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Gates Foundation President Commends BUK's ACEPHAP for Transforming Maternal Healthcare through Research and Policy

By Lamara Garba



VC BUK Professor Haruna Musa, fsi (centre) presenting a Souvenir to the visiting President of Africa and India offices of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr Ankor Vora while the Director of ACEPHAP Professor Hadiza Galadanci looks on

The President of Africa and India Offices and Chief Strategist Officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr. Ankor Vora, has commended the Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Bayero University, Kano (BUK), for its outstanding contributions to improving maternal and child health through research-driven policy interventions.

Speaking during a visit to the Centre on Monday, August 3, 2026, Mr. Vora described ACEPHAP as a model of excellence whose innovative programmes have demonstrated how research can be effectively translated into practical solutions that save lives.

He singled out the Centre's flagship EMOTIVE programme for special commendation, noting that its remarkable success in reducing maternal and child mortality rates represents one of the most impressive health interventions on the continent.

"It is truly amazing to see how the Centre's activities have

contributed significantly to reducing maternal and child mortality. This is exactly the kind of impact that research should have on society," he said.

Mr. Vora expressed particular satisfaction with ACEPHAP's deliberate engagement of policymakers at every stage of its programmes, stressing that meaningful and sustainable development cannot be achieved without government participation.

He observed that one of the greatest challenges facing many developing countries is the inability to translate sound policies into concrete action, adding that ACEPHAP has distinguished itself by successfully bridging that gap.

According to him, the Centre's ability to work closely with governments and development partners, particularly in influencing the World Health Organization (WHO) to adopt the EMOTIVE approach as a global policy for the prevention and treatment of postpartum haemorrhage, is a remarkable achievement deserving international

recognition.

"The translation of policy into action is something that is lacking in many developing countries. I am delighted that ACEPHAP has successfully convinced policymakers, particularly the World Health Organization, to move from research to policy. The adoption of EMOTIVE by WHO is most commendable," he stated.

The Gates Foundation official also praised ACEPHAP's commitment to developing the next generation of health professionals, describing its capacity-building initiatives as an excellent model that should be encouraged and replicated by similar centres across Africa.

He therefore described ACEPHAP as a genuine regional Centre of Excellence whose achievements continue to influence health policy and practice far beyond Nigeria.

As part of the visit, Mr. Vora held an interactive session with the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi; the Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Galadanci; the Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), Professor Abdulrahman Abba Sheshe; and the Kano State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf. The discussion focused on strengthening partnerships aimed at improving healthcare delivery and expanding evidence-based health interventions across Nigeria and Africa.

Earlier, while welcoming the delegation, the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Haruna Musa, expressed profound appreciation to the Gates Foundation for its sustained support to the University, noting that the remarkable achievements recorded by ACEPHAP were made possible through the Foundation's strategic investments.

He reaffirmed the University's commitment to strengthening its partnership with the Foundation and assured the delegation that every support received would continue to be judiciously utilised to advance research and address societal challenges.

Professor Haruna Musa explained that Bayero University is deliberately repositioning itself from being primarily research-oriented to becoming an institution where research directly informs public policy and contributes to solving real-life problems.

He noted that grants provided by the Gates Foundation have planted the seeds for innovative research that now serves as an important source of evidence for development planning and policy formulation.

The Vice-Chancellor appealed for increased support to both ACEPHAP and Bayero University to enable the institution to consolidate the gains already recorded and expand its impact in health research and policy.

Also speaking, the Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Professor Abdulrahman Abba Sheshe, described AKTH as one of the region's leading referral and teaching hospitals committed to producing highly skilled healthcare professionals.

He said the hospital looks forward to deeper collaboration

with the Gates Foundation in order to strengthen healthcare delivery, medical research and the training of health workers.

In her presentation, the Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, highlighted the Centre's major milestones, explaining that investments by the Gates Foundation have generated measurable impacts on health policy at the state, national and global levels.

She disclosed that the Centre's research informed the World Health Organization's adoption of the EMOTIVE strategy as a global policy for the prevention and management of postpartum haemorrhage, one of the leading causes of maternal deaths worldwide.

Professor Galadanci further stated that the Centre has recorded substantial reductions in maternal mortality, successfully engaged several state governments to include Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) commodities in their annual budgets, and advocated for the incorporation of the WHO-recommended postpartum



VC, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi along with the visiting President of Africa and India offices of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Mr Ankor Vora in a group photograph with CMD AKTH, Professor Abdulrahman Abba Sheshe, the Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Galadanci and Kano state Commissioner for Health, Dr Abubakar Labaran Yusuf and others

haemorrhage care bundle into the Annual Operational Plans of Kano, Plateau and Nasarawa States.

According to her, ACEPHAP's interventions have resulted in a 57 per cent reduction in severe postpartum haemorrhage and a 50 per cent decline in postpartum haemorrhage fatalities.

She added that the Centre has also positioned Bayero University within the globally recognised Triple Helix Model, integrating research excellence, strategic partnership with industry and government to address pressing public health challenges.

