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# From The Editor in Chief



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The importance of education to people cannot be over-emphasized as it is the only key to success in this world and in the hereafter. It is, in fact, what makes human a 'being' as it is the first and most important distinguishing factor between man and other creatures. To buttress its importance, Malcom X describes education "as the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today".

It is in line with the importance of education as highlighted above that the executive summary of the Kaduna State policy on education underlines the pivotal role of quality education at all levels in the state. The policy captures key government's aspirations on education and further indicates the broad policy directions as well as the principles and the priorities that will guide the development of the education sector in Kaduna State.

Utmost priority will be attached to the provision of quality

education and to which all the people of Kaduna State will have equal access. The levels and forms of education that will receive such a special attention include early child care development and basic education, secondary education, non-formal education, technical and vocational education, higher education as well as teacher education (primary and secondary). Other areas of priority are teacher recruitment, deployment, development and management as well education infrastructure, funding and management.

The commitment of Governor Nasir Ahmed El-Rufai's Administration to the education sector can best be seen in the year 2020 budget in which the highest allocation has been made to the sector. There is a total resolve to expand access to education in the State by making it free and compulsory from primary to secondary or technical/vocational education level contrary to what obtained in the previous years. Out of the

total N259.25 billion 2020 budget which was signed into law the education sector is allocated one-fourth i.e. 25.07% of the total budget. This is even above the 15-20 percent minimum recommended for developing Countries by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Meanwhile, the Kaduna State Ministry of Education, under my leadership is fully determined to implement the State Education Policy by providing quality education to all pupils in the state regardless of their areas of domicile.

I therefore wish to strongly call on all the good people of Kaduna State to complement the state government's effort by enrolling and ensuring retention and graduation of their children/wards from primary to secondary schools. It is only when they co-operate with the State Government in this regard that a prosperous future can be guaranteed for their **children**.

**K**aduna State Governor, Malam Nasir El-Rufai has re-affirmed the commitment of his administration to the improvement of the quality of teachers in the State.

The Governor who stated this at the opening of a five-day training for 300 secondary school teachers, organised in collaboration with African Federation of Teaching Regulatory Authorities (AFTRA) in Kaduna explained that the improvement of teachers in this regard would bring about quality teaching and learning in public schools.

The Governor who was represented by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mrs. Phoebe Yayi, said that his administration

would continue to give utmost priority to teachers' professional development stressing that the availability of quality teachers is critical in providing the needed quality education in public primary and secondary schools.

The governor further emphasized that his administration would continue to train and retrain school teachers to equip them with the necessary skills that would enable them impact positively on the lives of children in the state.

He said "We are doing all we can to address the infrastructural deficit in our public schools, while teacher quality also remains critical to achieving our set target in the sector" and further stated that "Our children will be better equipped to face the challenges of the future if public schools have qualified teachers who could deliver quality

education to the students.

Also speaking at the event, the state Desk Officer of AFTRA, Mrs. Kennedy Gwamna explained that the training was organised by the state government in collaboration with AFTRA to improve the quality of education in the state and that the 300 participants from secondary schools across the state would be trained on effective teaching of mathematics, English, biology, chemistry and physics.

"Beyond that, the teachers will be trained on expected professional standard and conduct, because the Kaduna State Quality Assurance Authority will be going round to evaluate the delivery of teaching in public schools," she added.





Engr. Dr. Mohammad Kabir Abdullahi  
Rector Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic

had already been set up in the institution to ensure the success of the crusade. In the area of research, the Rector stated that the Directorate of Technology, Incubation, Innovation and Partnership (TIIP) will be strengthened to promote higher quality research that will greatly benefit the nation's economy and further revealed that Renewable Energy Centre was being set up in the institution to help harness solar, wind and other renewable energies.

Engr Kabir who expressed appreciation for the support the Kaduna State Government is extending to the polytechnic also gave the assurance that the current Management will reciprocate the gesture by working hard to

ensure that the institution attains academic excellence in line with the Governor El-Rufai's agenda of providing a more secured and conducive environment for quality teaching and learning and also in accordance with the mandate of the polytechnic, which is to train and develop techniques in applied science, engineering, commerce, management and other spheres of learning.

The institution was established as Kaduna State Polytechnic thirty years ago by Edict No. 3 of 2nd February, 1989 but was later renamed Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic vide Kaduna State Law Cap 114 of 4th September, 2003.

**R**ector of Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic, Zaria, Engr (Dr) Mohammed Kabir Abdullahi has stated that the Management of the institutions, in the observance of transparency committed to running a transparent administration in order to curtail all forms of financial and academic extortions, intimidation, harassment and other forms of misconduct as appropriate sanctions will be applied on any erring staff, adding that Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU)



# Education Commissioner Demands Completion of Projects

Commissioner for Education, Dr Shehu U. Maarfihas expressed the determination of Kaduna State Government towards the completion of capital projects in the education sector which, according to him, were up to 55 and which were awarded between 2016 and 2019.

The Commissioner who made this known at a meeting with some of the contractors handling the projects explained that the sum of 6.35 billion naira was the total cost of the projects which were mainly construction, renovation and rehabilitation of classrooms as well as construction of drainages, toilets and perimeter fence, drilling of solar-powered boreholes, installation of solar streetlight and supply of furniture.

