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Mohammed Sani Abdullahi, Chief of Staff to the Governor, Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Dr. Salisu Suleiman, Principal Private Secretary, Mr. Olumuyiwa Adekeye Special Adviser, Media and Communication, and other political appointees being sworn in by Governor Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai at the Govt. House.

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KDSG Moves to Sanction Underperforming Private Schools



Dr. Shehu Makarfi, Commissioner of Education, during the interview in Kaduna.

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he Kaduna state government has said that it will go after underperforming private schools and shut them as part of efforts to promote quality education in the state.

The Commissioner for Education, Dr. Shehu Makarfi, made this known in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Kaduna.

Makarfi said the state government would digitise the location of all private schools in the state as the move will enable the ministry track and monitor the operations of private schools with a view to ensure that they all operate within the minimum acceptable standard.

"We will soon go after them. Those that are doing what they are supposed to be doing by their establishment, we will encourage them to continue.

"However, we will certainly close down those that are only

there to make money, while those that are not ready to meet up the required standard will be given some time to make amends.

"We will not allow a situation where the future of our children will be jeopardised by enrolling them into schools that are not prepared to provide the expected quality education."

The Commissioner added that he would work towards strengthening the education system by improving monitoring and supervision and steps would be taken to ensure that teachers do their jobs diligently.

He added that steps were also being taken to motivate and empower teachers to do more in terms of delivering quality and impactful teaching in public schools.

"I am happy I came at a time when Governor Nasir El-Rufa'i has approved the employment of additional 7,600 qualified teachers for public secondary schools in the state.

"I am happy I came at a time when the state government, with support from Islamic Development Bank is building 6 science secondary schools, 2 in each senatorial district of the state.

"I am also happy I took over when the state government is making heavy investment in education and all we have to do is to ensure that the resources are judiciously utilised, and teachers do their work diligently.

"We will equally improve on our resource mobilisation, coordination and supervision and create linkages and communication to facilitate the achievement of the education sector strategic plan." He concluded.

NHGSFP Scales-up Hygiene in Kaduna Public Schools

The Federal Government of Nigeria, through the National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (NHGSFP), Abuja, has commenced the distribution of aluminium bowls and spoons to 523,000 pupils in Kaduna state.

Mr. Olugbenga Oyeneyin of the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (NHGSFP), Abuja, made this known in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Kaduna, on the sideline of the distribution of the items which began in the state.

He explained that the 523,000 represent 70 per cent of the 834,130 pupils benefiting from the programme in the state, adding that the Kaduna state government would provide the remaining 30 per cent.

Oyeneyin said that over 2.4 million bowls and spoons



From L-R- Mal. Musa Daudu Ibrahim, Director, Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Mr. Olugbenga Oyeneyin, M&E Officer, NHGSFP Abuja, Dr. Shehu Makarfi, Commissioner of Education and Mal. Dahuru Musa Anchau, Director, Public Schools, during the distribution of the bowls in Kaduna.

were being distributed across 32 states of the federation in the first phase as part of efforts to ensure that the pupils were fed under hygienic condition.

"The National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme Office, Abuja, has observed that the vendors were feeding the pupils with plates that are unhygienic.

"The federal government decided to step in to ensure that every child is fed in a hygienic condition and through the procurement and distribution of the aluminium bowls and spoons," he said.

He further said that the items would be in the custody of the vendors for safe keeping and maintenance.

The Director, Higher Education, Kaduna State Ministry of Education, Malam Musa Ibrahim, explained that the 834,130 beneficiaries were less than the 1,069,140 pupils benefiting in the programme based on the ministry's record.

Ibrahim, who is the Programme Coordinator in the state, told NAN that the 834,130 figure was based on the head count conducted by the National Bureau of Statistic (NBS) to determine the actual number of beneficiaries.

"But when we went to defend our figure at the NHGSFP Office, we realised that some schools were missing in the NBS list, which affected the total figure.

"The schools that were missing were mostly in areas affected by insecurity, those in hard to reach areas and a few in urban centres, including Lokoja Road primary school and Rigasa primary school with over 20,000 pupils.



Some Pupils enjoying their meals served in their new bowls

"We raised our observations and the NBS and the National Planning Commission are currently making the necessary adjustment to include those that were omitted in the list," he said.

