



## BUK Researchers Empower Healthcare Workers with Remote Consulting Skills

By Lamara Garba & Suleiman Salihu

In a significant stride towards improving access to healthcare, researchers from Bayero University, Kano (BUK) have successfully trained 325 healthcare workers in remote consultation. The innovative approach is part of the REaCH program, aims to bridge the healthcare gap, especially for marginalized populations, by leveraging technology to deliver quality care across the state.

The programme, is part of the ongoing research collaboration between Kings College London, University of Warwick, Bayero University, Kano, University of Ibadan and University of Ghana, under the REaCH health project.

Speaking on Monday, 18 November, 2024 when he led team members to a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, the Co-Investigator and onetime Provost of College of Health Sciences, Professor Ibrahim Adamu Yakasai, explained that the program, had equipped



The Team from Kings College, London in a group photograph with BUK Management

a total of 325 medical personnel in Kano state. He gave the breakdown of those trained to include 94 final year medical students, 84 final year nursing students, 119 primary healthcare workers in 17 selected PHCs from six metropolitan LGAs of Kano Municipal, Fagge, Nassarawa, Gwale, Taruni and Kumbotso, as well as 27 volunteers. They were given training with the necessary skills to provide remote consultations. He also disclosed that the program will be expanded to cover additional local government areas thus, it is poised to revolutionize healthcare delivery in Kano State and beyond

“This strategic move is in line with the global push towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC), ensuring that

everyone, regardless of location or socioeconomic status, has access to quality healthcare”, he said.

Professor Ibrahim Yakasai, reaffirmed the significance of remote consultation in addressing the challenges of healthcare delivery in resource-constrained settings. “By leveraging technology, healthcare providers can connect with patients remotely, reducing the burden on overcrowded healthcare facilities and improving patient outcomes”.

According to him, the training will enable healthcare workers to provide timely and efficient care, especially for patients with chronic conditions who require regular monitoring," Professor Yakasai further explained that "by reducing the need for frequent physical visits; we can alleviate the financial burden on patients and improve their overall quality of life."

Professor Yakasai said the scheme achieved the development of skills and confidence in the PHC workforce for delivering safe and trustworthy remote consultations for persons living with long term conditions and other chronic diseases, it also supported in building remote consulting techniques into curriculum for pre-service training of various cadres of healthcare professionals.

He appealed to the Management of BUK to support the incoming submission of incorporating the programme of in-service training into the curriculum of healthcare workers as proposed by the College of Health Sciences for the promotion of primary healthcare workers in Kano State.

Also, giving an overview of the project, Professor Akinyinka Omigbodun, from College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, explained that the project was initiated for about a decade ago in Tanzania, aimed at promoting primary healthcare services especially in the remote areas.

He disclosed that the programme enhanced easy access to users from their respective places of work and in other places including shops, markets, farms and other remote areas to have access to healthcare service delivery.

Professor Omigbodun said the project was supported by Global Health Partner to upscale the training of healthcare workers in Nigeria and Ghana, focusing on the incorporation of the programme into curriculum by institutions, healthcare centres and government as a whole for a wider coverage.

In her remarks, the team lead, Prof. Jackie Sturt, from Kings College London, disclosed that the project had succeeded in the training of thousands of healthcare workers across Nigeria, Ghana and Tanzania. She said the team was proudly meeting the stakeholders, visiting and promoting primary healthcare centres in Kano and happy to be in BUK to strengthen its collaboration.

The REaCH program, supported by the United Kingdom Global Health Partnerships, is a collaborative effort involving researchers from five universities in the UK,

Nigeria, and Ghana. This international partnership has been instrumental in developing and implementing innovative healthcare solutions tailored to the specific needs of low-income countries.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Abdullahi Sule-Kano described the team's impartible and collaborative efforts with part of the world as a fragment of the manifestation of Bayero University, Kano. He vowed to support the programme for a wider coverage in Africa.

## NUC Accreditation Teams Visit BUK for Four Programmes

By Suleiman Salihu



Members of the NUC Accreditation Team in a group photograph with BUK Management

National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation teams visited Bayero University, Kano (BUK) for accreditation exercise. The visit took place on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

The team paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas in the Senate Business Committee Room.