In a document which he showed some of the contractors at a meeting with them recently, the Commissioner explained that percentage of completion of the projects ranges from zero per

cent to 80 per cent, while only four of the projects were 100 per cent completed, adding that about N2.31 billion had been disbursed to the contractors.

Dr Makarfi who commended some of the contractors who were doing very well, however expressed dismay over the attitude of the others who upon the collection of mobilisation fees disappeared saying that the culprits would be handed over to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) for prosecution.

He further announced that payment would be made to only the performing contractors and those willing to go back to site and complete the project according to specifications even as disclosed that the State Government had begun the development of compendium of accredited contractors and therefore warned those handling projects to be cautious to avoid being blacklisted.

Also speaking, the Director in charge of Education Sector Project in the ministry, Malam Obale Salisu, urged the contractors to be diligent in executing the projects, adding that the Bill of Quantity would be released to all relevant stakeholders to enable them monitor and ensure quality execution of the projects.

While responding on behalf of the contractors, Malam Ibrahim Balarabe, identified delayed payment and security challenges as the major problems affecting execution of the projects.

But one of the contractors, Malam Sambo Salisu who is the Managing Director of Salzi Nigerian Ltd expressed displeasure over the disappearance of some of the contractors after they had collected mobilisation fees, stating however there were contractors who mobilised to site even before they collected the fees.



# Computers, Electronics

## in Kaduna



Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) donated computers and other electronic equipment to an NGO, The Open Classroom, to support the organisation's nomadic education programmes in Kaduna State.

The Executive Secretary of the commission, Dr. Hamid Bobboyi, explained at the launch of the equipment in Kaduna, that the gesture was part of efforts to support the education of nomadic children.

Bobboyi, who was represented by the commission's Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Malam Aliyu Jibril, identified the items to include 20 desktop computers, chairs, tables, generator and solar panels explained that the donation was to assist The Open Classroom to deliver quality education to the Rugan Fulani Community School, established by the NGO along Airport Road, Kaduna.

The Principal and Chief Executive Officer of the NGO, Mrs Dolores Mohammed who further stated that The Open Classroom was established in

2005 by Essence International School, Kaduna added that the goal was to run educational outreach for the benefit of children in poor and disadvantaged areas.

According to her, the NGO founded the Rugan Fulani Community School in 2006 for the children of a group of Fulani living along Airport Road, Kaduna, to provide them with primary education and elementary skills and further revealed that arrangements have been concluded "to expand the school into a vocational training centre to equip the adult with vocational skills will include a computer training class, a teacher training class, a vocational class for women, sanitary facilities and solar power to provide stable electricity."

She expressed gratitude to UBEC for the donation of the equipment which she said would help towards the training of children and young adult in difficult circumstances.

Also speaking, Malam Abdullahi Sani, Executive Chairman, Kaduna State

Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) who was represented by the board's Director of Schools, Inspection and Monitoring, Malam Aliyu Idris commended both UBEC and the NGO for their collaboration in this regard which he described as a giant effort towards the transformation of the lives of the children of the nomads.

He expressed the readiness of SUBEB to continue to support such an effort in order to facilitate the provision of knowledge and skills in Kaduna State.

Sani, who was represented by Malam Aliyu Idris, the board's Director School, Inspection and Monitoring, said that the gesture would go a long way in providing quality education to Fulani children in the state.

On his part, Malam Lawal Boro of National Commission for Nomadic Education, equally commended the NGO for its role in the provision of quality education for the nomadic children in Kaduna State.



## KDSG sets up committee on jobs

**K**aduna State Commissioner for Budget and Planning, Mr Thomas Gyang has revealed that the State Government has set up a committee to determine available jobs with a view to designing employment programmes for youth in the state.

The Commissioner who made the revelation when he recently received on courtesy call officials of a non-governmental organisation, Connected Development (CODE), in his office, described the organisation as a worthy partner of the State Government in the effort towards the empowerment of young people in the state.

He further stated that the current administration in the state had provided many eligible students with tablet computers in addition to scholarship to enable them acquire skills, adding that computer laboratories would

also be built in secondary schools to facilitate the teaching and learning of Information Communication Technology (ICT).

Earlier, the Chief Executive Officer CODE, Hamza Lawal stressed the need for Kaduna State Government to put ICT in the centre of its educational policy as a way of preparing young people in the state for the present and future challenges.

Lawal who was represented by the organisation's team leader in Kaduna State, Zaliha Lawal, said the youth should be exposed to ICT from primary school to prepare them for future skills that revolves around ICT so that they would be qualified enough for the ICT-related jobs currently available in the labour market across the world.

The CODE boss who commended the Kaduna State Government for what he described as consistent reasonable budgetary allocation to the education sector, however noted that that "there is huge unemployment

because our youths are not trained to handle the ICT-driven jobs" and therefore appeared to the government to focus more on providing youths with the kind of education and skills that would enable them respond to needs of the present and the future.

