



ICESCO SIGNS TWO COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH NIGERIA IN HUMANITARIAN FIELD AND TEACHING OF ARABIC LANGUAGE

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Dr. Abdelilah Benarfa with NALV Director/CEO; Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad After signing MoU at the Headquarter's of ICESCO in Rabat Morocco

On Thursday March 24, 2022, the headquarters of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) witnessed the signing of a cooperation agreement between the organization and the National Committee of ICESCO in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to launch a project to combat COVID-19 by supporting innovation and youth and women's leadership, in partnership with Alwaleed Humanitarian Foundation. A second agreement was also signed between ICESCO and the University Center "Arabic Language Village, Ngala" in Borno State, Nigeria, to establish a training pole of excellence in the field of Arabic language in Nigeria.

The two agreements were signed on behalf of ICESCO by Dr. Abdelilah Benarfa, Deputy Director-General of the organization, on behalf of the National Committee of ICESCO in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, its Secretary-General, Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Bashir, and on behalf of the University Center "Arabic Language Village", Prof. Ibrahim Mohamed, Director of the Centre.

In his speech during the signing ceremony, Dr. Benarfa affirmed that ICESCO's new vision and work

strategy is to intensify communication with member states to identify the priorities and needs of each country, as ICESCO aims, through the signing of these two agreements, to build a strong partnership with the Republic of Nigeria in the face of the negative repercussions of the Covid-19 pandemic. Within the framework of the organization's cooperation with its member states to develop the fields of education, science and culture.

For his part, Mr. Ibrahim Muhammad Bashir stressed that the signing of the agreement to launch the project to combat COVID-19 by supporting innovation and youth and women's leadership, in partnership with the Alwaleed Humanitarian Foundation in Nigeria, constitutes a starting point for building a wide-ranging cooperation between ICESCO and Nigeria.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad stressed that the establishment of the training pole of excellence in the field of Arabic language in Nigeria will enable it to develop the field of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers, stressing the keenness of the University Center "Arabic Language Village, Anglaa" to build fruitful cooperation with ICESCO in this field.

The anti-Covid 19 project aims to support innovation, youth and women’s leadership, which is implemented by ICESCO in partnership with Al-Waleed Humanitarian Foundation, in 10 African countries to support its efforts in facing the negative repercussions of the pandemic.

The “Training Pole for Excellence in the Arabic Language”, implemented by ICESCO in partnership with the “Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance”, aims to advance the tasks of training and educational qualification for the frameworks working in the field of Arabic language education in Nigeria, and to deepen their expertise and develop their educational skills.



The NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad Discussing with ICESCO Deputy Director General Dr. Abdelilah Benarfa with other Officials of ICESCO in Rabat Morocco.

ICESCO and Nigeria National Commission Explore Cooperation Prospects

Dr. Abdelilah Benarfa, Deputy Director-General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), received Mr. Ibrahim Muhammad Bashir, Secretary-General of the National Commission for Education, Science and Culture of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to ICESCO, and a delegation from the “Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala” an Inter University Center for Arabic studies, in Borno State, Nigeria. The meeting aimed at exploring avenues of cooperation between ICESCO and Nigeria.

During the meeting, held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at ICESCO headquarters in Rabat, the two parties agreed on signing an agreement that focuses on humanitarian, social and educational issues and seeks to launch a project geared towards addressing the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting innovation and youth and women leadership in partnership with Alwaleed Philanthropies Foundation. The two parties also agreed on concluding a second agreement to establish a Training Pole for Excellence in the field of Arabic Language in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

For his part, Mr. Ibrahim Muhammad Bashir expressed Nigeria’s keenness to build fruitful cooperation with ICESCO, commending the Organization’s notable roles in the fields of education, science and culture and its efforts to assist its Member States and humanity at large.



NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad in a Group Photograph with staff of ICESCO in Rabat Morocco

During their visit to ICESCO headquarters, the Nigerian National Commission Secretary-General and his accompanying delegation met with heads of the Organization’s sectors, departments and centers, for further cooperation and deeper understanding.

Governor Zulum Inaugurates Borno State Sangaya & Arabic Education Board

The Executive Governor of Borno state Prof Babagana Umara Zulum inaugurated the Borno state Sangaya and Arabic Education Board.

In his speech, Governor Zulum stated that the main purpose of establishing the Borno state Sangaya and Arabic Education board is to reduce the out-of-school children in the state so as to balance it with western education. He also called on all government agencies in the state including federal agencies to assist the board when due in cash or kind. And that the Borno state government will do everything



L-R Deputy Governor, Usman Umar Kadafur, H.E Borno State Governor, Babagana Umara Zulum, Board Chairman: Sheikh Khalifa Aliyu Ahmad Abdulfatahi

possible to best fund the board to enable the board to succeed and achieve its aims and objectives.

The Chairman of the board Sheikh Khalifa Aliyu Ahmad on behalf of its members thanked Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum and the Borno State Government for finding them worthy to lead this prestigious Board and inshaa Allah they will do all things possible to see that the Sangaya and Education board succeed and achieve its aims.

NALV Will be Teaching Out of School Kids and Sangaya Teachers

Professor Muhammad Ibrahim is the Director/CEO of Nigerian Arabic Village, Ngala, Borno State. In this interview, he spoke on activities of the village and more.

What is the Arabic Village all about?

The village is an institution and inter-university centre established by the federal government in 1991. Firstly, it offers language immersion courses to degree students in over 28 universities in Nigeria. It is mandatory for Level 3 Arabic Language students to study the one-year immersion courses. They will be examined at the end of the programmes in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) of the National Universities Commission (NUC).

We teach them through physical interactions with native Arabs by sending them to markets where Arabic language is spoken so that they will learn the culture of the Arabs.

The best way to learn a language is to send someone to the natives where the language is fluently spoken. The accent will be perfect and the students will pronounce words properly in addition to confidence building.

Let me take you back a bit; in the 70s and 80s when our economy was sound and the number of Arabic students was not much, government-sponsored students to Egypt, Sudan and Saudi Arabia to interact with the Arabs during holidays.

Today, we have over 28 universities offering Arabic to about 8,000 students, and it is difficult for the government to sponsor all of them to Arab countries. That was why the village was established and the immersion programmes installed.

What other programmes are offered in the village?

We have acculturation programmes meant for students of over 60 colleges of education. So far, I have visited 14 universities and 40 colleges of education. The acculturation courses are intensive but not as all-encompassing as the immersion courses. We expose these students to Arab culture just like the university students but they spend six months with us instead.

We recently met with the executive secretary of the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) and addressed some of the problems with the acculturation courses and all the colleges were referred to the village.

It is mandatory for students to attend the courses because without acquiring the certificate of the village, NCE graduates will not be offered jobs. Part of the acculturation is to teach students how to teach Arabic at all levels.

We also offer diplomas in Arabic where students spend two years in the village and after graduation, they can use the certificates to pursue degree programmes. The University of Maiduguri has agreed to offer degree courses to our diploma graduates.

The village offers special Arabic courses meant for security operatives, military, para-military and diplomats sent to Arab countries. We try to modify the courses to suit the needs of the students because not all the diplomats, for example, are sent to the same country and Arabs have different dialects. We have the classical Arabic course which binds all the Arabs together. So, if a diplomat

posted to Saudi Arabia for example, we organize a separate lesson for him in addition to the classical Arabic.

There is a course on proficiency for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Another course is being designed for students who want to go beyond the advanced course.

The village also offers community service courses and communities that want us to teach them Arabic will be required to provide the required learning environment before we go there.

