

ABOUT US

The Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation (SABMF) was founded by the Governors of the 19 northern states of Nigeria in cooperation with the associates, friends, admirers and well-wishers of the late Sir Ahmadu Bello, KBE, the Sardauna of Sokoto and Premier of the defunct northern region to pursue the legacy of leadership and good governance bequeathed by late Sir Ahmadu Bello to bring Northern Nigeria back to reckoning in terms of human and economic development.

It was launched in 2009 as a non-governmental organization, and was registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission on 19th January, 2009.

SABMF is conceived as an intervention agency that conceptualizes, designs, develops and executes programmes directly, partnering with other global and local NGOs or by collaborating with special interests that share the same or similar objectives with us in realizing their set goals and objectives which should be within the general framework for socio-economic development.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since its inception, the Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation has achieved remarkable milestones, thanks to the foresight and determination of both the Foundation's Board of Trustees & Advisory Council, and its strong Management. The following are some of the modest achievements of SABMF, covering various aspects of its core mandate.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The Foundation as part of its mandate to develop and empower women and youths in the Northern region has conducted series of training under its Women Vocational Entrepreneurship Development Programme (WVEDP), in order to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies of beneficiary women and youth on entrepreneurship. A total of 2,900 beneficiaries were trained.

The training programmes were conducted in all the 19 Northern States. In 2022 the Foundation trained community leaders and owners of tsangaya schools on the importance of integration of Almajiri system of education with Western education. Also, in 2023 soft skills training was conducted in SMEs in Yobe State and a similar one in Nasarawa State. In 2024, the Foundation organized a One-Day Arewa Youth Assembly Programme aimed at encouraging Youths to prioritize entrepreneurship for personal fulfillment and sustainable economic development. Also in 2024, the Foundation in collaboration with MacArthur Foundation, unveiled the Almajiri Skills Acquisition Training Project, where selected Almajiri students were introduced to traditional cap making and design as well local embroidery designs.

UNDERGRADUATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

In 2012 SABMF introduced Undergraduate Scholarship in public tertiary institutions in Nigeria to promote the study of science and technology by indigent students of the 19 northern states and the FCT. So far, 880 students were awarded scholarships of One Hundred Thousand Naira only (N100,000:00) each annually for the duration of their courses of between four (4) years to seven (7) years.



HEALTH

The Foundation designed and executed its Health Care related programmes. Such programmes include Medical Caravans, training of Traditional Birth Attendants, Health Education Programmes, and Vaccinations etc. In addition to that, SABMF supports training of manpower in the medical sector among others.

EMERGENCY TRAUMA/BLAST CARE SKILLS FOR DOCTORS AND HEALTH WORKERS:

The Foundation under its Health Strengthening Intervention programme successfully conducted three zonal workshops on Emergency Trauma/Blast Care Skills for Doctors and Health Workers with 209 participants. Workshops were held in Gombe (North East Zone) and Sokoto (North West Zone) in June 2013 as well as in Ilorin (North Central Zone) in November 2013. Under the Medical programme, the Foundation had trained 156 medical doctors and nurses in Blast Skills and Trauma Management.

SABMF FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH

Conducted for Rabah Community in Rabah Local Government Area of Sokoto State in 2017, where over 2,000 people were screened and treated for various diseases, including surgical operations.

SAFE DRINKING WATER PROJECT & HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTIONS

The Foundation in its Health Programme Intervention achieved the following:

- Constructed and Commissioned Solar Powered Borehole with Lead Free-Water Purification Scheme at Yar-Galma Village in Bukkuyum Local Government of Zamfara State.
- Constructed Solar Powered Borehole in Daretta community of Zamfara State to provide access to safe and portable drinking water.
- Another Solar Powered Borehole was constructed and commissioned in Kagara community of Niger State.
- Construction of boreholes in two communities in Gindin Akwati of Barikin-Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.
- The Foundation also produced and distributed 30,000 face masks to all the 19 states of the North and the FCT to help curtail the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Foundation sponsored the production and airing of jingles on TV and Radio on the dangerous effects of COVID-19 and steps to avoid the disease.
- The Foundation sponsored the Production and airing of Jingles on TV and Radio on Peace and Conflict resolution towards maintenance of peace and security across Nigeria.
- In September 2024, the Foundation provided **₦20,000,000 (Twenty Million Naira)** humanitarian assistance to the Borno State Government to support victims of the Maiduguri floods. The donation was accompanied by a sympathy visit and prayers for the state's recovery. This intervention underscores the Foundation's commitment to disaster relief and supporting vulnerable communities across Northern Nigeria.

LEADERSHIP AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

January of every year is earmarked by the Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation to mark the unfortunate demise of Sir Ahmadu Bello, Premier of the Northern Region, the Prime Minister of the



Federal Republic of Nigeria, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, and many other illustrious leaders of the North on January 15, 1966. The day is marked with the Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Annual Lecture, in remembrance of the qualities of leadership and good governance they epitomized, and to discuss topical issues to proffer solutions to the nation's socio – economic challenges for sustainable peace, unity and progress of the North and Nigeria.

The maiden edition of Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Lecture was held in December 2012. It was delivered by Prof. (Amb) Ibrahim Agboola Gambari.

