out-of-school survey has, among other things, investigated some socio-economic factors responsible for out-of-school children. Education level of parents is an indicator of the economic status of the family. In this regards, $30.4 \%$ of the household heads of out-of-school children have no education while $48.5 \%$ of them have primary education only. This further signifies the relationship between out-of-school status of a child and education level of parents. This also shows high percentage of out-of-school children in homes with no or low education. Parents with out-of-school children have either primary education as their highest education qualification or no education at all. This further shows the relationship between parents' education and the children's out-of-school status.

Furthermore, occupation of household head is a good indicator of the economic status of the family. Hence, $55.9 \%$ of the household heads with out-of-school children have farming as the major occupation. This further signifies the relationship between out-of-school status of a child and occupation of household head. This also shows high percentage of out-of-school children in poor homes. In this case, peasant farming remains the most prominent occupation of the people in many parts of the State.

Moreover, monthly income of household head is a good indicator of the economic status of the family. Hence, $76.2 \%$ of the household head with out-of-school children has a monthly income of $\equiv 10,000$ and below. This further signifies the relationship between out-of-school status of a child and the income of household head. This also shows high percentage of out-of-school children in poor homes. Again, out-of-school children usually come from poor homes.

## Suggestions and the Way Forward

Based on these findings, the following suggestions and the way forward were made.

- More pre-primary schools should be provided to cater for the large number of OOS children aged 3-4 because $20.6 \%$ of the overall number of out-of-school children in the State is within that age bracket.
- The economic status of the parents should be supported to reduce the burden of sending their children to school because financial problem remains a major factor responsible for high OOS cases in the state.
- Parents of dropout children across the State should be contacted to work out ways of sending them back to school. Special programmes should be put in place to assist OOS children who lost one or both parents


## SECTION ONE

## Introduction

### 1.1Background

Education is critical to human development both at the individual and societal levels. It paves the way to a successful and productive future as well as provides the potential for an individual's intellectual growth and productivity in society. Education also contributes to the wider socio-economic and cultural development of society. The right of all Nigerians to education has also featured in successive constitutions of the Federal Republic of Nigerian. The Nigerian Government is obliged under Section 18 of the 1999 Constitution to strive to eradicate illiteracy. This commitment was reiterated with the reenactment of the Universal Basic Education (UBE) act which was subsequently reformulated into a policy of compulsory nine years of basic education in forms of six years of primary and three years of junior secondary. Hence, basic education is a fundamental right for every child in Nigeria.

The Education for All (EFA) 2000 Declaration of the United Nations (UN) is a global commitment to provide quality basic education for all children, youth and adults. At the World Education Forum (Dakar, 2000), 164 governments, including Nigeria, pledged to achieve EFA through six key goals to be met by 2015. Governments, development partners and the private sector are working together to reach the EFA goals. In response to the EFA goals as well as the need to ascertain the authenticity of various claims for the high number of out-of-school children in Nigeria; it becomes imperative for Enugu State to conduct a thorough investigation to determine the number of children that are actually out-of-school for credible planning. Hence, this survey is a step towards actualizing the State's education plans and a strategy to reduce the number of out-of school children, increase public participation and respond to the global targets of achieving the EFA goals. Meanwhile, Enugu State has Education Sector Plan (ESP) that covers 2007 through 2016, a long-term strategic document which guides the education sector reform agenda. In its ESP, Enugu State emphasised the need for monitoring and evaluating the
measurable indicators outlined in the ESP in order to determine if the state has been successful or not.

The out-of-school children in this context include dropouts and children that never attended school. Moreover, the survey has separately captured "dropouts" and "never attended" as the two mutually exclusive and exhaustive categories of OOS children. The effort to send these children back to school will give practical effect to the right to education as well as the right to non-discrimination in educational opportunity affirmed by EFA declaration. Moreover, this technical report, presents the key findings of the survey of OOS children in the 17 LGAs of Enugu State. It is hoped that the report will serve as a source of information on the status of OOS children as well as a guide to education planning in the State also to monitor the progress towards getting these children back to school.

### 1.2 Objectives

1. To gather information on out-of-school children and the responsible factors.
2. To support the Enugu State with adequate information that will inform decision making for education of the marginalized children in the State.
3. To guide the planning enrolment campaign and targeted advocacies for attendance and transition at basic education and senior secondary school levels
4. To advise Government on policies and programmes to reduce the number of out-ofschool children.

### 1.3 Framework for Out-of-School Children

The issue of out-of-school children (OOSC) has been a global concern. The recent UNESCO declaration that there are 10.5 million out-of-school children in Nigeria has been a great concern to many State governments in Nigeria. In recent times, Governments at all levels have embarked on rigorous advocacies and mobilization of communities to increase enrolment and retention; but such efforts still did not yield the desired targets.

In Nigeria today, there is growing demand for information on OOS children especially at lower levels because of its alarming rate. The need to produce a single, accurate figure on OOS children in Enugu State was an important component for education planning. Such information is not available at LGA level for planning and possible intervention. Hence, such information can be collected and compiled through this OOS Survey in order to obtain reliable baseline information for planning the education sector.

This framework distinguishes between dropouts and never attended in terms of policies aimed at reducing the number of OOS children. Different policies are needed in order to provide access to those excluded from the school system, to ensure that children start school in time, or to ensure that they complete a full cycle basic education. Indeed, rigorous efforts must be put in place to improve the way OOS children are counted and also to provide a more detailed picture of these children. These details include their names, sex, age, house address, locality, reasons for being out-of-school, among others. This survey is also important for monitoring progress when conducted at different time intervals. Moreover, it is essential to view the OOS children as elementary units and households as enumeration/listing units. This perspective requires primary data which comes directly from the target respondents. While this report paid great attention to numbers of OOS children, the reasons for being of OOS were also studied separately for drop-outs and never attended.

### 1.4 Profile of Enugu State

Enugu State in South-East Nigeria came into being on August 27, 1991. The State shares borders with Abia State and Imo State to the south, Ebonyi State to the east, Benue State to the north-east, Kogi State to the northwest and Anambra State to the west. It is one of the thirty-six States constituting the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Enugu State derives its name from the capital city, Enugu (top of the hill) which is regarded as the oldest urban community in the Igbo speaking areas of Southeast Nigeria. The State has 17 Local Government Areas. Enugu is the capital city of Enugu State.

The city owes its geopolitical significance to the discovery of coal in 1909 by a team of British geologists. The discovery of the solid mineral in the area brought about the
emergence of a permanent cosmopolitan settlement which influenced the construction of a railway line to link the Enugu coal fields with the seaport in Port Harcourt for the export of the mineral. As mining activities increased in the area, a permanent cosmopolitan settlement emerged, supported by a railway system. Enugu acquired township status in 1917 and became strategic to British interests. From Enugu the British administration was able to spread its influence over the Southern Province of Nigeria. The colonial past of Enugu is today evidenced by the Georgian building types and meandering narrow roads within the residential areas originally reserved for the whites, an area which is today called the Government Reserved Area (GRA).

