



ACEPHAP Director, Prof. Hadiza Galadanci at World Bank Headquarter, Washington

## World Bank ACE-Impact Meeting: **ACEPHAP Presents Report** ... Laments High Rate of Maternal Mortality, Morbidity

By **Bala G. Abdullahi**

The Director of Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Professor Hadiza Galadanci, has lamented the alarming rate at which women die as a result of avoidable complications during child birth.

She said statistics showed that in every one hour, about 30 women die during child birth, adding that the most unfortunate thing is that 65 per cent of these deaths occurs in the Sub-Saharan region. She also disclosed that 25 per cent of these deaths is as a result, of post-partum haemorrhage (bleeding after birth).

Professor Galadanci who gave a rundown of the research activities of the Centre at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington DC, USA at High Level ACE-IMPACT meeting, which took place from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 2022, said the major focus of research in ACEPHAP is centred around achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, which involves maternal health, child health nutrition, infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, as well as mental health. The centre can boast of experts in all these fields.

The ACEPHAP Director stated that, at the moment the centre was doing a research that sought to address the menace of post-partum haemorrhage. She happily informed the World Bank gathering that the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) found it necessary to conduct a global research to address the morbidity and mortality associated

with post-partum haemorrhage.

She revealed that, under the leadership of the University of Birmingham Clinical Trial Unit, ACEPHAP and 4 other Research groups in 4 countries were conducting EMOTIVE Trial. There were 80 health facilities globally participating in the trial and it was funded by BMGF.

She said half of the centres (i.e. 40) were in Nigeria and ACEPHAP was co-ordinating all the facilities in Nigeria. She explained further that what the research was doing was trying to see whether a bundle approach of treating post-partum haemorrhage would save the life of pregnant women and reduce the morbidity associated to it. The trial, according to her, was in its concluding stage and it was proving to be very effective. If successful, World Health Organization may adopt the bundle approach and update the guideline for managing post-partum haemorrhage.

Professor Galadanci also disclosed that anaemia in pregnancy was another major cause of maternal mortality. Therefore to be able to address this issue, the centre was conducting the IVON Trial which was an open label, randomized controlled trial to see whether the use of intravenous iron was better than oral iron in treating anaemia in pregnancy. If the intravenous iron proved to be effective, then the guideline for treating anaemia in pregnancy would change. The project is aimed at contributing to the reduction of the significant burden of maternal morbidity and mortality associated with anaemia in pregnancy.

# TETFund Trains Library Staff, Supply Digitization Equipment

By Adamu Garba

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has trained library staff of three tertiary institutions in Kano State including six Bayero University Library staff on information and communication technology (ICT).

The institutions involved in the training which was held at the Automation, Multimedia and e-services Department of University Main Library on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, were



Participants at TETFund training

Bayero University, Kano, Federal College of Education (FCE), Kano and Kano State Polytechnic.

The aim of the project was to train automation staff on how to digitize and upload to the cloud the onward integration into the proposed repository for further reference and preservation.

The six library staff who participated in the TETFund thesis digitization project were: Abdulkadir Hassan, Musa T. Abdullahi, Nazifi Inusa, Abba A. Mu'azu, Abdurrahid Mustapha and Muhammad Halim Umar.

Apart from the training, the Library also got some equipment including 3 Asus Laptops, 3 Konterra Portable Document Scanners, 1 Blue Gate UPS, 1 Buffalo Network Storage Device and 1 Internet Router Device.

According to the University Librarian, Dr. Musa Abdu Auyo, who was represented by the Head of Automation Department, Mal. Abdulkadir Hassan, said the project followed the sensitization visit of the TETFund representative in March 2020, which required digitization equipment to the library and also train the assigned staff on how to use them. The first phase of the project required BUK to digitize and upload 2000 thesis within the timeline of six weeks.

## VC Wants Improved Power Supply from KEDCO

By Nura Garba

Bayero University has appealed to KEDCO to improve the supply of power to the University, especially now that the students have fully resumed back after 8 months of strike action embarked upon by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said the University had a lot of challenges in terms of power supply, saying that the improved power supply would mitigate those challenges. He said if there would be power supply from 9am to 2pm daily, the situation would improve.

The Vice Chancellor wished the outgoing Chief Operating Officer, Vijaykumar Sundik Sonawane, who was set to return to his country, India, after Fidelity Bank took over the KEDCO.