The Kano State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf, assured the visiting Gates Foundation delegation of the state government's readiness to deepen collaboration with the Foundation in order to improve healthcare delivery and strengthen health systems across Kano State.

He described Bayero University and ACEPHAP as dependable partners whose research and technical support have continued to guide the state's health policies and interventions, particularly in maternal and child healthcare.

APROCON 10th Annual Conference: VC, Prof. Musa Advocates Multidisciplinary Approach to Reducing Substance Abuse

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, has emphasized the University's commitment to generating evidence base solution and providing high quality teaching, cutting edge research, innovation and community engagement capable of informing policies and transforming society.

Prof. Musa was speaking at the opening ceremony of the 10th Annual Conference of the Association of Professional Counsellors of Nigeria (APROCON) hosted by BUK and took place on Tuesday, 4th August, 2026 at the Convocation Arena. The Conference had as theme: Innovative Interventions for Substance Abuse Reduction.

The Vice Chancellor, who welcomed delegates to the conference, commended the Association for choosing Bayero University as the host of the event and advocated for a multidisciplinary approach to reducing substance abuse and addressing other social challenges confronting society and urged participants to take advantage of the University's rich academic programs and generate practical solutions capable of influencing public policy.

He commended the Kano State Government for the recent inauguration of task force on drug abuse, describing the initiative as a positive action that aligned with the conference agenda. He assured the association of BUK's continued partnership and collaboration, stressing the importance of professional ethics, advocacy and continuous capacity building in addressing contemporary social challenges.

The keynote speaker, Malama Maimuna Mohammed Garba, of the Kano State Strategic Command, National Drug and Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) said the problem of drug abuse was not solely a law enforcement concern but a public health and community concern.

She described drug addiction as a human issue capable of disrupting lives. She, however, expressed optimism that the unprecedented development in innovation and technology, coupled with behavioral science, early intervention and multi sectorial collaboration, could contribute significantly to addressing the challenge.

Maimuna stressed that the reduction of drug abuse should not be measured by the quantity of drug seized or abused, but by the number of individuals whose dignity had been restored.

According to her, prevention of drug abuse could only be effective when young people were equipped with knowledge and skills required to make informed decisions. She therefore advocated for life-skills education, parenting programs, school counseling, peer education, youth

empowerment and evidence-based awareness campaigns.

The Governor of Kano State, Engineer Abba Kabir Yusuf, who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Malam Umar Faruk, commended the leadership of APROCON for its remarkable contributions to youth development and substance abuse prevention.

He said the theme of the conference was apt and timely, particularly now that the society was battling with the menace associated with the use and abuse of drugs.

Governor Yusuf said Kano State remained resolute in confronting the challenge through comprehensive approach, adding that the administration was prepared to do more because the increasing rate of drug abuse in Northern Nigeria required urgent action.

He noted that there had been increase in government programs, including vocational training aimed at reducing the incidence of psychosocial challenges among youths, which he said informed the inauguration of a task force on



Newly inducted Fellows of APROCON in a group photograph

the sale and consumption of illicit drugs in Kano State.

The Governor assured APROCON of Kano State willingness and readiness to partner with the organization, stressing that government could not address the problem alone but required the support of professional counselors, traditional institutions, researchers and advocacy group.

The Grand Patron of APROCON, Her Excellency, Olufunsho Amosun, in her goodwill message expressed delight in the turnout of participants, describing it as evidence that the theme of the conference was apt and of great concern to all.

She called for the creation of an environment where young people would have the opportunity to make healthy decisions, stressing that technology should be utilized as part of the solution rather than avenue.

She advocated for stronger community base approaches, identifications of triggers, skills development and mentorship programs as part of the efforts to prevent drug abuse among youths.

Earlier, the National President of APROCON, Prof. Osorochi Patricia Obi, in her welcome address called for a health centered and community-driven strategy to prevent and treat substance use. She advocated a shift from punitive or enforcement-based responses to an integrated approach involving medical, rehabilitation and educational interventions.

BUK Pro Chancellor AVM Sadiq Ismaila Kaita Earns PhD in Security Studies

By Lamara Garba

The Pro Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Air Vice Marshal (Rtd.) Sadiq Ismaila Kaita, has added another remarkable milestone to his distinguished career after earning a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Defence and Security Studies from the Nigerian Defence Academy.

The doctoral degree was awarded by the Senate of the Academy following the successful defence of his doctoral thesis, marking the culmination of years of rigorous academic research, intellectual discipline, and commitment to scholarship.

According to the official Statement of Result issued by the Academy, AVM (Rtd.) Kaita earned the prestigious degree through hard work and perseverance, having successfully fulfilled all the academic requirements for the award.

The attainment of the doctorate represents yet another remarkable accomplishment for the retired senior military officer, whose career has been defined by exemplary service, visionary leadership, and an enduring commitment to national development. It also reflects his abiding conviction that learning is a lifelong pursuit and that effective leadership is enriched by knowledge and continuous self-development.

