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Basic Education: KDSG Spends N142.9bn in 4 Years

The outgoing Commissioner, Ministry of Education, Ja'afaru Sani, has said that the Kaduna state government has expended N142.9 billion on basic education between 2015 and 2018.

Ja'afaru disclosed this in Kaduna in a paper titled, *Management and Funding of Basic Education in Kaduna State*, at a 2-Day policy retreat on "The State of Basic Education in Kaduna State: Prospects and Challenges", organised by the state's Ministry for Local Government Affairs.

Sani explained that basic education in Kaduna is being funded through counterpart funding from the state, its 23 local government councils, the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) as well as grants from international agencies.

He further explained that out of the N142.9 billion, N3.8 billion was counterpart fund from the state, LGAs and UBEC, accessed between 2015 and 2016 while counterpart fund for 2017 and 2018 amounting to N5.5 billion would be accessed in June.

Also, the sum of N64.9 billion was spent on primary school teachers and 28 billion naira on education personnel.

Sani also said that N9.4 billion was spent on the state school feeding programme in 2016, while N22.5 billion was spent under the ongoing National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme from 2017 to date.

"Also, N8.3 billion external aid was expended on basic education, of which 21.6 million U.S. dollars, equivalent to N6.6 billion came from World Bank under the Global Partnership for Education and Nigerian Partnership for Education Project.

"3.6 million pounds, equivalent to N1.4 billion came from United Kingdom Department for International Development, Teacher Development

Programme, while N254.2 million came from UNICEF," he said.

The outgoing Commissioner described education as a vital instrument for social and economic mobility at the personal level and instrumental for societal and national development.

"It is on this ground that the state government has made basic education free, introduced school feeding, provided school uniforms, recruited qualified teachers and restored the professional pride of the teaching profession.

"We are equally training and improving the capacity of our teachers and improving learning environment by modernising, rebuilding and expanding schools to accommodate the growing number of pupils.

"Not only that, we are constructing teachers' quarters in rural schools and providing school furniture and sanitation services," he added.

Ja'afaru noted the need for effective monitoring of the Local Government Education Authorities and capacity building for basic schoolteachers for improved teaching and learning.

In his remark, Prof. Kabiru Mato, the outgoing Commissioner, Ministry of Local Government Affairs also explained that the retreat was organised to look at issues around basic education and chart a way forward.

According to him, ensuring quality education at basic level will lay the needed solid foundation for sound and functional education for sustainable development of the state

KSLRA Collaborates with Funsho Acreage



Dr. Leo Y. Nyam, D.G. Kaduna Livestock Regulatory Authority (right) and Dr. Sam Dogo, Director Veterinary Services, MoAF (left) touring one of the livestock facilities

The Kaduna State Livestock Regulatory Authority has collaborated with Funsho Acreage Nigeria, an international company that employs expertise, state-of-the-art equipment and personnel required by the industry to transform the livestock industry in the state to attract national and foreign investors.

The MD/CEO of the company, Mr. Habeeb Funsho, said that his company, Funsho Acreage Nigeria, is investing a total of N1 billion to refurbishing and upgrading of Tudun Wada and Kawo abattoirs. According to him, the sum of N500 million will be invested in each of the abattoirs to ensure livestock activity in Kaduna state is at par with global best practices.

Funsho stated this during the handing over of Tudun Wada and Kawo abattoirs to the company. In his remarks during the handing over, the Director General, State Livestock Regulatory Authority, Dr. Leo Y. Nyam commended the effort of the El-Rufa'I led administration and thanked the governor for his support and commitment towards the agency which has enabled it to carry-out its mandate successfully.

He also explained that the agency is one of Governor El-Rufa'i's decisions to improve the lives of his people.

On his part, the Board Chairman, Kaduna State Livestock Regulatory Authority, Alh. Balarabe Ibrahim Jamo reiterated the board's commitment to work diligently to ensure the industry grows, prospers and above all, improve the lives of citizens.

In his own remark, the Chairman, Butchers Association, Kaduna State Wing, thanked Governor El-Rufa'i for the recognition given to the livestock business in the state and promised that his association will cooperate with the collaboration in implementing this laudable project since the business is all about improving their trade.

Livestock business is highly engaging, interesting and attractive and if properly managed, is profitable. These, with its attendant chain of activities are where many find their means of sustenance and increase in their livelihood.

The industry therefore needs systematic overhaul to attract investors that will ensure citizens engaged in the business enjoy premium.



Members of the Livestock Regulatory Authority, FUNSHO ACREAGE NIG. and butchers during a facility tour at Kawo Abattoir, Kaduna.

KADSWAC, KEDCO Synergize for Improved Water Supply



Comrade Sanusi Maikude, M.D. KADSWAC at a meeting with the officials of Kaduna Electric Company.