Moreover, Lawal called on the government to also tailor its health programmes and interventions to meet the yearnings of young people, particularly in the area of sexual and reproductive health services, saying that young people still face discrimination in accessing contraceptives and other family planning services.

According to him, CODE with support from Action Aid Nigeria, had for the last four months been training youths on how to analyse the budget as part of its effort to assist young people access vital information about proposal for the delivery of quality services by government.

## Christ Embassy donates school kits to displaced kids

**C**hrist Embassy's Inner City Mission for Children has donated back-to-school kits to 100 pupils of Universal Basic Education (UBE) Primary School, Banono Community in Kajuru Local Government Area. The items include uniforms, bags, shoes, books and some other writing materials.

The mission gave the donation in collaboration with Pastor Christ Oyakhilome's Foundation, which chose the community among several communities in the area that suffered recurrent attacks by gunmen that displaced thousands of people including women and children.

While distributing the items at Banono, Pastor Marcel Obode of Christ Embassy, Northwest Zone

1 stated that the gesture, under its Back-to-School Campaign 2019 was to support the children of the displaced families return to school.

Pastor Obode while announcing the donation said the gesture was a "response to the needs of the community, particularly the vulnerable children who are forced out of school by recurrent attacks" and further said that the Mission also renovated a block of two classrooms in the school.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Back-to-School Campaign, Pastor Rudolph Smith, said that the intervention was among

many in the pipeline for vulnerable children and hard-to-reach communities in the state.

While receiving the items, the Education Secretary of Kajuru Local Government, Mr Ishaku Simon, expressed appreciation to Christ Embassy Foundation for the donation which he described as commendable and appealed to other corporate organizations, institutions and individuals to emulate the example even as the Shannon Village Head Mr. John Makaddas commended the church for providing the assistance, adding that the support would encourage all parents to send their children to school.

# KDSG, FCMB seal 2-billion Naira Loan Deal

A two-billion naira deal was recently signed by Kaduna State Government and First City Monument Bank (FCMB). Executive Secretary of the Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board, Malam Hassan Rilwan signed for Kaduna State Government while the Managing Director of FCMB, Adam Nuru, signed on its behalf. With this development, people of Kaduna state who are government officials, self-employed or private sector employers can access up to N5million for themselves or their children for both foreign and local education, once they provide two guarantors who must be state or federal civil servants even as the state government has provided a counterpart fund of N1 billion to bring down the interest to 8% per annum.

The State Governor, Malam Nasir el-Rufai, who witnessed the event mentioned that the state was determined to both provide the loan with interest as low as 2% overtime and make quality education available to all by making it free and compulsory for every child in the state up to the secondary school

level. Other officials of the State Government present at the signing ceremony were the Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology-Dr Shehu U Makarfi, Commissioner for Business, Innovation and Technology-Dr Idris Nyam and the Special Adviser to the Governor on Media and Communications, Mr Muyiwa

Meanwhile, the beneficiaries of Kaduna State Government's Scholarship Scheme has been charged to be good ambassadors of the state by facing their studies while outside the country and keeping away from drugs or any form of vice that could spoil their lives.

The State Education Commissioner, Dr Shehu U Makarfi, gave the charge when a group of some students visited him in his office also expressed the hope that at the end of their studies they would return and render valuable service to the state.

According to the Executive Secretary of the Board, Hassan Rilwan stated announced that Abba Dauda Maitala won a scholarship of N15 million to study a Masters Program in

Cybersecurity at the Northumbria University, Newcastle, United Kingdom while Ahmad Abubakar Musa won a scholarship of N28.8 million for a doctorate research in Transgenic Seeds Generation and Leaf Starch Granule Regulation for Biodegradable Polymers at the University of Potsdam, Germany and Sharif Ahmad Habibu won a scholarship of N9.8 Million for a doctorate degree in Sustainability Management at Swinburne, Australia, explaining that the three beneficiaries had pledged to pursue their respective programmes with dedication at the end of which they would return to serve the state.

The KSSLB Executive Secretary explained that applicants can access the (their website) from February 1, 2020 to apply for any local or foreign scholarship after they must have got admission and further explained that the applicants were required to write a personal statement or present their research topic which would be scored online as successful ones would write Computer Based Examination before being awarded a scholarship.





# KIFs

## construct Classrooms in Chikun LGA

The Second Cohort of Kashim Ibrahim Fellows (KIFs) has commenced construction of a two block of 2 classrooms at LEA Primary School, Danhonu I in the Millenia City also known as New Kaduna in Chikun Local Government Area as part of its effort to improve learning environment in Kaduna State. The school has 1,660 pupils as well as 250 adults currently undergoing adult education programme, majority of whom are women.

Commenting on the effort, the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe, described the project as a lasting legacy for the fellows would be remembered by the community in particular and the state as a whole, stressing that it was a “very commendable and worthy of emulation.”

The State Commissioner for Education, Dr. Shehu Usman Makarfi who also commended KIFs for the support and urged

the community members to take ownership of the projects to ensure sustainability pledged that the State Government would take necessary steps to address the challenges facing the school in line with the ongoing transformation taking place in education sector.