As Pro Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Bayero University, Kano, AVM (Rtd.) Kaita has continued to provide strategic leadership and guidance that have strengthened the University's pursuit of academic excellence, sound governance, and institutional progress. His latest academic achievement further exemplifies the values of diligence, resilience, and excellence that Bayero University seeks to instill in its students and staff.

The achievement is particularly significant at a time when security has become central to national development. Through his advanced research in Security Studies, the Pro Chancellor has contributed to the expanding body of knowledge needed to address contemporary security challenges with informed policy, strategic insight, and innovative solutions.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, on behalf of the Management, Senate, staff, and students of

She said there was the need to place greater attention to different categories of substances, including stimulants with significant health effects, which could have serious consequences on education, skills development, school retention and employment.

Prof. Obi called for stronger coordination among relevant agencies and partners, adding that there was the need for the digitalization of the pharmaceutical and drug supply chain to improve traceability and protection while ensuring legitimate access to medicines and reducing diversion into illicit markets.

the University, heartily congratulated the Pro Chancellor on what he described as a spectacular academic feat.

Professor Haruna Musa noted that the conferment of the PhD is a testament to AVM (Rtd.) Kaita's unwavering pursuit of excellence and his passion for knowledge despite his illustrious military career and demanding leadership responsibilities.



The Chairman of BUK Governing Council Dr Sadiq Ismaila Kaita, displaying his PhD Thesis shortly after award of the Degree

He said the achievement would undoubtedly inspire members of the University community and the younger generation to embrace lifelong learning and strive for excellence in all their endeavours.

The Vice Chancellor prayed that Almighty Allah would continue to bless the Pro Chancellor with good health, greater wisdom, and abundant grace as he continues to provide purposeful leadership to the Governing Council and render selfless service to the nation.

The Bayero University community joins family, friends, associates, and well-wishers in celebrating this outstanding academic accomplishment and wishes Dr. Air Vice Marshal (Rtd.) Sadiq Ismaila Kaita many more years of impactful service, scholarship, and distinguished leadership.

From Bayero University to Global Opportunities: Graduate Shares Scholarship Success Tips

By Halima Muhammad Aminu and Hauwa Mustapha Ahmad

A graduate of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Husain Auwalu Ya'u, has encouraged students aspiring to study abroad to prepare strategically, remain persistent and take advantage of available international scholarship opportunities.

Husain, who graduated with a degree in Agriculture in 2024 and recently secured a fully funded Master's scholarship at the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS), China, gave the advice while sharing his experience in an interview with *BUK Bulletin* on Tuesday, 4th August 2026.

He explained that he first learned about the scholarship through BUK graduates who studied in China and guided him through the application process and introduced him to the Chinese Government Scholarship portal.



Husain Auwalu Ya'u

According to him, the desire for international academic exposure, better research opportunities and the benefits attached to fully funded scholarships motivated him to apply.

He outlined the application process, explaining that prospective applicants should first obtain their academic transcripts and degree certificates before exploring scholarship opportunities through the Chinese Government Scholarship website. He advised applicants to carefully identify universities that offer programmes aligned with their academic interests, study the profiles of potential supervisors and contact them professionally with the required documents, including a Curriculum Vitae and an academic transcript.

Husain noted that securing an acceptance letter from a prospective supervisor significantly strengthened an application before the university officially opened its scholarship portal.

He acknowledged that the application process was often challenging, citing application fees charged by some universities, difficulties in securing responses from prospective supervisors and the lengthy selection process, which could take between six and seven months.

On the documents required, he listed academic transcripts, degree certificates, recommendation letters, a study plan and an English Language Proficiency letter, adding that some institutions might also request a research proposal.

He explained that shortlisted candidates were usually invited for interviews, where universities assess their academic competence, communication skills and suitability for the programme.

Husain emphasized that his scholarship was fully funded, covering tuition from the application stage through admission.

Offering advice to prospective applicants, he cautioned students against submitting forged or misleading documents, noting that many scholarships had been withdrawn because applicants provided false information.

He also clarified that there was no universal CGPA requirement for international scholarships, explaining that admission criteria varied across institutions. He added that students with Third Class degree were not automatically disqualified, provided they satisfied other admission requirements, such as age limits and programme-specific criteria.

According to him, scholarship providers also valued research experience, publications, professional experience, leadership roles, volunteer activities, extra-curricular engagements and professional development through online courses and academic workshops, as these strengthened an applicant's Curriculum Vitae.

Reflecting on the impact of receiving the scholarship, Husain said the experience broadened his perspective and exposed him to global academic opportunities beyond conventional career paths.

"My perspective has changed completely. I have realized that there are many international opportunities available and with determination and proper preparation, anyone can compete for them," he said.

Looking ahead, he said he hoped to excel during his Master's programme, pursue a PhD afterwards and mentor other students interested in studying abroad.

