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Dedication

To all educational researchers, and to everyone who believes that in no distant future there will be solutions to educational problems of Nigeria.

Foreword

At the start of year 2020, the novel Covid-19 pandemic was relatively unknown in Nigeria and the impact was not massively felt until March and April when the entire nation was lockdown to prevent the spread of the pandemic. All over the world, schools and educational institutions were shut and Nigerian schools were not left behind. During the lockdown which lasted for a few months, activities of educational researchers were paused and in order to academically stay connected and research refreshed, I championed and launched a WhatsApp group and added willing educational researchers and intending ones I could reach out to irrespective of institution, state of origin, ethnical, political, tribal or religious affiliation and we started online research discussions and presentations relevant to our sector. Within few weeks, the group of ten participants had increased to more than hundred participants and in order to keep new comers updated with previous interactions, the group was migrated to Telegram platform. Members of the group were excited and the registration process aimed at transforming the group to an Association was commenced. At a point, we decided to embark on a project that will make the ‘unusual’ year a memorable one, we decided to train ourselves on how to develop a chapter afresh or how members can convert their educational research presentations in the group to a chapter of a book, thus, the birth of this book, entitled ‘Novel Issues in Education and Educational Research’.

The book contains thirty-eight chapters from different contributors who are educationists and educational researchers from five out of the six geo-political zones of Nigeria. The chapters present innovative ideas on general education, counselling education, health education, communication education, science and technology education and distance education with emphasis on how teaching and learning at all levels of schooling can be improved, particularly in Nigeria. The chapters were grouped and arranged into four Parts: Part I (Strategies for Effective Education); Part II (Innovations in STEM Education); Part III (Tools for E-Learning and Distance Education); and Part IV (Insight into Evaluation and Research in Education).

There is no iota of doubt that the book is extremely rich and will serve as a dependable reference materials to lecturers, teachers, students, researchers, school administrators, policy makers and other relevant stakeholders.

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