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POOR STATE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN KWARA STATE: ENetSuD TASKS STATE GOVERNMENT ON ADEQUATE FUNDING OF EDUCATION AND ENSURING ITS JUDICIOUS USE BY SCHOOL MANAGEMENTS

Elites Network for Sustainable Development (ENetSuD), a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) in Kwara state, has called on the state government to prioritise funding of the state-owned schools and declare state of emergency in the educational sector of the state. The group described most of the public schools in the state as a caricature of their old setting. In a press statement signed by its Coordinator (**Dr. Alagbonsi Abdullateef**) and made available to Journalists, ENetSuD noted that funding of education across the state has been grossly inadequate.

As part of ENetSuD obligation to bringing the state government's attention to areas of public interest that need immediate government's intervention, the group's Directorate of Investigation and Public Petition visited some schools across Kwara state, including Ilorin Grammar School (IGS) Ilorin, Government High School (GHS) Ilorin, Government Secondary School (GSS) Ilorin, Mount Carmel College (MCC) Ilorin, Government Technical College (GTC) Patigi, Islamiyyah College Patigi, Taoheed LGEA Primary School Offa, and over 30 other schools across Kwara state where the 2017 Federal Government Zonal Intervention Projects were located. Our investigation showed that the public schools across Kwara state are in a state of shame. The deplorable conditions of the schools with

dilapidated structures make them unhealthy for effective teaching and learning. This could have been one of the reasons for low patronage of public schools, thereby making private schools the next option for people who want a befitting school for their children and wards. Due to the negligence by Kwara state government, it is regrettable that the reputable schools in the past that produced virtually all the important personalities in Kwara state are now the options for only the poorest and vulnerable Kwarans who cannot afford to pay the fees of Private schools.

A great scholar once said "If you want to destroy any community, you don't need weapons. All you have to do is to reduce the quality of education. In addition to infrastructural decay, ENetSuD also learnt that staffing is another major problem facing public schools in most communities of Kwara state outside Ilorin. Taking Patigi Local Government as a case study, our investigation revealed that the following schools have only 5 teaching staff as at January 2018: L.G.E.A Matokun, L.G.E.A Esun Dari, J.S.S Edogi Chapa and J.S.S Kpada; while the following schools have only 4 teaching staff Ragada/Likofu L.G.E.A Primary School, Siratal Mustaqim, L.G.E.A Gbaradogi, L.G.E.A Gudugi, L.G.E.A Chitta, L.G.E.A Ekati, L.G.E.A Wodata, L.G.E.A Edogi Chapa, L.G.E.A Ndanaku, L.G.E.A Bongi, LGEA Sakpefu, L.G.E.A Fey and L.G.E.A Echi Ewada. Also, these schools have only 3 teaching staff, Idris Gana Primary School, Patigi, Tswatagi, L.G.E.A Sunkuso, L.G.E.A Gbadokin, L.G.E.A Gbodu, Islamic Sunkuso, L.G.E.A Rifun, L.G.E.A Sheshi Tasha, L.G.E.A Mawogi, L.G.E.A Gada Woro, L.G.E.A Gada Bozuwa, L.G.E.A Mari, L.G.E.A Kpevun, L.G.E.A Chenu, L.G.E.A Kanworo, L.G.E.A Dakani, L.G.E.A Sanchita, L.G.E.A Rani Ndako, L.G.E.A Gbodonji, L.G.E.A Chenegi, L.G.E.A Dzako, L.G.E.A Sakpefu Islamic, L.G.E.A Egwa Mama, L.G.E.A Rogun, J.S.S Rogun and J.S.S Jahada-Deen. Furthermore, there were schools found to have only two (2) teaching staff: Edogi Kpansanako, L.G.E.A Ellah Edozhigi, L.G.E.A Gada Maaji Ndako, L.G.E.A Dina, L.G.E.A Gbangede, L.G.E.A Rani Woro, L.G.E.A Edogi Kpetia, L.G.E.A Dzwajiwo, L.G.E.A Kusogi, L.G.E.A Kokparagi, L.G.E.A Ebu, L.G.E.A Reshe, L.G.E.A Guluka, L.G.E.A Dobo, L.G.E.A Maagi, L.G.E.A Zhitswala, L.G.E.A Wako, L.G.E.A Latayi, L.G.E.A Mamba, L.G.E.A Koro and J.S.S Gada