One of the Fellows in-charge of supervising the project, Dr. Ma'awuya Abubakar explained that the decision to construct the classrooms was necessitated by the shortage of classrooms as pupils of classes two, three and four were usually merged in one class while those of five and six were equally squeezed into a single class and an open space was being used for adult education lessons.

Abubakar further stated that as beneficiaries of Kashim Ibrahim Fellows initiative of Kaduna State Government meant for the development of the leadership qualities of young Nigerians and who were

inaugurated by Governor Nasir Ahmed el-Rufa'i in 2018, they consider it absolutely necessary to contribute their quota “by supporting the government to improve school infrastructure” in the state.

On his own part, the Senator representing Kaduna Central Zone, Uba Sani, who was represented by the Executive Director of the Uba Sani Foundation, Alhaji Ibrahim DanHalilu, promised to construct and furnish additional block of two classrooms in the school and solicited for more support for the school from the public.

Furthermore, while Caretaker Committee Chairperson of Chikun Local Government, Hajiya Hadiza Yahuza said that provisions had been made in the 2020 budget of the Local Government for the improvement of the infrastructure the school, the Head Teacher, Mrs. Hanatu Kadafo, expressed gratitude to the Kashim Ibrahim Fellows for the contribution.

# MOE Receives Jolly Phonics End of Year Report



**K**aduna State Commissioner for Education, Dr. Shehu Usman Muhammad Makarfi has called on the organizers of the Kaduna Jolly phonics to ensure that the training schemes for public schools are balanced in order to achieve the intended objectives of the project.

He made the call in his office while receiving the end of year-one report of the Kaduna Jolly Phonics Project which is a child-centred approach to the teaching of primary school pupils and currently being jointly executed by Kaduna State Government, Global Partnership for Education and an international non-governmental organisation known as Universal Learning Solutions (ULS).

Dr Makarfi further stressed the need for them to make projections while developing the schemes for the purpose of planning and ascertaining the impact of the training on the teachers and pupils which he said would further assist the state to plan well for future enrolment of pupils and also determine how many more

teachers would require same kind of training.

The Country Director of ULS, Mr. Patrick Uzu who presented the report explained that it contained details of the implementation of the Jolly phonics project over the past 12 months in Kaduna state and further described the programme as a success under which 2,992 teachers out of 3,000 were trained, 928 head teachers received sensitization on implementation and 100 State Universal Basic Education Board officials underwent a 3-day capacity-building training as a result of which a lot of the teachers had now become conversant with digital teaching. According to him, 200,000 pupils' books and 6,200 teachers' books were provided for Global Partnership for Education (GPE), 40,000 decodable reading books were distributed to teachers, letter sounds and tricky word posters were created while contextualised teaching materials were made available to teachers of pupils in class one of primary schools, apart from the sponsorship of 3 teachers for training in Adamawa State.

He recommended that the Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board (KADSUBEB) and Nigeria Partnership for Education Project (NIPEP) should use available funds from the GPE project to procure more pupils' books to cover for the shortfalls, insisting that there should also be synergy among the education secretaries, the jolly phonics monitoring team and the ULS, in providing smooth and flexible instructions and teaching strategy for effective and efficient service delivery.

The US Country Director, commended both the Kaduna state government and NIPEP for their financial, technical and administrative support towards the successful implementation of the project as well as the Jolly Phonics monitoring team for their outstanding commitment to execution of the project during the year.

The Executive Chairman of KADSUBEB, Abdullahi Sani, who also during the presentation of the report lauded the effort of ULS which he described as value addition to teaching in primary schools also assured them of the board's continuous support.

# Body of Islamic Supports Integration

**A**ssociation of Islamic Schools (AIS) of Nigeria, Kaduna State Chapter, has pledged support for the proposed integration of almajiri schools into formal education system.

The Chairman of the Association in the state, Malam Suleiman Maizube, made the pledge when the association visited the Commissioner of Education, Dr. Shehu Makarfi in his office.

Maizube, described the decision as a welcome development, adding that the

association was in full support of government's decision which he said would help in addressing the problem of the Almajiris as well as benefit the pupils, parents and the whole country.

The AIS Chairman who said that they visited the commissioner in order to introduce the association to him described the move towards the fusion of the almajiri school system into the modern school system as a positive development, saying that "We want to assure you that we are in full support."

Responding, Dr. Shehu Makarfi expressed gratitude to the officials of the association for the visit, stressing that government's main aim was to see that the students of almajiri schools receive formal education.

He explained that almajiris would be allowed to continue with their normal Qur'anic studies side by side with subjects being taught in the formal schools and described the fears being expressed over the integration as unfounded, assuring that the almajiris would benefit a lot from it.

## 13 Day Schools To Become Boarding – Commissioner

**I**n its effort to revamp the education sector in the state, the Kaduna State Government is working towards the conversion of 13 Day Secondary Schools into boarding schools.

Commissioner for Education, Dr. Shehu Muhammad Makarfi made the disclosure at a get-together organised for members of the 1981 year group of Kufena College now re-named Science Secondary School Kufena-Zaria, in the College Hall at Wusasa-Zaria.