The Kaduna State Water Corporation (KADSWAC) has blamed the incessant water scarcity in some parts of the state to inadequate power supply by the Kaduna Electric Company.

The Managing Director of the corporation, Comrade Sanusi Maikude made this known at a meeting with officials of the

electric company in his office following public outcry about the water scarcity in the state.

According to the water corporation, some of the major places affected by the water scarcity are Malali Water Treatment Plant, Kaduna South, Zaria Water Treatment, Kafanchan and Ikara Plants. Others are Manchok, Kagoro,

Kwoi and Saminaka Plants.

Comrade Sanusi, who assured that the state government has equipped the corporation with the needed facilities and personnel to supply the state with adequate clean water urged the electric company to supply the needed energy for enhanced water supply.

Responding, an official of the electric company, Engr. Isa Ahmed, who represented his Managing Director, thanked Comrade Sanusi Maikude for drawing the company's attention to the plight of the people and assured that experts would be sent to monitor the affected places with a view to reactivating the obsolete equipment for enhanced power supply.

He explained that regular meetings will continue to hold between the two parties with a view to enhancing power and water supply to citizens.

Kande Bage Bids Farewell to Civil Service



The Permanent Secretary, Kaduna State Ministry of Education, Mrs. Kande Bage has officially retired from service and handed over the ministry to the most senior director.

Bage thanked the Kaduna state government for the opportunity to serve and equally thanked the management and staff of the ministry for the cooperation and support accorded her.

She joined the Kaduna state civil service as a classroom teacher and rose through the ranks to become a permanent secretary.



Mrs. Kande Bage, Retired Permanent Secretary, Kaduna State Ministry of Education.

"It has been an honour working with you and I must confess that the ministry is where it is today because of your hard work, dedication to duty and the support you gave to your superiors.

"As directors, deputy and assistant directors, I urge you to continue to work as a team and carry everyone along, particularly your subordinates," she said.

The outgoing Permanent Secretary handed over the ministry to the most senior director, Malam Dahuru Anchau, Director Public School and urged him to rally all the support he can to ensure progress in the ministry.

While responding to the call, Anchau described Bage as an outstanding civil servant, saying "we had a happy and productive working relationship.

"We will surely miss you and we will remain

thankful for your contribution in the ministry," he added.

He solicited the support and cooperation of the management and staff pending the assumption of office of the Commissioner Designate and the Permanent Secretary.

Earlier, the Director, Higher Education, Malam Musa Daudu, described Bage as "a good leader with a simple heart that accommodates all.'

"We are thankful for the love, lessons learnt and the working relationship that have improved our capacity to deliver results," Daudu said.

Similarly, the Director, Education Sector Project, Malam Yakubu Salisu, thanked Bage for her style of leadership, which he said gave everyone the opportunity to give their best.

Kauru L.G Chairman Bags Award of Excellence



Alh. Shuaibu Goma, Executive Chairman, Kauru LGA while receiving an Award of Excellence from the Forum of Legislative Writers, NASS, Abuja

Kauru Local Government Council will continue to pay more attention to executing developmental projects that have direct bearing to the wellbeing and betterment of the residents of the local government area.

The Executive Chairman of the local government, Alh. Shuaibu Goma said this while receiving an Excellence Leadership Award given to him by the Forum of Legislative Writers, NASS, Abuja.

Alh Shuaibu Goma explained that his mission as the Chairman of Kauru Local Government Council is to give his maximum contribution towards the development of the area, especially in the provision of basic services such as quality/affordable primary education, quality, reliable and affordable health care delivery system as well as roads network within the LGA.

The Chairman highlighted that within the last one year, precisely June 2018 when he took over the mantle of leadership to date, his administration



Bridge constructed at River Kiffin by the Shuaibu Goma administration.



Kauru Legislative Office constructed by the Shuaibu Goma administration.

has succeeded in completing all ongoing projects inherited from the past administration and has gone ahead with new projects across the 11 wards of the LGA.

According to the Chairman, Kauru local government comprises 3 emirates and chiefdoms ie Kauru Emirate, Chawai and Kumana Chiefdoms. Thus, to ensure justice, equity and fairness to the people of the area, projects provided by the council spread across the 3 emirates and chiefdoms.

Some of the projects currently executed by the Local Government Council include the following: construction of primary school at Barwa, RafinIwa, construction of bore holes at all the 11 wards of the area, construction of drainages at Angwan DakiKauru, construction of abattoirs in the emirate and chiefdoms, fencing of Model Primary School Kauru, construction of 2 box culverts at Subunda, construction of bridges at DingiKono, Hoop Kiffin and Kwabaza, renovation of primary schools at Kigum Yelwa, Kigam, Madaci, Kagadama, Nasarawa Kauru and Kabene.

