



Fuel Subsidy Removal: BUK Rolls Out Palliatives for Staff, Students

By Nura Garba



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas addressing members of the congregation

The Management of Bayero University has introduced a number of palliative measures for staff and students as part of efforts to cushion the effect of subsidy removal.

This was disclosed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas during the University's 56th Congregation Meeting on Saturday, 22nd July, 2023.

Hundreds of staff gathered to discuss issues that affect the university's growth and development which was chaired by the Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor informed the staff of the University that some money has been allocated to University Cooperatives Committee to purchase food stuffs and other essential commodity to distribute to staff on a non interest format payable in six months.

He said the University Management has also concluded arrangement with the BUK Microfinance Bank to provide non interest loan to staff to pay school fees for their children, assuring that university would take the burden of interest.

The Vice Chancellor added that staff can access soft loan at any time and it would be revolving so that more can

benefit.

On the issue of transportation, the Vice Chancellor disclosed that the University is discussing with the Kano State government to provide buses that will be transporting students from specified destinations to the university campuses and take them back at affordable rates. He said once finalised, Kanawa buses would start passing through the routes of BUK campuses.

For junior staff, the Vice Chancellor revealed that the university would purchase bicycles and give out as loan payable in nine months to help them cushion the effect of hike in transportation fare. He said on many occasions, he saw staff trekking from Old Campus to New Campus, a distance of almost 10 kilometers.

Another palliative introduced was waiving 8 months water and electricity bill for staff occupying the university's houses. He said those who paid during this period would be refunded.

"Vehicles would be allocated to transport staff to and from the University. Each day (Monday to Friday) buses would be taking off from Zoo road staff quarters at 8am and 10am, while at close of office, it will be leaving the

Prof. Hadiza Galadanci Gets Heroine of Health 2023 Award

...The First to be Honoured in Nigeria and Among 65 Others Globally

By Lamara Garba & Bala G. Abdullahi

The Director of Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci has emerged Heroine of Health 2023. The award was bestowed for her exceptional and selfless contribution to the development of health at national and global levels.

The Heroines of Health Awards were established by Women in Global Health a non-governmental, non partisan organization in 2017 as a powerful platform to amplify the exceptional contribution to the health sector by women.

Speaking during the award presentation on Wednesday, 19th July, 2023 at Kigali, Rwanda, the Executive Director and co-founder of Women in Global Health, Dr. Roopa Dhatt, explained that women are the majority of the health workforce globally and whose contributions are hardly recognized.

“Women drive and deliver health but their contributions often remain invisible and under-recognized. This year, we are recognizing the contribution of women health workers in Africa in advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights, which are key to guaranteeing the health and bodily autonomy of girls and women and achieving health for all,” she revealed.

According to the Executive Director, the award was being hosted for the first time in Africa and 12 eminent women in health sector were identified and bestowed with the awards. The awardees who were extraordinary women represented the heart and soul of health in Africa and include Community Health Workers, midwives, doctors, nurses and gender advocates.

Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci was nominated for the award by the Federation of International Gynecologists (FIGO) in recognition of her efforts at bringing a unique perspective and expertise as well as making an invaluable contribution in realizing the right to health for women and girls especially and to achieving Universal Health Coverage in Africa.

Professor Hadiza Galadanci dedicated herself to improving the health care services especially in relation to maternal mortality. She made it her mission to transform maternal healthcare, which makes her unique and an exceptional health worker in the country to attract this international recognition.

The recipient who was the first woman consultant, gynecologist and Professor of Medicine in the region of Kano, has dedicated her life to reducing maternal and child mortality rates, worked to combat gender disparities in health and has played pivotal role in shaping policies relating to critical maternal health challenges worldwide.

Professor Galadanci has authored over 100 publications in peer reviewed journals and played a leading role in more than 20 studies with WHO, MacArthur Foundation, FIGO, USAID, UNFPA and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

She also serves on the Steering Committee of the West Africa Health Organization for reduction of Maternal Mortality, Align MNH, a global initiative towards accelerated efforts to achieve SDG 3, TETFund National Research Fund, and also a member of the



Prof. Hadiza Galadanci (1st left) receiving the award from Liberian Minister of Health, Dr. Wilhelmina S Jallah

Board of Trustees of the Nigerian Medical Women's Association, Engender Health Nigeria as well as the chair of the National Reproductive Health Working Group. Professor Galadanci had trained and mentored over 2000 medical students, residents and postgraduate students including regional African students.