Earlier, the Chief Operating Officer, Vijaykumar Sundik Sonawane, told the Vice Chancellor that he came along with other management staff to inform him that he would leave office after Fidelity Bank took over and to assure him that if his professional services were needed, he would be ready to support the University improve its power generation and supply.

Others who were in the entourage were Regional Manager, Kano North, Isaac S. Fabinu, and Regional Engineer, Kano

North, Engineer Aliyu Abubakar Saleh.

According to the Regional Manager, KEDCO would do



VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas presenting a souvenir to the outgoing KEDCO Chief Operating Officer, Vijay Kumar (left)

everything possible to ensure that the power supply in the University was improved.

# ACEPHAP Trains Kenyan Lecturers on Research Grant Writing

By Bala G. Abdullahi

In an effort to achieve its regionalization objectives, the Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) sponsored its team of resource persons to train 22 Kenya academics on research grant writing.

The 22 Kenyan academics that benefitted from the training were drawn from six universities in Kenya - Pwani University, Mount Kenya University, Technical University of Kenya, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, University of Eastern African – Baraton and Karatina University and the Agenga Training and Research Institute of Kenya Nutritionists and Dietitians Institute (ATRI-KNDI).

The training was conducted as part of the implementation



ACEPHAP Facilitators in a group photograph with participants of the Research Grant Writing Training Workshop

of the Memorandum of Agreement ACEPHAP signed in June 2022 with the seven Kenyan universities. The training workshop took place virtually on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September and face-to-face between 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2022 at the KNDI office, Nairobi, Kenya.

The ACEPHAP Team of Facilitators was led by the Center's Deputy Director in charge of training, Dr. Ibrahim Nashabaru. Other resource persons included; Drs. Salisu Maiwada Abubakar, Baba Maiyaki Musa, Yusuf Yunusa Muhammad and Aminatu Kwaku Chiroma.

The Facilitators from Kenya, Dr. David Omondi Okeyo (the CEO of KNDI and Chief of Party of ATRI) and Professor Gordon Nguka (Chairman of the Board of ATRI) expressed their commitment to continue to mentor the participants beyond the training workshop and to ensure that as many research grants are responded to. This, they believed, would increase the chances of winning as many grants as possible and strengthen the collaboration.

On their parts, ACEPHAP facilitators expressed satisfaction on the level of commitment of the participants as they had already begun working as a team to respond to some calls for grant proposals. In addition, the workshop succeeded in getting the Kenyan universities to collaborate internally as it also contributed to the achievement of regionalization objective of the ACEPHAP.

Speaking at the end of the training workshop, the participants expressed sincere appreciation to ACEPHAP and its Facilitators for opening their eyes and equipping them with the necessary information to improve their research grant writing ability.

It could be recalled that ACEPHAP in June 2022 signed a Memorandum of Agreement with seven Kenyan universities on teaching, research and community outreach which was geared towards training in nutrition and dietetics and other African universities to find long-lasting solution for African health workforce strengthening with a hope to influence population health and matters of policy.

## 2023: BUK Receives INEC Ad-Hoc Recruitment Forms for Staff, Students

By Nura Garba

Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2022 received over 10,000 forms for staff and students who wish to participate in the 2023 general elections to be conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

INEC's Director General Administration and Procurement, Lawal Sani K/Sauri, who brought the forms along with the INEC's PRO, A. A. Maulud and Logistics Officer, Hussaini Musa Kaugama, said participation of staff and students of tertiary institutions was critical and of paramount importance to the conduct of elections. He added that tertiary institutions had been giving INEC massive support, noting that the electoral umpire would bank on such support in the 2023 polls.

According to the Director General Administration and



INEC DG Admin & Procurement (left) presenting samples of the forms to the VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas (right)

Procurement, the forms had been customized to capture the students' profile, saying that it was strategically designed to

capture only bonafide staff and students.

He said for those who were interested to participate in the ad hoc work, they must fill an online form by visiting the INEC website, failure of which one could not be employed. The leader of the delegation further explained that students would be employed as Presiding Officers and Assistant Presiding Officers, while staff would be assigned to serve as Supervisory Presiding Officers. He said other staff that would participate as Collation Officers would be recruited from Abuja.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said BUK and INEC have a long standing

relationship and the University would strive hard to maintain the relationship. He cited an example of former Vice Chancellor, Professor Attahiru Muhammadu Jega, who headed INEC before the current Chairman, Mahmud Yakubu.