Woro. In fact, many schools are with only 1 teaching staff: Nomadic Kparumagi, Nomadic Rifun, L.G.E.A Agboro, L.G.E.A Lile, L.G.E.A Kakafu, L.G.E.A Gunji Sachi, L.G.E.A Gbafu, L.G.E.A Emiworogi, L.G.E.A Ezhigiko, L.G.E.A Eka, L.G.E.A Pati Wodata, L.G.E.A Duro, L.G.E.A Darulsalam Kpada, L.G.E.A Babogi, L.G.E.A Tsanban, L.G.E.A Sokingi, L.G.E.A Kpatagban, L.G.E.A Jida, L.G.E.A Gakpan, L.G.E.A Kajita, L.G.E.A Lusama, L.G.E.A Nomadic Latayi, L.G.E.A Nomadic Rogun, L.G.E.A Yagbagi, L.G.E.A Suku, J.S.S Kusogi, and J.S.S Sunkuso. How then, is effective teaching and learning expected to take place in these schools considering the grossly insufficient number of teaching staff. It is also quite worrisome that despite the large number of certified & qualified Kwaran graduates who are yet to be gainfully employed and who could fill up the shortage of staff in these schools so as to promote the standard of education in the state and reduce unemployment, majority of public schools in the state still remained highly understaffed.

ENetSuD had earlier issued statements to call the attention of the state government to the pitiable conditions of Islamiyyah College and Government Technical College, both in Patigi LGA of the state. Responding to the statement of ENetSuD, the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alh. Abdulfatah Ahmed, explained through his official Twitter handle on the 29th June, 2018 that: “the state of this school is one of the reasons I have severally called for emergency reforms in the education sector. A country’s development trajectory is firmly subject to the range and quality of its educational system. As it stands, ours require reform urgently. States are expected to fund school infrastructure through matching grants from Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC). Currently, most States are unable to afford the counterpart funds to access the grants. Also, UBEC grants only cover primary schools and Junior Secondary Schools (JSS). How can we rehabilitate JSS and ignore Senior Secondary School classrooms? We need to reform UBEC to ease States’ access to the funds and expand its remit. That is a Key way to address education infrastructure at pre-tertiary levels”. The governor also claimed to have rehabilitated 400 blocks of classrooms at primary and secondary school levels across the state and promised to do more.

The ENetSuD is aware of and commend the construction of classrooms in various schools across Kwara state by Federal Government as part of the Zonal Intervention (Constituency) Projects nominated by the Federal Legislators from Kwara state. We also commend the state government for the creation of IVTEC Ajase-Ipo, which will definitely promote vocational and technical education in Kwara state. However, we totally condemn the consistent lack of maintenance culture by the state government on the already existing schools and their classrooms. Based on the pitiable level of negligence of various schools, we do not have confidence that the state government will also maintain the classrooms recently built with tax-payers money.

Quality basic education is one of the things that must be provided by any responsible government, which will have direct impact on the lives of all Kwarans. We strongly recommend that the state government provide adequate budgetary provisions for the counterpart funds that will enable it secure the UBEC grants, so as to address the infrastructural needs of our schools. Moreover, the state government should totally take charge of the infrastructural needs of the Senior Secondary School, since the Primary and the Junior Secondary Schools have been covered by UBEC grants. Overall, we are calling on the Kwara State government to urgently declare a state of emergency in the educational system of the state.

Signed

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#FixKwaraSchools

#KwaraMoneyMustWorkForKwarans

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ILORIN GRAMMER SCHOOL, KWARA CENTRAL

















GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, ADETA ILORIN, KWARA CENTRAL