Giving the overview of the accreditation exercise, the Director, Academic Planning, Prof. Yusuf Garba, explained that accreditation of programmes had been a cyclical activity taking place annually in the University. He added that out of the 53 programmes due for accreditation in the University this year, the first-set of the accreditation teams arrived BUK to accredit four (4) of the programmes; MBBS, B.Sc. Chemistry, B.Sc. Industrial Chemistry and B.Sc. Botany, adding that the last accreditation of the programmes took place in 2019.

In his remarks, Prof. Ayuba Ibrahim Zoakah, the team lead

for MBBS programme, who spoke on behalf of the four (4) teams, said that they were at the University to evaluate and to maintain standards for the programmes in the training of the students in order to produce high quality graduates.

He thanked the Management of the University for the hospitality rendered to them. He added that looking at the challenges the country found itself, he assured that the teams would be fair in their assessments and would provide information that would lead to the improvement in the training of the students, especially towards reducing unacceptable morbidity and mortality rate in the country.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said the University had a principle of welcoming any accreditation team for peer-review, adding the University was always open to take note and amend any observation that would lead to the improvement of the programmes.

Prof. Abbas who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Prof. Abdullahi



Sule-Kano, further stated that it was part of the aspiration of the University to be one of the greatest leading Universities in Africa. He said this could be possible through teamwork and cooperation from part of the scholars, staff and Management. He added that apart from national accreditation, the University also receives international accreditation. He wished the teams' leader a successful deliberation.

In his remarks, Prof. Isyaku Umar Yarube, on behalf of the Provost, College of Health Sciences and the Management of the University, thanked the teams for the visit and assured them maximum cooperation in providing the required information needed by the teams and wished them success throughout their stay in BUK.

## NUC Accreditation Team Evaluates B.Sc. Physics Programme

By Suleiman Salihu

A team from the National Universities Commission (NUC) visited Bayero University, Kano on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2024 to evaluate B.Sc. Physics Programme.

Speaking during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, the team leader, Professor Nestor M. D. Chagok, from University of Jos, said his team was in the University for an academic ritual, to assess and make observation where necessary and not to which-hunt or victimize.

He assured the Vice-Chancellor that his team would be fair and objective in its peer review. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the Management of the University for the warm reception accorded them since their arrival.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir

Adamu Abbas, thanked the team on behalf of the Management of the University for the visit. He said the essence of accreditation in the university system was to verify and assess programmes.

Prof. Abbas assured the team that the University Management is always ready to accept all findings and observations that would be brought to them by the team for the benefit of the students. He wished the team a hitch-free exercise.

The Head, Department of Physics, Prof. Idris Dauda, thanked the team for the visit and assured their willingness to support the team with the required information for the successful conduct of the exercise.



The 2nd batch of the NUC Accreditation Team with Management of BUK

## NUC Accreditation Visitation Best Policy for Educational Growth ...Says BUK VC

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation teams visited Bayero University on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. The team paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Abdullahi Sule Kano, welcomed the team and stated that accreditation is the modern Mechanism which has helped the University system develop in areas they have weaknesses.

He added that Universities in Nigeria are now in the most critical phase in the history of the country as a result of withdrawal of funding by the Federal Government, but BUK had adjusted and sourced its funds for running the University.

Earlier, the team lead, Professor Victor Adefemi, who spoke on behalf of the other teams. He explained that this was his first time of visiting BUK on an official assignment. He added that there was no doubt that BUK is one of the best in the country. He assured the Management that the exercise would not be a fault

finding one rather a review of academic activities and procedure to proffer improvement.

The NUC team would review the following programs; BSc Political Science, BSc Zoology, BSc Biochemistry, BSc Geography and BSc Meteorology.



Members of NUC accreditation team during a courtesy visit to Management of BUK

## Without Accreditation Visits Nigerian “Varsity System Would be in Jeopardy

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The third set of the NUC Accreditation teams visited BUK on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor at his office.

In his remark, Professor James Adeola Olagun from Vanetta University, Ekiti State, accompanied by Professor Frances O. Onu from Nasarawa State University told the Vice Chancellor that they were in BUK to assess BSc. Sociology.