## SECTION TWO <br> Methodology

### 2.1 Survey Planning for Out-of-School Children

Survey planning is paramount because the quality of survey results depends considerably on the preparations made before its conduct. At the planning stage, several meetings were held to plan adequately for the survey, outline sampling design, development of survey instruments, development of operational guides, planning the field strategy, software development, pilot survey and plan for data analysis. The meetings served as the preparatory ground for the survey where the field exercises, logistics, manpower and contingency were adequately planned.
At the end of series of planning meetings, the OOSS questionnaire was developed covering all the dimensions of out-of-schools as well as the reasons for children dropping from school and those never attended. A pilot survey was earlier conducted in some selected communities which include Ibagwa-Ani Community in Nsukka West (rural area), Ihe-Owerre Community in Nsukka Central (semi-urban area), and Agbamere EhaAlumona Community in Nsukka (urban area) to test-run the instruments and the field processes. After a pilot survey, final correction and inputs of stakeholders were reflected in the final questionnaire that was used in the main survey.

Prior to the main OOSS, the communities in the selected Communities were duly informed about the essence of the survey. Thus, before the commencement of the survey, the people in the selected Communities were duly sensitized and educated through the ranks of their traditional heads on the potential benefits of the survey to the communities. Joint sensitization meetings were conducted in the communities before the exercise. The traditional heads and community gatekeepers had also provided local guides for the enumerators. Moreover, a sample of 471 communities was selected across the 17 LGAs of the State - a total of 4,567 households. At least, $20 \%$ of households in each community was sampled randomly and enumerated.

### 2.2 Sampling Design

The stratified two-stage sampling design (STSSD) was adopted for the survey to ensure a representative sample. The STSSD is a combination of stratified and two-stage sampling methods. It involves the stratification of the population while using two-stage sampling to select samples independently from each stratum. Questionnaires were given to each and every household in the selected communities. Hence, the number of OOS children in each LGA was obtained through the ratio estimation. That is, number of OOS children in enumerated divided by the number of children in the communities multiplied by the projected population.

The 17 LGAs of Enugu State were the strata and each stratum was subdivided into communities. At first stage, samples of communities were selected from each LGA and at second stage samples of households were selected from the selected communities. In this context, the households were the enumeration or listing units while the OOS children within each household were the elementary units. The questionnaire used was designed to be administered to each household in the selected Communities.

### 2.3 Data Quality and Supervision

This OOSS was planned and conducted under well coordinated and carefully supervised atmosphere in order to ensure data quality. The monitoring and supervision has ensured that all the 471 communities were fully covered and all the selected households in the selected communities were fully enumerated. Moreover, the contents of returns of the questionnaires were frequently checked to ensure data quality. The supervision of data entry has ensured accurate, complete and error-free data entry process. Several categories of monitors and supervisors were drawn from different agencies to oversee the survey.

The enumerators were the major players in the data collection process during the survey. They visited and enumerated every household in each of the selected communities. Furthermore, the supervisors/facilitators worked closely with the enumerators to ensure that every community was fully covered, all the residential buildings/structures within a particularly community were numbered and all the selected households fully enumerated. The coordinators have supervised both the enumerators and the supervisors/facilitators. They worked closely with both the enumerators and the supervisors/facilitators to ensure
full coverage as well as data quality. The data entry officers through their coordinator collected and entered all the completed questionnaires from the facilitators. They ensured accuracy in all their entries through checking and follow-ups. The ESSPIN and SUBEB Monitors supervised the enumerators, supervisors/facilitators, coordinators and data entry officers and worked closely with all stakeholders to ensure the success of the entire OOS survey.

### 2.4 Pilot Survey

A pilot survey was conducted before the main survey in order to test-run the instruments as well as the survey process on a small scale. The pilot survey was conducted in three selected communities in Nsukka LGA: Ibagwa-Ani in Nsukka West, Ihenowerre in Nsukka Central, and Agbamere Eha-Alumona in Nsukka. The data collected during the pilot survey were analyzed and the result served as a guide for the main survey. The pilot survey, among other things, revealed that the most prominent reason for OOS children was financial constraint (19.8\%) and physical disability ( $15.1 \%$ ).

### 2.5 Process of Data Collection and Analysis

The population is naturally divided into parts called sampling units. These units cover the whole of the population without overlap; in the sense that every element in the population belongs to one and only one unit. The primary sampling units in this context are the communities while the secondary units are the households. The construction of this list of sampling units, called a sampling frame was a major practical problem. From bitter experience, researchers have acquired a critical attitude towards lists often found to be incomplete or partly illegible, or to contain an unknown amount of duplication. A complete frame of communities across the 17 LGAs was obtained from NPC out of which 471 Communities were selected using the STSSD.

Data were collected directly from the households in the selected communities through the enumerators and their supervisors using a questionnaire and an FGD interview guide. Two FGDs were held in each community; one each with women groups
and elders. The retrieved questionnaires were coded, entered, stored and analyzed using the IBM SPSS Statistics and Microsoft Excel. All data sheets were earlier edited and checked to ensure data quality. Thereafter, using the sample proportions, the robust method of estimating population totals was applied. Finally, after the analysis, the results were then embodied in this report that gives the situation appraisal of OOS children in Enugu State.

## SECTION THREE

## Results for Out-of-School Children

The analysis of this survey is to generate comprehensive data for OOS children in the 17
LGAs of Enugu State. The results of the analysis are summarized in the following tables.

### 3.1 Number of Households and Population Size

Table 3.1: Number of Sampled Enumeration Areas, Households and Population

| $\mathbf{S N}$ | LGAs | Number <br> Sampled HHs | Projected <br> Population <br> (3-18 years) | Percentage of <br> Projected <br> Population |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Aninri | 197 | 59,821 | $4.1 \%$ |
| 2 | Awgu | 298 | 88,527 | $6.1 \%$ |
| 3 | Enugu East | 183 | 124,676 | $8.6 \%$ |
| 4 | Enugu North | 342 | 109,451 | $7.5 \%$ |
| 5 | Enugu South | 274 | 88,773 | $6.1 \%$ |
| 6 | Ezeagu | 278 | 75,864 | $5.2 \%$ |
| 7 | Igbo-Etiti | 204 | 93,539 | $6.4 \%$ |
| 8 | Igboeze North | 275 | 116,095 | $8.0 \%$ |
| 9 | Igboeze South | 211 | 65,929 | $4.5 \%$ |
| 10 | Isi-Uzo | 276 | 66,330 | $4.6 \%$ |
| 11 | Nkanu East | 274 | 66,520 | $4.6 \%$ |
| 12 | Nkanu West | 282 | 65,567 | $4.5 \%$ |
| 13 | Nsukka | 312 | 138,347 | $9.5 \%$ |
| 14 | Oji River | 281 | 56,627 | $3.9 \%$ |
| 15 | Udenu | 314 | 79,756 | $5.5 \%$ |
| 16 | Udi | 300 | 104,594 | $7.2 \%$ |
| 17 | Uzo-Uwani | 266 | 55,724 | $3.8 \%$ |
|  | Total | $\mathbf{4 , 5 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 5 6 , 1 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

The table 3.1 above shows the number of selected households covered and the projected population of children 3-18 years in 2014 across the 17 LGAs of Enugu State. The projected population was obtained from the 2006 national census with a population growth rate of $3 \%$ as stipulated by UNFPA and NPC. Altogether, 4,567 households were covered across the 17 LGAs of the State. Nsukka LGA has the highest population of children aged 3-18 years in the State, 169,458 (9.5\%) while Uzo-Uwani LGA has the
least $68,203(3.8 \%)$. The ranked population of children 3-18 years for the year 2014 is depicted in figure 3.1 below.

