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## EDITORIAL

### For the Plight of IDPs

**T**he effort made by members of Kano Coalition of Ulama and Civil Societies under their project code named "NUSA'ID" that visited Borno state and donated relief items to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) at various camps in November last year is worthy of commendation.

There are over a million displaced persons in the North Eastern states as a result of Boko Haram insurgency and media reports indicate that they are living in terrible conditions in the camps and host communities. Men, women and children are living in hunger and starvation. Many IDPs have only sky as their roof; water, clothing and healthcare have become a mirage in some of their locations.

As a result of the difficult situation of the IDPs, members of the NUSA'ID mobilized the University Community and other philanthropists in the state to donate clothes, food and money for the IDPs via various Juma'at Mosques or through Kano Council of Ulama JAI'Z Bank Account (000 0024 550).

The donors responded positively and members of the NUSA'ID team, under the leadership of Prof. Musa Muhammad Borodo, paid a 2-week visit to Maiduguri where they delivered 10 trailer loads of relief materials worth N200,000,000 made up of 25,260 specially prepared 5kg bags containing rice, spaghetti, garri, and other foodstuff; 4,500 packs of Action Meal in special 3Kg bags; in addition to more than 53,680 packets containing two pairs each of clothing materials. These items were distributed to the IDPs at Bakassi, Dalori, Rehabilitation Centre, Muna Garage, Elmiskeen, Madinatu, Gwange, Indimi, CAN Centre and other camps and host communities.

This effort made by members of the NUSA'ID team and the contributors (both from within and outside the University community) is something worthy of commendation and emulation. Islam calls for good neighborliness and believers have been likened to a single body in their mercy, compassion and love for one another. The NUSA'ID team and the donors have commendably demonstrated love, care and concern of brotherhood by organizing the contribution and going to Maiduguri to present the donations. The Muslim Ummah needs more of these efforts.

The Muslim Forum is hereby making a clarion call to members of the University Community not to relent on this good initiative and to the philanthropists and public spirited Muslims globally to come to the aid of the impoverished IDPs in various camps across the country.

To deny the IDPs our succor and sympathy will certainly be unjustifiable. Humanitarian responsibility is a civic duty not only meant for wiping anguish off the faces of the afflicted, but a divine charter and the guarantee for a society that wants to be at peace with itself.

## Towards Revitalizing Muslim Forum

**T**he current executive council of the Bayero University, Kano Muslim Forum, under the leadership of Professor Musa Muhammad Borodo, was inaugurated on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2016 to steer the affairs of the forum for two years. Since the inauguration, the executive committee has made efforts toward ensuring the continued existence of the forum and achieving its objectives.

The first decision by the executive committee, to give a new lease of life to the forum, was to ensure frequent meetings by the members which resulted into adoption of key resolutions toward revitalization of the forum's activities. The meetings led to the formation of sub-committees to provide more guidance on the revitalization of the forum. Most of the committees have submitted their reports and implementation has commenced.

Re-introduction of public lectures like the one conducted during the last Ramadan, the Muslim Forum's leaflet recently circulated (which carries brief about the forum, its financial status, some projects executed and other important up to date

information) and redesigned staff monthly contribution forms currently circulating are some of the decisions suggested by the sub-committees. To cap it all, the executive members constituted an extended 11-member advisory committee headed by Professor Shehu Aliyu Rano. The advisory committee has also submitted its report and some of its decisions are being implemented by the executive committee.

One of the key suggestions of the Rano's committee was the re-introduction of this newsletter which will Insha Allah be published and circulated on quarterly basis. The newsletter, which has new serialization, is aimed at updating the University community on the activities of the forum, University Mosques Committee as well as other important events unfolding, in and around the University. As the current leadership of the forum set to implement its agenda for the development of the University Muslim community, it is hope that the community will, Insha Allah, reap from their sacrifices and contributions to the success of the forum, here and in the hereafter.