We are not teaching the Qur'an or Islamic studies, rather we are only teaching Arabic language so we intend to start teaching out-of-school kids, tsangaya teachers as well as intending pilgrims. The village is arranging teaching programmes for Arabic teachers in the junior secondary and primary schools in our host community using modern methods.

Arabic is a language of trade and business so merchants who travel to the Middle East to do business are advised to learn Arabic, including those into the oil and gas sector; our Igbo brothers who venture into buying and selling and our Christian brothers who go on pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan can also learn Arabic to better interact with the people there.

How do you obtain resource materials and other teaching aids?

As you know, we have been displaced by insurgency and all our facilities at Ngala that catered for 13,000 students were destroyed. We have a unit that handles quality assurance, accreditation and development of curriculum and resource materials. But to be honest, we cannot do all these things due to lack of space.

However, we review the curriculum of schools and we have an input on the higher institution curriculum reviewed by the NUC, NCCE and National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies (NBAIS).

We are looking forward to the generous intervention of the Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, who is very much aware of the problems we are facing and will report the matter to the presidency to get the village back on its feet soon.

Governor Babagana Umara Zulum is also willing to assist in reviving the village, especially with the ICESCO partnership. The body will soon come for inspection and more facilities need to be in place.

Do you benefit from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) interventions?

The village, alongside a few others, including the French Language Village which was listed among the beneficiaries of TETFund. We are appealing to the government to revisit the decision and reenlist the village among the beneficiaries of the fund.

What does a person stand to benefit after attending courses at the village?

Apart from proficiency, they will learn the culture, history and dialects of the Arabs and their communication and interaction with the Arabs will improve.

The Holy Bible is also written in Arabic, so if a Christian learns Arabic he can read it in Arabic and communicate in Arabic in the holy land. We teach language here not religion.

First Annual International Conference on Peace Building for Sustainable Development

The First Annual International Conference on Peace Building for Sustainable Development with a theme 'The Role of Faith-Based Organisation's in Nigeria' was held in Abuja on Saturday 19th March, 2022; The event took place at Yar'adua Centre, Abuja.

Special Guest of Honor of the Maiden Conference was His Excellency the Executive Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum ably represented by Alhaji Umar Abatcha Hon. Commissioner for Religious Affairs. Other dignitaries at the occasion were Hon. Engr Kabir Mohammed Wanori, Commissioner for Inter Governmental Affairs and Alhaji Hassan Zanna Boguma (Zanna Boguma of Borno). The Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad was appointed by the Borno State Governor Professor Babagana Umara Zulum to be part of the Borno's delegation to the conference.



NALV Director/CEO, Prof. Ibrahim at the Annual International Conference on Peace Building Development

Religious and Spiritual fathers/leaders present at the conference were: Sheikh Imam Tijjani Cisse (Chief Imam Kaulaha) Sheikh Umar Khaidara of Algeria, Sheikh Abdulwadud Ghana, Sheikh Sheriff

Abdallah, Sheikh Modu Mustapha, Sheikh Shettima Habib, Sheikh Hamma Adama Bui among other scholars. Participants expressed their happiness at the success of the conference.

Live Programme at 98.9 BUK FM Radio Kano

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad alongside Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed and Umar Sanda Mohammed featured in a call in live Radio programme in Kanuri "Baraa Cindobe Fanyo" (from the horse's mouth) at Bayero University Kano 98.9 FM Radio. The programme was anchored by Dr. Tahir Abba and Mohammed Shehu.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad lauded Governor Zulum's visit to Arabic Village permanent site at Ngala Local Government.

The call-in live discussion programme attracts many callers from and within Kano state. Issues discussed in the programme centered on the visit to the permanent site of Nigeria Arabic

Language Village Ngala by the Governor of Borno state, His Excellency Professor Babagana Umara Zulum and the Governor's announcement of Short, medium and long term plans to rebuild the Arabic Village.

Also discussed were the establishment of the village, functions, programmes, significance of Arabic Language as an International Language, collaboration with other institutions, agencies as well as the present state of the village after insurgency.