He encouraged students not to be discouraged by their degree classification, stressing that scholarship selection was often based on an applicant's overall potential, preparation and ability to present a strong application rather than academic class alone.

Husain urged aspiring scholars to remain patient, consistent and determined, advising them to seek guidance from those who had successfully secured international scholarships and thoroughly research scholarship opportunities before applying.

University Staff Wives Association Rolls Out Strategy, Seeks Strategic Partnership with WOFAN

By Nura Garba, PhD

The Bayero University, Kano Staff Wives Association (BUKSWA) has unveiled a new strategic direction aimed at improving the livelihoods of its members through a partnership with the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN).

The partnership initiative was discussed during a strategic meeting held on Monday, 3rd August, 2026 at the WOFAN Secretariat, where members of the association met with WOFAN's Founder and Global Advocate, Hajiya Dr. Salamatu Garba, to explore areas of collaboration under the second component of the Skills Improvement to Boost Livelihood and Nurture Growth (SIBLING) Project currently ongoing with Bayero University.

Speaking on behalf of the Chairperson of the association, the Secretary, Hajiya Halima Sadiya Mahmoud, said BUKSWA was revived in 2024 after years of inactivity through the support of the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, and the commitment of his wife, Hajiya Binta Saji, who played a leading role in repositioning the association.

She explained that the association's renewed leadership identified several socio-economic challenges affecting members, including unemployment, widowhood and financial hardship among the wives of serving and retired staff. These findings informed the association's decision to seek strategic partnerships that would create sustainable livelihood opportunities through agriculture and entrepreneurship.

According to her, BUKSWA had prioritized organizational growth and leadership direction to boost economic sources of its members through agricultural produce processing and other agribusiness ventures as key areas for empowerment. She commended WOFAN for inviting the association to develop a comprehensive concept note that would serve as the framework for the proposed collaboration.

The Vice Chairperson of the association, Hajiya Binta Saji, noted that BUKSWA comprised employed women, unemployed wives of staff and vulnerable members whose spouses were retired or deceased. She said the proposed partnership would provide targeted interventions that respond to the specific needs of each category.

Members also reflected on lessons from the association's previous operations, identifying weak accountability, poor communication, ineffective leadership coordination and limited support for members' businesses as the challenges that the revived association is determined to address.

Responding, Dr. Salamatu Garba, said WOFAN was committed to building partnerships capable of delivering measurable and sustainable impact. She explained that the meeting provided an opportunity to reflect together and understand the association's vision, membership structure and priority areas before the commencement of any intervention.

She advised the association to strengthen its organizational structure across Bayero University campuses, maintain an accurate membership database and classify members according to their preferred agricultural value chains, including poultry, fisheries and crop processing. She also encouraged wider sensitization to ensure broad participation when the programme began.

The meeting ended with resolutions for the association to complete its restructuring process, prepare a detailed



Director WOFAN Dr. Salamatu Garba addressing members of the University Staff Wives Association



Cross section of members of the Association in a group photograph

concept note and identify viable agricultural value chains ahead of the formal rollout of the partnership. WOFAN expressed optimism that implementation of the new intervention could commence before the end of August 2026.

Earlier, WOFAN Communication Facilitator, Hajiya Nafisa Ahmad Murtala, welcomed participants and explained that the initiative with BUKSWA was a separate component of the SIBLING Project of the CDA-BUK launched in July 2026, which was a research and student focused programme currently being implemented in collaboration with Bayero University while the Women-led BUKSWA version addressed more socio-economic needs of the members and boost their group cohesion and livelihood improvement.

BUK Refurbishes Broken-Down Vehicles, Expands Campus Transport Services

By Suleiman Salihu & Murtala Ibrahim

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has refurbished and returned to service all previously broken-down operational vehicles under the Students Affairs Deanery as part of ongoing efforts to improve transportation and enhance the welfare of students and staff.



Dean Students Affairs Professor Mukhtar Ridwan Bunza answering questions

The Dean of Students Affairs, Professor Mukhtar Ridwan Bunza, disclosed this on Friday, 7th August, 2026, during the inspection of the refurbished vehicles and three newly procured tricycles.

Professor Bunza said the rehabilitation of the vehicles and the acquisition of the tricycles were aimed at improving mobility across the campus. He added that five additional 18-seater buses have also been deployed to transport students and staff from the University's main gate to various destinations at a subsidised fare of ₦100 per trip, helping to reduce congestion during peak hours.

He attributed the achievements to the support of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, whose commitment to students' welfare has continued to drive infrastructural and service improvements across the University.

The Dean further disclosed that the Students Affairs Deanery has renovated some male and female hostels, provided additional beds and mattresses, and implemented other welfare initiatives. He noted that plans are underway to procure more tricycles to further improve transportation services within the University.

Professor Bunza reaffirmed the Deanery's commitment to enhancing students' welfare and called on members of the University community to continue supporting the University's leadership in its efforts to advance Bayero University, Kano.