The Vice Chancellor expressed happiness over the measures taken by INEC to make the exercise seamless, adding that the University would advertise on the Bulletin about the criteria and eligibility of the ad hoc staff. He added that the university would give all the necessary support to ensure that the distribution of the form was carried out without any hitch.

## Prof. Tsauni Takes-over as Director University Press

*By Adamu Garba*

Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni has officially taken over as the new Director, Bayero University Press. He took over the mantle of administration of the University Press after the expiration of the tenure of Prof. Habu Mohammed who was appointed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, as Director of Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, Mambayya House.

and a member of the University Investment Committee.

In his handing over speech, the outgoing Director, Prof. Habu Mohammed, who thanked the staff for the support given to him as the Director, said Bayero University Press had so far promoted quality publications from within and outside the University as well as public institutions at the national level.



Prof. Ahmad Tsauni (left) receiving a handover note from Prof. Habu Muhammad (right)

According to him it has grown in leaps and bounds from the publication of **39** titles between 2015 and 2018 to a total of **114** titles between 2018 and November 1, 2022. He added that these included publications by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Dala, Kano and TETFund Book publications from other Universities.

He urged the staff to give the new Director the necessary support he enjoyed during his tenure.

In his acceptance speech, the new Director thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Abbas, for the confidence reposed in him and pledged to move the University Press to a greater height.

He thanked his predecessors, Prof. Yusuf M. Adamu and Prof. Habu Mohammed, for raising the flag of the University Press so high and appealed to them to always open their doors

while soliciting for their inputs, observations and guidance.

He promised to continue with the plans/works started by his predecessors as well as restructure and reform the Press towards becoming a successful result oriented unit in tune with the required quality/standards, best practices and market realities.

The official handing over, which took place on Monday, October 31, 2022, had in attendance all staff the University Press.

A professor of Economics from the Department of Economics, Bayero University Kano, until his appointment, Prof. Ahmad Tsauni was the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences. He was Head, Department of Economics

### PENSION UNIT

This is to inform the University community that the FCMB Pension Limited has organized interactive session with the university staff scheduled as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

**TIME:** 10:00am Prompt

**VENUE:** Convocation Arena, BUK New Campus

# Registrar Charges Staff on Efficiency, Service Delivery

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Bayero University's Registry Department held a special meeting with Faculty Officers and Administrative Secretaries with the Registrar, Malam Jamil Salim charging staff to improve on services delivery by re-strategizing the responsibilities assigned to them within their domain so as to lead by examples.

Speaking on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022 at the Staff Training Committee Room, the Registrar, Mal Jamil Ahmad Salim, said the main responsibility assigned to any Faculty Officers was to coordinate the administrative affairs of any Unit, Department, Deanery and Directorate posted to as they are representing the Registrar at the places posted to with the aim of providing adequate solutions to the existing problems.

The Registrar also said there's the need for each and every faculty officer and administrative secretary to focus on their daily assignment as no university can move forward without strong Registry Department, "that is



Registrar, Mal. Jamil A. Salim

why we are charging you to improve on your work.

Malam Salim said the University Management would do everything possible to supports its workforce as the current administration was committed towards uplifting the status of the University in the eyes of the world.

Earlier, the Director General Administration, Malam Ahmad Shehu, said a university system is a complex system that needed a lot of commitment, "so we are expecting you to be well coordinated in carrying your daily assignment so as to move the university system forward".

Also speaking, the Director Establishment Matters, Hajiya Binta Yahya K/Naisa advised the Faculty Officers to organize an effective routine supervision that would make impact towards the development of the University.

## ANA Confers Fellowship on Prof. Yusuf Adamu, 19 others

By Lamara Garba

The National Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA) has conferred its fellowship on Bayero University's Professor Yusuf Adamu of the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences (FEES) for his outstanding contribution to literature and education in general.

were awarded the highest honour of fellowship while four others were given honorary fellowships.

The Secretary General of the Association, Mr. Maik Ortserga, in a statement, explained that ANA considered it a rare privilege to reckon with the nominees' enormous investment, participation, and outstanding contributions to the growth of Literature over the years".