Ranked Projected Population (3-18 Years)


Figure 3.1: Projected Population (3-18 Years) in 2014

### 3.2 Number of Out-of-School Children

Table 3.2: Number of Children that Dropout from School by Age, Sex and LGA

| LGAs | Age (Years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3-4 |  | 5-8 |  | 9-11 |  | 12-14 |  | 15-18 |  |
|  | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Aninri | 754 | 583 | 1,546 | 1,251 | 1,299 | 917 | 1,643 | 1,221 | 1,980 | 1,583 |
| Awgu | 1,900 | 2,149 | 3,363 | 3,059 | 2,333 | 2,396 | 3,144 | 3,170 | 2,931 | 3,480 |
| Enugu East | 741 | 344 | 2,327 | 2,515 | 2,427 | 1,820 | 2,599 | 3,505 | 4,998 | 4,231 |
| Enugu North | 1,012 | 1,188 | 2,283 | 2,372 | 957 | 1,217 | 1,809 | 1,471 | 3,569 | 3,326 |
| Enugu South | 251 | 269 | 1,494 | 1,337 | 1,492 | 1,314 | 2,469 | 2,197 | 2,465 | 3,180 |
| Ezeagu | 496 | 697 | 1,624 | 1,981 | 1,090 | 1,488 | 2,013 | 2,069 | 2,681 | 2,941 |
| Igbo-Etiti | 810 | 869 | 1,133 | 1,321 | 968 | 747 | 1,961 | 1,784 | 3,197 | 1,926 |
| Igboeze North | 1,302 | 1,711 | 2,796 | 2,789 | 3,295 | 2,689 | 4,825 | 4,092 | 4,590 | 4,120 |
| Igboeze South | 390 | 623 | 1,532 | 907 | 635 | 645 | 1,270 | 1,536 | 2,176 | 1,912 |
| Isi-Uzo | 477 | 519 | 1,216 | 1,169 | 831 | 645 | 1,018 | 1,303 | 1,820 | 2,201 |
| Nkanu East | 598 | 1,009 | 1,489 | 1,553 | 1,288 | 983 | 1,925 | 1,856 | 2,258 | 2,081 |
| Nkanu West | 1,441 | 1,366 | 1,986 | 2,303 | 1,434 | 1,240 | 1,976 | 1,876 | 2,147 | 2,360 |
| Nsukka | 1,158 | 1,177 | 2,105 | 2,156 | 1,375 | 1,210 | 3,128 | 1,841 | 3,700 | 3,911 |
| Oji River | 741 | 296 | 858 | 906 | 707 | 485 | 1,151 | 986 | 2,005 | 1,887 |
| Udenu | 1,292 | 1,440 | 2,360 | 1,592 | 1,577 | 1,258 | 2,529 | 2,049 | 2,951 | 3,391 |
| Udi | 1,381 | 1,465 | 2,866 | 2,874 | 1,825 | 1,544 | 2,343 | 2,493 | 2,003 | 3,032 |
| Uzo-Uwani | 493 | 580 | 1,089 | 1,093 | 895 | 626 | 1,460 | 1,088 | 1,626 | 1,382 |
| Total | 15,237 | 16,285 | 32,067 | 31,178 | 24,428 | 21,224 | 37,263 | 34,537 | 47,097 | 46,944 |

Table 3.2 above shows the number of dropout children by age by sex in the 17 LGAs of the State. There were 37,263 boys and 34,537 girls aged $12-14$ years (junior secondary school age) that dropped out from school in the State. In all, there were 156,092 boys and 150,168 girls aged 3-18 years that dropped out from school in the State. Moreover, 23.4\% of the dropout children were 12-14 years of age (junior secondary school age). Again, $30.7 \%$ of the dropout children were 15-18 years of age (senior secondary school age). The summary is further depicted by figure 3.2 below.


Figure 3.2: Distribution of Dropout Children

Table 3.3: Number of Children that Never Attended School by Age, Sex and LGA

| LGAs | Age (Years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3-4 |  | 5-8 |  | 9-11 |  | 12-14 |  | 15-18 |  |
|  | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Aninri | 675 | 546 | 526 | 536 | 110 | 170 | 44 | 244 | 119 | 48 |
| Awgu | 1,006 | 4,804 | 271 | 183 | 0 | 136 | 46 | 76 | 150 | 127 |
| Enugu East | 2,539 | 3,692 | 1,904 | 1,509 | 291 | 433 | 260 | 584 | 1,666 | 3,143 |
| Enugu North | 1,970 | 1,963 | 874 | 747 | 478 | 487 | 548 | 640 | 391 | 79 |
| Enugu South | 1,655 | 1,236 | 727 | 472 | 92 | 183 | 203 | 95 | 35 | 0 |
| Ezeagu | 2,604 | 2,135 | 1,354 | 969 | 662 | 288 | 140 | 84 | 298 | 1,508 |
| Igbo-Etiti | 1,012 | 869 | 771 | 634 | 282 | 41 | 0 | 158 | 0 | 2,329 |
| Igboeze North | 2,966 | 1,853 | 2,743 | 1,559 | 538 | 546 | 237 | 136 | 283 | 266 |
| Igboeze South | 293 | 901 | 0 | 51 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 24 | 29 |
| Isi-Uzo | 1,646 | 1,441 | 1,056 | 822 | 237 | 308 | 296 | 335 | 1,048 | 372 |
| Nkanu East | 1,263 | 721 | 372 | 685 | 132 | 140 | 112 | 270 | 128 | 104 |
| Nkanu West | 741 | 420 | 184 | 399 | 228 | 75 | 126 | 41 | 86 | 163 |
| Nsukka | 2,162 | 2,589 | 1,105 | 1,222 | 314 | 555 | 323 | 329 | 336 | 139 |
| Oji River | 684 | 592 | 107 | 125 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Udenu | 1,233 | 1,219 | 479 | 584 | 110 | 87 | 304 | 98 | 169 | 104 |
| Udi | 2,105 | 1,588 | 1,285 | 608 | 380 | 94 | 356 | 62 | 728 | 212 |
| Uzo-Uwani | 1,859 | 1,261 | 1,037 | 825 | 409 | 400 | 313 | 413 | 128 | 125 |
| Total | 26,413 | 27,830 | 14,795 | 11,930 | 4,363 | 3,943 | 3,353 | 3,608 | 5,589 | 8,748 |

Table 3.3 above shows the number of children that never attended school by age by sex in the 17 LGAs of the State. There were 3,353 boys and 3,608 girls aged 12-14 years (junior secondary school age) that never attended school in the State. In all, there were 54,513 boys and 56,059 girls aged 3-18 years that never attended school in the State. Moreover, $6.3 \%$ of the children that never attended school were 12-14 years of age (junior secondary school age). Again, $13.0 \%$ of the children that never attended school were 15-18 years of age (senior secondary school age). The summary is further depicted by figure 3.3 below.

