

Project Update: March 2019

The Children for Nature team embarked on the first stages of this research in September 2018. We met to decide on the study area selection, to harmonise methods and brainstorm on the general protocol for the work. Eight separate villages were selected cutting across the various geo-political sections of the state.

Early in January 2019, we paid visits to these villages to establish rapport, and select specific schools for inclusion. The visits were aided by local contacts we had in each village. Our activities included visits to the local community leaders and heads of schools. When permission and clearance were granted us, we chose new dates to begin work.

To date, we have collected data from six sites. We await data from two more villages and the city capital. This was suspended to accommodate the democratic elections which were held across the country in February and early March 2019. We plan to complete data collection this in April 2019.

Preliminary results are proving interesting, which we hope to present in the next update. We are also hoping to present different aspects of our findings in both local and international conferences this year, and hold various talks and seminars in our institutions and with different stakeholders to disseminate results of the findings, so that policy makers at different levels can be informed and take appropriate actions.



Left: Grace Pam and the CFNP Team Introducing the research to the Village head of Laminga Community in Jos-east LGA. Photo Credits: Babajide Agboola. Right: Grace Pam and the CFNP team with the Village head of Maza Village in Jos-North LGA.