Prof. Yusuf Adamu receiving a certificate of fellowship

Accordingly, "We have come out with the list after a thorough assessment by a committee set up for the purpose." He charged the awardees to accept their nominations in good faith and continue to render the selfless service which, he said, was the basis for the Fellowship.

The ceremony which took place on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at the Mamman Vatsa Writers Village, Abuja had in attendance distinguished academics, writers and journalists, captains of industry from across the country. A total of 20 eminent writers from across all walks of life

Yusuf M. Adamu PhD, Fulbright Scholar, member of the Nigerian Academy of Letters, Social Science Academy of Nigeria Laureate, poet, novelist, critic, blogger and photographer is a Professor of Medical Geography at the Bayero University Kano.

He Attended Giginyu Primary School, Kano, from 1974-1980, Government Secondary School Koko (then Sokoto

State, now Kebbi) 1980-1982, Government Science Secondary School Zuru 1982-1985 Koko (then Sokoto State, now Kebbi). He got his first degree in Geography at the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto in 1990, MSc Geography from the University of Ibadan in 1994 and PhD in Geography from Bayero University, Kano in 2004. He joined the services of BUK from 1995 as an Assistant Lecturer and rose to become a Professor of Medical Geography in 2010.

Prof. Adamu was a founding member of ANA Kano since 1995 and has served as branch secretary and chairman. He

was also a member of the ANA National Executive from the late Abubakar Gimba. He has published over twenty literary books including poetry collections including *Litters, Landscapes of Reality, They Can Speak English, A Flat World, Places: A Poetic Geography* and *Wordless Sounds*. He also edited *Pregnant Skies: anthology of Fifty Nigerian Poets and Mazan Fara, anthology of ANA Zamfara*. He has published many children books (poetry, prose and non-fiction) including *Butterfly & other poems, What Do Scientists do?, Animals in the Neighbourhood: an African counting book, Our wonderful planet, Clever Squirrel and the great wedding contest*.

## CDA Conducts Workshop on Strategic Partnerships

By Nura Garba



Participants brainstorming during the workshop

Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) has conducted a training workshop on Establishing Strategic Partnerships.

The objective of the training was to train and build capacity of academics and researchers from Bayero University, Kano and other tertiary institutions towards engagement with private and public sectors.

The training workshop was an activity under Initiatives for Sustainable Food Security in Drylands.

About 60 participants from Bayero University, Kano, Federal College of Education (FCE), Federal College of Education Technical Education (FCET) Bichi, Kano State Polytechnic, Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education, College of Arts and Science (CAS) attended.

Others were from Kano University of Science and Technology and Federal College of Agricultural Produce and Technology.

Modules of the training workshop were Partnership Building to Effectively Implement Research and Development Project and Participatory Research and Extension Approach for Sustainable Agricultural Development.

In a related development, stakeholders from diverse technology and innovation hubs have brainstormed and provided credible and incisive input on how best to establish and run Centre for Dryland Agriculture's Innovation Accelerator Framework.

The CDA organized a one-day inclusive stakeholder workshop in which key stakeholders met and discussed extensively. Key suggestions and input were provided during the workshop.



A group photograph of participants

Participants of the training were drawn from various innovation hubs in the country that include Technology Incubation Centre, Vertical Farms Venture Limited, Blue Sapphire Limited and Shamrock Innovation Hub.

Others were Digital Development Hub, Innovate Lab, Start Bench Hub and ICRISAT.

Participants brainstormed and provided input and ideas on how best to establish and effectively run CDA's innovative hub.

The CDA Agric-Innovation hub will be a skills development centre for Agribusiness entrepreneurs. It will also provide a working space for Agribusiness Startup and Agribusiness companies that need a place to grow their businesses.

## DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR

### Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology: M. Sc/Ph. D Proposal/Internal Defense

**Presenter 1:** Halima Audu (SPS/16/PMM/00005)

**Topic:** Efficacy of Artemether Lumefantrine and Detection of Chloroquine Resistant Molecular Markers in Children with Uncomplicated Malaria attending Hasiya Bayero Paediatric Hospital at Kano, Nigeria.

**Supervisors:** Dr. Abdulsalami M. Yayo/ Prof. Nasiru T. Dabo

**Internal examiner:** Dr. Al-Mukhtar Y. Adamu

**Presenter 2:** Isiaka Olawale Sulaiman (SPS/17/PMM/00007)

**Topic:** Determination of Human Molecular Detection of Tuberculosis Infection and Impact Evaluation of Plasma Cytokines (IFN- $\gamma$ +, TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-10) Response among People Living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus in Bauchi State, Nigeria.