Status: Never Attended


Figure 3.3: Distribution of Children that Never Attend School

Table 3.4: Number of Out-of-School Children by Age, Sex and LGA

| LGAs | Age (Years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3-4 |  | 5-8 |  | 9-11 |  | 12-14 |  | 15-18 |  |
|  | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Aninri | 1,429 | 1,129 | 2,072 | 1,787 | 1,409 | 1,087 | 1,687 | 1,465 | 2,099 | 1,631 |
| Awgu | 2,906 | 6,953 | 3,634 | 3,242 | 2,333 | 2,532 | 3,190 | 3,246 | 3,081 | 3,607 |
| Enugu East | 3,280 | 4,036 | 4,231 | 4,024 | 2,718 | 2,253 | 2,859 | 4,089 | 6,664 | 7,374 |
| Enugu North | 2,982 | 3,151 | 3,157 | 3,119 | 1,435 | 1,704 | 2,357 | 2,111 | 3,960 | 3,405 |
| Enugu South | 1,906 | 1,505 | 2,221 | 1,809 | 1,584 | 1,497 | 2,672 | 2,292 | 2,500 | 3,180 |
| Ezeagu | 3,100 | 2,832 | 2,978 | 2,950 | 1,752 | 1,776 | 2,153 | 2,153 | 2,979 | 4,449 |
| Igbo-Etiti | 1,822 | 1,738 | 1,904 | 1,955 | 1,250 | 788 | 1,961 | 1,942 | 3,197 | 4,255 |
| Igboeze North | 4,268 | 3,564 | 5,539 | 4,348 | 3,833 | 3,235 | 5,062 | 4,228 | 4,873 | 4,386 |
| Igboeze South | 683 | 1,524 | 1,532 | 958 | 735 | 645 | 1,270 | 1,579 | 2,200 | 1,941 |
| Isi-Uzo | 2,123 | 1,960 | 2,272 | 1,991 | 1,068 | 953 | 1,314 | 1,638 | 2,868 | 2,573 |
| Nkanu East | 1,861 | 1,730 | 1,861 | 2,238 | 1,420 | 1,123 | 2,037 | 2,126 | 2,386 | 2,185 |
| Nkanu West | 2,182 | 1,786 | 2,170 | 2,702 | 1,662 | 1,315 | 2,102 | 1,917 | 2,233 | 2,523 |
| Nsukka | 3,320 | 3,766 | 3,210 | 3,378 | 1,689 | 1,765 | 3,451 | 2,170 | 4,036 | 4,050 |
| Oji River | 1,425 | 888 | 965 | 1,031 | 707 | 485 | 1,196 | 986 | 2,005 | 1,887 |
| Udenu | 2,525 | 2,659 | 2,839 | 2,176 | 1,687 | 1,345 | 2,833 | 2,147 | 3,120 | 3,495 |
| Udi | 3,486 | 3,053 | 4,151 | 3,482 | 2,205 | 1,638 | 2,699 | 2,555 | 2,731 | 3,244 |
| Uzo-Uwani | 2,352 | 1,841 | 2,126 | 1,918 | 1,304 | 1,026 | 1,773 | 1,501 | 1,754 | 1,507 |
| Total | 41,650 | 44,115 | 46,862 | 43,108 | 28,791 | 25,167 | 40,616 | 38,145 | 52,686 | 55,692 |

Table 3.4 above shows the number of out-of-school children by age by sex in the 17 LGAs of the State. There were 40,616 boys and 38,145 girls aged 12-14 years (junior secondary school age) that that were out-of-school in the State. In all, there were 210,605 boys and 206,227 girls aged 3-18 years that were out-of-school in the State. Moreover, $18.9 \%$ of the out-of-school children were 12-14 years of age (junior secondary school age). Again, $26.0 \%$ of the out-of-school children were 15-18 years of age (senior secondary school age). The summary is further depicted by figure 3.4 below.


Figure 3.4: Distribution of Out-of-School Children

Moreover, the summary of dropouts, never attended and all of out-of-school children by sex across all LGAs is shown in table 3.5 below.

Table 3.5: Summary of Out-of-School Children by Sex and LGA

| LGAs | Out-of-School Children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dropouts |  |  | Never Attended |  |  | All OOSC |  |  |
|  | M | F |  | M | F |  | M | F |  |
| Aninri | 7,222 | 5,555 | 12,777 | 1,474 | 1,544 | 3,018 | 8,696 | 7,099 | 15,795 |
| Awgu | 13,671 | 14,254 | 27,925 | 1,473 | 5,326 | 6,799 | 15,144 | 19,580 | 34,724 |
| Enugu East | 13,092 | 12,415 | 25,507 | 6,660 | 9,361 | 16,021 | 19,752 | 21,776 | 41,528 |
| Enugu North | 9,630 | 9,574 | 19,204 | 4,261 | 3,916 | 8,177 | 13,891 | 13,490 | 27,381 |
| Enugu South | 8,171 | 8,297 | 16,468 | 2,712 | 1,986 | 4,698 | 10,883 | 10,283 | 21,166 |
| Ezeagu | 7,904 | 9,176 | 17,080 | 5,058 | 4,984 | 10,042 | 12,962 | 14,160 | 27,122 |
| Igbo-Etiti | 8,069 | 6,647 | 14,716 | 2,065 | 4,031 | 6,096 | 10,134 | 10,678 | 20,812 |
| Igboeze North | 16,808 | 15,401 | 32,209 | 6,767 | 4,360 | 11,127 | 23,575 | 19,761 | 43,336 |
| Igboeze South | 6,003 | 5,623 | 11,626 | 417 | 1,024 | 1,441 | 6,420 | 6,647 | 13,067 |
| Isi-Uzo | 5,362 | 5,837 | 11,199 | 4,283 | 3,278 | 7,561 | 9,645 | 9,115 | 18,760 |
| Nkanu East | 7,558 | 7,482 | 15,040 | 2,007 | 1,920 | 3,927 | 9,565 | 9,402 | 18,967 |
| Nkanu West | 8,984 | 9,145 | 18,129 | 1,365 | 1,098 | 2,463 | 10,349 | 10,243 | 20,592 |
| Nsukka | 11,466 | 10,295 | 21,761 | 4,240 | 4,834 | 9,074 | 15,706 | 15,129 | 30,835 |
| Oji River | 5,462 | 4,560 | 10,022 | 836 | 717 | 1,553 | 6,298 | 5,277 | 11,575 |
| Udenu | 10,709 | 9,730 | 20,439 | 2,295 | 2,092 | 4,387 | 13,004 | 11,822 | 24,826 |
| Udi | 10,418 | 11,408 | 21,826 | 4,854 | 2,564 | 7,418 | 15,272 | 13,972 | 29,244 |
| Uzo-Uwani | 5,563 | 4,769 | 10,332 | 3,746 | 3,024 | 6,770 | 9,309 | 7,793 | 17,102 |
| Total | 156,092 | 150,168 | 306,260 | 54,513 | 56,059 | 110,572 | 210,605 | 206,227 | 416,832 |

Table 3.5 above shows the number of dropouts, never attended and all of out-of-school children by sex in the 17 LGAs of the State. There were 156,092 boys and 150,168 girls that that dropped out from school in the State. Similarly, there were 54,513 boys and 56,059 girls that that never attended school in the State. Altogether, there were 210,605 boys and 206,227 girls that were out-of-school in the State. Moreover, $73.5 \%$ of the out-of-school children were dropouts while $26.5 \%$ of them have never attended school. The summary is further depicted by figures 3.5-3.12 below.


Figure 3.5: Number of Dropouts by LGA
From figure 3.5 above, Igboeze North LGA has the highest number of dropouts while Uzo-Uwani LGA has the least number of dropouts. However, the number of dropouts was not proportionate to the population sizes of the respective LGAs because more dropouts usually come from rural LGAs. The percentage dropout by LGA is shown below.


