



# Language Shifts and Educational Gaps in Multilingual Nigeria: Implications for Policy Adjustment

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## Abstract

Nigeria is a multilingual nation where over 500 languages are spoken, reflecting its diverse ethnic and linguistic composition. A qualitative analysis of existing literature and case studies from various regions of Nigeria. Current language policies exacerbate existing educational gaps but could be adjusted to better integrate indigenous languages for inclusive education. Adopt a bilingual or multilingual approach that incorporates both English and local languages, particularly in early childhood education.

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