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Sequel to the resumption of academic and administration activities in the University after the prolonged staff industrial action, it has been observed that the University environment has become bushy and dirty, which might enable some reptiles and dangerous insects to hide and threaten the lives and health conditions of staff, students and visitors to the University.

The University Management has directed that all the Unit

heads, Centres, Faculty officers and their supervisors should immediately utilize cleaners in their domain to clear all the bushes and dust within their buildings and surrounding for maintenance of healthy and sanitized environment.

You are informed that supervision team from the Registry Department will pay scheduled visit to all places to ensure your total compliance with the directives.

CDA, ACEPHAP Set aside \$1.1m to Support BUK's Digital Education, Landscape

By Nura Garba

Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) and Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) have set aside 10% of their combined grants from the Africa Centres of Excellence for Development Impact totaling over \$1.1 million to support Bayero University's landscape as part of the initiative to make significant impact in the community.

These include teaching, research, internet connectivity, digital education and many other areas.

This was contained in a speech delivered by the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin at the opening session of a 5-day training on Innovation and Intellectual Property organized by the ACEPHAP and BUK.

He said the centres had been impacting positively to the university's teaching, research and community services and based on their advice, the University Management would review the alumni system.

Professor Jibrin added that the World Bank and French Development Agency wanted the Africa centres to make institutional impact as contained in DLI 7, saying that the idea was to support the landscape of BUK. He said the two centres were working to improve the internet connectivity of the university and impact positively on many other areas.

According to him, the two centres had put a proposal to the World Bank to make BUK a centre of competence in digital education. He happily told the participants that there are 53 of those centres in Africa and BUK was competitively chosen as one of only 6 institutions in this regard.

He added that the World Bank had also approved the purchase of modern studio equipment to boost digital education in BUK. In this regard, he said there were some trainings for 30 BUK staff who would later train others. "All BUK staff are part of this impact," he said.

Speaking earlier, the Director ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Galadanci said the objective of the training was to change the narratives of conducting research of publishing papers to one that at the end of the day would either change policy or patent it to have economic growth that would make significant impact on the lives of people.

She said BUK was lucky to have two Africa centres of excellence for development impact and that the World Bank wanted the centres in few years to come to have patents developed by researchers and improve the income generation of the university, centres and individual researchers.



Participants in a group photograph after the workshop

There were many paper presentations by Professor I.A Rufai, the Director of DRIP on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem in BUK; Concept and Significance of Applied Research in Innovation by Professor Yakasai Ibrahim Adamu, Deputy Director Research, Innovation and Partnership, DRIP; Dr Jamil Ismail, Problems of Healthcare in Nigeria; Agricultural Innovation: Past, Present and the Future by Deputy Director Outreach and Publications, CDA and many others.

Mambayya House, INAC Train Primary School Teachers on Anti-Corruption Campaign

By Lamara Garba

In what looked like “catch them young”, the Mambayya House, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies through Interfaith Network Against Corruption (INAC) has conducted a one-day anti-corruption sensitization workshop for primary school teachers from selected secondary school in Kano State in an effort to cascade the fight against corruption to the grassroots.

The workshop entitled “Using Drama to Enhance Non-Corrupt Behaviour among Primary School Pupils in Kano State” held on Saturday, 15th October, 2022, was supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, as part of the extended 3-year MacArthur Foundation programmes of anti-corruption activities in Northern Nigeria.

While declaring the workshop open, the Director of Mambayya House, Professor Habu Mohammed, said the programme was one of the initiatives of Mambayya House supported by the MacArthur Foundation through the use of popular culture in changing the behaviour of the populace.

He explained that the workshop was targeting children in an attempt to *catch them young* in the fight against corruption.

The Presenter, Mr. Adenikan Lanre Qasim from the Department of Theatre and Performing Arts, Bayero University, Kano, who discussed the role of drama in behaviour change, had explained how drama could be used to pass anti-corruption messages among primary school pupils by using drama clubs.

Earlier, the Co-chair and Catholic Bishop of Kano Diocese,

Madrasatul Darul Arqam Awards 261 Scholarship to Indigent Students

By Lamara Garba

The Madrasatul Darul Arqam has awarded scholarship to about 261 indigent students as part of the school policy of



BUK Management in a group photograph with leadership of Madrasatul Darul Arqam

assisting the needy, Principal of the School, Malam Al-Amin Abdurashid, has disclosed.