### Next Level

*Muslim Forum congratulates the 21 and 14 newly promoted Professors and Associate Professors respectively by the Council of the Bayero University Kano during 2016 promotion exercise. The Forum hopes that the promotion will help them achieve more in the academia and be a blessing to the University.*

## Mosques Committee Provides Public Convenience At New Campus

**B**ayero University Mosques Committee has built a new public convenience for the New Campus Central Mosque to

further ensure cleanliness of the mosque's surrounding.

The structure, which is worth over six hundred thousand naira (N600,000), is strategically placed nearby the mosque to address

urgent public need of the facility. Dr. Bala Muhammad, one of the Mosque's Imams, thanked the Mosques Committee for the project and called on members of the University community to make proper use of the facility by keeping it always clean.

## ASUU-BUK Commences Provident Trust Fund

**A**cademic Staff Union of Universities, Bayero University Kano (ASUU-BUK) chapter has organized a Provident Trust Fund (PTF) to assist children of deceased staff in the university to acquire education from primary to university level.

Secretary of the fund committee, Dr. Tijjani Hassan Darma, said the fund had already commenced operation.

He said: "The objective of the fund is to, among others, support the education of the children of deceased members of the ASUU-BUK branch from primary school to university level; assist members of the Union who are diagnosed critically ill and may require special and expensive medical treatment within or outside the country and to provide educational support for other children of the members who are alive but are out of job due to permanent disability".

He said the fund had given educational assistance to children of deceased members and assisted members who were diagnosed with critical ailments. Dr. Darma said the ASUU-BUK PTF was a contributory welfare charity for all paying members of the union.

## MBA Students Donate To University Clinic

**S**econd year students of Masters of Business Administration (MBA Special Class) have donated materials worth thousands of naira to Bayero University clinic.

The gesture, which the students described as community development project, was presented to the clinic on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2016. Khadija Abubakar, a matron on duty,

collected the items on behalf of the clinic and thanked the students for the gesture. She described the gesture as unprecedented because the clinic had not received such kind of donation from any individual or group.

Some of the items donated to the clinic, according to *BUK Bulletin*, include 40 mosquito nets, 1 carton of IZAL, 2 glucometer test strips, 5 mops and 2 mopping buckets.

## BUK Optimistic Of 2016 Accreditation Exercise

**S**ome academic staff of Bayero University have expressed optimism over the recently concluded accreditation exercise carried out by the National Universities Commission (NUC). They expressed confidence that BUK would excel and top the ranking of universities across the country owing to its level of preparation prior to the exercise.

Speaking with *Muslim Forum News*, Head of Economics Department, Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Tsani explained that the essence of the exercise "is to ensure that universities admit only qualified candidates, all programs have adequate training and learning equipment, adequate academic and non academic staff who ensure smooth running of the

programs offered.

"What is needed for a department undergoing accreditation is to study the requirements, get prepared and present well and we have successfully achieved that."

On his part, Head of Mass Communication Department, Dr. Suleiman M. Yar'Adua, said: "The accreditation experience was highly motivating and encouraging because it gives us a lot of hope into the future".

Also commenting on the exercise, the Dean, Faculty of Communication, Professor Umar Pate commended the University Management for its commitment towards ensuring that the institution met the accreditation requirements.

## 50 Indigent Qur'anic Science Students To Receive Jifatu Scholarship

**F**ifty indigent undergraduate students studying Qur'anic Science and Islamic Studies & Sharia will receive Jifatu scholarship in 2016/2017 academic session.

Alhaji Sabitu Yahaya, the Chief Executive of the Jifatu General Enterprises, made this known at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Alarammomi jointly organized by the Bayero University Centre for Qur'anic Studies and Sheik Muhammad Isyaka Rabi'u Islamic Foundation, at Mahmud Tukur Theatre old campus on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>

December, 2016.

He said beneficiaries of the scholarship would receive N50,000 each, making a total of N2500000 to the indigent students during the session.

He said; "The Qur'an is the most Holy Scripture to all Muslims which they must do everything possible to encourage its teaching and learning." *Muslim Forum News* gathered that Yahaya has been assisting other indigent students undergoing various programmes in the University in the last five years.

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