In her speech shortly after receiving the award, presented to her by the Liberian Minister of Health, Dr. Wilhelmina S Jallah on behalf of the organizers, Professor Hadiza Galadanci who was one of the three medical doctors honoured in the continent said she was really humbled and overwhelmed to make it to the list of 12 Heroines of Health 2023 in the African region which was a unique recognition. 'To say the least, I was surprised with this award, and this had really inspired me to redouble my commitment in the

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pursuit of addressing health challenges in the country, African region and the global arena.

The Heroine of Health 2023 award was bestowed on

twelve health workers in Africa. The recipients were as follows: three Community Health Workers; three midwives; three doctors; two nurses and one specialist gender advocate.

56th Congregation: Staff Applauds VC's Exemplary Leadership

By Our Reporters

Bayero University conducted its 56th Congregation meeting chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Saturday, 22nd July, 2023 at the Convocation Arena, New Campus with members applauding the good leadership of the Management.

Senior members of the University spent the whole day deliberating on issues that affected the development of the University. The Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Congregation presented his score card, which was greeted with applause and commendation at the occasion.

Congregation meeting is a gathering of all degree holders of members of staff of the University.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas started with appreciating members of the University community for their patience, forbearance and commitment to the

explained that the Management had met with all stakeholders – students, ASUU, SSANU, NASU and NAAT before making submission to the Senate which was approved by the Senate at its 405th meeting held on Monday, 19th June, 2023.

There was large ovation when the Vice Chancellor notified members of the position of Bayero University in the global ranking.

“The Times Higher Education (THE) of the United Kingdom, in its 2023 World University Assessment has ranked Bayero University as number 1,016 in Global Universities Ranking and 4th best in Nigeria.” The Chairman said.

Earlier, the Chairman of Standing Committee on Congregation, Prof. Muhammad Babangida Muhammad, welcomed members to the 56th Congregation meeting. He reminded them about the standing order of the meeting.

The Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee, Professor Umar Sani of the Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, read the resolutions as follows:

The Congregation of Bayero University Kano held its 56th meeting on the 22nd July 2023 at the Convocation Arena, New Campus.

After exhaustive deliberations, the Congregation resolved as follows:

1. Commends the University Management for working tirelessly towards ensuring good staff and Students welfare in addition to improving the security situation in the University.
2. The Centre for Information Technology should assist and ensure that all staff members complied by using University based email address in all official correspondences.
3. Commend and Support the University Management initiative towards improving the power situation in the Campuses.
4. Commend the University Management for working tirelessly towards improving the University global ranking standard and attracting both local and international grants and Interventions.
5. Commend the University Management for the palliative mechanism put in place to reduce the current hardship on staff members.



Cross section of congregation members

survival and growth of the University despite the excruciating pain arising from the withheld salaries by the Federal Government and high cost of living.

The Chairman explained that the Congregation was meeting for the first time since December 2021 because of the longest session the University had ever experienced due to the industrial action embarked upon by the staff unions of universities in 2022.

He explained that, after successful completion of the 2020/2021 academic session, the 2022/2023 academic session would commence on 10th July, 2023 while lectures would start on 24th July, 2023 and was expected to end on 18th May, 2024.

On the increase in central registration fees, administrative and hostel maintenance charges, the Vice Chancellor

DRIP Conducts Workshop on Strengthening Skills for Early Career Researchers

By Nura Garba

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership has conducted a three-day workshop on Strengthening the Grant Writing Skills of Early Career Researchers.

The workshop was conducted between 24th and 26th July, 2023 in collaboration with the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) which took place at the Conference Hall of Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP).

The objective of the workshop according to the Director of DRIP, Professor Ibrahim Ahmad Rufai was to develop the capacity of junior academics who have acquired their PhD not less than five years ago. He said early career researchers have little knowledge about the research terrain and university environment.

Prof Rufai added that there are other sensitive issues that the early career researchers should know with regards to writing acceptable proposal and grants writing which the workshop would address.

The Director DRIP explained that if the early career researchers are well developed and equipped with the necessary skills, they would be able to contribute to the research and development of the country.

Presenting a paper on Funding Opportunities for the Nigerian Early Career Researchers, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, the Director ACEPHAP said research and development contribute little to the Nigerian economy, noting that it was quite clear to note that there was poor industry, academia and government collaboration.

She decried the low patent production in Nigeria, lack of common research outcome to innovation, commercialization and patenting, noting that research scientists are not sufficiently intended in getting their research output beyond the point of publication.

Professor Galadanci attributed the challenges to inadequate research priority setting, poor funding, poor research infrastructure, poor linkage between research and policy, lack of motivation for researchers, sub-optimal capacity building among many others.

The ACEPHAP Director recommended that there must be



Participants of the 3-day workshop on strengthening skills of early career research

encouragement of collaboration among government, industry and academia and that scientists must focus their research more on issues that will contribute to knowledge economy.

