REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRES AND ALMAJIRI SCHOOLS IN KANO STATE

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List of projects visited.

A. PHC:

1. Construction of Primary Health Care Centre, Tsanyawa local government, Kano State.
   - The Primary Health Care Centre, Tsanyawa is located along Kano/Katsina expressway. The Centre was commissioned on the 8\textsuperscript{th} of April, 2015 by his Excellency the ex-governor of Kano State Engr. Dr. Rabi’u Musa Kwankwaso.
   - The PHC was constructed by Babayo Audu & Sons Nig ltd.
   - A Type 1 Primary Health Care Centre.
   - Operating hours of the Centre commence at 8:00am to 4pm from Monday to Friday.
   - The Centre has about 20 staff and Mrs. Talatu Saleh is the “INCHARGE” (0806156673).
   - Type of services available at the PHC: Immunization / Maternal Newborn and Child care, only.
   - The Centre is the most recent in the whole of Tsanyawa local government and it’s carrying the burden of over 10 villages, which are: Garoji, Yanganwo, Paski, Kwaski, Kabagiwa, Paru-ruwa, Danblum, Yakanawa, Kunkuruwa, Harbau, Yargandu, Konda etc. And it’s being managed by Community Development Committee, but members of these committees were not officially elected and as a result, none of the members could be identified so as to ascertain vital informations on the modalities of the PHC.
   - It has one delivery room and one antenatal room. The building is yellow in colour, the roof, walls and mosquito nets are intact.
   - It has one toilet for both gender, no source of power supply, no means of communication, no Bicycle or Motorcycle, no waste disposal unit, no single water in the Centre, no staff accommodation, no visible sign post and the one they have is buried in the mud.
   - The following were noticed as the minimum furnishings for Type 1 primary Health Care: 1 Fetoscope, 2 Stethoscope, 1 injection safety box, 2 scissors, 1 tape rule and 1 weighing scale.
In addition to the above information, the PHC has the minimum requirement for a Type 1 Primary Health Care. According to Marigm Umar. Bala, one of the staff in the Centre said that “the PHC is overburdened as it is saddled with the responsibility of containing over 10 villages due to lack of functional Primary Health in those communities and that they had to attend to at least 60 pregnant women everyday”. She equally said that the Centre resort to candles at night when a woman is in labour, and that in the event of extreme emergency, no standby Motorcycle or vehicle to convey the person to the General Hospital which is locate in Bichi local government and is 40 minutes away from Tsanyawa Primary Health care.

I totally agree with her claim that the PHC is overburdened because I also witnessed too many abandoned Health Centre in Tsanyawa. And also, the Chairman of Tsanyawa Vigilante group Alhaji Saminu further confirmed that too many health facilities were left abandoned for some years now, making it difficult for the people of Tsanyawa to have good access to medication. He also complained about the poor state of PHC in Kano state generally and alleged that about 5 PHC in five different local governments awarded to Trustcon Nig. Ltd were all left abandoned till this very moment and these projects are located in the following LGA: Tsanyawa, Shanono, Bagwai, Kunchi and Tofa local government respectively.

Contribute for drugs

2. Construction of Primary Health Care in Farun-Ruwa Tash, Tudun Wada local government, Kano State.
   - The Primary Health Care Centre, is located in Farun-Ruwa Tash, Tudun Wada, a Muslim community of about 2000 people. The Centre was completed and commissioned sometime in 2015 and was handed over to the community on June 10, 2016.
   - The PHC was constructed by Varush Global Service ltd.
   - A Type 1 Primary Health Care Centre.
   - Operating hours of the Centre commence at 8:00am to 4pm from Monday to Friday.
   - The Centre has 4 staff and Mr. Isha Sani Saleh is the “INCHARGE” (08067407402). 3 other supporting staff but they were absent
   - Type of services available at the PHC: Malaria only.
   - The Centre has two rooms. The building has a mixture of Yellow & White colour, the roof, walls and mosquito nets are intact.
- It has one toilet for both gender, no source of power supply, no means of communication, no Bicycle or Motorcycle, no waste disposal unit, no single water in the Centre, no staff accommodation, but there is a visible sign post.
- The following were noticed as the minimum furnishings for Type 1 primary Health Care: 1 Stethoscope, 1 injection safety box, 2 scissors, 1 tape rule and 1 weighing scale.

