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Habiba Mohammed

Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Program, 2014 Cohort

A high school English teacher in Zaria, Nigeria, Habiba Mohammed built upon her 2014 TEA program at Bowling Green State University to expand her efforts to keep rural and low-income urban adolescent girls in school in her community and beyond.

Habiba co-leads the non-profit Center for Girls' Education. Through the Center, she applied for and was awarded funds from the MacArthur Foundation and the Malala Fund to create safe spaces and offer an additional 400 girls in her region intensive literacy and numeracy skills, life and vocational skills, and reproductive health information in an effort to keep the girls in school. She works with community members, religious leaders, parents, and government officials to support her efforts.

Ms. Mohammed's organization, the Center for Girls' Education, serves as a learning hub for girls in Nigeria and West Africa more broadly. She is driven by the vision that no child should be left without education in Nigeria.

The TEA program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and is administered by IREX.

“*My organisation is working tirelessly to ensure that we close the gap of the over 10 million out of school children, especially girls in Northern Nigeria.*

We have started a pilot of our 'Out of school' safe spaces for girls and have enrolled over 300 girls for 2 years. Over 50% are now in formal schools”

