

THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT

FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

OBJECTIVES:

- To act as an administrative mechanism to oversee the State College of Education, State Polytechnic and the Sokoto State University.
- To encourage students to fill up Sokoto State quota in Federal Government Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education particularly in the Northern states.
- To increase the number of students in the said institutions and to prepare qualified students for the State University.

ADDRESSING THE OBJECTIVES ABOVE WILL REQUIRE:

- Capacity and competence building in the secondary students with deficiencies in their O'levels. This the Department is pursuing by:

1. ADVOCACY VISITS

All the twenty three (23) local government areas were visited, where the Hon. Special Adviser adumbrated the objectives of the Department for Higher Education and crave the indulgence of the chairmen of Local Government Councils for participation in the process of Higher Education

in the State. The Councils' chairmen were particularly implored to buy NECO and UTME forms for their indigenes. They were also urged to set up extra-mural centres. **N4, 000, 000 was earmarked by the State Government for the visit.**

2. EXTRA-MURAL CLASSES PROGRAMME

In 2009

- 1000 students registered with the Department;
- Seven (7) centres were opened,
- A consultant in Science Education was employed (at this time only Science subjects were taught)
- Centre Co-ordinators were employed
- Subject specialists (inspectors) were employed
- Subject teachers were employed
- Books were bought and distributed to teachers and students alike. **N21, 000, 000 was earmarked for the programme.**
- Period – Ten Months

- GCE and NECO forms from the State Government worth **N23, 000, 000**
- UME (JAMB) forms worth **N23, 000, 000**

In 2010

- The programme was extended to include: Science, Arts and Social Sciences.
- Two (2) Consultants (1 for science and 1 for Arts and Social sciences) were employed.
- Over 5, 000 students registered for the programmes.
- 16 Centres were established in Sokoto metropolis.
- 16 centres were also established outside Sokoto metropolis plus Local Government Extra-mural Centres.
- Books for both teachers and students.
- **N51, 000, 000 is earmarked for the programme.**
- NECO and GCE will be bought for the students
- Period of the programme is 10 months.

3. VISITS TO SOME TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The Department sent several teams to visits some tertiary institutions across the country to seek for admission for the state indigenes.

➤ **THE STATE POLYTECHNIC**

- Wall fencing – **N143, 000, 000**
- Recruitment of **Thirty-Two (32)** specialist lecturers in engineering and sciences.
- Purchase of Books worth **N42, 000, 000**
- Purchase of Equipment worth **N60, 000, 000**
- Renovation and repairs of Bakassi hostel – **N82, 000, 000**

➤ **SHEHU SHAGARI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

- Wall fencing – **N56, 000, 000**
- Purchase of books worth **N32, 000, 000**
- Accreditation Exercise 1 and 2 – **N33, 000, 000** and **N45, 000, 000** respectively.
- The college runs NCE and **17 Degree programmes** where 6 are affiliated to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria while 11 are affiliated to the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto.
- Creation of Centre for Special Education in the College.