Figure 3.6: Percentage Dropouts by LGA


Figure 3.7: Number of Never Attended Children by LGA
From figure 3.7 above, Enugu East LGA has the highest number of children that never attended school while Igboeze South LGA has the least number of children that never attended school. Similarly, the number of children that never attended school was not proportionate to the population sizes of the respective LGAs because more never attended usually come from rural LGAs. The percentage never attended by LGA is shown below.

Status: Never Attended


Figure 3.8: Percentage Never Attended by LGA


Figure 3.9: Number of Out-of-School Children by LGA

From figure 3.9 above, Igboeze North LGA has the highest number of out-of-school children while Orji River LGA has the least number of out-of-school children. The percentage of OOS children by LGA, the ranked number of out-of-school children and the number of out-of-school children by status are respectively shown in figure 3.10, figure 3.11 and figure 3.12 below.

Status: All Out-of-School


Figure 3.10: Percentage Out-of-School by LGA


Figure 3.11: Ranked Number of Out-of-School Children by LGA


Figure 3.12: Number of Out-of-School Children by Status

### 3.3 Percentages of Out-of-School Children

Table 3.6: Out-of-School Children and Population by Age and Sex

| Age <br> Years) | Projected Population |  |  | Number of OOS Children |  |  | Percent of OOS Children |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total |
| $3-4$ | 147,031 | 141,611 | 288,642 | 41,650 | 44,115 | 85,765 | 28.3 | 31.2 | 29.7 |
| $5-8$ | 178,355 | 168,010 | 346,365 | 46,862 | 43,108 | 89,970 | 26.3 | 25.7 | 26.0 |
| $9-11$ | 121,415 | 114,373 | 235,788 | 28,791 | 25,167 | 53,958 | 23.7 | 22.0 | 22.9 |
| $12-14$ | 148,057 | 144,533 | 292,590 | 40,616 | 38,145 | 78,761 | 27.4 | 26.4 | 26.9 |
| $15-18$ | 142,468 | 150,292 | 292,760 | 52,686 | 55,692 | 108,378 | 37.0 | 37.1 | 37.0 |
| Total | $\mathbf{7 3 7 , 3 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{7 1 8 , 8 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 5 6 , 1 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 0 , 6 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 6 , 2 2 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 6 , 8 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 . 6}$ |

Table 3.6 above shows the projected population of children aged 3-18 in the State. There were a total of 737,326 boys and 718,819 girls aged 3-18 years in the State. Moreover, there were 210,605 and 206,227 out-of-school boys and girls aged 3-18 years
respectively in the State. Furthermore, $29.7 \%$ of the children aged 3-4 years were OOS, $26.0 \%$ of the children aged $5-8$ years were OOS, $22.9 \%$ of the children aged $9-11$ years were OOS, $26.9 \%$ of the children aged 12-14 years were OOS and $37.0 \%$ of the children aged 15-18 years were OOS. Overall, 416,832 children aged 3-18 years were OOS which constitutes $28.6 \%$ of the total number of children 3-18 years of age. The summary is further depicted by figure 3.13 below.


Figure 3.13: Out-of-School Children as a Percentage of the Population

Table 3.7: Summary of Out-of-School Children by Age

| Age (Years) | Number Out-of-School | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $3-4$ | 85,765 | $20.6 \%$ |
| $5-8$ | 89,970 | $21.6 \%$ |
| $9-11$ | 53,958 | $12.9 \%$ |
| $12-14$ | 78,761 | $18.9 \%$ |
| $15-18$ | 108,378 | $26.0 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 1 6 , 8 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

Furthermore, table 3.7 above shows the number of OOS children by age as well as their corresponding percentages of the overall OOS children. There were 85,765 OOS children aged 3-4 years which constitutes $20.6 \%$ of the overall number of out-of-school children in the State. Similarly, there were 89,970 OOS children aged 5-8 years which constitutes $21.6 \%$ of the overall number of OOSC. Moreover, there were 53,958 OOS children aged 9-11 years which constitutes $12.9 \%$ of the overall number of OOSC and 78,761 OOS children aged 12-14 years which constitutes $18.9 \%$ of the overall number of OOS children. Lastly, there were 108,378 OOS children aged 15-18 years which constitutes $26.0 \%$ of the overall number of OOS children. The summary is further depicted by figure 3.14below.


Figure 3.14: Percentage of Out-of-School Children

## SECTION FOUR

## Possible Risk Factors for Out-of-School Children

The analysis of the responsible factors as well as socio-economic factors is hereby presented. The results are summarized in the following tables and charts.

### 4.1 Reasons for Out-of-School Children

Table 4.1: Percentage Reasons for OOS Children

| Possible Reasons | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| General Medical Reason | $11.5 \%$ |
| Hearing Impairment | $6.4 \%$ |
| HIV/AIDS Stigma | $4.8 \%$ |
| Mental Health Issues | $9.6 \%$ |
| Physical Disability | $14.2 \%$ |
| Visually Impaired | $1.9 \%$ |
| Cultural Reasons | $0.2 \%$ |
| Albino | $0.4 \%$ |
| Gender | $0.1 \%$ |
| Marriage | $1.7 \%$ |
| Migration | $1.4 \%$ |
| Insecurity | $0.2 \%$ |
| Apprenticeship | $3.6 \%$ |
| To go and Earn Money | $3.7 \%$ |
| Financial Constraint | $21.4 \%$ |
| Loss of Both Parents | $3.3 \%$ |
| Loss of Mother | $1.5 \%$ |
| Loss of Father | $7.7 \%$ |
| Unwanted Pregnancy | $0.3 \%$ |
| Distance | $0.6 \%$ |
| School not Meeting the Entrepreneurship Needs | $0.2 \%$ |
| Child has no Interest of Attending School | $3.7 \%$ |
| No Suitable School | $0.5 \%$ |
| No Value in Sending Child to School | $0.9 \%$ |
| Poor Water and Sanitation Facilities | $0.1 \%$ |
| Others | $0.2 \%$ |
| Total | $100.0 \%$ |
|  |  |

Table 4.1 above shows the multiple response percentages of the reasons for OOS children in the State. The most prominent reason for OOS children was financial constraint (21.4\%). On the other hand, other prominent reasons include physical disability ( $14.2 \%$ ), general medical reason ( $11.5 \%$ ), mental health issues ( $9.6 \%$ ) and loss of father ( $7.7 \%$ ). The focus group discussions (FGD) across the 17 LGAs have further confirmed the three most prominent reasons for OOSC to be financial constraint, loss of father, loss of mother and insecurity. The summary is further depicted by figure 4.1 below.


Figure 4.1: Ranked Percentage reasons for OOS Children

### 4.2 Socio-Economic Relationships with Out-of-School Status

Table 4.2: Percentage of Education Level of Household Heads with OOSC

| Education Level of HHH | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| No education | $34.0 \%$ |
| Primary education | $48.5 \%$ |
| Secondary education | $14.9 \%$ |
| Vocational training | $0.7 \%$ |
| Tertiary education | $1.9 \%$ |
| Total | $100.0 \%$ |

Table 4.2 above shows the percentages of household heads of OOS children by education level. In this regards, education level of parents is an indicator of the economic status of the family. Hence, $30.4 \%$ and $48.5 \%$ of the household heads of out-of-school children have no education level and primary education respectively. This further signifies the relationship between OOS status of a child and education level of parents. This also shows high percentage of OOS children in homes with no or low education. Similarly, the focus group discussions (FGD) across the 17 LGAs have further confirmed that parents with OOS children have either primary education as their highest education qualification or no education at all. This further shows the relationship between parents' education and the children's OOS status. The summary is depicted by figure 4.2 below.


