



CHILDREN'S DAY - 2025

AGILE Additional Financing States Launch
and
AGILE Awards Ceremony

DATE: 27TH MAY 2025

TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Special Guest of Honour:

Her Excellency

SENATOR OLUREMI TINUBU, CON

First Lady, Federal Republic of Nigeria



WORLD BANK GROUP





THE ADOLESCENT GIRLS' INITIATIVE FOR LEARNING AND EMPOWERMENT (AGILE) PROJECT





NIGERIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nigeria we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differ,
In brotherhood, we stand,
Nigerians all, and proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol
That truth and justice reign,
In peace or battle honour'd,
And this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children
A banner without stain.

O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.

NIGERIAN PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria, my country
To be faithful, loyal, and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honor and glory
So help me God.





HIS EXCELLENCY
BOLA AHMED TINUBU, GCFR
PRESIDENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



HER EXCELLENCY
SENATOR OLUREMI TINUBU, CON
FIRST LADY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



DR. TUNJI ALAUSA
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



PROF. SUWAIBA SAID AHMAD

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



AISHA GARBA
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION COMMISSION



AGENDA

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Guests' Arrival and Registration

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM

National Anthem

10:05 AM – 10:16 AM

Cultural Performance and Poetry by Learners

10:16 AM – 10:24 AM

Welcome Address

- Hon. Minister of State for Education
Prof. Suwaiba Said Ahmad

10:24 AM – 10:44 AM

Goodwill Messages

- Country Director, World Bank, Nigeria
Mr. Taimur Samad

Technical Presentation by the World Bank,

- Skills for Innovation, Resilience and Aspiration
(SIRA)

10:44 AM – 10:53 AM

- Hon. Minister of Women Affairs
Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, fsi

10:53 AM – 11:02 AM

Opening Remarks

- Hon. Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa

11:02 AM – 11:22 AM

AGILE Games Award Presentations

Part I: Sports

- Basketball (Girls): His Eminence, Sultan of Sokoto
Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III, CFR
- Basketball (Boys): CAN Chairman, Northern
Nigeria, Rev. John Joseph Hayab
- Volleyball (Girls): AGILE National Project Coordinator,
Federal Ministry of Education Mrs. Amina Buba Haruna
- Volleyball (Boys): AGILE Task Team Leader,
World Bank, Dilip Parajuli



11:22 AM – 11:31 AM

Slum to Stage Dance Performance

11:31 AM – 11:52 AM

AGILE Games Award Presentations Part 2: Arts

- Essay: Practice Manager of Education, World Bank
Scherezad Latif
- Poetry Out Loud: Executive Secretary, Universal
Basic Education Commission, Aisha Garba
- Short Stories: Hon. Minister of Labour
Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha
- Painting: Hon. Minister of Art, Culture and
Creative Economy, Barr. Hannatu Musa Musawa

11:52 AM – 12:00 PM

Grandma Wura Storytelling Performance

12:00 PM – 12:20 PM

AGILE Games Award Presentations Part 3: Literacy, Leadership and Innovation

- Digital Literacy: Hon. Minister of Youth Development
Ayodele Olawande
- Debate: Hon. Minister of State for Education
Prof. Suwaiba Said Ahmad
- Spelling Bee: Hon. Minister of Education
Dr. Tunji Alausa
- Environmental and Entrepreneurship:
Hon. Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa

12:20 PM – 12:29 PM

Special Remarks

- His Excellency, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum,
Executive Governor of Borno State

Chairman of the Nigerian Governors Forum
His Excellency, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq,
Executive Governor of Kwara State

12:29 PM – 12:49 PM

Keynote Address and AGILE AF Launch

- First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
Her Excellency, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, CON

12:49 PM – 1:00 PM

- **Cake-Cutting Ceremony & Group Photograph**
The First Lady and the AGILE Games National Champions

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch



THE ADOLESCENT GIRLS' INITIATIVE FOR LEARNING AND EMPOWERMENT (AGILE) PROJECT

Launching the AGILE Additional Financing States: A New Chapter of Possibility

Today's Children's Day celebration is made even more meaningful by the official launch of the AGILE Additional Financing (AF) States—marking a significant expansion of the Adolescent Girls' Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) to 14 more states across Nigeria.

