

The Open Classroom President Seeks Your Support



Hajiya Nana-Aisha Abu Ali, President of The Open Classroom, our school-based NGO

- Planned a land purchase for our literacy project
- Built a 2-meter cement fence around the land purchased at Rugan Fulani—Mando, Kaduna
- Planted trees around perimeter of the fence
- Provided a 3-month Professional Teacher Training Workshop for education supervisors from each Kaduna State Local Government

We have excelled under the able leadership of our ever dedicated and devoted CEO—Mrs. D.L. Mohammed. I would also seize this opportunity to thank the following:

- His Excellency Gen. Muhammadu Buhari—Our Grand Patron
- His Excellency Alh. Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi—The Executive Governor of Kaduna State
- Guaranty Trust Bank
- Mrs. Florence Nyam—Chairperson of the Kaduna State Local Government Service Board
- Philadelphia City Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell

and all the hard work from our volunteer teachers and staff You have all proven that there is “HOPE FOR THE AFRICAN CHILD.”

I crave for your indulgence and support as always to help the Open Classroom realize its goals and objectives for the African Child.

Remember always that we are a team. We must not fail!

Our Members: Hajiya Nana Aisha Abu Ali, Mrs. Balaraba Garba, Mr. Seth Kerchiri, Mrs. Rosalind Diane Ede, Mr. Kwame Donkor, M. Sidi, M. Moussa, M. Sani Roufai, Mrs Florence Osara, Mrs. Aishatu Mahmood, Mrs. Bambale, Mrs Rumah, Mr. Frank Collins, Malam Nasiru, Mr. Amama, Mrs. D. L. Mohammed

Our Trustees: Alh. Hafiz Wali, Brig. Gen. Garba Mohammed, (rtd), Hajiya Aisha Muhammadu Buhari

Our Patrons: Engr. Godwin Ede, Alh Lawal Idris, Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell

Our Grand Patron: His Excellency, Gen. Muhammadu Buhari (rtd)

Our Corporate Partner: Guaranty Trust Bank, Kaduna

The theme of the Open Classroom reads as follows: “We emerge from the African Heritage Village like soldier ants trooping out from the forest floor, not to devour but to propagate knowledge, inspire and give hope to Africa’s children.”

Recently the Open Classroom has

- Conducted a successful workshop on Basic Literacy Training
- Liaised with other NGOs like PARE & Hope for the Village Child
- Contacted Guaranty Trust Bank for building assistance, specifically—2 classrooms, a Health Care Centre, boys and girls toilets, and a borehole

At the Open Classroom, We Never Forget that Learning can be fun!



Face painting



Putting together puzzles

The Open Classroom

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Our School-based NGO at The African Heritage Village

We Are Immunized!



Nursery students at The Open Classroom school at Rugan Fulani proudly display their immunization cards

On Saturday November 26, 2005, the students of Rugan Fulani took a bold step towards safeguarding the health of the community by allowing all of the younger generation to be immunized against early childhood diseases including polio. More importantly they decided to trust the advice given to them by The Open Classroom for natal, neo-natal, and post-natal care for their families. In this ground-breaking and historic moment, it was the young people who led the way by adopting a practice that will give their children a better chance in life. It all began when one of our members spoke with a parent of Essence International School, Mrs. Aishatu Awaisu, a nurse and administrator at Kawo General Hospital, about the possibility of facilitating

a health care plan for our learning community at Rugan Fulani. Mrs. Awaisu responded positively and suggested a Saturday when she could visit with the Fulani, explain to them the benefits of immunization against polio and other childhood diseases, and carry out the immunization at the same time. As an NGO we have held sensitization sessions with members of the community, but it was left up to them to adopt or reject the initiative. We want to believe that they acted on trust, knowing that we are sincere in our efforts to improve their prospects in life.

A message to all parents: Please ensure that your children are immunized against childhood diseases, and keep your immunization records.