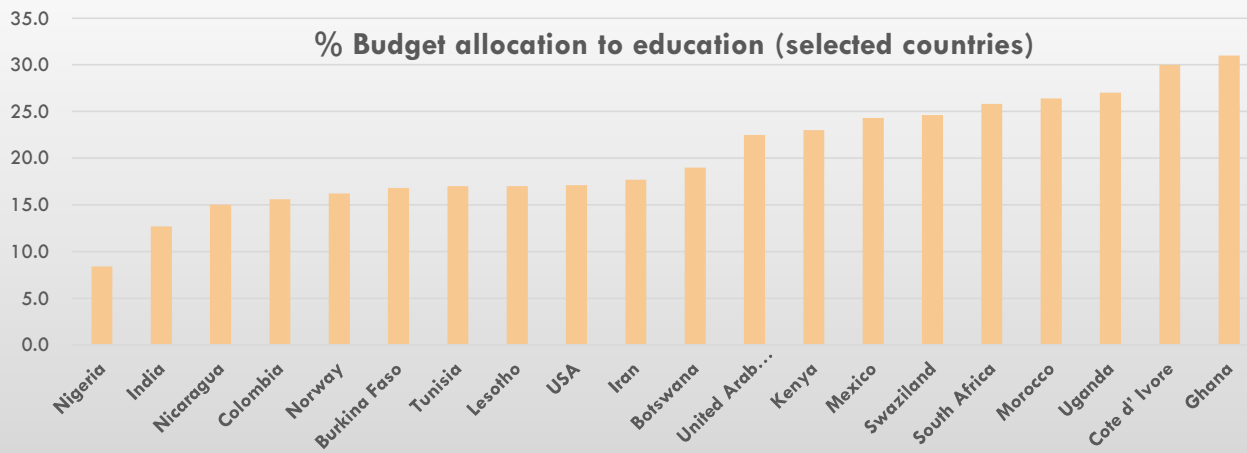
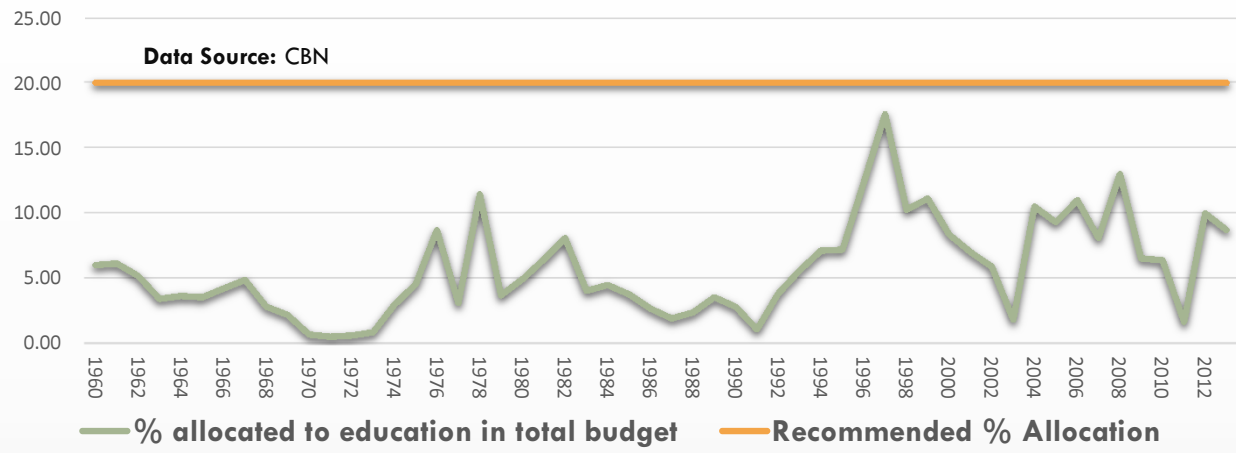


This is Why Our Educational System is Floundering



The charts on the left explain why our educational sector produces lots of half-baked literates. Simple: since independence, our government has bluntly refused to make the fiscal investments necessary to place our educational sector on the right stead.

- The Dakar Framework recommended that at least 20% of the national budget or 5% of the GDP should be spent on education.
- UNESCO suggested that governments should invest at least 6% of their Gross National Product (GNP) in education.
- In 2002 Education for All set up the Fast Track Initiative which recommended that governments should spend 20% of their national budget on education.
- The World Education Forum (26-28 April 2000, Dakar) recommended that Governments should ensure that at least 7% of GDP is allocated to education.

Whereas the minimum recommended share of national budget that should go to education is 20%, Nigeria's historical average share of budget allocated to education is 5.7%. Why then do we expect a miracle in our educational sector?

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