Be Good Ambassadors of BUK, VC Urges Prospective SIWES Students

By Nura Garba, PhD

Bayero University, Kano (BUK), on Thursday, 23 July 2026, organised an orientation programme for prospective participants in the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), aimed at preparing them for their industrial attachment and equipping them with the knowledge required for a successful training experience.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, urged the students to approach the exercise with dedication, commitment and enthusiasm.

"You are the ambassadors of this great institution. I charge you to uphold the good image of Bayero University, Kano by conducting yourselves with professionalism, discipline and integrity at all times and at every place of assignment," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Management, Senate and the entire University community, expressed profound appreciation to the leadership of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) for consistently honouring the

University's invitation to facilitate the orientation programme.

According to him, the number of academic programmes



DVC Academics, Prof. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni addressing the students

participating in SIWES at Bayero University has grown significantly over the years. He disclosed that for the past ten years, the University has mobilised no fewer than 1,500 students annually for industrial training.

"I am pleased to report that we now have more than forty participating programmes drawn from various faculties across the University," he added.

Earlier, the Director of Academic Planning, Professor Yusuf Garba, described the orientation as an important milestone in the academic journey of the students. He explained that SIWES is a vital component of university education designed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical workplace experience.

Professor Garba noted that the scheme provides students with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom to real-life professional settings while developing the competence, discipline and work ethics required in today's dynamic and competitive labour market. He added that the experience would prepare them for leadership and excellence in their chosen careers.

The orientation featured technical sessions facilitated by officials of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), including the Area Manager for Kano and Jigawa, represented by

the Head of Training, Aliyu A. Bichi; the SIWES Accountant, Yakubu Sani; and SIWES Officer, Muhammad Zahraddeen. The officials guided the students on the objectives of the scheme, operational procedures, expected conduct, financial matters, and the dos and don'ts of industrial training.

Speaking on behalf of SIWES coordinators across the University, Dr Hafsat Kabir Ahmad of the Faculty of Computing encouraged the students to make the most of the opportunity by demonstrating diligence, professionalism and a willingness to learn throughout their industrial attachment.

The BUK SIWES Coordinator, Professor Hassan A. Bashir, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to the Industrial Training Fund for its sustained collaboration and support in providing practical training opportunities that equip students with the skills and experience needed to excel in their future careers.

TETFund ICT Support Intervention Team Visit BUK to Assess Projects Allocation

By Suleiman Salihu

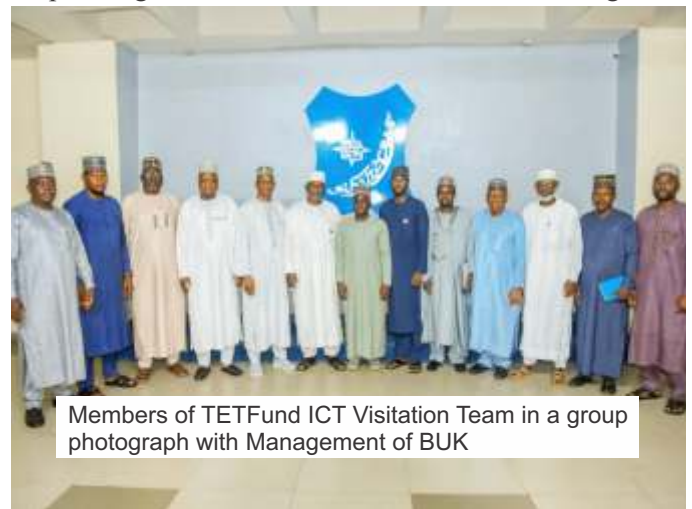
The Bayero University, Kano on Monday, 3rd July, 2026 received a delegation from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Support Intervention Projects. The team visited the University to assess the 2021-2023 and 24 projects allocation in the University.

Receiving team in his office, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academics, Professor Ahmad Tsauni, noted that TETFund's ICT intervention was equally very central to the development of Bayero University, as well as other tertiary institutions in general. He appreciated the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono, as well as other past Executive Secretaries for the good work achieved through strong collaboration and partnership with BUK and for the number of interventions received from TETFund.

He stated that the inspection and monitoring would go a long way in ensuring that the funds allocated to the University were utilized properly, noting that this would also assist the University to address some of its grey areas.

Prof. Tsauni noted that the University was at the top of judicious utilization of TETFund allocations, noting that this had resulted in a significant increase of allocation/interventions to the University. He made reference to the recent interventions by TETFund on Regional Laboratory that reached above 70% implementation by BUK which made the TETFund increase its allocation to the University, among others.

On 2021-2023 and 24 allocations, he assured the team that the University was always ready to provide all the required information on the implementation for the successful conduct of their assignment. He further informed the delegation that the University was doing its best in dispensing those allocations at hand, adding that



Members of TETFund ICT Visitation Team in a group photograph with Management of BUK

University had successfully received its first trench of the 2025 intervention allocation and looking forward to access the 2026 allocation from TETFund. He wished the team a successful execution of the assignment.