Many listeners made call to ask questions, and made Suggestions on how best the village could operate after the insurgency etc.

The Director/CEO responded to all questions asked by the listeners. In the whole, it was an excellent



L-R Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed, NALV Director, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad and the presenter of the Program Dr. Tahir Abba

programme presented in Kanuri Language by the BUK 98.9 FM Kano.

After the programme Professor Ibrahim Mohammed Director/CEO was taken round to Inspect facilities at the Radio Station including the ones at the proposed Television station.

The 98.9 BUK FM Radio Station had recently commemorated its one year anniversary establishment 2021-2022. Since the establishment of Nigeria Arabic Language Village there had never been a time when a sitting Governor visited the village, therefore the visit of Governor Zulum made a land mark in the history of the village.

The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) through its Training arm, Digital Bridge Institute Trains NALV Staff

Ibrahim Muhammad (Mai Kanuri)

The National Communication Commission (NCC) through its training arm, Digital Bridge Institute which is one of the biggest ICT training Center in the country trained the Academic and Non-Academic staff of the Village. The training commenced on Monday 21 and ended on the 25 March 2022.

Declaring the workshop open the Director/CEO who was represented by the Deputy Director; Dr. Zakir A Sherrif urged the participants to pay attention to the training and be punctual and also appreciated the efforts of NCC for finding the Center worthy for the training.

The staff were trained on Advanced Digital Appreciation Programme (ADAPTI). The programme begun with introduction of the Digital Bridge Institute to staff. The Institute was established following the growth of Telecommunications (Telecoms) and information Communication Technology (ICT) sectors in the country. Acknowledging, the need to continue to foster the rapid growth and the need to have trained persons to man the sectors, the Nigerian Communications Commission established the Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) in 2004.



A group photograph of the workshop participant

The training continued throughout the week on Microsoft word, Excel, and PowerPoint applications software to improve productivity of the staff.

In his closing remarks the Director/CEO enjoined the staff to use the knowledge acquired during the training to enhance their productivity.

The facilitator, Mal. Sama'ila Mohammed from Digital Bridge Institute commended the Nigeria Arabic Language Village and congratulated the participants for obtaining the ICT knowledge which he said would make them relevant in their place of work.

He also introduced the coordinator of the DBI at the event who commended the facilitator for spending five hours daily in the rigorous training of the staff. He said DBI was into such training and had so far trained over 70000 Academic and non-Academic staff across Nigeria.

Some participants for the ADAPTI training showed the relevance of the programme in their teaching, researches and administrative work and they were optimistic that the training would boost the performance of the staff.

NALV Sends Ten (10) Senior Staff for Computer Training at BRTV Training School

In order to align with the contemporary realities of productivity in organization through the use of computer and other ICT accessories, the NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad had in line with the above requirements graciously approved the Training of 10 senior non-academic staff of the village at the BRTV Training School. The selection of the first batch of the beneficiaries was done through a process set by the village management. The Training is going to be a continues process.



First Batch of the NALV Staff at the BRTV Training School

This is in line with the earlier MoU entered into between the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala (Inter-University Centre for Arabic studies) and the media outfit the BRTV, Maiduguri.

The first batch trainees have since started attending the classes. The training is to last for 3 months after which another set of staff would be selected to go for the training.

Those selected to be benefit from the first batch of the training expressed their happiness and promised to justify the confidence reposed in them by the village management. It is expected that at the end of the programme the participants are expected to obtain Diploma certificate in computer.

The participants also appreciated the effort of the present Director Chief Executive Professor Ibrahim Muhammad and thanked him for giving them the opportunity to contribute towards his agenda of digitalizing the center.