The commissioner who is a member of the year group explained that the conversion was aimed at providing quality education in all the public schools in the state, assuring that Kaduna State Government was doing a lot to see that the education system regains its glory in Kaduna State and therefore called on stakeholders to co-operate with government by investing in education.

During the event, the members of the year group made a

resolution to renovate the students' dining hall as part of their commitment to support the school as a pay back in order to complement the effort of the school's Old Boys Association which earlier set up School Needs Assessment Committee and Welfare Committee in its bid to contribute to the development of the school.



## KDSG Disburses World Bank Education Grant

Kaduna State Government has disbursed about 85% of the 21.5 million dollar World Bank grant between 2016 and 2019 in order to expand access to quality basic education in the state.

The Director of Public Schools Ministry of Education who made the disclosure further stated that the remaining 15 percent of the grant would be disbursed this year, explaining that the 21.5 million dollars was part of the 100 million dollars grant being disbursed in

Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Jigawa and Sokoto states under the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) project.

The Director, who was the Coordinator of the three-year project in the state, explained that the aim was to support the benefiting states in improving the quality of basic education and to increase access to quality education, particularly for the girl-child and Almajiris.

According to him, the intention was to provide N45,000 as scholarship to 15, 000 girls in classes one to three of primary and who were from poor and backward communities in the state.

He said that the project also

supports female teachers with 45,000 naira annually to enable them obtain Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) which is the minimum teaching qualification in the country and also announced that under the scheme substantial grants were provided for the renovation of over 4,200 primary schools in the state.

A breakdown of the beneficiaries, he said, indicated that 4,260 primary schools and 249 Islamiyya schools got the annual school improvement grant while 1,600 pre-primary schools would get theirs this year as a result of which enrolment and retention of girl-child in primary schools significantly improved.

## No Compromise On Quality Education-KSQAA DG

Director General of the Kaduna State Quality Assurance Authority, Hajiya Umma K. Ahmad has reaffirmed the determination of Kaduna State Government under Malam Nasir Ahmed el-Rufai to provide quality education for all children in the state.

The DG said this in her office while addressing the press over the recent clampdown on erring private schools in the state.

She said that a large percentage of the state budget goes to education to cater for infrastructure, capacity-building programmes for teachers and instructional materials all in an effort to strengthen the sector and further assured that the KSQAA would continue to work towards the improvement of the quality of teaching and learning in

schools.

Accordingly to her, as at the time she assumed duties only 1033 out of the over 4000 private schools in Kaduna were registered with government as result of which the agency found it difficult to monitor the operations of most private schools in the State.

She further explained that the authority met with the National Association of Proprietors of Private Schools (NAPPS) which indicated their intention to support the agency in ensuring that all private schools were registered and so far over 2000 unlicensed private schools have begun process of registration with Kaduna State Government. Hajiya Ahmed lamented the situation in which a lot of private schools were only concerned

with the number of credits and not the quality of the education they would acquire in such schools, saying that, on the contrary, KSQAA was concerned about the holistic development of children and had therefore designed Assessment Integrity Form to be completed by all private schools in the state in which they were required to provide necessary details of their operations.

The DG, however, expressed dismay that that only 15% of the private schools had so far completed and submitted their forms; an attitude that necessitated the recent clampdown on schools by the KSQAA which raised a task force comprising its staff and some members of NAPPS that went round the state and closed down the erring schools.

# TSB Re-assesses Secondary School Teachers

In its determination to improve the quality and standard of teacher education, the Kaduna State Teachers Service Board has started on-the-spot assessment of secondary schools with a view to guiding them on the most appropriate method for handling challenges, with the appropriate skill for a brighter future for the students.

The assessment commenced simultaneously at the three senatorial zones with the members of the Board in each of the zones as leaders of the

assessment teams, while the Board Chair, Mrs. Mary Ambi, is the overall supervisor.

Mrs. Ambi who stressed the importance of the exercise to the development of education in the state enjoined teachers to always be punctual and dedicated to their work assuring that Kaduna State Government would continue to accord high priority to secondary school education.

In their respective remarks, the 3 other board members; Mr. Ben Maitamaki, Ahmed Gidado Jumare and

Muhammed Iliyasu emphasized on the need for teachers to uphold the spirit of teamwork and commitment to



**MRS. MARY AMBI**  
Chairperson TSB

## KDSG Trains 50 Evaluators on Quality Education



**HAJIYA UMMA K. AHMAD**  
DG KSSQAA

Kaduna State Educational Quality Assurance Authority (KDSEQAA) has begun the training of 50 Evaluators and School Support Officers (SSOs) on quality education in the state which the Director General of the agency Hajiya Umbaru Ahmad, at a workshop on

“Strengthening Skills of learning. Education Quality Assurance Evaluation” said was meant scale up quality assurance in Kaduna schools.

Represented by Shehu Rufa'i, the Director General explained that the five-day training would help participants to understand the focal points which need to be evaluated in schools in order to achieve the desired results.

According to her, the 50 evaluators would be responsible for the evaluation of the quality of teaching and learning in public and private schools in the state, saying that “training is one of the key important factors, you cannot be a master if you stop

Earlier, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mrs Phoebe Yayi, who represented the Commissioner for Education, Dr Shehu U Makarfi said charged the evaluators to ensure that teachers are effective, pupils and students are learning smoothly and the school is well managed and in good shape.”

