Management of Distance Education in the Development of Nigeria’s Education

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ABSTRACT This paper examined the need of distant education in Nigeria. As a result of the social expectations of our contemporary society, there is need for education. Distance learning is an excellent method of reaching the adult learner. Because of the competing priorities of work, home, and school, adult learners desire a high degree of flexibility. The structure of distance learning gives adults the greatest possible control over the time, place and pace of education system to be expanded. The usual tradition of face-to-face education is not enough to cater for educational needs of all Nigerians. This calls for distance education to enable those who are not privileged for the face type of education to be educated. In spite of the challenges facing the advancement of distance education in Nigeria, the purposes, as well as its barrier and importance of distance education demands a strong valence (support) from the society.