**Supervisors:** Prof. Azeez O. Akande / Dr. Muhammad A. Abbas

**Presenter 3:** Musa Muhammad Hamis (SPS/16/MMM/00026)

**Topic:** Sero-prevalence of Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus Types 1 and 2 among Pregnant Women attending Antenatal Clinic at Sokoto Specialist Hospital, Sokoto State.

**Supervisors:** Prof. Azeez O. Akande

**Internal examiner:** Dr. Mustapha A. Yusuf

**Presenter 4:** Adam Abdulmumin Raji (SPS/19/MMM/00014)

**Topic:** Assessment of Risk Factors of Cervical Human Papillomavirus (16 and 18) infections among Women in Bida, Niger State.

**Supervisors:** Prof. Usman A. Dutsinma / Dr. Al-Mukhtar Y. Adamu

**Chairman:** Dr. Auwal I. Kabuga

**Date:** Tuesday, 8th November, 2022.

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Postgraduate Class Room, Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, BUK.

**Note:** Seminar attendance is compulsory to all Postgraduate students.

## Role of Board of Survey in the Disposal of Used Papers & Unserviceable Item

This is to inform all Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments that the responsibility for the disposal of University property lies with the Board of Survey only. Consequently, no other entity within the University is authorized to dispose of such property or take any steps incidental thereto.

In a letter signed by the Secretary, Board of Survey, Mal. Ahmad Shehu, the Board observed in its meeting held on

27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 that some administrative units within the University were not fully acquainted with the role of the Board of Survey in the disposal of unserviceable items in the University.

The letter also called on all administrative units within the University to adhere to the foregoing in order not to fall short of the provision of the law.

## BUK BANS USE OF ELECTRONIC HOT PLATES IN STUDENTS HOSTEL

The Management has observed that some students have been using electronic hot plates for cooking. In view of the danger associated with the use of such appliances and the desire to avoid any catastrophe, the Management is hereby banning the use of all forms of electronic hot plates in cooking forthwith.

Anyone caught violating this order, would be ejected out of the hostel.

In the same vein, no student is allowed to cook inside the room.

It should be noted that the Management has put in place mechanism of enforcing this order.

## APPRECIATION FROM DR. KABIRU DUNBULUN

On behalf of myself and members of my family, I wish to express our profound gratitude to members of the University community for sparing time to attend the Wedding Fatiha of my daughter, Nabila Kabir on Saturday, 29th October, 2022. Special appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Prof. Sani Muhammed Gumel and Prof.

Mahmud Umar Sani, HODs. Deans, and Directors, and other members of the University community too numerous to mention and other well wishers. May Allah bless the marriage. Jazakallah bikhair.

Dr. Kabiru Dunbulun, Department of Sociology

# SCE: REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE COMPLETION OF 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION

S/N	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DATE
<b>REMAINING FIRST SEMESTER ACTIVITIES</b>			
1	Departmental and SCE Academic Board Meetings	2 weeks	4 <sup>th</sup> November – 18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022
2	SBC Meeting	1 week	November, 2022
3	Monthly Senate	1 Day	November, 2022
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>			
1	Continuation of Second Semester Lectures	11 weeks	4 <sup>th</sup> November – 14 <sup>th</sup> January, 2023
2	Commencement of Sales of Form for 2020/2021 Academic Session	-	14 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022.
3	Mid-Semester Break	1 week	23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2022
4	Second Semester Examinations	3 weeks	16 <sup>th</sup> January – 4 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023
5	Commencement of Admission Exercise for 2020/2021 Academic Session	-	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023.
6	Marking and Submission of Examination Results	2 weeks	6 <sup>th</sup> February – 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023
7	Departmental and SCE Academic Board Meetings	2 weeks	13 <sup>th</sup> March – 26 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
8	End of Session Break	3 weeks	27 <sup>th</sup> March – 15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023
9	SBC Meetings	1 week	April, 2023
10	Monthly Senate	1 Day	April, 2023
11	Beginning of Next Session 2020/2021	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2023

**Note:**

- All Public Holidays that may fall within the calendar would be observed.
- Commencement of Lectures is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

