ICT and Distance Learning in Tertiary Education Institutions During School Closure: NOUN’s Strategy and Other Responses

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COVID-19 Pandemic

CASE DEVELOPMENTS

GLOBAL

- Countries, Areas or Territories Affected: 202
- Confirmed Cases: 754,948
- Deaths: 36,571
Case Update in Nigeria

COVID-19 CASE UPDATE
38 NEW CASES CONFIRMED
11:10p.m. 20th April, 2020

TOTAL CONFIRMED: 665
DISCHARGED: 188
DEATHS: 22

NCDC Toll-free Number: 080097000010
Twitter/Facebook: @NCDCgov/ COVID19.NCDC.GOV.NG
7th most populous country

Estimated population of 200 million

164 Universities

Total enrolment in Universities 1.961 million

School closure to curb the spread of COVID-19 since March 23, 2020

Disruption of education
Foremost Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Institution

M mandate:
• Providing highly accessible, cost-effective and flexible education
• Learning at your doorstep: anywhere, anytime

84 Study Centres, spread across the nation
Over 500,000 enrolled students

NOUN’s Inclusive policy:
• 100% waiver for inmates
• Scholarship for young girls in rural communities who do not have equal opportunity as a result of cultural barriers
Leveraging on the affordances of technology, NOUN offers:

- **Online facilitation:**
  - Video Conferencing Sessions
  - Discussion forums
  - Chat Sessions
  - [https://mylearningspace.nouedu2.net](https://mylearningspace.nouedu2.net)
  - [https://elearn.nouedu2.net](https://elearn.nouedu2.net)

- **Continuous assessment via Computer Based Tests**

- **Project Administration System**
  - [https://pas.nouedu2.net/](https://pas.nouedu2.net/)
NOUN’s Strategy

NOUN equally provides:

- Massive Open Online Course (MOOCS): NOUN & UNESCO
  - www.nounmooc.org
- Open Educational Resources (OERs): Collaboration of NOUN & UNESCO
- NOUN e-courseware
- Africa Centre of Excellence for Technology Enhanced Learning (ACETEL)
  - Development of learning resources for three new programmes at the postgraduate level
  - Virtual Training
COVID-19 Education Responses

➢ Federal Government
   • Coordinated Task Force
   • Unity School Virtual Learning Platform
   • Broadcast of subjects via the National Television and Radio stations
   • Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, IBM & Huawei
COVID-19 Education Responses

State Government

- Ogun: OGUNDIGICLASS
- Bauchi & UNESCO: School Meets Learner Approach (SMLA)

Private Organisations

- Mobile Classroom App: Free access
  https://www.mobileclassroom.com.ng
- SchoolGate E-Learning Service:
  https://www.schoolgate.ng/classes/index

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(Morning session)

01:00pm to 02:00pm
(Afternoon Session).

Be reminded that the programme would run for a period of one month.

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Prospects

- NOUN has great potentials for extending access to learning in Nigeria and beyond.
- NOUN’s expertise and pool of resources can be deployed to support Teachers and Lecturers in the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary institutions.
- Require the support of the Federal Government, UNESCO, Common Wealth of Learning as well as other private institutions.
NOUN can accomplish the following:

- Digitisation of courses for public primary, secondary and tertiary institutions
- Training of Teachers in the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary institutions
- Training of Parents on the use of ICT in Distance Learning
- Digitization and integration of assessment into the Lessons broadcast on TV and Radio, so that students' can be assessed for promotion

Establish data repositories that can be shared by other institutions.
Challenges

► Unstable power supply
► Limited access to the Internet
► Inadequate provision of learning devices
► Lack of skilled Teachers and Lecturers
► Lack of skilled Parents
► Sparse support from the countrywide budget
Recommendations

► Exploration of alternative sources of power supply such as the solar energy;
► Commitment on the part of Government to fully support Open and Distance Electronic Learning as a viable alternative;
► Establishment of firmer partnerships with UNESCO, COL, and other public and private institutions
► Collaboration with Internet Service Providers such as Airtel, MTN, 9Mobile
► Partnership with Phone Companies:
  • Huawei, NOKIA, Apple etc.


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