Earlier, the TETFund delegation led by Alhaji Kabiru Muhammad Sarki, explained that the team was at the

University to assess the 2021-2023 TETFund interventions allocation on the one hand, and year 2024, on the other. He notified the Management of the University on the need to apply for its 2026 ICT Support interventions allocation without delay from TETFund, having processed the 2025.

Alhaji Sarki noted that a window for accessing the support was open. He explained that the new guidelines by the

Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny S.T. Echono, allowed room for submitting and subsequent accessing further ICT Support allocations from universities even without exhausting their previous allocations, noting that a number of universities that had exhausted their allocations could not wait for others, who lagged behind.

The team leader was accompanied by a System Analyst of the TETFund, Abba Nasir Abduwa.

VC Pledges to Refurbish Tennis Court, Others

By Nura Garba, PhD

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi has pledged to refurbish the University's Tennis Court and other sporting facilities at the Old Campus. The Vice-Chancellor, who visited the facilities recently, said sports played a significant role in improving the health and wellbeing of staff and students, saying that the University would continue to improve the University's sporting facilities.

The Vice-Chancellor, who inspected Tennis Court and other sporting facilities, was accompanied by the Coach of Tennis, Salim Rabiuh Mohammed, who expressed happiness with the VC's visit and said staff and students use the Tennis Court on a daily basis. He expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for the visit.

The Tennis Coach, Mohammed, expressed deep appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for his concern in

sports development in Bayero University, promising him that when refurbished, the facilities would be put to good use.



Members of BUK Tennis Club in a group photograph

Notice of Final Verification of Disengaged Staff of Federal Parastatals

This is to inform members of the University community that, Sequel to a circular issued by the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR), a final verification exercise has been scheduled for former staff of Federal Parastatals who were disengaged from service between 2005 and 2011 and were unable to participate in the previous verification exercise.

The verification is intended to address issues arising from the earlier exercise, including court cases, short payments, payment to next-of-kin and other related matters.

Accordingly, disengaged staff of Bayero University, Kano, who fall within the above category are requested to attend the verification exercise scheduled as follows:

Date: Monday, 17th –Friday, 21st August, 2026

Venue: Federal PAY Office, Audu Bako Federal Secretariat, Kano

The beneficiaries are to come with original and four photocopies of the following documents:

Life Beneficiaries

1. Valid Bank Account Number
2. Identity Card from the organization a staff is disengaged
3. Identity Card – International Passport/National I.D Card/Driver License

4. Letter/Gazette of First Appointment and Confirmation
5. Letter of Last Promotion
6. Letter of Disengagement
7. **Evidence of Initial payment of severance benefits**
8. Certificate of Pre-retirement Training
9. Birth Certificate/Statutory Declaration of Age
10. Two (2) recent Passport Photograph
11. One Page Printout of Bank Statement
12. BVN Print out

Next-of-Kin (NOK)

1. Bank Account Details (Joint Account where they are more than one (1) NOK)
2. Death Certificate from Government Hospital
3. Identity Card – International Passport/ National I.D/Driver License/PVC
4. Letter/Gazette of First Appointment and Confirmation of the Deceased
5. Letter of Last Promotion of the Deceased
6. Letter of Disengagement of the Deceased
7. **Evidence of Initial payment of severance benefits**

8. Certificate of Pre-Retirement Training of the Deceased
9. Birth Certificate/Statutory Declaration of Age of the Deceased
10. Two (2) recent Passport Photograph of the Deceased/NOK Coloured Passports
11. One Page Printout of Bank Statement
12. BVN Printout of the NOK
13. Letter of Administration from High Court
14. Letter of Introduction from Deceased's Organization

The list of affected staff of Bayero University:

S/No.	Name	Department	Staff No.
1.	Dayyabu B. Marmara	PPD&MS	P100/1025
2.	Hamman Sani Bello	Registry	P100/1192
3.	Abubakar Agaye	Students Affairs	P100/2612
4.	Shehu Mohammed	Bursary	P100/1354
5.	Sani A. Kankarofi	Strategic Planning Unit	P100/2657
6.	Eunice Tale Olatunde	Bursary	P100/2255
7.	Vincent Sidi Aibe	Bursary	P100/1179
8.	Yahaya Karaye	Bursary	P100/1230
9.	Fatima Seriki	Bursary	P100/1847
10.	Nasidi Muhammad	Internal Audit	P100/642
11.	Stephen A. D. Nuwanshong	Geography	P100/2888
12.	Aliyu N. Sharfadi	Mechanical Engineering	P100/2195
13.	Micheal Iretekor	Agric Engineering	P100/1579
14.	Mairo Ladi Aliyu	Dean's Office, Fac. Of Medicine	P100/1902
15.	Iliyasu Dahiru	Chemistry	P100/2873
16.	Mustapha Abba	Biochemistry	P100/2402
17.	Isa Nuhu Sheshe	Vice-Chancellor's Office	P100/818
18.	G.B. Akindeinde	Physiology	P100/1965
19.	Suleiman Nalado	History	P100/2923
20.	Mohammed K. Maikaba	University Health Services	P100/1136
21.	E.N. Mbabuike	University Health Services	P100/1148
22.	Joshua K. Akanyi	Dean's Office, Fac. Of Medicine	P100/9472
23.	Usman Jebba Ndagana	Dean's Office, Fac. Of Medicine	P100/2611
24.	Emma O.K. Nwanko	Microbiology & Parasitology	P100/2559
25.	Sammani Danwawu	Mathematical Science	P100/2155
26.	Shafiu Jibrin	Mathematical Science	P100/1794
27.	Musa M. Badara	Business Administration	P100/1415
28.	Mohammed Aminu	Mass Communication	P100/2576