The commissioner further stated that the Ministry of Education would continue to implement policies that would guarantee access to quality education for children in the state so that they could become useful citizens of Nigeria in the future.

# KASU's Victory Excites el-Rufa'i



He praised the vice chancellor the VC and appreciated the knowledge and character impacted on the students who took part in the event and also used the occasion to announce the intention of the State Government to "make the current campus of KASU to just be the college of medicine so that the university itself, the administration and other faculties will move out to the main campus that we hope will be located in Rigachikun area of Kaduna state."

**E**xcited by the emergence of Kaduna State University (KASU) as the best among The Kaduna State Governor, Malam Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai has described Kaduna State University (KASU) as the first during the quiz competition recently organised by the Medical Organization of Nigeria, the State Governor Malam Nasir Ahmed el-Rufai described the university as the best among all the other universities in the

country.

He stated this when the Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University, Professor Mohammed Tanko, led a delegation of medical students of the institution that participated in the competition paid him a visit at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House during which he was presented with the trophy won by the university.

Governor el-Rufa'i, however, urged the vice chancellor to open up the admission into the college of medicine to include people from outside Kaduna State, insisting that only the best and brightest amongst applicants who could compete with other students anywhere in the world should be admitted.

Earlier, Professor Tanko expressed gratitude to el-Rufa'i administration for its support to the university particularly towards the smooth take-off of its College of Medicine at Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital.

## KDSG, NGO

to Partner for Out of School Children

In its efforts to provide quality education to all and mitigate the challenges of out of school children in the state, the Kaduna state government has partnered with various NGOs to ensure every child gets access to quality education.

The Commissioner for Education, Dr. Shehu Usman Makarfi who made the disclosure in his office while addressing the representatives of Save the Children International - an NGO for

investment in the public school feeding program.

He therefore urged them to join hands with the State Government and other non-governmental organisations in addressing the problem of out of school children and drop outs by participating in the collection of data of such children to enable the state design specific policies as a way of tackling the issue in order to guarantee a better future for the young ones.

Earlier in her remarks, the Director of Programme Development and Quality, Save

school children in view of the fact that the present administration in the state had embarked on the reform of the education sector.

She explained that the NGO has programmes for children in need in over 120 countries which were aimed at ensuring consistent monitoring of children and also increasing access to quality early child care, development and basic education adding that the organization had played a key role in the execution of ESSPIN project funded by Department For International Development (DFID) of the United Kingdom.

# 230,000 School Uniforms Distributed

**K**aduna State Government has begun the distribution of over 230,000 free uniforms to students of public junior and senior secondary schools in the state for free, the Commissioner for Education, Dr. Shehu Makarfi has revealed.

Makarfi who made the revelation when he flagged off the distribution of the uniforms at Government Secondary School, Kachia Urban, further said that all public school students would be so provided with uniforms, adding that text books, furniture and competent teachers would also be provided in schools to ensure the delivery

of quality education to students. According to him, investing to educate children is investing for a better future and therefore the State Government would continue to do its best in improving learning environment in secondary schools in the state. On the shortage of teachers, the commissioner said announced that “very soon the Teachers Service Board will conclude the recruitment of 7,600 teachers for secondary schools” and therefore advised particularly female students to pay adequate attention to their studies, saying that the State Government was providing scholarship for female students to study medicine and

other medical courses in foreign countries.”

One of the students, Hafsat Shuaibu, who spoke on behalf of the students, expressed gratitude to Kaduna State Government for the gesture, describing it as a great encouragement to students and their parents.



## No Fees Charged For Enrolment In Schools- KDSG

**T**he Kaduna state government has warned teachers and administrators of public primary and junior secondary schools against collecting money from parents before enrolling their children.

The Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education in the Kaduna State Ministry of Education, Mrs. Phoebe Yayi has

warned against collection of fees before children are enrolled into public primary and secondary schools in the state.

Yayi said basic education remains free while the girl-child would be educated free until graduation from secondary school and therefore warned that no teacher, head teacher or any school administrator should collect any amount of money

from parents under any guise before enrolling a child, appealing to parents to report who demands for such a payment



## 587,000 Enrolled Into Public Schools Last Year

**N**ot less than 587,000 pupils and students have so far been enrolled into public primary and junior secondary schools in Kaduna State in the 2019/2020 academic year.

The Commissioner for Education, Dr. Shehu Makarfi disclosed this during an unscheduled visit to monitor ongoing construction and renovation of public schools at Rigasa, Iga i Local Government Area during which he announced the high enrolment

was made possible by the sensitisation and mobilisation carried out by the State Universal Basic Education.

The Commissioner said that government had been trying to upgrade infrastructure in schools in a bid to accommodate the fast-growing number of students, explaining that “contracts for the construction of additional classrooms and renovation of existing ones to increase access to primary and post primary education and provide conducive learning

environment” had been awarded in addition to contracts for the conversion of 13 Day Secondary Schools to Boarding Schools.