Others are; purchase of office vehicles and furniture, distribution of 300 irrigation pumps, purchase of generator sets to small scale businesses, provision of training and skills acquisition centres as well as poultry farming, purchase of sewing machines, hair dressing equipment, scholarships, youths and women empowerment programmes and assistance to victims of flooding and other disasters.

The Chairman also expressed gratitude to the Writer's Forum for finding him worthy of the award, stressing that it's time to move the council to the next level of development. He pointed out that his administration was able to

accomplish much because of the enabling environment created by the present administration of Kaduna state.

Goma dedicated the award to the management and entire staff of Kauru local government as well as Governor Nasir Ahmad El-Rufa'i for giving him the opportunity, support, cooperation and encouragement to perform credibly and assured the Writers Forum that the award given to him will further engineer him to deliver more on his campaign promises.

He charged the people of the area to continue with the peaceful and harmonious coexistence they have been known for, without which no meaningful development would have been achieved.

Earlier in his remarks, the head of the delegation of the NASS Writers Forum, Mr. Ogwaje Abraham, while presenting the award to the chairman at the Local Government Secretariat in Kauru, expressed satisfaction with the quality of projects executed by the local government council.

Ogwaje added that the award became imperative because the chairman's projects and programs cut across all the basic areas of human endeavour such as roads, primary health care, security and agriculture. He therefore called on other local government chairmen in the state and the country at large to emulate the executive chairman of Kauru local government's style of leadership.



Ongoing construction of Primary School at Ang. Gaye, Kauru LG

MHSSD BUILDS CAPACITY OF SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICERS & OTHER GBV ACTORS

As part of its mandate of ensuring that women, children, persons with disability and all vulnerable groups are protected from all forms of violence, Kaduna State Ministry of Human Services and Social Development with support from United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) has organized a five-day training for Social Welfare officers, gender actors and all stakeholders on Gender Based Violence, prevention, mitigation and protection of victims.

Speaking during the training, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mrs. Umma Ahmad said that the workshop is aimed at establishing strong and coordinated partnership for Gender Based Violence protection programming in Kaduna state and implementation of its M&E as well as strengthening the capacity of GBV actors to stimulate change for the promotion of social justice and participatory governance.

Mrs Ahmad explained that 4.6% of girls in Kaduna state have experienced sexual violence and about 3 in 10 Nigerian women have experienced physical, mental or sexual violence by age fifteen (NDHS 2013). She further said that the Ministry recorded about 800 cases in 2018 which include 157 juvenile cases, 147 reports of domestic violence, 119 rape cases, 116 cases of gender violence, 115 cases of child abuse. These figures, she



Participants at the training

said, are alarming which therefore calls for more work and new strategies on GBV issues.

The permanent secretary therefore called on all participants to be committed and build up their capacity to curb GBV in Kaduna state.

Also speaking at the training, the State Lead of UNFPA, Mariama Darboe mentioned that UNFPA target area of intervention is to improve the Gender Based Violence policy environment at national and state levels.

She also explained that the fund works with various partners to provide survivors with medical, reproductive health services and psychosocial care as part of its commitment to rehabilitate women and girls who have been abused, to help them overcome their ordeal.

While explaining legal instruments during the technical

session, the Facilitator, Barrister Rebecca Sako-John of Legal Awareness for Nigerian Women highlighted the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria as amended, with particular reference to chapter 2 & 4. She further spoke on the Kaduna State Violence Against Persons Prohibition Law, Kaduna State Gender Equity & Social Inclusion Policy, Kaduna Child Welfare and Protection Law and the difference between sex and gender.

On her own part, the United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) Gender Coordinator, Silvia Opinia said addressing gender issue is important because of the social discrimination and unnatural stereotypes attached to gender. She explained that the key approach in GBV response should be community and survivor centre based while the guiding principles for response

are targeted programmes Silvia elaborated on the consequences attached to survivors/ victims as well as perpetrators of GBV and further expounded the guiding principles in working with survivors stating that confidentiality, safety and security of survivors is essential to avoid exposing them to more risks.

The gender coordinator also dwelt on the need for proper documentation, data and monitoring, reporting, referral

mechanisms and coordination. Pointing out that responding to GBV needs a multi sectoral approach including access to justice. She also opined that it is the key role of gender actors to identify one another's role while MHSSD institutionalise them.

Mr Dennis Onoise of United Nations International Children Education Fund(Unicef) who talked on child protection and consequences of GBV on children pointed out the difference between a child and an adult. He explained that one is responsible

and the other not, independent and dependent, with difference in physical appearance and perception thus, child abuse is an act of commission or omission, neglect, abandonment and violence against children.

The training which took place in Kaduna had participants drawn from line MDAs, civil society organisations, non-governmental organisations, professional bodies, media, faith based organisations, security agencies and traditional institutions.



A group photograph of Participants at the training



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