He further described the distribution of the items as a good development that would ensure the needed hygiene in the implementation of the programme while assuring that the Kaduna state government would provide the remaining 30 per cent of the bowls and spoons as soon as the distribution of the 523,000 were concluded.

The representative of Stepcho Nig. Ltd., suppliers of the items, Mr. Simon Bala thanked the federal government for empowering the company through the school feeding programme.

"The gesture has helped to uplift our company, such that we had to hire additional hands, thereby providing jobs to thousands of idle youths in the states we are making the supplies," Bala said.

Maikude Confirmed MD KADSWAC

The Kaduna state government has confirmed the appointment of Comrade Sanusi A.S. Maikude as the substantive Managing Director, Kaduna State Water Corporation (KADSWAC).

The MD's appointment was confirmed by Governor Nasir Ahmad El-Rufa'i after Maikude had headed the corporation on acting capacity for four months.

The Governor commended the MD for working hard to enhance the operations of the corporation in supplying portable water to the citizens of the state hoping that he will not relent in that direction.

In his response to the confirmation, Comrade Maikude thanked the state Governor for the confidence reposed on him and the opportunity to serve the good people of Kaduna state. He also pledged to put in more effort towards actualizing his 5- Point Transformation Agenda

that comprises enhancing quality water production, water sales, billing and collection, stakeholders' engagement, entrenchment of Rule of Law in all the affairs of the corporation as well as staff development and productivity enhancement.

The MD appealed to all stakeholders of the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) to work together to achieve set goals of the sector.

He urged citizens of the state to pay their water bills promptly to enable the corporation serve them better



Comrade Sanusi Maikude, Managing Director of KADSWAC.

LG Chairmen Charged to Ensure Due Process



Prof. Kabir Mato, outgoing Commissioner and Alh. Ja'afaru Sani, incoming Commissioner, addressing the LG Chairmen at the meeting.

Local government chairmen in Kaduna State have been implored to ensure strict observance of due process as well as transparent management and application of public resources at their disposal as due process remains the cardinal principle of government.

The Commissioner of Local Government Affairs, Alh. Ja'afaru Ibrahim Sani, made the charge during a meeting with the 23 LG chairmen in the state shortly after taking over the leadership of the ministry from his predecessor, Prof. Kabir Mato.

Sani assured the management, staff of the ministry and the local government chairmen that he will consolidate on

the giant strides of his predecessor especially in the area of sustaining the current local government reforms.

He further appealed to the chairmen to extend the same hand of fellowship to him the way they did to the former commissioner and assured them that due process as cardinal principle of government will be strictly adhered to during his stewardship as the commissioner of the ministry.

Alh. Ja'afaru called on management and staff of the ministry to be proactive in the discharge of their duties as general laxity and poor attitude to work will not be condoned.

He also expressed his appreciation to Governor Nasir El-Rufa'I for giving him another opportunity to serve in the second tenure of his administration and promised to discharge his responsibilities in the interest of government and the people of the state.

Earlier in his remarks, the former Commissioner of the ministry, Prof. Kabir Mato, expressed appreciation over the goodwill, support and cooperation he received from staff of the ministry and the 23 LG chairmen and urged them to extend same to the new commissioner.

210 Apprentices to be Trained Yearly- KSMBIT

The Commissioner, Business Innovation and Technology, Mr. Idris Samaila Nyam, has expressed satisfaction with the ongoing project of the Community Skills Development Center (COSDEC) and promised to train 210 apprentices yearly.

Nyam said the visit to the site is to familiarize himself with the projects of the ministry as the new commissioner and to assess the progress of work.

He explained that the project, which is a partnership of the Kaduna state government and MAFITA / DFID, ends by 2020, hence the need to ensure timely execution of projects according to specification.

The Commissioner said a lot of money has been put into the project by the state government to make it conducive enough for students and urged the Center Manager to ensure that trainees are closely monitored by signing registers to check absentees.

The contractors handling the project assured the commissioner that the work which is at 80 percent completion will be completed by the end of July.

The Community Skills Development Center (COSDES)

formerly Known as Business Apprenticeship Center (BATIC) Ung Mu'azu is among the COSDES undergoing renovation in the state.



L-R- Hon. Idris Samaila Nyam, Commissioner Business Innovation and Technology, Arc. Abubakar Sani, Dir. Skills Acquisition, Mal. Shafiu Ja'afaru and other staff of the Ministry during the visit.