With a total investment of \$1.2 billion—\$500 million in original financing and an additional \$700 million through AF—this new phase strengthens Nigeria's national commitment to inclusive, quality education and the empowerment of adolescent girls. The AF is not merely an extension; it represents a deepening of AGILE's impact and a bold step forward in transforming education systems and communities.

AGILE now finances activities in all public junior and senior secondary schools across 18 participating states, which will directly impact over 15 million students, including 8.6 million girls—those in schools, those out-of-school and those with disabilities who are often left out of formal education. AGILE will positively impact over 25 million people, including teachers, parents, school staff, and community members.

While adolescent girls are the primary focus, the Project's benefits reach all learners through comprehensive interventions. These include supply-side interventions such as the construction and renovation of approximately 25,000 secondary classrooms and 8,400 separate WASH facilities. Demand-side interventions include a scholarship program that will provide financial support to over 1.5 million girls transitioning to and continuing their secondary education, a digital literacy program that will equip about 700,000 girls with essential digital skills to navigate and use technology effectively, and a safe space program where 1.5 million girls will engage in discussions and activities that promote their empowerment and well-being. By the project's conclusion, it is anticipated that 3.5 times more girls will have enrolled in secondary education, and the national completion rate for girls' secondary education will have risen from 42% to 52%.

As we mark Children's Day and the AGILE Games, the launch of AF serves as a powerful reminder: our mission is growing. We are opening doors for more children to stay in school, build confidence, and shape their future. It is a renewed commitment to education, equity, and national progress.

AGILE Games 2025: Empowering Girls, Uplifting All

The AGILE Games 2025 is a landmark celebration of creativity, skills acquisition, and leadership, organized under the Adolescent Girls' Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) project. AGILE is focused on expanding opportunities for adolescent girls, it is rooted in the broader commitment to improve education and well-being for all children by making schools safer, more inclusive, and better equipped for 21st-century learning.

The Games bring together exceptional learners from across states, showcasing talents in digital innovation, storytelling, public speaking, environmental stewardship and the arts, the games also provide a platform for learners to express themselves, engage in critical thinking, and demonstrate the powerful impact of quality education when it is equitable and inclusive.

The inaugural celebration holds even greater significance as it coincides with Children's Day, a moment for the Nation to honor its young citizens and reaffirm its commitment to their rights and potential. Through today award ceremony and the vibrant painting exhibition, we witness the fruits of what AGILE has made possible in our schools: confident, creative and capable learners standing tall in their brilliance.

These displays are more than competitions; they are proof of transformation, resilience, and National progress. AGILE Games 2025 is not just about winning; it is about witnessing what happens when we invest in education, equity, and the dreams of our children, its about building a Nigeria where every girl can rise, lead and thrive



Commissioner for Women affairs, Mrs Babafemi Peju presents award of Best debater to Apalowo Oreoluwa of Government Science College, Iyin-Ekiti, Ekiti State



Mrs. Zainab Lukas, Kaduna State AGILE representative with Kaduna State Students from the Environmental and Entrepreneur exhibition



Katsina State Vs Plateau State Volleyball Competition



Ekiti State Inter-school Debate Final



Plateau State Inter-School Boys Basketball Competition



Ekiti State vs Borno State Boys Basketball Competition



Mrs. Maureen Oyedoba, Kaduna State AGILE Environmental Officer presents a cheque of N100,000 to Zuhair Umar, winner of the painting competition



Special Adviser, Special Education and Social Inclusion, Princess Adetoun Agboola presents award for Best in Painting to Awelewa Eniola from Ido Ekiti, Ekiti State



Plateau State Cultural Dance Troupe



Her Excellency, the First Lady of Katsina State, Hajia Zulaihat Dikko Umar Raddah presents the championship trophy to Atika Hamza, Government Day Secondary School, Kofar Kaura, Katsina, Girls Basketball Team rep.



Kaduna State vs Borno State Girls Basketbal Competition



Plateau State Inter-school Debate finalist



Destiny Micheal, winner, Poetry Out Loud, Inter-shschool Competition from GSS Ungwan Boro, Kaduna State.



Ekiti State Traditional Leader, Royal Father, HRM Oba Moses Fabusuyi presents an award to the runner-up in the essay Inter-School writing



Katsina State Inter-school Boys basketball competition



Ummi Kamala of Government Senior Secondary School, Danrimi, Malumfashi of Katsina State during the inter-school debate final.



Favour John from GSS Nasarawa, Kaduna State during the Inter-school debate final



Plateau State Inter-school paintings competition