Members of NUC Accreditation Team in a group photograph with University Management of Bayero University, Kano

He congratulated the Vice Chancellor for his recent election as the Chairman of the Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian universities.

On the accreditation exercise, Professor Olagun said the exercise was nothing but a peer review with a view to improving the Nigerian University system.

Similarly speaking the 2<sup>nd</sup> accreditation team led by Professor Ahmad Farouk from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi expressed his thanks and appreciation for the reception by the Vice Chancellor. “This is a period of check that comes every five years and we are here to check. If things are good, we acknowledge and where they are not properly in place, we provide the solution,” he remarked.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas welcomed the accreditation teams and said the University had provided a veritable platform for them to work without any hitches.

He assured them that BUK is also ready and open to corrections and is keen receive their findings.



# CDA, ILRI Host Workshop for Livestock Farmers in Northern Nigeria

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) at Bayero University Kano, in collaboration with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), organized a workshop aimed at addressing risk management in fragile settings. The event took place on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the Regional Agriculture Innovation Hub, located at CDA's BUK New Site.

In his opening remarks, the Director of CDA described the workshop as a collaborative effort between ILRI and CDA to explore strategies for managing risks in fragile environments, particularly within the livestock value chain.

“This workshop is part of our ongoing activities, where we partner with national and international institutions to address pressing issues that affect livelihoods,” he said. He emphasized that CDA's primary mission is to improve lives by solving challenges related to drylands, one of the most critical areas for livestock production.

Highlighting the Centre's achievements, he noted its success in capacity-building initiatives and its

approaches addressing climate, security, and market risks in livestock farming.

He further stressed that the workshop aimed to deepen understanding of risk management in livestock farming activities across Northern Nigeria.

Adding to the discourse, Mrs. Rupsha Barneeje, Senior Scientist at ILRI and Program Leader for Risk Management Solutions in the Drylands, Africa, explained that the workshop extended beyond risk management and livelihood enhancement to include conflict resolution and peacebuilding strategies.

During her presentation, she provided an overview of ILRI's activities in East Africa and their potential applications in Nigeria. She highlighted opportunities and peacebuilding approaches tailored for stakeholders in livestock rearing, including pastoralists, livestock farmers, crop farmers, and local communities.

Following group brainstorming sessions, participants reflected on the key challenges and solutions discussed. Dr. Sabo A. Abubakar, an animal scientist, shared insights



Participants of the workshop in a group photograph

collaborative projects with communities that have significantly improved lives. He added that the Centre has trained students at various academic and professional levels to address dryland challenges effectively.

Mr. Whitbread Anthony, Program Leader for Sustainable Livestock Systems at ILRI, confirmed ILRI's collaboration with CDA on the workshop, which focused on managing risks in agriculture and pastoral systems, particularly within the livestock value chain.

“Our target audience includes pastoralists and both livestock and crop farmers in Northern Nigeria,” he said. He outlined their efforts to develop management

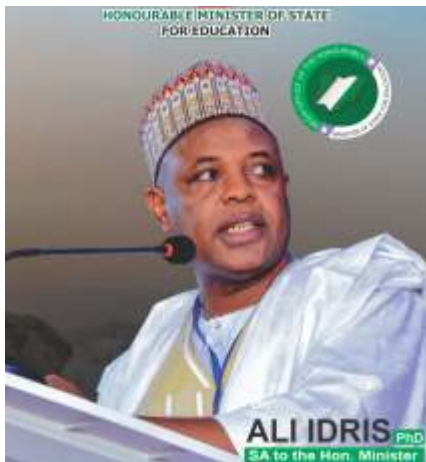
from his group's focus on conflict resolution and risk management.

“We examined the conflicts between nomads and livestock farmers and the effects of climate change on livestock agriculture in Northern Nigeria,” Dr. Abubakar said. His group analyzed the root causes of these crises and proposed actionable strategies to address them, aiming to enhance food production and security in the region.

The workshop provided a valuable platform for participants to exchange ideas, share knowledge, and develop practical solutions to improve resilience and sustainability in livestock farming in Northern Nigeria.