She advocated the need for societal enlightenment to hold the research institutions accountable for conducting researches that address their needs as research should be demand driven.

Researchers had brainstormed during the three workshop on how best to improve the standard of research in the country and enhance proposal and grants writing.

Federal University Dutsin-ma Seeks CDA Support

By Nura Garba

Sudano-Sahelian Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, Federal University, Dutsinma is seeking for the support and assistance of CDA to set up research centre.



Collaborative discussion between CDA team and Sudano Sahelian centre

The Centre, which was recently established by the Federal University Dutsinma to bridge the knowledge gap, generate and transmit research knowledge to its host communities said it was unaware with the trajectory of CDA which occupied a prominent position among Africa Centres of Excellence.

A delegation of the centre paid a courtesy visit to CDA to seek for support and assistance on 25th July, 2023 led by its pioneer Director, Professor Sanusi Jari. He said the vision of the centre was to be a centre of excellence in research and sustainable agriculture and to achieve this lofty ambition, intervention of CDA is paramount.

Prof. Jari said they were highly impressed by the achievement and successes of CDA hence the desire to collaborate.

The centre according to him consists of three departments

of Crop Improvement, Animal and Generic Programmes. He said the Generic Programme deals with agricultural extension, gender issue, climate change and indigenous knowledge of agriculture production.

Responding, the Director of CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin welcomed the delegation and said that partnership and linkage are some of the activities of the centre under its outreach programmes. He informed them about the activities of the centre and assured them that

CDA is ready to assist with all what they required in order to have a successful take up.

Prof Jibrin added that the two centres have many things in common as such collaboration would be fast tracked.

The two centres have agreed to develop a framework for collaboration and nominate the focal persons from each side understanding that will lead to signing formal memorandum of action.

CRNLT&F to Collaborates with WikiHausa

By Abubakar Yusuf

The Director of the Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages Translation and Folklore, Prof. Yakubu Magaji Azare said the Centre would continue to collaborate with any organization or individual towards promoting Nigerian languages.

Prof. Azare who was speaking when some official of WikiHausa paid him a courtesy call on Monday 10th July, 2023 said the Centre have linkages and collaboration with many institutions and organization within and outside Nigeria which helped in achieving Centre's goals and objectives.

He expressed his delight over the visit by the WikiHausa team and assured them that the Centre would join hands with them in promoting Nigeria languages. He also requested the organization to provide the Centre with details of the partnership intent, which would be reviewed by the Centre and subsequently allow for formal engagement.

In his speech earlier, the founder of WikHausa LTD, Alhaji Isah Uba Chamo said the organization want to collaborate with the Centre to receive mentoring on correct usage of Hausa language and better ways of promoting Nigerian languages “the extensive collection of resources related to Nigerian languages, Translation and Folklore housed

within your library presents a remarkable opportunity for collaboration and knowledge sharing” he added.

Alhaji Isa Chamo further stated that “Collaborating with your esteemed institution would allow us to leverage over collective expertise and resources to make a greater impact on the preservation and promotion of Nigerian languages and culture. We hope to engage further in discussing various collaboration possibilities including joint research projects, content development initiative, knowledge sharing platforms and promotional campaigns.



From left: Isa Uba Chamo the CEO/ Founder WikiHausa, Director CRNLT&F Prof. Yakubu Magaji Azare and Hussain Inuwa the COO/Head, Admin & Finance WikiHausa

Verification Team from Ministry of Finance Visits BUK

By Salisu Inusa Isma'il

As part of normal routine exercise, special delegation from the Department of Special Project in the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning, paid a courtesy



Members of the team in a group photograph with the Management

visit on the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas on Monday 24th July, 2023.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas who was represented by the DVC Academics, Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel described the visit as unique and was pleased to received them in the university.

Prof. Sagir also expressed BUK's unwavering commitment to provide the requested documents for the successful conduct of their assignments. He further reaffirmed management's readiness to cooperate with them for the success of this important exercise.

Earlier, the leader of the delegation, Haj. Hadiza K. Musa said they were at BUK on a verification mission to the University on recruitment exercise from January through December 2022. She then presented a checklist to the management of the University for a hitch free exercise.

Prof. Gumel was accompanied by the DVC Management Services, Prof. Mahmud Umar Sani, DVC Research and

Development, Prof. Abdullahi Sule Kano, University Librarian, Dr. Kabir Dahiru Abbas, Bursar, Mal. Rabi Dauda, Ag. Registrar, Haj. Amina Abdullahi Umar, Directors of VC's office, Public Affairs, Mal. Ahmed

Sharif and Mal. Lamara Garba respectively. Highlights of the meeting were presentation of souvenirs and group photographs.