Figure 4.2: Percentage Education Level of HHH with OOSC

Table 4.3: Percentage OOSC by Major Occupation of Household Head

| Major Occupation of HHH | Percent |
| :--- | ---: |
| Civil servant/ Government Employee | $6.4 \%$ |
| Farming | $55.9 \%$ |
| Self Employed | $30.4 \%$ |
| Professional Person | $0.9 \%$ |
| Employee of Private Company | $1.6 \%$ |
| Others | $4.7 \%$ |
| Total | $100.0 \%$ |

Table 4.3 above shows the percentages of the major occupation of household heads with OOS children. Again, occupation of household head is a good indicator of the economic
status of the family. Hence, $55.9 \%$ of the household heads with OOS children have farming as the major occupation. This further signifies the relationship between OOS status of a child and occupation of household head. This also shows high percentage of OOS children in poor homes. Similarly, the focus group discussions (FGD) across the 17 LGAs have further confirmed that peasant farming remains the most prominent occupation of the people in many parts of the State. The summary is depicted by figure 4.3 below.


Figure 4.3: Percentage Occupation of HHH with OOSC

Table 4.4: Monthly Income ( $\mathbf{N}$ ) of Household Head

| Monthly Income of HHH | Percent |
| :---: | :---: |
| \# 10,000 and below | 76.2\% |
| \# 10,001- \# 20,000 | 20.2\% |
| \# 20,001- \# 30,000 | 2.5\% |
| \# 30,001- $\ddagger 40,000$ | 0.7\% |
| \# 40,001- N 50,000 | 0.3\% |
| Above \# 50,000 | 0.2\% |
| Total | 100.0\% |

Table 4.4 above shows the percentages of monthly income of household head with OOS children. Again, monthly income of household head is a good indicator of the economic status of the family. Hence, $76.2 \%$ of the household head with OOS children has a monthly income of $\$ 10,000$ and below. This further signifies the relationship between OOS status of a child and the income of household head. This also shows high percentage of OOS children in poor homes. Similarly, the focus group discussions (FGD) across the 17 LGAs have further confirmed that OOS children usually come from poor homes. The summary is depicted by figure 4.4 below.


Figure 4.4: Percentage Monthly Income of HHH with OOSC

## SECTION FIVE

## Conclusions and Recommendations

### 5.1 Conclusions

This OOS survey has actually considered the disaggregation of the number of OOS children by sex, age and LGA. In all, there were 156,092 boys and 150,168 girls aged 318 years that dropped out from school in the State. On the other hand, there were 54,513 boys and 56,059 girls aged 3-18 years that never attended school in the State. In all, there were 210,605 boys and 206,227 girls aged 3-18 years that were out-of-school in the State. This implies that there were more dropout children than the number of children that never attended school. Moreover, $73.5 \%$ of the out-of-school children were dropouts while $26.5 \%$ of them have never attended school.

Furthermore, there were a total of 737,326 boys and 718,819 girls aged 3-18 years in the State. Furthermore, $29.7 \%$ of the children aged 3-4 years were OOS, $26.0 \%$ of the children aged 5-8 years were OOS, $22.9 \%$ of the children aged 9-11 years were OOS, $26.9 \%$ of the children aged 12-14 years were OOS and $37.0 \%$ of the children aged 15-18 years were OOS. Overall, 416,832 children aged 3-18 years were OOS which constitutes $28.6 \%$ of the total number of children 3-18 years of age.

Moreover, there were 85,765 OOS children aged 3-4 years which constitutes $20.6 \%$ of the overall number of out-of-school children in the State. Similarly, there were 89,970 OOS children aged 5-8 years which constitutes $21.6 \%$ of the overall number of OOSC. On the other hand, there were 53,958 OOS children aged 9-11 years which constitutes $12.9 \%$ of the overall number of OOSC and 78,761 OOS children aged 12-14 years which constitutes $18.9 \%$ of the overall number of OOS children. Lastly, there were 108,378 OOS children aged 15-18 years which constitutes $26.0 \%$ of the overall number of OOS children. The most prominent reason for OOS children was financial constraint (21.4\%), physical disability ( $14.2 \%$ ), general medical reason ( $11.5 \%$ ), mental health issues ( $9.6 \%$ ), loss of father ( $7.7 \%$ ) and hearing impairment ( $6.4 \%$ ).

Furthermore, education level, occupation and income of parents were found to be key indicators of the economic status of the family. $30.4 \%$ of the household heads of out-ofschool children have no education at all, while $48.5 \%$ have only primary education. This further signifies the relationship between OOS status of a child and education level of parents. This also shows high percentage of OOS children in homes with no or low education. Again, $55.9 \%$ of the household heads with OOS children have farming as the major occupation. This further signifies the relationship between OOS status of a child and occupation of household head. Lastly, monthly income of household head is a good indicator of the economic status of the family. Hence, $76.2 \%$ of the household heads with OOS children has a monthly income of $\# 10,000$ and below. This further signifies the relationship between OOS status of a child and the income of household head.

### 5.2 Suggestions and the Way Forward

Based on the key findings, the following suggestions and the way forward are hereby made:

1. Pre-primary schools should be provided to cater for the large number of OOS children aged 3-4. All public primary schools should be equipped with all the necessary support to mount ECCD classes.
2. The economic status of the parents should be supported to reduce the burden of sending their children to school. This could be achieved through conditional cash transfer, among others.
3. Parents of dropout children across the State should be contacted to work out ways of sending them back to school.
4. Special programmes should be put in place to assist OOS children who lost one or both parents. For instance, such children should always be given free books and uniforms.

### 5.3 Limitations

The limitations of this study include the following.

1. Children on the streets (though negligible in number) and whose household heads did not report were missing in coverage.
2. The population estimates were based on stratified cluster sampling design.

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## Appendix A

## Questionnaire

## Enugu State Survey for Out-of-School Children

## Household Questionnaire

Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is $\qquad$
I represent the Enugu State Universal Basic Education Board (ENUSUBEB) in collaboration with Education Sector Support Programme in Nigeria (ESSPIN). The ENSUBEB and ESSPIN are conducting a survey to assess peoples' opinion and perceptions about out-of-school children in Enugu state with the view of finding adequate information on the responsible factors, low male and female enrolment for basic education, and possible solutions to this. The result of this survey will be used to improve the information available to ENSUBEB in the state and the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) in Abuja. You have been selected for the interview by means of a random or chance selection process. I would like to ask you a few questions if you agree, but you can refuse to answer any question I ask. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. Some of the questions I will ask you are personal and you may withdraw from the interview at any time. The information I collect from you will not be shown to anyone outside this project.

Do you have any question about this study, you would like to ask me before we start? Yes/No. If no, may I proceed with the questions?

Interview start time: $\qquad$ End of Interview time: $\qquad$

## A: BIODATA OF INTERVIEWEE

1. Name of interviewee (optional): $\qquad$
2. Gender of interviewee (observe the respondent and record)
3. State of origin: $\qquad$
4. Interview Location (LGA and community): $\qquad$
Street address/Village: $\qquad$

## B: DEMOGRAPHICS

5. Who is the head of the household: Man $\square$ Woman $_{\square}$ Boy-child $\square$ Girl -child $\square$
6. Religion: Christianity $\square$ Islam $\square$ Traditional Religion $\square$ Others (please specify)
7. How long have you lived in this place/community? $\qquad$
8. Education level of household head:

No education

Primary education
Secondary education
Vocational training
Tertiary education
9. Occupation of the household head: (Tick one that matches closest to occupation)

| Civil Servant/Government Employee |  | Professional Person |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Farming |  | Employee of a private company |  |
| Self Employed |  | Others (please specify) |  |

10. What is the monthly income range of the head of the household:

0 - N10,000 $\square$
N11,000 - N20,000
N21,000 - N30,000
N31,000 - N40,000
N41,000 - N50,000
N51,000 - above $\square$
11. How many children between 3-18 years are currently in your household in total?
12.