According to Mr. Isah Sani Saleh, “Farun-Ruwa Health Centre is always busy and that they don’t have enough staff and space for the patients and most times they do admit and effect medication to some patients in the toilet and in the event of any emergency, the patient will be referred to General Hospital Tudun-Wada and it’s about an hour journey. When I worked round the entire building I discovered that they don’t have light, water, no security personnel, no single bed, the patients are left with no option but to resort to local mattress. They don’t have drugs often as they are meant to depend on Roll Back Malaria Project (RBM) and they only supply the drugs quarterly. They have given them the first quarter and still await that of second quarter. The wait is really given the medical personnel’s a serious cause for worry and as a result, they had to contribute within themselves to buy drugs for their patients.

3. **Construction and Equipping of Model Primary Health Centre, Yaryasa, Tudun Wada local government Kano State.**

This Primary Health Care is located in Yaryasa Village in Tudun-Wada local government a Muslim dominated community of about 2400 people. It was **commissioned on the 8th of April, 2015** by his Excellency the ex-governor of Kano State Engr. Dr. Rabi’u Musa Kwankwason.

The Centre is more or less deserted as nothing serious is going on. It has about 7 rooms which are all empty and unequipped. As I work around the Project, I met two men in one of the rooms, Mr. Sani Usman and Mr. Aminu Yahaya, the former declined request for his mobile contact while the later provided his (07031120852), I introduced myself and asked them why the whole place is so unkept and deserted. They told me that the PHC has been like that ever since it was commissioned in April, 2015. That nothing serious is going on and they don’t have drugs and doctors do contribute money to buy drugs for patients. No light, water, security, cleaners, hospital equipments and as a result they can’t admit people.

He also said that all they do and have been doing for some time is to provide counselling to their patients and then refer them to another health Centre.
The condition of the PHC was so bad to the extent that I became confused if I was actually at the right place. How can a Centre commissioned early 2015 be that bad? But both men kept insisting that the PHC is the only Model PHC in the whole of Tudun-Wada local government. Even the INCHARGE in PHC Farun-Ruwa also confirmed that it’s the only Model PHC in Tudun-Wada. And I think they are right because when you look at the commissioned date, you discover that it has the same date with other PHC’s recently constructed in other local governments.

Adding to my confusion was the name on the sign post. The name of the contractor on the sign post is “Maximum Works Ltd” as against the name we have on budeshi “Miagari Global Services Ltd”.

4. **Primary Health Care, in Daurawa, Dala local government Kano State.**

The Centre was commissioned on the 8th of April, 2015 by his Excellency the ex-governor of Kano State Engr. Dr. Rabi’u Musa Kwankwaso.

The Centre is functioning but was under lock and key when I got there, and as a result, making it difficult for me to access and examine their modus of operation. When I asked people within the premises, they told me that the PHC is only accessible on Monday’s, that’s once per week. This is very bad because they are making life difficult for people who are in need of medical assistance even though there are more health facilities in Dala local government unlike other local governments.

Daurawa is a combination of Muslim and Christian community with a population of about 4000 people.

There is no sign post attached to this project to help identify who the contractor was. And all my efforts going to the Secretariat to discuss with the H.O.D health and have her identify the projects were to no avail as she was nowhere to be found. But I believe it was the project I was looking for as all enquiry pointed towards that direction. And was equally commission on the same date as the above.

5. **Primary Health Care, Doguwa local government.**

This project was very difficult to locate due to lack of specific location. All the PHC that I visited has no sign post making it difficult to identify the actual PHC constructed by “Young Stallion Nig.Ltd”. Worthy of mention was the fact that even the H.O.D health of Doguwa local government Mr. Ubale Barau (08036378295) could also not identify the project. He called all his contact persons in all the PHC’s that are functioning and ask each of them to
go and check their sign post and see who the contractor was. When they all called back, it was discovered that none of the functional PHC’s was constructed by the above contractor. He then took me to three more PHC that are well completed but still under lock and key. When we got to those projects I checked their sign posts and still could not find the name of the above contractor. He told me that he is suspecting one completed and abandoned PHC in Sabon gari, Doguwa. When we got there, we didn’t see any sign post to confirm if it was the project we were searching for, but he kept assuring me that it was indeed the project. I said okay and took pictures of the project. When we drove out of the environment, I asked him what he was doing to make sure that all those PHC’s under lock and key are functioning, he said he is really doing everything he can to get the attention of the key people in government to come to their aid, that even the present chief whip of the Federal House of representative Honourable Yakubu Doguwa is not showing any interest in the poor state of health facilities in Doguwa local government.

