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CCDI Launches *Start Smart September 2025* to Support Children Returning to School in Karu, Nasarawa State

Abuja, Nigeria – Tuesday, 16 September 2025 – Create that Change Development Initiative (CCDI) has launched its annual *Start Smart September* back-to-school programme, aimed at supporting boys and girls in public primary schools from low-income communities in Karu, Nasarawa State.

Now in its second year, this impactful initiative is designed to reduce the barriers that prevent children from accessing education. This September, a total of **65 pupils from six public primary schools** will benefit. Each child will receive:

- Full payment of the PTA levy for the school year
- One set of school uniform
- One set of sportswear
- Sandals
- Sports shoes
- Two pairs of socks
- A school bag
- A water bottle
- Exercise books and stationery

Speaking at the launch, **Mrs. Sharon Ayeni, Executive Director of CCDI**, reaffirmed the organisation's commitment: *"It is the right of every child to have access to education. Through initiatives like this, CCDI is helping to break down the barriers that keep children from school."*

This intervention aligns with Nigeria's national agenda on education, particularly efforts to reduce the number of out-of-school children and improve learning outcomes in underserved communities.

About CCDI:

Create that Change Development Initiative is a Nigerian registered non-governmental organization dedicated to transforming the lives of Nigerian children through impactful programs in education, health, and community development.

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