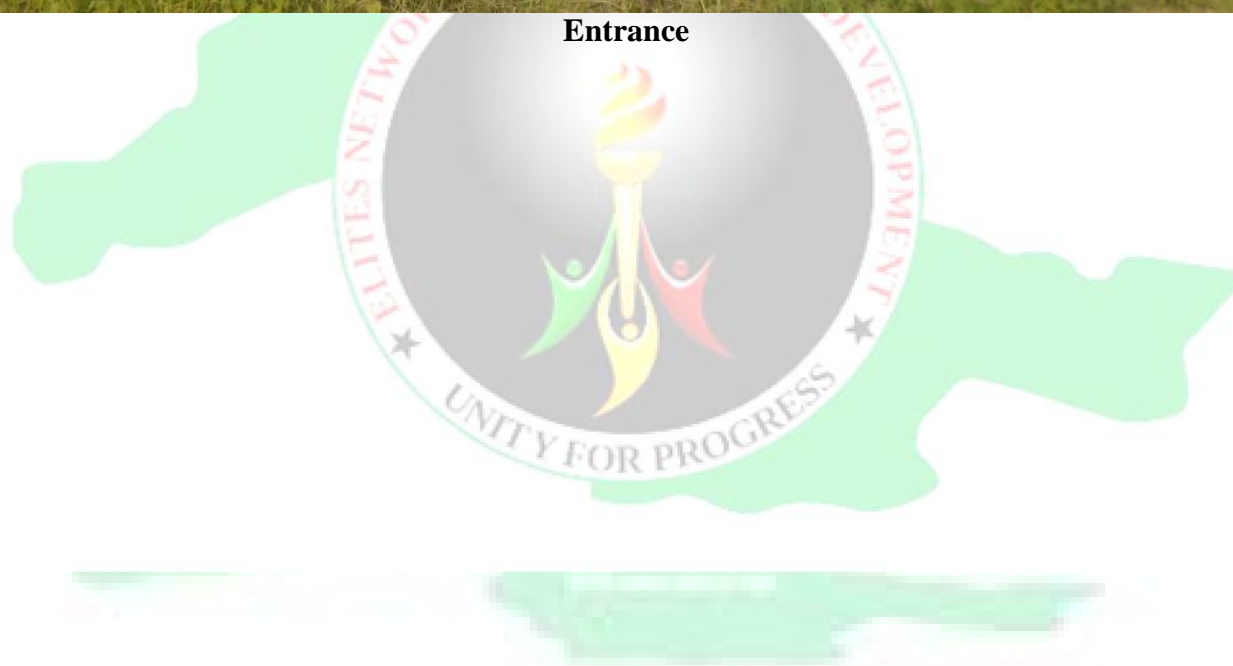


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Entrance







Motor Mechanical Engineering, Physics Laboratory and Electrical Engineering Department



Staff Quaters



Students Hostel



Woodwork department



Vandalised school transformer



Generator house

ISLAMIYYAH COLLEGE PATIGI, KWARA NORTH



Abandoned 2 classroom block



Uncompleted chemistry lab converted to classroom



Uncompleted Physics lab converted to classroom



Uncompleted MDG project of 3-classroom block



Uncompleted administrative block



Ceilingless and floorless classroom used as exam hall



Classroom converted to a multipurpose store



multipurpose laboratory



TAOHEED LGEA OFFA, KWARA SOUTH



S/N o	Schools	Number of students	Number of staff	Founding years	Popular alumni of some schools	Other details
1	Government Secondary School Ilorin	Not certain	Not certain	1914	1. Sen. Shaaba Lafiagi (Former Kwara state Governor/ Current Senator representing Kwara North) 2. Hon. Ahman Patigi Bahago (House of Representative Member representing Edu/Moro/Patigi Federal Constituency) 3. Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem Age (Current VC, University of Ilorin) 4. Mallam Modibbo Kawu (Current DG of Nigeria Broadcasting Commission and an APC Gubernatorial Candidate in Kwara) 5. Late Col. David Bamigboye (1 st Military Governor of Kwara State), 6. Late Governor Mohammed Lawal 7. Former Governor Cornelius Adebayo 8. Prof. Ibrahim Gambari (Former Under Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) 9. Former Senator Mohammed Ahmed 10. Chief Ganiyu Ogunleye (Former Chairman of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) 11. Senator Nuru Abatemi from Kogi State 12. Senator Simeon Ajibola representing Kwara South and Former Kwara PDP Gubrnatorial Candidate in 2015 election 13. Dr. Tunji Olagunju (former Special Adviser to President Goodluck Jonathan on New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) 14. Engr. Lanre Shagaya 15. Major General Kazali Akandi 16. Air Vice-Marshel Femi Sulaiman	First public school in Kwara
2	Ilorin Grammar School	JSS (831) SSS (785)	JSS (40) SSS (95)	1967	1. Isa Aremu, mni 2. Hon. Moshood Mustapha (Former House of Rep Member/ SA to Senate President Bukola Saraki and a current APC Gubernatorial Aspitant in Kwara State) 4. Mr. Gold AbdulRafiu Saad (Personal Assistant to VC of KWASU) 5. Comrade Bolakale (FAAN/ Public Affairs Analyst)	
3	Government High School Adeta	JSS (852) SSS (850)	JSS (46) SSS (73)	1967	1. Sen. (Dr.) Isiaka Salman (former Senator representing Kwara Central) 2. Alhaji Raji Atolagbe (Former Commissioner for Education and human Capital Dev. Kwara State)	It was founded by Alhaji Abdulganiyu Abdul-Razaq (a Senior Advocate

