



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL MINNA, NIGER STATE.

(CRÈCHE, PRE-NURSERY, NURSERY, PRIMARY & COLLEGE)

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Dear Labdoo Germany Team,

REQUEST FOR DONATION OF EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND LEARNING RESOURCES

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Marie Aduro. 20 years ago, I founded The Immaculate Conception Schools, driven by my lifelong passion for education, and a deep desire to contribute towards addressing the dismal education statistics in Niger state, where I have lived for almost 30yrs. Niger state is in the North-Central area of Nigeria, with a high percentage of primary school aged children – 42% of girls and 39% of boys – out of school. It is in the top 10 states for out of school children in the country. While the state has the 10th highest GDP in the country, it has a low Human Development Index, and has in recent years been beset by insecurity due to banditry and kidnapping. These factors, together with cultural beliefs and practices contribute to poor school attendance. Thus, the majority of our pupils come from low-income families.

Our mission is to provide quality early childhood and foundational education that is affordable for the majority of our low and middle-income families in an inclusive and supportive environment. Our fee structure reflects this mission, as it is priced much lower than similar schools with comparable quality in Minna, the state capital.

We started with a nursery and primary school and expanded to a junior secondary school to satisfy the demand of parents for their children and wards to continue to access that quality of education beyond the primary level. For the past 20yrs, we have succeeded in providing high quality education. Our school is considered a top choice in the state capital, and our students perform excellently in interschool competitions and state-level examinations.

However, 10yrs ago, following the death of my husband and co-founder, the school was subject to an attempted hostile takeover by another private school owner, resulting in a protracted court case around the use of our former location, which lasted 4yrs before being resolved, and we were given a year and half to move out of the location. In that period, I started to develop the piece of land that was purchased for the school, and we moved into the new permanent location in 2022. This move is almost comparable to starting afresh, as the current location is not central, like the former one, and the current economic downturn meant that parents struggled to bring their children to the new site, and to pay fees. Thus, our numbers have reduced from the former average of 150 pupils per year, to 61 in this academic session.

Despite these challenges, we see opportunity and potential in our current situation. We have re-registered the school with the Corporate Affairs Commission in Nigeria. My children have recently taken on a more active role in the development and management of the school and have committed their personal funds towards capital projects like upgrading the existing building and raising new structures. One of them, who is a Learning and Design technologist is also working in collaboration with consultants to update the curriculum, making it relevant to the education and development needs of our pupils and students. In line with this goal, and in recognition of a proposed national policy shift for the national university entry examination from a hybrid and paper-based and computer-based test to fully computer-based.

Our junior secondary students currently take computer classes with a dedicated computer science teacher and the one laptop that we currently have. We would like to expand that offer to all primary school pupils, within a dedicated IT lab, which is planned for the next phase of expansion currently scheduled for September 2025. This will enable our pupils, many of whom would otherwise have no access to computers or IT, acquire and develop IT skills from an early age, as well as the capacity to be competitive and relevant in this fast-paced technology-driven world. Our teachers also attend skills and capacity building trainings and seminars based on identified need.

The school currently has facilities for securely storing our devices and equipment, as well as a security guard who looks after the school after school hours. When the school is closed for prolonged periods such as during school holidays, equipment and devices are stored in my house, which is a 5-minute drive from the school.

We are writing to respectfully request your support through the donation of the 3 laptops, 2 tablets and 2 eBook readers. These resources will significantly enhance our ability to deliver quality education, especially in digital literacy, reading, and interactive learning. We are committed to maintaining any equipment donated and ensuring it is used responsibly and for the direct benefit of our students.

Transportation Arrangements: A family friend (Natsis Nwokolo) has agreed to receive the devices in Berlin. She will be travelling to London for Christmas, where she will hand the devices over to my daughter Jennifer Aduro. Below are her contact details in Berlin:

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Date of departure from Berlin – London – 20/12/2025

Jennifer will be travelling to Minna in February, to observe progress made with the new investments, towards upgrading the school, and will bring the devices to the school. Her flight details are as follows:

Flight BA0083
Departing London Heathrow – 16/02/2026
Arriving Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja – 17/02/2025

We would be deeply grateful for any support you can offer. I have attached photos of the school, our current classrooms, students engaging in various activities, and a brief profile of our school for your review. We are happy to arrange a virtual meeting to discuss this request in more detail.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to educational development around the world.

Warm regards,


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