

BRIEF ON MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TARABA STATE

The Ministry was created at the instance of the creation of the State in 1991, and had been performing such duties to ensure that quality education of the citizenry of the State, at all levels of learning is provided.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

The achievements of the Ministry may not easily be quantifiable. Considering that Education is a basic social service. Nevertheless, the State had, achieved the following, especially in the present regime of His Excellency, Pharm. Danbaba D. Suntai:-

- (i) Establishment of the Taraba State University;
- (ii) Relocation of College of Education, Jalingo to Zing which is also capital intensive;
- (iii) Construction of three (3) Model Standard Storey Building Classrooms, one in each geo-political zones at Jalingo, bali and Wukari;
- (iv) Payment of Intervention UBE Counterpart Funds for implementation of UBE Programmes up to 1st quarter of 2009;
- (v) Fencing and construction of 2No. Staff Quarters at Comprehensive Secondary School, Jalingo;
- (vi) Renovation of Girls' Hostel at MGGSS Wukari;

- (vii) Fencing of GSSS, Jalingo;
- (viii) Construction of two (2) blocks of classrooms at GDSS Nyivu;
- (ix) Procurement of 2000 Units of Students Desks for College of Education, Zing;
- (x) Payments of Registration fees for WAEC, NECO and NABTEB for 2007, 2008 and 2009;
- (xi) Payment of 2007 Scholarship Allowance to the Students of the State tertiary Institutions in the country;
- (xii) Purchase of Road Safety Tips Booklets as guide to Students and Pupils of Secondary and Primary in the State;
- (xiii) Execution of 2008 ETF Projects.
- (xiv) Procurement of Science Equipment for all Science and Technical Colleges in the State;
- (xv) On-line registrations to enable Students access their results and other information at the College of Education, Jalingo.

PROBLEMS:

The Ministry, as the case within the general economic melt down experienced in the country, is mainly handicapped by inadequate ~~of~~ funds to complete some projects as at the time due, even though all our projects are still on-going.

Similarly, the education sector, especially in our schools, there is general lack of adequate Teachers, most especially in

the area of the Sciences. There is an urgent need for the recruitment of Teachers in both Secondary and Primary Schools. I am happy this is already receiving attention.

Other problems that may need to be noted include:-

- a. In-adequate classrooms;
- b. Shortage of classroom furniture;
- c. Shortages of teaching aids, sporting facilities and other resource materials;
- d. Shortages of Supervisory Staff to ensure compliance with expected standards;

PROSPECTS:

The State has made Education her priority and has given the lion's share in the 2010 Budget. The State has started moves to partner with UNICEF as well as recently the T.Y. Foundation to move the standard and quality of Education meaningful to the State at large.

May I use this forum to once more welcome you all to Taraba State with my humble prayer our unity shall continue to move the country and Taraba State forward.