



# Empowering the Girl Child

**Welcome to the latest update from IWEI.**

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**Education of girls in Northern Nigeria continues to be a serious issue where about 60% do not complete secondary school and instead are married off.**

**IWEI supports girls education through awareness raising in the importance of education and running of Safe Spaces where they learn literacy, life skills, importance of education, vocational and financial literacy skills.**

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**IWEI's education for STARS safe space club is a 6month project run by Mentors for 75 children, 51 girls & 24 boys from 5 LGAs in urban Kano, (STARS is an acronym for Smart, Talented, Ambitious, Resourceful and Successful).**

**Activities include: literacy (reading and writing in English language), lifeskills (hygiene, knowing their rights, sexual and gender based violence, etc), career guidance and vocational & financial skills training all of which are aimed at boosting their confidence and self-esteem and we hope will inspire them to want to go further than secondary school. Methodology include using role plays, dramas, jollyphonics, etc.**

**Zainab is from Rano LGA (a rural community**



where farming is the main preoccupation of its people), Kano State. Child marriage and poor retention of girls in schools is common in communities like hers due to factors such as patriarchy, poverty and ignorance about the importance of education. She was one of the beneficiaries of our earlier Safe Space Clubs held in her community and one of the few girls in her class that completed secondary school. She is going on to study a health course at the School of Hygiene, Kano that is highly needed in communities like hers. She came to our office desperately seeking financial support as her parents were unable to raise the tuition fees of N30,000. With support from a generous donor, we were able to provide the amount she needed. She expressed her deep appreciation and gratitude to the donor for their support and prayed for God's blessings.



When Aisha first joined STARS, she was extremely shy and it was so painful watching her try to talk when asked a question. The change in her has become apparent as she no longer covers her mouth and participates in dramas and activities. *Picture shows Aisha speaking publicly during International Day of the Girl held at IWEI office.* This is something she would never have done before she joined STARS.

**Fatima, a 13 year old girl was very shy and reserved when she joined STARS but the change in her has been remarkable as she now**

interacts freely with the other children in her safe space club and is also now able to read basic words. *Fatima said she wishes the safe space sessions were daily and not just on the weekends.*



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