

MTN Nigeria Foundation Restructured Schools Connect Project in Public Secondary Schools

Request for Expression of Interest

The MTN Nigeria Foundation Limited by Guarantee (MTNF) was established by MTN Nigeria Communications Limited, in July 2004 to drive MTN Nigeria's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life in communities across the country.

Project Description and Location

The MTN Foundation Schools Connect project is designed to enable teachers and students in Nigerian public secondary schools gain confidence and understanding of how Information and Communication Technology (ICT) can add value to their lives and enhance learning of relevant subjects. The project is currently located in 62 public secondary schools in 14 states and the FCT.

The SchoolsConnect project is now being restructured to focus on the teaching and learning of only three main subjects:

1. ICT appreciation
2. Mathematics, and
3. English Language

The first set of beneficiaries of the Restructured SchoolsConnect Project will be students in SS1. Subsequently, in year 2 of the project, beneficiaries will include students in SS2, and by year 3, students from SS1-SS3 will benefit from the scheme. This will aid the effective measurement of the project's impact by the end of year 3.

The Restructured SchoolsConnect project for the successful phase 1-4 schools (49 SchoolsConnect sites) will include the following:

1. Replacement of all computers and servers in SchoolsConnect sites
2. Architectural enhancements to learning facilities in SchoolsConnect sites
3. Content enrichment at all sites (Provision of databases for specific subjects)
4. Continual teacher training to empower nominated teachers in the use of restructured SchoolsConnect facilities
5. Light renovation of buildings housing SchoolsConnect sites
6. Motivational rewards to schools which meet set performance targets for students and teachers

Special Mandatory Requirements

To qualify for consideration as a beneficiary of this restructuring exercise, each interested State Ministry of Education is expected to do the following:

1. Respond to this advertisement expressing interest in enlisting the existing SchoolsConnect sites in the state as beneficiaries
2. Ensure that the public schools currently benefitting from the SchoolsConnect project have at least 1 qualified teacher each for ICT appreciation, Mathematics and English Language

3. Attach a signed undertaking to:
 - a. Maintain the Restructured SchoolsConnect project sites in the State and replace faulty equipment from time to time, after MTNF's intervention
 - b. Ensure availability of trained teachers in relevant subject areas in the beneficiary secondary schools at all times
4. Endorse and submit the Heads of Terms
5. Sign a 3-year (renewable) multi-party agreement to be executed by the Permanent Secretary/Commissioner (State Ministry of Education), beneficiary school's management, the implementing partner and MTN Foundation.

MTN Foundation now invites State Ministries of Education with existing

SchoolsConnect sites to submit an expression of interest for their existing beneficiary secondary schools for consideration. The expression of interest must have the following:

- The support and endorsement of the Permanent Secretary and the Honourable Commissioner for Education
- Names and addresses of the current beneficiary secondary schools from the State
- Full names and contact details of the Principal and another officer in each of the secondary schools with decision-making authority (telephone numbers, email addresses etc)
- Photographs of the existing SchoolsConnect laboratory in the four secondary schools in the State

- Proof that the secondary schools have the required number of ICT appreciation, Mathematics and English language teachers (letters of appointment, nominal roll showing staff names)

NEXT STEPS

On receipt of the expressions of interest from interested State Ministries of Education, MTNF will evaluate and shortlist qualifying public secondary schools for further consideration. Only qualifying secondary schools with evidence of the State Ministry of Education's commitment and support will benefit from the restructured SchoolsConnect project.

Application Process

Please send your application in sealed envelopes clearly marked (on the envelopes) "Expression of Interest – MTN Foundation Restructured SchoolsConnect Project" to the address below. All applications must be received on or before Friday 27th April, 2012,

The Executive Secretary

MTN Nigeria Foundation

MTN Nigeria Communications Limited

2nd Floor, Golden Plaza

Falomo-lkoyi, Lagos

Please note that interested current beneficiary secondary schools which meet the above stated criteria are to approach their State Ministries of Education to nominate them for this project. Direct Applications from Current Beneficiary Secondary Schools, will not be considered.

Applications with Names of New Schools (Schools not Currently Benefiting from the SchoolsConnect Project) will not be considered.

Only pre-qualified applicants will be contacted and MTNF will be solely responsible for evaluation and selection of successful secondary schools.

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