

dRPC Support to GGSTC Amada, Gombe State for preparing final year students writing the NABTEB exams from 21st September 2020

Introduction

Following the selection of Government Technical College Amada as the only beneficiary school in Gombe State of the dRPC support to TVET/NAPTEB examination, the nomination letter is given to the Principal of the school, Hajiya Yawoji Ahmad Bala. The Gombe State Ministry of Education was as well informed about the nomination of the Amada School. The Ministry delegated two Directors, Director Technical Education and Director Science Education to represent the ministry is witnessing the issuance of the first check of one hundred thousand Naira (N100,000) given to the school. During the occasion, the objectives of the funding and retirement procedures were thoroughly discussed with the school management team and the ministry officials.

Together with the ministry officials, the school management agreed to utilize the initial funds in purchasing few text books that the school does not have, past NABTEB question papers and pay some allowance to teachers for extra evening lessons to the students.

The second trench of the funds will be used still in paying teachers allowances and for the purchase of hand sanitizers, face mask and other anti COVID equipment.

The third and final trench will be used to organize guidance and Counseling session for the graduating students, media visibility and honorarium to guest lecturers during the guidance and Counseling event which is to be on October 1st, 2020.

About Amada Government Girls College

Government Girls' Science and Technical College, Amada was established in August, 2007. At inception, the school was co-educational boarding school. The Ministry of Education in 2012 converted it to a female only boarding Technical college, the first of its kind in the North Eastern region of Nigeria so as to train and empower female artisans to reduce poverty and enhance technological advancement of the state and the nation at a whole.

The school has eight (8) departments, namely:

1. Block laying, bricklaying and concreting
2. Book keeping
3. Carpentry and joinery
4. Catering Craft Practice
5. Cosmetology
6. Electrical installation and Maintenance
7. Fabrication and Welding
8. Motor Vehicle Mechanics Works

School Statistics

1. Academic Staff: 35
2. Non-Academic Staff: 36
3. Students population: 989
 - a. NTC 3: 207
 - b. NTC2 : 325
 - c. NTC 1: 457

Project Supervision Visits

Upon signing the contract agreement for the project supervision, I went to meet the school management and the students to discuss the support conditions. The Principal, Hajiya Yawoji Ahmad Bala took me round the students and the examination hall. I met two hundred and seven (207) students in a big hall. Myself and the principal addressed the students appealing to them to show commitment to their studies given the extra lessons opportunity they have found.





My second visit to the school was to witness the extra lessons was on Saturday, the 17th September, 2020. The extra lessons were well attended by both teachers and students. Past question papers were seen being revised by in the classes and the students confessed that they benefitted immensely. A particular teacher expressed his surprise with the way he saw teachers struggling to get space on the timetable.

The third visit was to inspect the arrangement done for the examinations commencing on the 19th September, 2020. Earlier on we had discuss with the examination officer, Mr. Shamsudden about the need for spacing the desks in order achieve effective social distancing and use of face masks.

Guidance and Counseling Event

The event was conducted on the 1st October, 2020, the National Day. This was because; it is the only day that is exam free. It was a whole day session with visitors from the ministry of

education and the chairperson School base Management Committee. Three guest lecturers were invited. Dr. Abubakar Sadiq Usman from the Business Department of Gombe State University delivered his lecture to the students on Financial Literacy. Malam Ishaq Muhammad, the Coordinator of Arabic and Islamic Studies from the State Ministry of Education was the second guest lecturer who discussed with the students how to secure admission in the tertiary institutions and course selection in JAMB. Mrs Aishatu Haruna, the Guidance and Counseling Coordinator from the ministry of education also discussed the topic social vices in the institutions and how to shun from bad friends. Madam Victoria Bitrus Layapeh, is the guidance and Counseling officer of the school. She discussed the menace of teenage pregnancy.

Mr. Usman Abubakar , the director Technical Education is also one of the guest and representing Honorable commissioner of Education. A team of pressmen from the Gombe State Media Corporation were also in attendance.