



BUK Offers Scholarship to Host Settlements

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The Management of Bayero University, Kano has promised to offer scholarship to members of its neighborhood as part of the efforts to benefit from being host communities.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas who disclosed this on Monday, 25th March, 2024 during an interactive meeting with the traditional rulership and elders from the neighbouring settlement, noted that one of the advantage of citing the institution in their communities is to send their wards to study.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has called on the neighbouring communities of the university to take advantage of being in the vicinity where University is located to benefit from its indigent scholarship scheme.

The meeting took place at the Senate Chamber in which all the Village and Ward Heads from neighbouring communities were in attendance.

“This is a yearly meeting held during the Ramadan period in order to strengthen our long lasting relationship between with the neighbouring communities. We are here to give you an overview of the university and its situation. Secondly, you should take advantage of the University being situated in your settlements to bring your children and wards to the University, as well as benefit from our indigent scholarship scheme,” he said.

He added that they enjoyed peaceful coexistence with the University over the years, promising to make this relationship to wax stronger.

In his response, the Village Head of Danbare Cikin Gari B, Malam Zubair Yau, expressed their appreciation to the management of the University for providing full Primary and Secondary school scholarships to their children.

The village head while appreciating the gesture explained that as leaders, they will mobilise their subjects to take advantage of the opportunity provided them by the university management.



The VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas (middle) in a group photograph with traditional leaders of the neighbouring community

KASSEP Project Implementation: ACEPHAP Trains Research Assistants on Verbal Autopsy

By Bala G. Abdullahi

A ten-day training workshop for research assistants involved in the implementation of the Kano State Surveillance for Evidence and Policy (KASSEP) project has ended in Kano.



Participants in a group photograph

The workshop, which started on Monday 11th March, 2024, had 63 participants drawn from Africa Centre for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Kano (YUMSUK), National Bureau of Statistics, Kano Bureau of Statistics and National Population Commission (NPC). It was aimed at training research assistants who will be conducting data collection for the KASSEP Study.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director of ACEPAHP, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, said like many other regions in Nigeria, Kano State is faced with several healthcare challenges, which include high maternal and child mortality, communicable diseases with periodic outbreaks (recently diphtheria), and difficulties in accessing healthcare, particularly in rural areas. Furthermore, the top causes of these deaths and the social and cultural factors that interplay with the systemic challenges that Kano State faced, are also not well

characterized, and as such design of interventions to reduce maternal deaths and stillbirths is hampered.

It is these challenges that the study would seek to address with a view to proffering solutions to the rising cases of maternal and child mortality in Kano State.

On the method to be used for the success of the project, Professor Galadanci stated that the study would employ a mixed method approach to establish a sample registration system (SRS) that would be named Kano State Surveillance for Evidence and Policy (KASSEP) in the LGAs of Kano state. She said a representative sample of clusters would be drawn randomly to ensure representativeness across senatorial districts, urban and rural settings.

According to her, establishing the Sample Registration System will enable the study to engage in both a retrospective study (maternal deaths and stillbirths that occurred within the last 12 months before the study's state date) and prospective study (maternal deaths and stillbirths that occurred with two years after the study start date).

She added that the 2022 World Health Organization's Verbal Autopsy Instrument would be adapted for this study for both the retrospective and prospective components of the study.

Prof Galadanci stated that the objectives of the study were to understand the causes and the contextual factors associated with maternal deaths and stillbirths to provide Kano State with insights on program/policy intervention.

She also said it would afford the government of Kano State the opportunity to utilize the findings of this research to speedily implement policy/actions that specifically accelerate the reduction of preventable maternal deaths by intensifying the scale of proven low-cost interventions via its structures and institutions (whether these be publicly or privately-owned).

It will also increase quality of care of the mother and baby-in-conception dead to accelerate the reduction of preventable stillbirths and understand the factors and drivers of (the lack or under-deployment of) women's agency in so far as these aggravate adverse maternal outcomes and deaths and use this evidence to shape policy and programs to drive reduction in preventable maternal deaths.

The Director of ACEPHAP charged the trainees to consider the assignment of data collection for the project as a great sacrifice and urged them to apply the knowledge they have learnt from the training workshop to collect authentic data for the success of the project.

Kano Emirs Assure ACEPHAP/KASSEP Projects their full Support

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Emirs from the five Kano State emirate Councils have assured the Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) of their full support in its collaborative research to address the rising cases of child and maternal mortality in the state.

The emirs gave the assurance during a week-long advocacy visit to their palaces by a research team led by the Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Galadanci.