S/No.	Name	Department	Staff No.
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Alhaji Yahaya Lawan Sponsors Registration of 143 Bayero University Students

By Lamara Garba

In an inspiring act of generosity that has rekindled hope for many young Nigerians, prominent philanthropist in Kano state, Alhaji Yahaya Lawan has sponsored the registration of 143 indigent students of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), committing ₦15.5 million to support their education.

The intervention comes at a time when many students are grappling with severe economic challenges that threaten their academic pursuits. By settling their registration fees, Alhaji Yahaya Lawan has removed a major financial obstacle, enabling the beneficiaries to continue their studies with renewed confidence and peace of mind.

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The students, drawn from various faculties across the University, were carefully selected through a transparent screening process designed to identify those facing genuine financial hardship.

Speaking on the initiative, Alhaji Yahaya Lawan described education as the greatest investment any society can make in its future. He said empowering young people through education not only transforms individual lives but also contributes significantly to national development.

He urged the beneficiaries to remain focused, disciplined and committed to academic excellence, stressing

that the opportunity offered to them should inspire them to become responsible leaders and productive citizens.

The successful implementation of the programme was coordinated by a committee comprising Professor Nura Ibrahim, Alhaji Fa'izu Yahaya Lawan, Alhaji Anas Mukhtar, Hajiya Aysha Yahaya Lawan, Rukayya Yahaya Lawan, and Amina Yahaya Lawan. The committee oversaw the identification of eligible students and ensured that the sponsorship reached those most in need.

Members of the committee praised Alhaji Yahaya Lawan for his enduring commitment to educational advancement and humanitarian service. They described the initiative as a timely intervention that has brought relief to many families struggling with the rising cost of higher education.

The beneficiaries, overwhelmed with gratitude, described the sponsorship as a turning point in their academic journey. They thanked the philanthropist for his compassion and generosity, pledging to make the most of the opportunity by excelling in their studies and using their education to contribute meaningfully to the growth and development of their communities and the nation.

The intervention stands as another shining example of how private philanthropy can complement institutional efforts in expanding access to higher education and ensuring that no deserving student is denied the opportunity to learn because of financial constraints.

Registry, Bursary Staff Trained on Artificial Intelligence for Smarter Service Delivery

By Nura Garba, PhD

Registry and Bursary staff of Bayero University, Kano (BUK) have received training on the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance workplace efficiency, productivity and service delivery as part of efforts to strengthen digital capacity among non-teaching staff.

The training, held on Tuesday, 4th August, 2026, formed part of the Registry Department Staff ICT Development Programme initiated by the Registrar, Haruna Aliyu, and coordinated by Malam Abubakar Kafinsoli. The session featured the Head of the University's Digital Media Unit, Dr. Nura Garba, who delivered a lecture, titled *"Artificial Intelligence in the University Workplace: Smart Tools Every Staff Member Should Know."*

In his presentation, Dr. Garba explained that artificial intelligence was transforming workplaces across the world by enabling organizations to automate routine tasks, improve decision-making and enhance productivity. He noted that AI should be viewed as a tool that complemented human expertise rather than replace employees, urging participants to embrace emerging technologies to improve the quality and speed of service delivery within the university.

He introduced participants to practical AI applications for university administration, demonstrating how tools, such as ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, Grammarly, Canva AI and Otter.ai, could support staff in drafting official correspondence, summarizing reports, analyzing data, managing emails, planning work schedules and improving communication. Participants also engaged in hands-on exercises designed to demonstrate the practical use of AI in their daily responsibilities.

Dr. Garba further emphasized the importance of responsible AI adoption, cautioning participants against uploading confidential institutional records or personal information to public AI platforms. He stressed that while

AI could significantly improve efficiency, all AI-generated content must be reviewed and guided by professional judgment, ethical standards and university policies.