Stakeholders Engagement on Critical Areas of Sangaya Education and Almajiri Reform in Yobe State

By: Dr. Kasim Alkali

The Yobe State Ministry for basic and Secondary Education organized a three day Stakeholders meeting on critical areas of Sangaya Education and Al-Majiri reform in Yobe State. At the occasion the Executive Governor of Yobe State, His Excellency Alhaji Mai Mala Buni was represented by the Deputy Governor Yobe State, Alhaji Idi Barde Gubana who welcomed the guests, Islamic Scholars, experts and the participants from within and outside the State.

The Deputy Governor in his speech stated that the aim of the stakeholders' engagement was to develop a workable, implementable and acceptable roadmap for Yobe State steering committee on sanitizing the 'Alaramma' on significant issues and ways of reforming the Tsangaya system of education in the State, in order to suit global acceptance. It was believed that with this engagement and interactions with experts on Islamic Education and scholarship, particularly specialists of Sangaya education, it was anticipated that Yobe may get ways and proffer solutions to the challenges militating against the effectiveness of Sangaya Education in the state.

Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala was invited by the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education Yobe State and participated on the three days' stakeholders' engagement on critical areas of Sangaya Education and Al-Majiri reform.

The Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad was appointed to serve as chairman of evening session of day one (1) on 22nd March, 2022. The NALV Director/CEO was ably represented by Dr. Kasim Alkali FME Liaison Officer and Head of Tsangaya and out of School Children Unit of the village.

Dr. Kasim Alkali in his good will message reiterated the Director's passionate interest in attending this critical stakeholders meeting. He registered his appreciation and thanked the effort of Yobe State Government for organizing such stakeholders' engagement to share ideas on enhancing and reforming the Tsangaya system of education in Yobe State. He also appreciated the effort and commitment of the Alarammas for honoring the call to this crucial discussion.

Dr. Kasim Alkali stated that prior to this invitation for the stakeholder's engagement, NALV was worried and had concerned and commitment in promoting Tsangaya Education. He said, during the recent JCCE meeting the village had submitted memo relating to Al-Majiri at Joint Consultative Committee on Education (JCCE) under non-formal education Committee. The memo was considered and waiting to be presented before the National Council for Education (NCE) for approval. He prayed that when this memo is considered the Issue of Tsangaya Education would be a National Policy.

In addition to this, NALV has shown interest to collaborate and partner with Yobe State Government in training the Teachers and Al-Majiri as a way of enhancing and promoting Sangaya Education.

In this regard, NALV has a programme for training the teachers and Al-Majiri of Sangaya education in the request letter dated 11th March, 2022 where the village notified Yobe State Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education about the programme for capacity building for Sangaya teachers and also training of the Al-Majiri so that they can be integrated into conventional school to further their education up to PhD. Level. Not only this the village also requested from the Yobe State Government to recognize and consider the certificate that we would issue to the participants (Sangaya Teachers and Al-Majiri) at the end of the programme for employment and other official usage.

The representative of the Director assured the stakeholders that if opportunity could be granted to NALV to train the teachers and Al-Majiris of Sangaya in Yobe State the participants would be fluent and efficient in (Writing Reading and Speaking) in Arabic Language within six months. In addition, the participants would also be exposed to modern techniques of teaching Arabic Language. This is because the teachers of Sangaya are mostly Huffaz and many have memorized the famous Grammar Book of Arabic titled Alfyyah Ibn Malik, Kitab As-Sarf (Morphology) and others. Therefore, training of such caliber of teachers and mainstreaming them into conventional School, Yobe would produce best and large number of Arabic Professor.

The commissioner, Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Hon. Dr. Sani Mohammad Idris in his response, thanked NALV for honoring their invitation and appreciated the concern and commitment for enhancing Arabic language. He particularly acknowledged the effort and zeal of the present Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Mohammad in expanding the frontiers of the village. The commissioner assured the NALV before the stakeholders that Yobe State is ready to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NALV for the training of Sangaya teachers and the Al-Majiri. Many educative papers were presented by experts in Islamic Education and scholarship particularly specialists of Sangaya system of education. Among the papers presented were: The Historical Origin of Sangaya Education and contributions of Tsangaya Schools past and present, the roles of Waqaf and Zaka'at in promoting Sangaya system of education among others. The program was successfully carried out in Yobe State. It is expected that the programme would be extended to other parts of the north east and Nigeria in general.