From what I witnessed in Doguwa local government, I can tell that this local government has over 10 completed PHC’s that are not functional and this terrible situation is not in any way in the interest of the people in that community because the aim of constructing that PHC has been defeated.


I visited Sumaila local government, “Settlement of Rumo” precisely, to observe and monitor the present state of the PHC in that community. When I got to the village I discovered that the PHC is still not only under construction, but was left abandoned at the expenses of the people in that community who said they were happy the moment they learnt that a new health facility will be installed in their community.

Settlement of Rumo Primary Health Care is among the PHC’s destined to be the first point of contact for access to medication in Sumaila local government, Kano State, but unfortunately, it became one of too many PHC’s left abandoned in the State and as a result, causing more pain and agony in the life of the people in those communities who were supposed to benefit from the health facilities.

The people of Sumaila are languishing in pain for lack of medical facilities and to further intensify their worries, their only hope for medication has been abandoned for over a year.
They were really angry with the contractor and everyone behind the project. It was so bad that when they realize I came from Abuja to inspect the project they all came out in numbers to attack me. I had to plead with them to calm down and hear me out, that I came in peace.

Thereafter one of the guys whose name is Abdulahi (the son of the village head 08020482115) took me to the project site and it was indeed abandoned and of no use. The PHC is now a hideout for smokers, a comfort zone for gamblers and a grazing land for cows.

So, soon thereafter, the guy took me to their village elders who were really not happy about the state of the PHC. They pleaded with me to do everything within my power and have the project completed. They complained terribly and told me that malaria is killing their children, and that the high rate of maternal mortality is alarming.

At the project site, there was no signpost to help identify who the contractor was but they confidently identified the contractor when I wrote the name “Drumlyn Nig. Ltd” on a sheet of paper.

B. Almajiri Schools:


The above school was well constructed but not in use. The students are still making use of the old structure directly opposite the new school.

Head Master – Mr. Hayyakallah (08037709186) and Mr. Shamsu Isah (09093740388) a staff/teacher.

According to the headmaster, the school commenced in 2015 and they only have 50 students. They can’t admit new set of student due to lack of space as the school is a boarding school.

When we entered the newly constructed school, the whole place was covered with bush, no equipment, water, light nor signpost. Even the Chairman of Tsanyawa local government whose house is directly opposite the abandoned school could not do anything about it.
8. Madunatul andab, quranic and Islamic School, Daibah R/Lemu, Dala local government.

The school is located at the above address in Dala local government. It was constructed by Mobgal Concept Ltd. No date of completion or commission, but according to the school headmaster, they started using the new building on 7th January, 2016.

Head master- Mohammed Tanko (08022409500)
Assistant proprietor- Naziru Saminu (08053951639)

The school is a boarding school with just 50 students and they are now in primary two.

Education in the school is free. Materials are being supplied by both the State and local government. And they don’t get support from Federal Government since the inception of the school.

According to the Headmaster, too many students want to come to school but they can’t admit them due to lack of space in the school hostel and as a result making it impossible for them to have new set of student which is not good for the development of both the State and the Country.

The entire school environment is flooded with water, no light and water for the students.

9. Hayyatudeen Islamiya Primary School, Kofar Fada, Doguwa local government, Model 1.

Hayyatudeen Islamiya is an old structure located in Kofar Fada, in Doguwa local government of Kano State. It is the only Hayyatudeen in the whole of Doguwa local government according to the school headmaster Mr. Mallam Saminu Adamu (07033524019).

Kofar Fada, Doguwa local government is a Muslim dominated community of about 3000 people.

When I asked the headmaster to take me to the newly constructed Hayyatudeen Islamiya, he laughed and said “there’s nothing like that in Doguwa local government”.

According to the headmaster, He said that some people came to the school few years ago claiming to be contractors saddled with the responsibility of constructing a new Hayyatudeen Islamiya Primary School in Kofar Fada, doguwa. They took pictures of the old
structure and interviewed some residents on how and where they want to have the new almajiri school constructed. But since then till now, they were nowhere to be found.

Hayyatudeen Islamiya Primary school has over 300 students with only two rooms available for them. According to the headmaster, they often take the students to Emir’s house for studies due to lack of space, something that could be avoided had the proposed construction came to pass.

The old Islamiya school has no water, light or any source of income and that they have to sell their farm products before they could provide necessary assistance to the students.

Therefore, they are calling on relevant authorities to please come to their aid and save them from this present situation. Also, that someone should please explain to them why the school was not constructed.