The scholarship covered school fees, uniform, books and other materials that will ease their studies.

Speaking on Wednesday, 19th October, 2022 when he led

Rt. Rev. John Namaza Niyiring who was represented by Rev. Michael Adebola had welcomed the participants and urged them to embrace the values of honesty and integrity.

In his presentation titled: **Brief about the INAC & the Project**, the Programme Coordinator, Prof. Moses T. Aluaigba, said the programme was aimed at establishing linkages between faith-based organizations and agencies



Director Mambayya House, Prof. Habu Mohammed making presentation at the workshop

that promote anti-corruption activities across northern Nigeria. He explained that initially, the programme trained anti-corruption clubs in selected schools and it had been extended to primary school teachers using drama clubs.

The participants were selected from 10 primary schools within Kano State and would be extended to 50 schools in the future.

the Management of the school to pay a courtesy visit on the Vice Chancellor, he revealed that from inception in 1993 to date, a total of 875 graduated from the school with full memorization of the Holy Qur'an.

According to him, they were in the Vice Chancellor's office to express appreciation for the continued support being rendered by the Management of Bayero University to the school.

The school, which was established in 1993 at a temporary site within the Old Campus, has now built a permanent site at Yolawa quarters running both Nursery, Primary, Junior and senior secondary schools.

Mallam Abdurashid commended the management of Bayero University for the support and assistance given to the school, which he said was the bases of its success and growth.

'We are here to register our appreciation on behalf of the proprietor and management of Madrastul Darul Arqam. We are indeed grateful for all your support. We pray Almighty Allah to continue to bless you and make this University great. Without your support, we would not be where we are now,' said the Principal.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, thanked the school management for the visit, pointing out that one of the mandates of a University in addition to teaching and research includes community service.

The Vice Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel, in particular was happy with the policy of rewarding hardworking and excellence adopted by the

school.

'I attended a graduation ceremony of your school recently in which you rewarded hardwork and excellence among staff and students; this is commendable and you should please sustain this policy,' he said.

Professor Gumel said they should feel free to approach the University Management for whatever support within its financial strength.

Neurological Disorder has Nothing to do with 'Satan' or 'Damon' - Prof. Abdullahi ...Advices Victims to Seek Orthodox Medicine

By Bala G. Abdullahi

A Consultant Neurologist from the University Hospital Coventry, United Kingdom, Professor Abdullahi Shehu has expressed concern over the attitude of some African societies who often link neurological disorders to 'Satanic' or 'Jinn' affliction. He said the most worrisome is that victims of the condition often resort to traditional therapy instead of seeking for orthodox medical solutions.

Professor Abdullahi was speaking at a Public Lecture titled: Awareness on Common Neurological Disorder organized by the Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health (ACEPHAP), on Friday, 14th October, 2022 at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital Conference Hall.



Dignitaries in a group photograph after the public lecture

He said neurological disorder is a disease that negatively affects the nervous system (brain, spinal cord and nerves), adding that 'some of them are very rare while others are common.'

Professor Abdullahi explained that one of these conditions is known as dementia. This, according to him, is a group of symptoms that point to a decline in a person's mental ability, such that it interfered with their normal daily life and function. He said people with dementia often experience memory loss, problems of reasoning and many other issues.

Epilepsy is also another common neurological disorder, according to the lecturer, where the electrical activity of the brain is abnormal, resulting in recurrent seizures. He added that stroke is another common neurological disorder. It is a situation where the blood supply to the brain is severely or entirely diminished. 'As a result the blood that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is defective.'

As part of efforts to address the condition, Professor Abdullahi advised victims that instead of wasting precious time patronizing spiritual healers, they should visit hospitals and interact with neurologist who are experts in the area, adding that 'a lot of patients with neurological disorder had been treated successfully,' he remarked.

Professor Abdullahi asked the audience to please educate those who did not have the opportunity to attend the lecture that neurological disorder has nothing to do with spiritual affliction; rather it is a normal disease which is caused by a decline in a person's mental ability, such that it interfered with their normal daily life and function. And that the condition could be addressed through orthodox medicine.

Earlier in her welcome address, the Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Galadanci said the lecture was a collaboration between ACEPHAP and University Hospital Coventry to create awareness on common neurological disorder and Capacity Building Training in the areas of mental and public health. She disclosed that the team had conducted capacity building training of Residents, Medical Officers and Community Health Extension Workers earlier within the week.