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { 3-4 } \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 5-8 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 9-11 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathbf{1 2 - 1 4} \\ & \text { Year } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 15-18 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| How many children between 3-18 years are currently in your household in total? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Of these - How many children between 3-18 years once attended but now drop out of school? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| How many children currently in household between 3-18 years never attended school? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

14. How long have you lived in this community? $\qquad$
15. If moved to this community in last 2 years - Why? $\qquad$
16. What is the relationship between the household head and the children that currently attends school?

| Relationship | How many children? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Biological child |  |
| Nephew |  |
| Niece |  |
| Foster child |  |
| Others (please specify) |  |

17. How many children between 3-18 years in the household have dropped out of school?
18. What is the relationship between the household head and the children that dropped out of school?

| Relationship | How many children? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Biological child |  |
| Nephew |  |
| Niece |  |
| Foster child |  |
| Others (please specify) |  |

19. How many children between 3-18 years in the household have never attended school?
20. What is the relationship between the household head and the children that have never attended school?

| Relationship | How many children? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Biological child |  |
| Nephew |  |
| Niece |  |
| Foster child |  |
| Others (please specify) |  |

21. Out-of-school children census per household (TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH CHILD)

| S/N | NAME | Age | SEX |  | never <br> attende <br> d | dropped <br> out | last <br> class <br> attended | MAJOR REASONS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Please select any of the major reason(s) where applicable for question 21 above

| Major Reasons - Codes for not sending child to school (Answer all reasons Head of Household and Child) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Medical Reasons |  | Economic Reasons |  |
| Me | General Medical Reason | Ap | Apprenticeship |
| Hi | Hearing Impairment | Em | To go and earn money |
| Hv | HIV/AIDS Stigma | Fr | Financial Constraint (eg transport, uniform) |
| Mh | Mental Health Issues | LP | Loss of both Parents |
| Pd | Physical <br> difficalility <br> dificult | schooling | LP1 |
| Loss of mother |  |  |  |
| Vi | Visually Impaired | LP2 | Loss of father |
| $\mathrm{Cultural/Safety} \mathrm{Reasons}$ |  | Other Reasons |  |
| Cu | Cultural Reasons | Di | Distance |
| Al | Albino | En | School not meeting the entrepreneurship <br> needs |
| Ge | Gender | Ni | No interest in attending (Child) |
| Ma | Marriage | Ns | No suitable school |
| Mi | Migration | NV | No value in sending child (Head's decision) |
| IS | Insecurity | PS | Poor water and sanitation facilities |
|  |  | O | Others (please specify) |

(Enumerator is expected to the engage the respondent in conversation on the reason why the child is out of school and document via voice recording or in writing).

## Appendix B

Interview Guide

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FGD Interview Guide

# ENUGU STATE OUT- OF- SCHOOL CHILDREN HOUSEHOLD SURVEY 

## ANNEX E: FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is $\qquad$
(Moderator)
I am part of a research effort that is in this context focused on out-of-school children in Enugu State. The research is coordinated by ENSUBEB and ESSPIN to document the opinions of different groups in the 17 local government areas of Enugu State on issues relating to out-of-school children in the state. Your contribution to the discussion is very valuable, and we hope you will actively participate in the focus group discussion. All information will be used without mentioning your names and held in confidence within the research team and among its collaborators. We seek your consent to record the discussion so that we could capture all the ideas expressed. We expect this discussion to last for no more than $90-120$ minutes. The FGD Guide will include:

1. Are there children of school age who have never been enrolled in school in this community? PROBE FOR: children of school age that are out-of-school
2. Why are some children of school age not enrolled at all in schools in this community? PROBE FOR: Social-cultural, political, family and individual reasons, etc
3. Are there children of school age who have dropped out of school in this community?
4. At what age and class are boys dropping out of school?
5. Give 4 reasons (in order of suggested frequency) why boys are dropping out of school.
6. Would they attend school now, later or unsure? If later, why?
7. At what age and class are girls dropping out of school?
8. Give 4 reasons (in order of suggested frequency), why boys are dropping out of school?
9. Would they attend school now, later or unsure? If later, why
10. What can be done to ensure that more children enrol into school, stay and complete their primary education?
11. What can be done to ensure that more children complete their secondary education?

## Appendix C

Percentages of Children that Dropout from School

| LGAs | Age (Years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3-4 |  | 5-8 |  | 9-11 |  | 12-14 |  | 15-18 |  |
|  | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Aninri | 11.9\% | 10.6\% | 20.2\% | 18.9\% | 25.1\% | 20.7\% | 26.0\% | 21.6\% | 32.6\% | 26.8\% |
| Awgu | 22.0\% | 24.2\% | $32.1 \%$ | 29.0\% | $32.6 \%$ | 33.4\% | 36.1\% | 34.8\% | 35.2\% | 37.0\% |
| Enugu East | 6.2\% | 2.6\% | 15.8\% | 16.7\% | 24.6\% | 17.6\% | 21.6\% | 27.3\% | 43.1\% | 31.2\% |
| Enugu North | 9.2\% | 11.0\% | 17.2\% | 18.9\% | 10.6\% | 14.1\% | 16.3\% | 13.6\% | 33.4\% | 29.5\% |
| Enugu South | 3.1\% | 3.1\% | 14.5\% | 12.3\% | 21.1\% | 18.0\% | 28.6\% | 23.8\% | 29.9\% | 33.0\% |
| Ezeagu | 6.6\% | 9.2\% | 17.6\% | 22.4\% | 17.2\% | 24.6\% | 26.4\% | 27.3\% | 36.5\% | 37.4\% |
| Igbo-Etiti | 8.8\% | 9.7\% | 10.1\% | 12.3\% | 12.3\% | 10.1\% | 20.7\% | 19.4\% | 35.2\% | 19.8\% |
| Igboeze North | 10.6\% | 16.3\% | 18.5\% | 22.4\% | 32.1\% | 31.7\% | 38.3\% | 38.3\% | 37.8\% | 37.0\% |
| Igboeze South | 5.7\% | 10.6\% | 17.6\% | 12.8\% | 11.0\% | 13.2\% | 17.6\% | 25.1\% | 31.7\% | 29.9\% |
| Isi-Uzo | 7.0\% | 7.9\% | 15.4\% | 15.0\% | 15.4\% | 12.3\% | 15.4\% | 19.4\% | 28.6\% | 31.7\% |
| Nkanu East | 8.8\% | 15.8\% | 18.0\% | 20.7\% | 22.9\% | 18.9\% | 28.2\% | 28.6\% | 34.3\% | 30.8\% |
| Nkanu West | 22.0\% | 21.1\% | 25.1\% | 29.9\% | 26.4\% | 23.8\% | 29.9\% | 28.6\% | 33.9\% | 34.3\% |
| Nsukka | 8.4\% | 8.4\% | 12.8\% | 13.2\% | 12.3\% | 10.6\% | 22.9\% | 12.8\% | 28.2\% | 26.4\% |
| Oji River | 12.3\% | 5.7\% | 11.9\% | 14.5\% | 14.5\% | 11.4\% | 19.4\% | 18.5\% | 34.8\% | 33.9\% |
| Udenu | 16.3\% | 18.0\% | 24.6\% | 16.7\% | 24.2\% | 19.8\% | 31.7\% | 25.5\% | 38.7\% | 40.5\% |
| Udi | 13.2\% | 14.1\% | 22.4\% | 23.8\% | 21.1\% | 18.5\% | 22.4\% | 23.8\% | 19.8\% | 27.7\% |
| Uzo-Uwani | 7.9\% | 11.9\% | 14.5\% | 18.5\% | 17.6\% | 15.8\% | 23.8\% | 21.6\% | 27.3\% | 26.4\% |