Vice Chancellor Condoles Damakka

By Salisu Inusa Isma'il

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas has on Tuesday 25th July, 2023 paid a condolence visit to the family of Barr. Zubaida Abubakar Damakka who died last Saturday in Abuja after brief illness.

The Vice Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics, Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel described Barr. Zubaida's death as a great lost not

only to her immediate family but to the entirety of humanity.

While further extolling the deceased's good virtuous, described her as a loving mother who devoted her entire life in the service of people. He then prayed to Almighty Allah to grant her Jannah and give the family fortitude to bear this huge loss.

On hand to receive BUK's delegation was the deceased husband, Alh. Muhammad Damakka who appreciated the Vice Chancellor and the university management for sending a powerful delegation to identify with them.

Prof. Gumel was in company of the Deputy Vice Chancellor Research and Development Prof. Abdullahi Sule-Kano, Ag. Director Bayero University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Dr. Mustapha Isyaku Sanda, Deputy Dean Faculty of Veterinary, Prof. Sani Abdullahi Shehu, Head of department Veterinary Pathobiology, Dr. Bakari Ado, and Director VC's office, Mal Ahmad Sharif and host of others.



BUK Management at the residence of the deceased

CALL FOR ICESCO BIO WASTE FOOD COMPETITION-2023

This is to inform members of the University Community that the University is in receipt of a letter from the National Universities Commission (NUC) on the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Bio Waste Food Award Competition-2023.

According to the letter signed by the Director, Directorate of the Executive Secretary's office, John Mairafi Ahmadu, the organization is inviting applications from interested institutions to submit their entries for the ICESCO Bio Waste Food Award Competition which is aimed at developing innovative and accessible technologies for extracting protein, lipid and carbohydrate to produce

nutritious food bars from bio-waste.

The value of the award is \$100,000 USD and is open to young and female inventors, startups, engineering and biological schools, students and young professionals.

Therefore, all submissions should be forwarded to the Federal Ministry of Education, and soft copy to the Secretary General, NATCOM-ICESCO via e-mail: Ibrahim.bashir.ng@gmail.com, nigeria.natcomicesco@gmail.com and natcom-icesco@education.gov.ng before the close of business on 16th October, 2023.

Bayero University Staff Model Primary School, Kano

This is to inform ALL parents and the university community that the sales of admission forms for 2023/2024 academic session into primary one and transfer into other classes is in progress. Obtain your form at BUK Microfinance Bank New Campus at a cost of N2,200 only.

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CDA Programmes Review: Request for Memos

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) reviews its programs and activities every five years to make them more relevant to present times and to the needs of the WCA drylands. The last review was carried out in 2017/18, and another review is due in 2023. Consequently, the Centre has recently:

1. Appointed research theme leaders and inaugurated research themes along which research groups would emerge. The research groups will be conducting cutting-edge translational research that addresses the development needs of the WCA drylands. It is envisaged that the research groups will not only produce high-impact innovation and research outputs but also support the postgraduate training activities of the Centre and the University as a whole.
2. Developed a framework for the establishment of a regional agro-innovation and entrepreneurship hub to assist in harnessing ideas and promoting agricultural

innovations and entrepreneurship, and to encourage stronger academia-industry linkages.

3. Provided parts of the University with high-speed internet, Learning Management Systems (LMS), access to high-performance computing (HPC), access to databases such as ScienceDirect, ProQuest, Emerald, etc

The CDA is presently reviewing its current curricula and modes of course delivery with the aim of improving the current courses and/or introducing new courses and programs. The Centre solicits creative ideas from the University community, research and industry partners, and the general public to develop impactful multidisciplinary programs that will address the training and research needs of the Drylands of WCA.

Kindly send your memos on or before 10th August 2023 to: Dr Yusuf Garba (ygarba.cda@buk.edu.ng)

For more information, contact Dr Murtala Badamasi (mmbadasi.geog@buk.edu.ng)

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LIBRARY REGISTRATION COMMENCES FOR 2022/2023 ACADEMIC SESSION ON MONDAY, 31ST JULY 2023

All students, especially fresh are advised to register with the University Library. The affected students should come along with a Photocopy of "Students' Information Form" (SIF).

REGISTRATION TIME:

Mondays to Thursdays 9.00 a. m. to 2.00 p. m.

Fridays 9.00 a. m. to 12.00 Noon

NB:

Students from Faculties of Law, Agriculture and Engineering are to register at their respective Faculty Libraries. While **ALL** Faculties in Old Campus are to register at Science Library.

Signed.
Dr. Kabiru Dahiru Abbas,
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN.



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