					3. Alh. Mumini Abdulmalik (Retired Assistant Comptroller General of Customs) 4. Alhaji Saka Isau (Senior Advocate of Nigeria and former Attorney General of Kwara State) 5. Alh. (Engr) Amori Yahaya 6. Alhaji Umaru Saka Olumoh	of Nigeria and the first Lawyer in the whole Northern Nigeria)
4	Mount Carmel College, Oloje	JSS (700) SSS (535)	JSS (54) SSS (66)	1952	1. Dr. Alagbonsi Abdullateef (Physiology Lecturer, University of Rwanda/ Coordinator of ENetSuD) 2. Prof. B.A. Alafara (University of Ilorin) 3. Dr. Moyosore Saliu Ajao (Associate Professor of Anatomy, University of Ilorin) 4. Dr. Abdulkadir Ahmed Bola (Consultant, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital) 5. Dr. Babaita Qooseem (Consultant, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital) 6. Dr Yakub Luqman (General Hosp Ilorin) 7. Barr. Ahmed Abdulfatai Maikabara	
5	Ansaru Secondary School Ogidi	1905 (JSS) 850 (SSS)	82 (JSS) 110 (SSS)		Not certain	
6	Government Technical School Patigi	About 200	JSS (13) SSS (20)	1950 (as craft school) 1976 (Technical College) 1988 (Full Technical College)	Dr Umar Ibrahim Yakubu (Lecturer, FUT Minna) Alhaji Aliyu Bologi Umar (FCT College of Education, Zuba)	The only Technical College in Kwara North Senatorial District and 1 of the 5 Technical Colleges owned by Kwara State Govt
7	Islamiyya College Patigi	Estimate s of 650 students	The JSS section has 13 staff The SSS has 30 staff	Founded in 1982 by late Etsu idirisu Gana	Ibrahim Attahiru (International Business tycoon) Issa Babarani (PTI Warri) Bologi Umar Ahmed (National Assembly Abuja) Hassan Adamu Koro (Kwara State Ministry of Culture) Musa saidu Rifun (Federal Ministry of Education) Mohammed Baba Aliyu (Kwara State Ministry of Justice) Muazu Umar (National ear Centre, Kaduna) Idris Hamza (SSS Office)	It was established to augment the then only existing Patigi Secondary School and also promote both western and Islamic education. The school's temporary site was initially located with the premises of Patigi Secondary School, but later relocated to its permanent site about 2 decades

					Alhaji Ibrahim rani (Kwara State Civil Service Commission)	ago. No Administrative block A block of 2 pit toilets (the only toilets in the school) was donated 5 years ago by a corp member
9	Patigi Secondary School	Estimate of 800 students	JSS (20) SSS (34)	Establishe d in 1970 as the first Conventio nal Public Secondary School in Patigi LGA	<p>1.H.R.H Aliyu Abdullahi Kpotun (Emir of Tsaragi)</p> <p>2. Prof Yisa Gana (Ambassador to Japan)</p> <p>Alhaji Jibril Gabi Salihu (Executive Chairman, Patigi LGA)</p> <p>3. Mohammed Ndako Usman (Immediate Past Executive Chairman of Patigi LGA)</p> <p>4. Prof Hassan Baba (FUT Minna)</p> <p>5. Prof K M Baba (FUT Minna)</p> <p>6. Dr Jibril Alhassan (Chief Librarian, FUT Minna)</p> <p>7. Dr Muazu Ramat Abujiya (King Fahd University of Petroleum, Saudi Arabia)</p> <p>8. Dr Mustapha Yahaya (General Hospital, Minna)</p> <p>9. Alhaji Hassan Mohammed (Rtd) (Director Kwara State Ministry of Sport)</p> <p>10. Alhaji Mohammed Dabarako (Former H.O.S, Kwara State Government)</p> <p>11. A Y Nafanwona (Public Analyst)</p>	The enrolment rate is high being the mother school and a point of reference to other schools. Its location is also within Patigi town
10	LGEA Primary school Gboke Patigi	Not certain	11	1975	Not certain	