



# ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR EDUCATION OF THE BLIND ADVISORY NOTE

*Education should train the child to use his brains, to make for himself a place in the world and maintain his rights even when it seems that society would shove him into the scrap-heap.* -Helen Keller

**IN** the course of our work, we have been asked to offer advice on the basic equipment which a person who is blind needs in order to participate optimally in an educational institution and the world at large. This advisory has been released to serve as an answer to the question. We trust that, decision makers especially, will find it useful as they seek to educate persons that are blind in Nigeria so they can join in building a just and egalitarian society. As each child is given a pencil, so each child should be given a Slate & Stylus. We will be happy to further advice you on this.

EDUCATION FOR ALL, QUALITY LIFE FOR ALL.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL

- ◆ Collapsible guide cane
- ◆ Slate and Stylus
- ◆ Access to sufficient supply of Braille paper

## SECONDARY/TERTIARY SCHOOL LEVEL

- Collapsible guide cane
- Perkins Braille
- Slate and Stylus
- Sufficient supply of Braille paper
- Talking or Braille wristwatch
- Speech enabled Laptop

## SCHOOLS & CENTRES FOR THE BLIND

- Typewriters
- Slate and stylus
- Adapted games (Football, Scrabble, Chess, Ludo, etc.)
- Table top MP3 rechargeable player
- Perkins Braille
- INDEX Embosser
- Computer Desk Top systems
- Braille maps
- Braille diagrams
- Abacus