



International Day of Education Commemoration Statement

Celebrating International Day of Education 2025: AI and Education – Preserving Human Agency in a World of Automation

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GoalPrime Organization Nigeria (GPON) joins the global community in commemorating the International Day of Education 2025 under the theme "AI and Education: Preserving Human Agency in a World of Automation." The theme highlights the importance of adopting a human-centered approach to integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and educational technology into learning systems. While technology can empower, it must not replace the critical role of human agency in education.

GoalPrime's Commitment to Education in Emergencies

As a national non-governmental organization, GoalPrime has long been dedicated to addressing the critical gaps in education in emergencies, especially in regions deeply affected by conflict and instability. The organization has worked relentlessly to ensure children in underserved areas access safe, inclusive, and quality education regardless of their circumstances.

In line with this year's theme, GoalPrime recognizes the transformative potential of AI in education, which can help overcome barriers to learning and bridge gaps in access and quality. However, the organization emphasizes that while technological advancements such as AI hold great promise, it is essential to preserve human agency in the educational process, ensuring that technology complements and not replaces people.



Innovative Solutions for Education in Emergencies

To tackle the pressing educational challenges, GoalPrime has developed several innovative technological solutions, including EduTrack, EduHero Innovation Challenge, and EduConnect AI. These initiatives are designed to improve access to education and bridge existing gaps.

EduTrack:

EduTrack is a mobile-enabled platform that provides real-time tracking and support for education in emergencies. The platform enables educators, caregivers, and communities in crisis-affected areas, such as the BAY States (Borno, Adamawa, Yobe) and the Northwest (Sokoto, Zamfara, Katsina), to monitor children's educational progress, ensuring continuous learning during crises. Additionally, it serves as a centralized repository for validated educational data, offering valuable insights for research and improving education delivery.

EduHero Innovation Challenge:



The EduHero Innovation Challenge encourages youth-led innovation by fostering creativity and problem-solving among young people. It challenges youth to create solutions that address the educational needs of their peers in underserved regions. This initiative directly responds to the gaps in educational access, emphasizing that youth-led innovation can drive a more inclusive and sustainable educational future.

EduConnect-AI:

EduConnect-AI is a groundbreaking solution that harnesses AI and solar-powered clean energy to provide sustainable educational solutions in remote, off-grid areas. It enables children and teachers to access digital learning materials and AI-powered educational tools, even in locations without reliable electricity. By deploying this AI-powered platform, GOALPrime is helping ensure that remote communities are not left behind in the global educational race. EduConnect-AI is scheduled for deployment in the 3rd Quarter of 2025.

Educational Challenges in the Northwest and the Role of AI

In Northwest Nigeria, GOALPrime currently implements in Musawa LGA in Katsina and Anka LGA in Zamfara, where educational challenges are significantly very high due to insecurity, inadequate infrastructure, and a shortage of trained educators. These areas face severe educational gaps, and AI-powered solutions can play a pivotal role in addressing them.

Access to Equity:

In Musawa LGA (Katsina) and Anka LGA (Zamfara), with over 57,000 children in the LGA, only 3,641 (6.39%) children can access education in just three accessible wards in Anka, leaving 93.61 learners in Anka not able to access education due to insecurity. GOALPrime, with the support of the Education Cannot Wait (ECW) FER Project in Partnership with Save the Children Nigeria, aims to re-enroll over 16,000 learners. By providing alternative learning opportunities, the project seeks to boost literacy and numeracy skills, helping these children catch up with their peers. Additionally, GOALPrime is exploring the use of radio platforms to reach wider audiences in these remote areas. However, barriers such as the lack of digital infrastructure and electricity in over 70% of schools in these areas present significant challenges to the adoption of AI technologies.

2. Teacher Shortages:

There is significant shortage of teacher in the schools compared to the minimum standards. From schools accessed in Anka, 72.2% fall below the minimum standard while in Musawa, 93.2% fall below the minimum standard hence the need for the deployment of more teachers to bridge the critical gap. In response, GOALPrime is deploying 165 community volunteer teachers who will continuously receive extensive training in education in emergencies, psychosocial support, safeguarding, WASH practices, and integrating AI-powered tools for better classroom management. These teachers are strategically placed in local wards and communities to reach the target audience and improve the quality of education.

Digital Literacy:

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Insecurity and Disruptions:

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GOALPrime's Impact: Empowering Children and Communities

Despite these challenges, GOALPrime is committed to enrolling 54,898 out of school children in Musawa and Anka LGAs—both directly and indirectly—as well as providing safe and dignifying learning environment through its integrated programs in child protection, education in emergencies, nutrition, healthcare, WASH, gender-based violence prevention, life skills, and peacebuilding currently being implemented in partnership with Save the Children with funding from the Education Cannot Wait First Emergency Response in Northwest Nigeria. By combining technology, community engagement, and gender-transformative approaches, GOALPrime continues to create safe, supportive, and empowering environments for children and youth across Nigeria.

Looking Ahead: Human-Centered Solutions

As we celebrate the International Day of Education, GOALPrime reaffirms its commitment to leveraging AI and other technological tools in ways that enhance human agency. The organization strives to ensure that technology complements, rather than replaces, the invaluable roles of educators, caregivers, and local communities in shaping the future of education. Human-centered solutions are key to sustainable development, and GOALPrime remains dedicated to advocating for safe, accessible, and equitable education for all children, particularly those affected by conflict and crises.



Join the Conversation:

As GOALPrime continues working toward its vision of creating a better world for children, youth, and caregivers, the organization invites you to join the conversation about AI and education. Share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences of innovation and human-centered education on social media using the hashtags #GoalPrimeEducation and #HumanAgencyInEducation.

About GOALPrime Organization Nigeria (GPON):

GOALPrime Organization Nigeria (GPON) is a leading non-governmental organization dedicated to creating a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment for children and youth. Through education, child protection, and emergency response initiatives, GPON operates across Nigeria's diverse regions, implementing integrated programs that directly impact millions of lives.

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