Updates on Acculturation Programme

By: Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus

The NALV Acculturation Programme are being conducted across the various outreach centres in the country. The following update presents the Acculturation programmes in the following outreach centres;

Zamfara State College of Education, Maru:

The programme commenced on October, 10th 2021 with total number of fifty (50) students. During the exercise academic activities were simultaneously conducted. The class activities usually start 9:00 am in the morning and it will last up to 1:30 pm daily excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

The examination commenced on 26th February which lasted for five days. And daily two courses will be written as an examination.

Finally, the programme was concluded successfully within the stipulated period of 25 March, 2022.

Acculturation programme at A.D RUFAl College of Education Legal and General Studies.

The programme commenced on the 14th February, 2022 with a total number of ninety one 91 students. Seventy students were from the host College



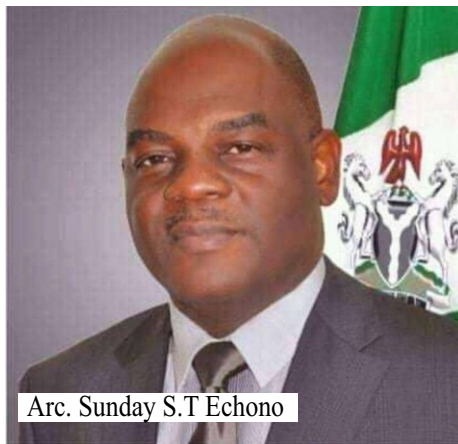
Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, HoD Acculturation

(A.D Rufai) eight students from Annur Sheikh Adam Azari, while five (5) students from Annur Abu Kilishi, Azare Bauchi state.

The programme was conducted successfully without any problem from any side. And finally the examination was also concluded on 26th March, 2022.

Arabic Village Director/CEO Congratulates Executive Secretary TetFund Arc. Sunday S.T Echono

As President Muhammadu Buhari Appointed Former Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry Education, as Executive Secretary Of TETFund on 4th March, 2022, the NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on behalf of himself, Management, staff and students of the village congratulates Arc. Sunday S.T Echono the immediate past Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Education, over his new appointment as Executive Secretary Tetfund. Arc. Echono takes over from Prof.



Arc. Sunday S.T Echono

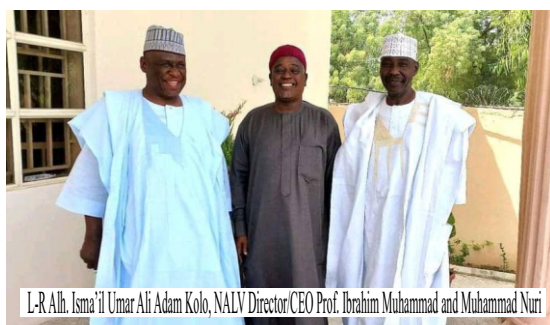
Sulaiman Elias Bogoro whose five years tenure ended on March 18, 2022.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad lauded the appointment of the new ES Tetfund as deserving. He described Arc. Echono as an accomplished technocrat, astute administrator, with wealth of experiences spanning infrastructure, business administration, procurement management, ICT and the education sector.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad wishes the new Tetfund Executive Secretary success in his new assignment.

Maiduguri Based Business Man Alhaji Isma'il Umar Ali Adam Kolo Visits Arabic Village

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 11th February, 2022 received in audience, a Maiduguri based business man Alhaji Ismail Umar Ali Adam Kolo in his office. During the visit, the Director/CEO discussed with the august visitor, Alhaji Ismail in his office.