## Appendix D

Percentages of Children that Never Attended School

| LGAs | Age (Years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3-4 |  | 5-8 |  | 9-11 |  | 12-14 |  | 15-18 |  |
|  | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Aninri | 10.6\% | 9.7\% | 7.0\% | 8.4\% | 2.2\% | 4.0\% | 0.9\% | 4.4\% | 1.8\% | 0.9\% |
| Awgu | 11.4\% | 10.1\% | 2.6\% | 1.8\% | 0.0\% | 1.8\% | 0.4\% | 0.9\% | 1.8\% | 1.3\% |
| Enugu East | 21.1\% | 29.0\% | 13.2\% | 10.1\% | 3.1\% | 4.4\% | 2.2\% | 4.4\% | 14.5\% | 23.3\% |
| Enugu North | 18.0\% | 18.5\% | 6.6\% | 5.7\% | 5.3\% | 5.7\% | 4.8\% | 5.7\% | 3.5\% | 0.9\% |
| Enugu South | 19.4\% | 13.6\% | 7.0\% | 4.4\% | 1.3\% | 2.6\% | 2.2\% | 0.9\% | 0.4\% | 0.0\% |
| Ezeagu | 34.3\% | 28.6\% | 14.5\% | 11.0\% | 10.6\% | 4.8\% | 1.8\% | 1.3\% | 4.0\% | 18.9\% |
| Igbo-Etiti | 10.6\% | 9.7\% | 6.6\% | 5.7\% | 3.5\% | 0.4\% | 0.0\% | 1.8\% | 0.0\% | 24.2\% |
| Igboeze North | 23.8\% | 17.6\% | 18.0\% | 12.3\% | 5.3\% | 6.6\% | 1.8\% | 1.3\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% |
| Igboeze South | 4.0\% | 15.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.9\% | 1.8\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.9\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% |
| Isi-Uzo | 25.1\% | 22.0\% | 13.2\% | 10.6\% | 4.4\% | 5.7\% | 4.4\% | 4.8\% | 16.3\% | 5.3\% |
| Nkanu East | 18.5\% | 11.4\% | 4.4\% | 9.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.6\% | 1.8\% | 4.0\% | 1.8\% | 1.3\% |
| Nkanu West | 11.4\% | 6.6\% | 2.2\% | 5.3\% | 4.4\% | 1.3\% | 1.8\% | 0.4\% | 1.3\% | 2.2\% |
| Nsukka | 15.8\% | 18.5\% | 6.6\% | 7.5\% | 2.6\% | 4.8\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% | 2.6\% | 0.9\% |
| Oji River | 11.4\% | 11.4\% | 1.3\% | 2.2\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.9\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% |
| Udenu | 15.8\% | 15.4\% | 4.8\% | 6.2\% | 1.8\% | 1.3\% | 4.0\% | 1.3\% | 2.2\% | 1.3\% |
| Udi | 20.2\% | 15.4\% | 10.1\% | 4.8\% | 4.4\% | 1.3\% | 3.5\% | 0.4\% | 7.0\% | 1.8\% |
| Uzo-Uwani | 30.4\% | 25.5\% | 14.1\% | 14.1\% | 7.9\% | 10.1\% | 5.3\% | 8.4\% | 2.2\% | 2.2\% |

## Appendix E

Enugu Population Projection, 2014 (Based on 2006 Population Census)

|  | 3-4 Years |  | 5-8 Years |  | 9-11 Years |  | 12-15 Years |  | 15-18 Years |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LGAs | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Aninri | 6,315 | 5,546 | 7,661 | 6,580 | 5,215 | 4,479 | 6,360 | 5,660 | 6,119 | 5,886 |
| Awgu | 8,638 | 8,907 | 10,478 | 10,567 | 7,133 | 7,193 | 8,698 | 9,090 | 8,370 | 9,453 |
| Enugu East | 12,023 | 12,684 | 14,585 | 15,048 | 9,928 | 10,244 | 12,107 | 12,946 | 11,650 | 13,461 |
| Enugu North | 11,010 | 10,685 | 13,356 | 12,677 | 9,092 | 8,630 | 11,087 | 10,906 | 10,668 | 11,340 |
| Enugu South | 8,551 | 9,041 | 10,373 | 10,726 | 7,061 | 7,302 | 8,611 | 9,227 | 8,286 | 9,595 |
| Ezeagu | 7,609 | 7,428 | 9,230 | 8,813 | 6,283 | 6,000 | 7,662 | 7,582 | 7,373 | 7,884 |
| Igbo-Etiti | 9,429 | 9,112 | 11,438 | 10,811 | 7,786 | 7,360 | 9,495 | 9,300 | 9,137 | 9,671 |
| Igboeze North | 12,493 | 10,529 | 15,155 | 12,492 | 10,316 | 8,504 | 12,580 | 10,746 | 12,105 | 11,175 |
| Igboeze South | 7,089 | 5,985 | 8,599 | 7,101 | 5,854 | 4,834 | 7,138 | 6,108 | 6,869 | 6,352 |
| Isi-Uzo | 6,596 | 6,551 | 8,001 | 7,772 | 5,447 | 5,291 | 6,642 | 6,686 | 6,391 | 6,953 |
| Nkanu East | 6,800 | 6,387 | 8,249 | 7,577 | 5,615 | 5,158 | 6,848 | 6,519 | 6,589 | 6,778 |
| Nkanu West | 6,547 | 6,449 | 7,942 | 7,651 | 5,407 | 5,208 | 6,593 | 6,582 | 6,344 | 6,844 |
| Nsukka | 13,510 | 13,908 | 16,388 | 16,501 | 11,156 | 11,233 | 13,604 | 14,195 | 13,091 | 14,761 |
| Oji River | 5,960 | 5,268 | 7,229 | 6,250 | 4,921 | 4,255 | 6,001 | 5,377 | 5,775 | 5,591 |
| Udenu | 7,876 | 7,931 | 9,554 | 9,410 | 6,504 | 6,406 | 7,931 | 8,095 | 7,631 | 8,418 |
| Udi | 10,463 | 10,269 | 12,692 | 12,183 | 8,640 | 8,294 | 10,536 | 10,481 | 10,138 | 10,898 |
| Uzo-Uwani | 6,121 | 4,930 | 7,426 | 5,849 | 5,055 | 3,982 | 6,164 | 5,032 | 5,932 | 5,233 |
| Total | 147,031 | 141,611 | 178,355 | 168,010 | 121,415 | 114,373 | 148,057 | 144,533 | 142,468 | 150,292 |