Professor Galadanci took time to x-ray the activities/achievements of the Centre since its inception to include the followings: wining of World Bank African Centre of Excellence Grant of \$6million, E-MOTIVE Research Project Grants from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to conduct E-MOTIVE Trial in collaboration with University of Birmingham, United Kingdom which is being implemented in five countries of Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, and Sri Lanka. It also won Nigeria's Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) grant on Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). She also mentioned IVON trial grant won from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in collaboration with Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria. Professor Galadanci listed COGENOME Study obtained from 54Gene Corporation as the fourth grant it won. It is to conduct a gene wide study on spirometry values among people with COPD using a case control study design.

She also stated that the centre had entered into collaborations with national and international universities, adding that just recently the centre entered into collaborations with seven universities in Kenya.

She thanked Professor Abdullahi for the thought provoking lecture and other resource persons from Sudan who conducted the training, adding the lecture had gone a long way to create the much needed awareness on the menace of neurological disorder and what steps to be taken to address the disease.

In his address, the Chief Medical Director, [Aminu Kano teaching hospital](#) (AKTH) Prof. Abba Sheshe expressed concern over the inadequate facilities for the diagnosis of neurological disorders.

Prof. Abba Sheshe said that neurological disorders is a very difficult disease to treat, because of the traditional believe that neurological disorders are caused by demons, noting that creating awareness about the problem is very relevant and important.

He lamented that Kano has only two electroencephalograms, EEG machine that helps to records the electrical activity of the brain, adding that the two machines currently serve Katsina, Jigawa, Bauchi, Sokoto and Kaduna states.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor, Bayero University Kano, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas represented by Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Prof. Mahmud Umar Sani, said (ACEPHAP) is one of the two centers of excellence that the university is very proud of their achievements.

He said Bayero University Kano is in the forefront of collaboration with universities and other institutions in conducting research, staff exchange and postgraduate training, assuring that the University would continue to support the centre to achieve its mandate.

Mambayya House Organises 2nd Review Workshop for Civil Society Anti-Corruption Networks

By Adamu Garba

The Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, Bayero University, Kano, (Mambayya House) in collaboration with the MacArthur Foundation has organized the 2nd review workshop for Civil Society Anti-corruption Networks in the North West Zone, Nigeria.

The workshop held on Wednesday, 5th October, 2022 at Mambayya House include presentation of results and learning sharing from all the sub-grantees across the northwest Nigeria who partnered under its MacArthur funded on Nigeria Project 2.0 entitled: *“Promoting Accountability and Anti-Corruption Through Behavior Change Approach, 2021-2024”*. The workshop culminated into given a modest support to the coalitions of CSOs working with the Centre across the zone to carry out activities, which contribute to the project's goal of curbing corruption in Nigeria.

Speaking during the event, the Director, Mambayya House, Prof. Ismaila Mohammed Zango said the objectives of the workshop were to review anti-corruption activities of the CSOs networks, to take stock of progress

and challenges. Other objectives according to him were to highlight evidence-based achievements of CSOs organizations in the anti-corruption drive, document relevant “success stories” of the CSOs work that the Centre may wish to include in the project report; and design a good strategy for sustainable anti-corruption works beyond life span of the project.



Participants at the Mambayya 2nd Review Workshop

In his remarks, the Programme Officer of the MacArthur Project and Deputy Director (R & D), Dr. Samaila Suleiman who explained the Project results and milestones recorded so far, said since the inception of the second phase of the project in July 2021, Mambayya House, alongside its four sub-grantees operating across Northern and Southern regions of Nigeria, have recorded considerable success by funding

activities designed to engender citizen-led approaches to fighting corruption and entrenching good governance in the country.

Highlights of the workshop include presentation of results and learning sharing by CSOs Networks from Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara States.

DR. S. K. SHITU LOSES WIFE

I Dr SK Shitu, Head Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, wish to express my appreciation to members of the University community who commiserate with us over the death of my beloved wife. She died on Wednesday, 19th October, 2022 after a protracted illness.

In particular, my appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the

DVC Academics, Prof Sani Muhammad Gumel, the Registrar Malam Jamil Ahmad Salim, all the Principal officers, deans, directors, heads of Department, members of staff from the Faculties of Engineering, Agriculture and the entire staff of the University too numerous too numerous to mention, who found time to attend the funeral prayer at Danbare quarters and/or call, send messages of condolence. May Allah grant her *Jannatul Firdaus*