L-R Alh. Isma'il Umar Ali Adam Kolo, NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad and Muhammad Nuri

Alhaji Ismail appreciated level of development he saw in the liaison office of the village in Maiduguri.

The visitor also commended the facelifting measures embarked upon by the Director/CEO which according to him has completely changed the outlook of the village liaison office. He also said, the level at which the liaison office was transformed was unprecedented and called on Professor Ibrahim Muhammad to extend such developmental measures to the permanent site of the village after the insurgency. He was later taken round the village liaison office where he inspected some facilities such as the 500 seater hall Zulum Hall, library, students hostel under construction were among other facilities inspected.

ARABIC VILLAGE ESTABLISHES MINI PRINTING PRESS

By: Musa Hamisu Musa

Considering the expanding nature of the village programmes and activities, especially in the post insurgency era, the need to expand the corresponding facilities is increasingly becoming a necessity. It's against this backdrop that the Director/CEO of the village Professor Ibrahim Muhammad who assumed the mantle of leadership of the centre in April 2021, has since started engaging in providing corresponding facilities to cater for the growing needs of the village. The Director/CEO came up with a new concept for developing the centre, the ideas, innovations and creativity aimed at moving the village forward. Among the innovations introduced was the introduction of a monthly Publication of Nigeria Arabic Language Village 'The NALV Bulletin' which the village started publication in September 2021.

To ensure easy publication of the Bulletin, the management of the Village had procured a heavy duty printing machine for the village. The machine does a lot of publication works, which includes; the production of books, journals, magazines, leaflets, letter headed paper, Examination booklets and cards among other works being performed by the printing machine.

With the provision of the mini printing press, it's expected that the printing needs of the village would be taken care of internally. The Mini printing press was fixed within the NALV liaison office in Maiduguri.

The Director/CEO had also provided all accessories needed in the publication work. Not only that, but he has also provided several digital photocopier machines which have the capacity of photocopying 60 pages in just a minute.

The village had internally started production of its

Bulletin in February 2022. Before then it used to be printed outside. The quality of the production was assessed to have made standard, which can compete with production done anywhere.

Many people have since started making comments on the quality of material used as one of the best materials, hence commending the effort of the Director/CEO for introducing the mini printing press. The Staff of the village in particular have appreciated and lauded the effort of the Chief Executive, for his innovation and described him as the "Digital Chief Executive".

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad believes and sees change as the basic component of life, thus since the assumption of duty as 4th substantive Director of the village about 8 months ago, he started engaging in the post insurgency development paradigm.

The permanent site of the village is located at Ngala Local Government area of Borno state, which is about 135 kilometres away from the capital city of Maiduguri. Since



Umar Sanda & Musa Hamisu Musa Testing the Printer at the Mini Printing Press

2014 the village had relocated to Maiduguri, because of the insurgency. The village has been operating its activities in some designated outreach centres across Nigeria. However, with the recent improvement in the security situation in the North East and Borno State in particular, the village will soon relocate back to its permanent site at Ngala. It's hoped that those innovations, creativity and foundation of development brought into the village by the current management will be transferred to the permanent site of the village at Ngala.

NALV Governing Council Approves 3 Months Extension for Acting Registrar and Bursar

The NALV Governing Council at its 59th Regular Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March, 2022 approved the Extension of Appointment of the Acting Registrar, Ali Abdullahi Ali and Bursar, Usman Jibrin Kaira for another 3 Months.

In a letter signed by the Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Mohammed, it stated that the extension was done in order to prepare fully for the appointment of a Substantive Registrar and Bursar.

He also commended the performance of the two Officers towards the realization of the mandates of the Village, during their 6 months in acting capacity.

It could be recalled that Ali Abdullahi Ali and Usman Jibrin Kaira were appointed as acting Registrar and Bursar for a period of six months in September 2021 after the expiration of the tenure of former Registrar and Bursar. The Director urged the two principal officers to continue to work hard and move the Village forward.

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