Dr. Garba, however, cautioned participants against the indiscriminate use of artificial intelligence, particularly when handling official university information. He warned staff never to upload sensitive or confidential data, including student records, staff personal information, financial documents, payroll details, passwords, examination materials and confidential meeting papers to



Some of the participants in a group photograph

public AI platforms. According to him, many AI systems retained information for model improvement or future interactions, making it essential for users to protect institutional data by using anonymized information where necessary and complying with the University's data protection policies.

He further stressed that artificial intelligence should serve only as an assistant and not a substitute for professional judgment. While AI could generate drafts, summaries and recommendations within seconds, he noted that it was

capable of making errors, fabricating facts and misinterpreting context. He therefore urged participants to carefully review, verify and edit every AI-generated output before using for official purposes, emphasizing that the final responsibility for the accuracy, integrity and appropriateness of any document or decision rested with the staff member not the AI tool.

The training also highlighted effective prompt writing as a critical skill for obtaining quality AI outputs, with participants encouraged to begin integrating AI into routine administrative tasks and continuously develop their digital competencies. The initiative is expected to support Bayero University's drive towards a more efficient, innovative and technology-enabled administrative system.

BUK Reinvests Tricycle Revenue to Expand Campus Transport Scheme

By Lamara Garba

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has recorded another milestone in its efforts to improve transportation and enhance the welfare of staff and students with the acquisition and launching of a new Keke Napep purchased from proceeds generated by the University's existing tricycle transport scheme.

The new facility was launched on Tuesday, 21st July 2026, at the Deanery of Students Affairs, in an event attended by members of the University Management, staff and students.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, reaffirmed the commitment of his administration to continuously introduce practical initiatives aimed at improving the welfare and comfort of members of the University community.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the acquisition of the new tricycle from the proceeds of the existing scheme reflected the University's determination to develop sustainable solutions to some of the challenges confronting staff and students.

He said the initiative was particularly important given the size of the University and the need to facilitate convenient movement within the campus.

Professor Haruna assured staff and students that Management would continue to do everything possible to provide a conducive environment for effective teaching, learning, research and other academic activities.

He stressed that the welfare of staff and students remained an important consideration in the policies and programmes of his administration, noting that a university could only achieve its academic objectives when members of its community had an environment that supported their wellbeing and productivity.

The Vice Chancellor also urged students to take ownership of the facility by using it responsibly and ensuring that the scheme remained sustainable for the benefit of present and future generations of students.

He noted that the reinvestment of revenue generated from the existing tricycle demonstrated what could be achieved when university resources were managed prudently and channelled into initiatives that directly benefit the University community.

The new tricycle is expected to strengthen the existing campus transportation system and provide additional mobility for students and staff, particularly those who need

to move between different locations within the University.

The initiative is also significant because it demonstrates a model of internal revenue reinvestment in which proceeds generated from a university service are used to expand and improve that same service.

The development forms part of the broader efforts of the Professor Haruna Musa administration to improve the University's physical and social environment and ensure that the welfare of staff and students remains an integral part of its development agenda.

With the addition of the new tricycle, the University is expected to further improve mobility within its campuses while gradually building a more sustainable and responsive campus transport system.

The Dean, Students Affairs, Professor Mukhtar Ridwan



VC Professor Haruna Musa, fsi cutting the tape to commission the new tricycle

Bunza, commended the University Management for the initiative, describing the acquisition of the new tricycle as a practical demonstration of Management's commitment to addressing the transportation needs of students. He said the reinvestment of proceeds from the existing scheme was particularly encouraging, as it showed that the University was not only providing a service but also developing mechanisms to sustain and expand it for the benefit of the University community.

Professor Bunza expressed optimism that the additional tricycle would further ease transportation challenges within the campus and improve students' mobility. He urged students to make responsible use of the facility, stressing that its sustainability depended largely on proper management, responsible usage and the collective support of members of the University community.

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

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1st PRESENTER: Aminatu Halilu Gidado

TOPIC: Assessment of the Potentials of Manga Grassland on Livelihood Diversification Pattern in Selected Semi-Arid Areas in Jigawa, Northern Nigeria

CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Adamu Ahmed

2nd PRESENTER: Augusine Taka Shat

TOPIC: Frequency, Duration and Probability of Wet and Dry Spells in Kaduna State, Nigeria

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Tasiu Yalwa Rilwanu

3rd PRESENTER: Garba Murwanu Ibrahim

TOPIC: Impact of El-Nino Southern Oscillation on Crop Production in the Sudano-Sahelian Ecological Zone of Nigeria

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Nuratu Mohammed

DATE: Thursday, 13th August, 2026

TIME: 10.00 am prompt

VENUE: NRM Class, Geography Department

NOTE: Attendance to Seminar is Compulsory to all PGD, MSc I & II and PhD I & II Students.

Department of Agriculture and Environmental Engineering: Seminar

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Title: Development of a Monolith Bioreactor for Bioethanol Production from Sweet Sorghum Juice: A Bioprocess Engineering Approach.

Date: Thursday 6th August, 2026

Time: 9:00 am

Venue: B1-117: Departmental Seminar Room

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