The advocacy tour started on Monday, 18th March, 2024 with a visit to the palace of the emir of Karaye, while on Tuesday 19th March, the team was in the palace of the emir of Kano. On 20th, 25th and 27th March, 2024, the team visited the palaces of the emirs of Gaya, Rano and Bichi, respectively.

The emir expressed unanimity in their resolve to cooperate with the team of researchers to get to the root cause of the unfortunate high rate of child and maternal mortality in the state and find a lasting solution to the avoidable deaths. They commended the efforts of the State Government in tackling some of the major health challenges afflicting the state.

The project, code named: – Kano State Surveillance for Evidence and Policy (KASSEP), is a collaborative project with the Kano State Government to address the menace of high rate of child and maternal mortality in the state.

Specifically, the Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero,

said the alarming statistics of maternal mortality which showed that Nigeria was contributing about 28% globally and Northern Nigeria particularly Kano, which was recording the highest number of child and maternal mortality was worrisome.



The ACEPHAP team in a group photograph with the Emir of Karaye, Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar II (middle)

The emir, who was represented by the *Madakin* Kano, Alhaji Nabahani Yusuf Ibrahim Cigari, said with the state government's intervention through the aforementioned collaborative research aimed at getting to the root cause of the high maternal mortality, the emirate heaved a sigh of relief because, "from all indications, solution is very much on sight."

He pledged the continued support to the team, assuring that the emirate would direct district, ward and village heads to cooperate and assist the research team by educating the people and urging them to cooperate with the researchers during house to house visit for data collections.

Earlier, the leader of the team and Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, said the team was in the palace to pay homage and solicit support from the emirate to enable the team to successfully carry out collaborative research aimed at addressing the rising cases of child and maternal mortality in the State. "We will seek permission and support from you to enable us to enter into the selected local governments under your emirate to try to address the challenges pregnant women face which often lead to their deaths during child birth."

Professor Galadanci said the project which will do a thorough investigation with a view to ascertaining the reasons for the rising cases of death of women after child birth, will be carried out in collaboration with representatives from Yusuf Maitama Sule University Kano, Kano Ministry of Health, Kano State Primary Health Care Management Board, National Bureau of Statistics, Kano Bureau of Statistics, National Population Commission & the Ministry for Higher Education with ACEPHAP as the principal investigator.

She assured that the project would also attempt to unravel the authenticity of the statistics which showed Kano State had the highest maternal mortality. This, she said would be achieved by collecting authentic data, analyzing and studying them with a view to arriving at a true reflection of the happenings in the state.

The team leader hoped that the emirs would assist the research team by directing all districts, wards and village heads in the selected areas to cooperate and assist the team to get to the nooks and crannies for the purpose of collecting data for the success of the project.

Professor Galadanci disclosed that the project would cover a total of 21 local government areas from Urban and Rural areas across the three senatorial districts of the state. She named the local governments as: Dawakin Kudu, GarunMalam, Gwale, Kumbotso, Madobi, Nasarawa, Ungogo, Albasu, Bunkure, Garko, Kibiya, Rano, Sumaila, Tudun Wada, Bagwai, Dambatta, Gabasawa, Kobo, Kuncu, RiminGado, Tofa. These local governments cut across the state's five emirate councils, hence the reasons for the advocacy visits to all the emirate councils of Karaye, Rano, Gaya, Bichi and Kano.

Those on the tour include representatives from all the collaborative institutions involved in the research project.

BUK Graduates First Set of On-Campus Skills Acquisition Apprentices, Donates Sewing Machines, Make-up Kits

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The pioneer apprentices of the students On-Campus Skills Acquisition Programme introduced by Bayero University, Kano were on Wednesday, 13th March, 2024 graduated with each of the candidates given start-up grants.

The on campus skills acquisition was the initiative of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas to train and provide entrepreneurship skills to the students of the University, with a view to engaging them into relevant skills that will help them to improve their livelihoods in the future.

The apprentices received training on tailoring, knitting, weaving, dress making and interior decoration. The star prize went to Karimatu Danfulani Ibrahim for being a facilitator in tailoring and for being the best in make-up and knitting.

The trainees were given brand new butterfly sewing machine and make-up kits from Infinix Mobile Company and BUK Management.

The on campus job scheme has been arranged in such way is the 1st of its kind in the History of Nigerian Universities where students are offered Jobs on the Campus and it is arranged in a way that it will not affect their academic activities. It is part of the welfare initiative of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas.

The Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented during the graduation ceremony held at the Deanery of Students Affairs by the DVC Management Services, Professor Mahmud, congratulated the Dean Students Affairs for the job well done and for the

tremendous achievement.

"The Vice -Chancellor is working tirelessly to ensure conducive working environment for both staff and students. He expressed the hope that in the future, students that will graduate from BUK will have additional skills to help them earn a living", he said.

In his remarks, the Dean, Students Affairs, Professor Shamsuddesn Umar, expressed his pleasure for this wonderful occasion of the 1st Graduation of skill acquisition apprentices. "I would like to start by extending our appreciation to the Vice Chancellor for the support he offered in opening this center 2 years ago. "This center is well acknowledged in the country, we have a lot of visitors asking about the work of this center especially on camps Job, skill acquisition and other initiatives".



One of the beneficiaries being presented with a sewing machine by the DVC, Prof. Mahmud Umar Sani

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointments of the under-listed staff of the University:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Ibrahim Adamu Yakasai	Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry	Appointed as the Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	21 st March, 2024
2	Dr Safiya Ahmad Nuhu	Department of International Law and Jurisprudence	Appointed as the Director, Centre of Gender Studies	25 th March, 2024
3	Professor Aliyu Muazu mni	Department of Nigerian Languages	Appointed as the Director, SERVICOM Unit	13 th March, 2024
4	Dr Ibrahim Alhaji Lawan	Faculty of Computing	Re-appointed as the Dean, Faculty of Computing	16 th March, 2024
5	Professor Tijjani Hassan Darma	College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences	Appointed as the Chairman, Committee on Audit of Security Personnel	Immediate effect
6	Dr Suleiman M. Yaradua	Faculty of Communication	Appointed as the Chairman, Taskforce Committee on the Abuse of Electricity on the campus.	Immediate effect
7	Dr Ahmad Ali Yakasai	Directorate of Laboratory Management	Appointed as the Chairman, Committee on Operationalization of equipment upgrade in workshops and Laboratories	Immediate effect
8	Dr Salisu Haruna Gombe	Department of Crop Protection	Appointed as the substantive Head, Department of Crop Protection	25 th March, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY: DEPARTMENTAL PG SEMINAR NOTICE

PhD Proposal Seminar

Presenter 1: Nasir Sirajo Sadi (SPS/20/PBC/00010)

Topic: Evaluating the Systemic Toxicological Effect of Stem Bark Extracts of *Polyalthia longifolia*.

Degree in View: PhD Biochemistry

Supervisor: Prof. M. S. Sule

Presenter 2: Ibrahim Haruna Muhammed (SPS/20/PBC/00016)

Topic: Evaluation of Anti-depressant Potential of *Aristolochia albida* Methanolic Leaf Extracts on Reserpine Induced Depression (RID) in Rats.

Degree in View: PhD Biochemistry

Supervisor: Dr. Aminu Ibrahim

M.Sc. Completion Seminar

Presenter 3: Asma'u Ohine Yusuf (SPS/18/MBC/00048)

Topic: Effect of Heat Processing on Nutritional Content of *Jatropha tanjorensis* Leaves and its Effect of some Biochemical Parameters of Albino Rats.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biochemistry (Nutrition)

Supervisor: Prof. M. K. Atiku

Internal: Dr. M. M. Jibril

Presenter 4: Aisha Rabiu Muhammad (SPS/19/MBC/00028)

Topic: Assessment of Iron and Zinc Absorption and

Partitioning in Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) Varieties.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biotechnology

Supervisor: Prof. Y. Y. Muhammad

Internal: Dr. Aliyu Maje Bello

Presenter 5: Usman Bala Muhammad (SPS/19/MBC/00053)

Topic: Assessment of Nutritional Status, Knowledge, Attitude and Practice among Adolescents in Kano North Senatorial District Northwest Nigeria.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Public Health Nutrition and Policy

Supervisor: Dr. A. M. Gadanya

Internal: Prof. M. K. Atiku

M.Sc. Proposal Seminar

Presenter 6: Fatsuma Bukar Usman (SPS/20/MBC/00064)

Topic: Assessment of Nutrient Composition, Sensory Evaluation and Efficacy of Locally Made Sprouted Sorghum-Based Biscuit.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biochemistry (Nutrition)

Supervisor: Dr. A. M. Gadanya

Chairman: Dr. Maryam A. Dangambo

DATE: Tuesday 2th April, 2024

Time: 10:00 am Prompt

VENUE: PG Seminar Room

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