# Suwaiba Appoints Dr Ali Idris, Mufida, Mutawakkilu as SSA, SA

By Lamara Garba



The Minister of state for Education, Dr Suwaiba Said Ahmad has approved the appointment of Dr Ali Idris as Senior Special Assistant.

Until his appointment, Dr Idris was the Director, Center for Open and Distance learning in Bayero University, he was also the immediate past Dean of the faculty of Education.

Also appointed are; Dr. Mufida Bello Hussain- Special Assistant (Technical) and Dr. Mutawakkilu Muhammad- Special Assistant (ICT).

Dr. Mufida was before her appointment serving as Deputy

Director, centre for Gender Studies in Bayero University, Kano while Dr Mutawakkilu was a Senior Academics and Level Coordinator in the Department of Science and Technology Education of the University.

All appointments are with immediate effect and have already assumed duties.

It will be recalled that Dr. Suwaiba Said was inaugurated as minister of State for education on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 following a minor cabinet reshuffle in which five ministers were dropped by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

## Professor Umaru Pate Loses Mother

By Lamara Garba

The death has occurred of Hajiya Hussainatu Sa'ad, the mother to Professor Umaru A. Pate, Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Kashere.

The late Hajiya Hussainatu died on Wednesday, 20 November, 2024 in Yola, Adamawa State, after a protracted illness. She died at the age 82. The late Hussainatu is survived by three children, Professor Umaru A. Pate, Hajia Aisha and Dr. Lawan.

Thousands of people attended the funeral prayer which was held at the Yola, central Mosque in the Palace of Lamido of Adamawa at 4pm and was led by the Chief Imam of Yola.

In a condolence message, the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas prayed to the almighty Allah to grant her Jannatul Firdaus.

"On behalf of Management, staff and students of Bayero University, Kano we extend our sympathy on this great loss of our dear mother, Hajiya Hussainatu Sa'ad. Accept our heartfelt condolences and we pray to Almighty Allah to grant her jannatul firdaus," said the Vice Chancellor.

According to him "death is something inevitable and as Muslims, we should take it in good faith whenever it strikes,"

Some of the BUK staff that went for the condolence visit included Professor Usman Abubakar, Professor Mainasara



The late Hajiya Hussainatu Sa'ad

Yakubu Kurfi, Dr Suleiman Yar'adua, Dr Nura Ibrahim, Malam Lamara Garba, Dr Saminu Umar and Dr Musa Labaran.

In his response, Professor Umaru A. Pate thanked the Vice Chancellor and teaming BUK staff for the condolence. He expressed gratitude for the prayers, saying he was overwhelmed by the show of love and concern over this great loss.



# SCE Shines in Maiden Inter-Department Games

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) hosted its first-ever inter-department sports event for the School of Continuing Education (SCE). The two-day tournament, held on November 16-17, 2024, at the BUK Sport Complex, Old Campus brought together students from four departments: Education, Arts and Humanity, Social Management Science, and Science.

The event featured four sports: Football, Basketball, Handball, and Lawn Tennis.

According to the Director of Sports, Prof. Rabi'u Mohammed, the tournament aimed to foster an inclusive community within the SCE. He clarified that the SCE was not excluded from previous inter-faculty games, but rather, it was not eligible to participate since it does not have faculties, only departments. He expressed delight at the success of the maiden event and praised the participants for their sportsmanship.

The Director commended the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas for supporting sports development in Bayero University, Kano.

The tournament saw Education emerge as the overall winner with four medals, followed by Social Science and Art and Humanity with three medals each, and Science with two medals.

In individual sports, Education clinched the gold medal in Football, while Science and Art and Humanity took silver and bronze, respectively. Social Science won the Basketball tournament, with Education and Art and Humanity securing second and third places.

In Handball, Science emerged victorious, followed by Social Science and Education. Education won the Lawn Tennis tournament, with Science and Social Management Science taking second and third places.

The Handball Coach, Auwalu Dan Kano, announced that the team was currently selecting players to represent BUK in the upcoming NUGA zonal games in Wudil. He expressed commitment to rigorous training to make the University proud in the external competition.



Director of Sports, Prof. Rabi'u Mohammed presenting the football trophy to the captain of the Department of Education, Anas



The captain of the Department of Education, Anas and other players celebrating the trophy they won



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