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# LALAGI 2018 COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION REPORT



# LALAGI VILLAGE

A Nupe community in North-Central Nigeria



# INTRODUCTION

LALAGI community is a big community in the eastern part of Kwara State, Nigeria, under the Patigi Local Government Area. The community is a Nupe speaking community and runs under the rulership of the village head who runs the affairs of the village. They are commonly known for Rice and Beans farming. They are surrounded by rivers which serve as a means of irrigation for farming and other domestic use. The people from this community are very peaceful, hospitable, and respectful.



The Lalagi community is predominantly farmers. They run a daily farming shift of 6 am-12noon and take a 2hrs break to return to farm by 2 pm till dusk. Farming is life to them and it can be concluded that everybody in that community has a farm. They take pride in the number of bags they get from the rice or beans plantation above every other thing as they believe nothing else affords them a better future than farming.



## Community Engagement

Learning African engaged the community in a discussion on the importance of education







**In Lalagi  
community,  
the girl child  
is believed  
to be better  
taught at  
home than  
in school**

Education, to a larger part of this community is not a priority as the proceeds from their harvest can assure them a livelihood much better than many graduates which end up leaving school without a good job to show for it. Based on this believe they encourage their children to leave school for farm and they frown at any person wanting to force them to do otherwise. The children in this community can barely speak English and a larger percentage cannot as much as identify the alphabets not to talk of reading. This leads us to a major concern, which is, what happens to this community when the learned population fades out?

# LALAGI EDUCATION MYTHS

- **Farming is more profitable than education**
- **Education is no assurance of a better future**
- **Farming will make us richer than education can**
- **Our girl child is better off trained in the kitchen than in school**



# The elderly women and the Learning African team





## Learning African team with the community stakeholders





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MAFARI

 RAKPEBO  
YI BATA





# OUR OUTCOME

*The parents committed themselves to ensure their children go to school and then farm later in the day*

*The teachers committed to ensure that they teach the students well enough*

*The community jointly proposed to ensure the community head sanctions parents that refuse to send their children to school*



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