Makarfi who expressed satisfaction over the quality contractors' performance said over 170 classrooms are being constructed in Rigasa alone and warned me that government would blacklist under-performing contractors and work with only those who are ready to deliver quality projects within the stipulated time.

# Naija Wives Renovate School

In a move to contribute its quota towards the development of the education, the Association of Foreign Women Married to Nigerians known as "Naija Wives" has renovated toilet and water facilities at Kaduna State Special Education School, Independence Way, Kaduna at the cost of three and a half million naira as its assistance to the children of the less-privileged members of the society.

While taking the Commissioner for Education, Dr Shehu U Makarfi round the facilities, the Chairperson of Board of Trustees of the Naija Wives Association, Mrs Stephanie Mohammed explained that the

association selected the school as one of the beneficiaries of the project to give the physically challenged students a sense of belonging.

She emphasized that, for children with disability to be able to make positive impact in the society, all stakeholders in the education sector must endeavour give maximum support to them and therefore appealed to Kaduna state government to ensure maintenance of the renovated facilities as well as provide additional health personnel that will render effective medical assistance to the physically challenged students.

In his remark, commended the association for the kind gesture and pledged the state government's readiness to

partner with any organization towards the development of the state.

He described the association's as encouraging and appealed to similar bodies to compliment government's efforts in that direction", and also expressed the determination of the current administration in the state to continue to assist children with special needs to make them productive members of the society.



## Over 12,000 Sit for STCEE

Over twelve thousand candidates have sat for this year's Science and Technical Colleges Entrance Examination in the twenty five centres across the 23 local government areas of Kaduna State. Successful candidates of the examination will be given admission into any federal government science and technical college of their choice.!

While inspecting the conduct of the examination at Kufena College, Zaria, the Commissioner of Education, Dr. Usman Shehu Muhammad Makarfi stressed the need for parents and guardians to continue to counsel and encourage their children to

study science subjects at secondary school level.

He said plans by the state government to convert some day secondary schools to boarding system was informed by the need to give science education a priority considering its relevance to national development.

The Commissioner also visited Alu Dansidi Primary School to inspect the teachers undergoing phonics training under Jolly Phonics initiative of the World Bank and charged the trainees to put into practice the knowledge acquired in order to achieve the desired objectives.

Also speaking, the Deputy

Provost of Federal College of Education Zaria, Dr. Sulaiman Balarabe highlighted the significance of using phonics approach to the processes of teaching and learning and pledged the colleges' support to the on-going review of curriculum of colleges of education in the country.



# KDSG procures N302m Textbooks for Schools

**K**aduna state government has procured N302 million worth of textbooks for distribution to public schools across the state in line with the free education policy of the government aimed at expanding access to education for children, especially the girl child.

This was disclosed by the Director in charge of public schools in the state Ministry of Education.....during a ceremony to mark the International Day of the girl-child at Government Girls Secondary School Kawo-Kaduna.

## School Proprietors Urged To Register With Govt

**D**irector-General of The Kaduna State Schools Quality Assurance Authority (KSSQAA) has charged the National Association of Proprietors of Private Schools (NAPPS) to enlighten their members on the need to register with Kaduna State government. The Director General of the Authority, Hajia Umma K Ahmad, who gave the charge the after she ordered the closure of 12 private schools in Kaduna metropolis explained that the action was taken because the affected schools were not registered with government.

Director General lamented the non-challance of some proprietors of private schools towards registration which, according to her, makes it difficult for KSSQAA to execute part of its mandate which was the monitoring and regulation of

activities in such schools, assuring the authority was not witch-hunting any school but was only committed to ensuring that private schools operate within the required standard or risk closure by government.

On his part, the team leader of the assessment team which went round the schools, Ado Usman-Garba, said that the state government was undertaking reforms in the education sector and private schools were not left behind in the reforms and therefore urged operators of private schools to comply with all standard procedures laid by KSSQAA.

The Chairman of NAPPS, Sabon Tasha zone, Mr. Emmanuel Alalade stated that the duty of the association was to make sure all regulations with regards to running schools were followed, explaining that most of the schools that had been shutdown were not part of the association.

## Deputy Governor Commends 'Teach For Nigeria

**K**aduna state government has said that it remains committed to ensuring that every child in the state benefits from its free education programme.

The State Deputy Governor, Dr. Hadiza Balarabe, made the commitment when she received a delegation from Teach for Nigeria, a Non-Government Organization (NGO) focused on improving education outcomes in Nigeria.

According to her, the government has allocated the education sector the highest percentage of the 2020 budget, in line with its commitment to offer all children, including the girl child, access to quality, and described education as critical to

human capital development. She commended the NGO for its effort towards child development, saying "what you are doing is very important to us in achieving this objective that we have set for ourselves."

On her part, the Chief Executive Officer, Teach for Nigeria, Folawe Omikunle, stated that they were in the state to commend the State Government for being the first in Northern Nigeria to embrace its programme of mobilizing and raising new generation of teacher-leaders.

She recalled that they visited the north in 2018 during which they signed a partnership to recruit 2000 fellows over five years and explained that under the programme outstanding young individuals from universities and young professionals who would be required to teach for two years would be recruited.

She further said "We model a programme that exists in over 50 countries across the world and who are all doing incredible work through social innovation to remain in school systems as leaders working across nutrition and health, understanding what it will take and the barriers to take off to ensure that every child has access to quality education."

Omikunle explained that in Kaduna state they had started with 88 Fellows in 2018 who were now teaching across primary schools, further stating that the mission of the organisation as to ensure that "every Nigerian child has access to quality education."



**DR. HADIZA BALARABE**  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR KADUNA STATE

# SUBEB Urged To Engage Community In Projects Monitoring

A group known as Connected Development (CODE) has called on Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) to involve communities in the implementation of Universal Basic Education Commission's (UBEC) intervention projects.

The Chief Executive Officer of CODE, Malam Hamzat Lawal made the call in Kaduna while presenting the organization's one-year tracking report entitled, "Tracking UBE Spending in Kaduna State, Annual Report - Year One".

Lawal who explained that the group, supported by MacArthur Foundation was tracking the implementation of UBEC intervention funds in 70 schools in the state also said the exercise began in the middle of 2017 with 23 selected schools in Jema'a, Kajuru, Kudan and Zangon Kataf Local Government areas of the state involved assessment of the quality of projects awarded

under the fund.

According to him, the organization has tracked 16 projects under the state 2014 UBE Action Plan and seven captured in the 2015 plan and identified poor monitoring as being responsible for the poor quality of work.

He called on SUBEB to create synergy between contractors and community leaders and allow school based-management committees to act in a sufficiently autonomous manner in project monitoring and reporting to ensure that quality work was done, further advising them to conduct needs assessment to determine what individual communities require in their schools during the design of its action plan.

He observed that "Feedback from School monitoring teams, comprising community based organisations, school-based

management committees, Nigerian Union of Teachers and other stakeholders indicated that the contractors are cutting corners to make more profits."

Responding, SUBEB Executive Chairman, Alhaji Abdullahi Sani, who was represented by a permanent member of the board,....., lauded the effort of CODE and expressed the belief that the organisation's report would help SUBEB to plug loopholes in project execution, assuring that the board would strengthen the capacity and professionalism of our Technical Officers in local government areas to ensure contractors strict adherence to provisions in Bill of Quantities."

A copy of the report indicates that CODE, through its 'Follow the Money Initiative', had in the last five years tracked and monitored public spending in 50 rural communities in 20 states across the country.



## Education: Pulse of The Nation

The Government was also commended by citizen for approving the establishment of sixteen (16) new polytechnics in the country and handle the issue of implementation of IPPIS in the education sector with caution to avoid any confrontation with the university lecturers which will be

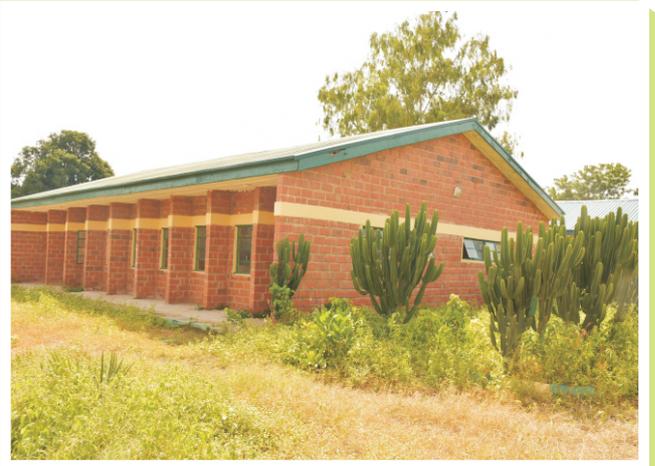
a set-back to the system.

People across the state commended the Federal Government for the establishment of the Railway University; first of its kind in Nigeria during the ground-breaking ceremony in Daura during which the Honourable

Commissioner Shehu Usman Muhammad PhD represented His Excellency Governor Nasir Ahmed el-Rufai.

They were of the view that when established, the university would provide a domestic railway engineering, engineers and general transportation sciences in the Education Sector.

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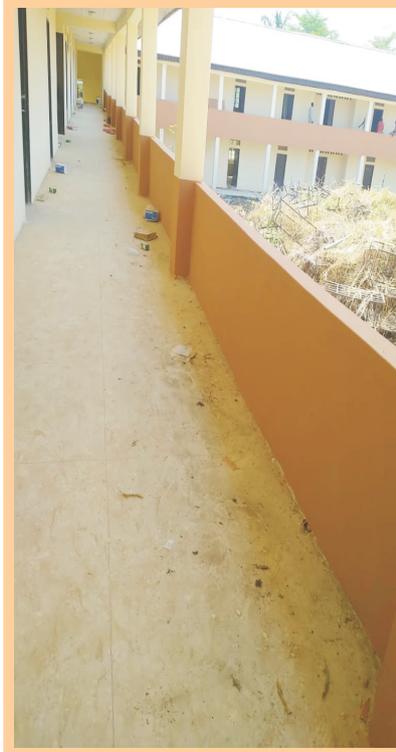
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