1. The 50th Commemoration Conference and lecture on the demise of Sir Ahmadu Bello, delivered by Arc Muhammad Dewu, 2016.
2. The Agenda Setting Conference on Security and Development of Northern Nigeria was held 2017, and delivered by Dr Suleyman Ndanusa.
3. Conference on the Herdsmen/Farmers Conflict, 2018 delivered by Bishop Mathew Hassan Kukah.
Second edition of the round table on Farmers/Herders conflict was organized in July 2018.
4. Comparative Analysis between the Presidential and Parliamentary System of Government 2019 delivered by Prof C.J. Dakas
5. Integrated Agriculture for Food Security and Sustainable Economic Regeneration in Northern Nigeria, delivered by Vice Admiral Murtala H. Nyako GCON, January 2020.
6. Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Northern Nigeria Economy, delivered by Prof Nazifi Darma, Dr Sagagi, Dr Sarah Alade and Prof Ummu A Jalingo in 2021.
7. Role of Traditional Institutions in Combating Insecurity in Northern Nigeria delivered by HRH Justice Sidi Bage, Emir of Lafia in Kano 2022.
8. In October 2022, the Foundation organised an interactive session with frontline Presidential candidates in Kaduna with a view to getting closer look of their manifestos and to extract commitment of good governance from them.
9. The 2023 Elections: Panacea for Search for Good Governance in Nigeria, delivered by Prof PLO Lumumba of Kenya. May 2023.
10. Beyond Lamentations: Uprooting Banditry And Insurgency Through Good Governance For Sustainable Development In Nigeria. Delivered by Prof Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, GCON one-time President of the United Nations General Assembly. 27th January 2024
11. Nature's Bounty: Turning Northern Nigeria's Natural Resources into Sustainable Prosperity; coined by the Guest Speaker as Northern States of Nigeria: Three Tomorrows. Delivered by Dr. Mansur Mukhtar OFR. Sarkin Ban Kano, District Head of Dambatta Local Government of Kano State, former Executive Director World Bank, former Vice President of Operations IsDB and Current Chairman Bank of Industry Federal Republic of Nigeria. Monday 24th February, 2025.
12. On 29-30 July 2025, the Foundation organized **a two-day Government-Citizens Engagement** in Kaduna to assess the Federal Government's Performance under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration. The session provided a platform for dialogue between government representatives and citizens, focusing on National Security, Agriculture, Infrastructure, Social Services, Governance, and Economy. The initiative aimed to bridge the gap between policy and public perception, dispel misinformation, and promote accountable governance. The engagement



underscores the Foundation's commitment to good governance and socio-economic development in Nigeria.

SIR AHMADU BELLO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

In recognition of the selfless and exemplary service of individuals to the nation, the Foundation has instituted the Annual Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Distinguished Service Awards, whereby deserving individuals are selected in an open and transparent manner. Award recipients must have excelled in their chosen fields of human endeavours.

So far, the following personalities have received awards from the Foundation:

2019

- Hon Justice Muhammad Lawal Uwais Retired Chief Justice of Nigeria
- Imam Abubakar Abdullahi (who saved non - Muslims during the sectarian crisis in Plateau State)
- Dr Lateef Taiwo Sheikh, Department of Psychiatry Ahmadu Bello University Zaria
- Bishop Isaiah Idowu – Fearon, Secretary – General of the Anglican Communion

2020

- H. E. Gen Yakubu Gowon Ph.D., GCFR, former Head of State and Commander – in – Chief Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Hon Justice Fati Lami Abubakar, former First Lady and Chief Judge of Niger State
- Late H.E. Alh Shehu Aliyu Shagari GCFR former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria **(Posthumous)**
- Late Chief Sunday Folorunsho Awoniyi former associate of the late Premier of Northern region **(Posthumous)**

2021

- Hon Justice Maryam Aloma Mukhtar GCON former CJN
- Alh Aminu Alhassan Dantata, CON

2022

- His Eminence John Cardinal Onaiyekan, CON former Archbishop of Abuja
- Late Hon. Justice Mamman Nasir GCON **(Posthumous)**
- Bar Zanna Mustafa (Recipient of CNN Icon of the year Award)

2023

- Gen. Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, GCFR, former Head of State and Commander – in – Chief Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Sen. Iya Abubakar
- Dr Sarah O. Alade, OON, former CBN Deputy Governor

2024

- Late Prof Emeritus Umaru Shehu, CFR, **(Posthumous)**
- Prof Adamu David Baikie, CON
- Prof Deborah Enilo Ajakaiye, OON, mni
- Hajiya Aisha Muhammad Nahuce

2025

- Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa **(Posthumous)**
- Rev. Dr. Yakubu Pam (Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria of the 19 Northern States and FCT Abuja)
- Hajiya Rabiatu Umar Said Fulani (Sarauniya Charity Foundation)



EDUCATION

1. Northern Education Review Summit: Critical stakeholders from the 19 northern states and FCT reviewed the situation of education in the region and proffered far reaching measures to improve the situation based on the existing plans. March 2011.
2. Teacher Training on Quality Teaching: SABMF sponsored a teacher training workshop on Quality Teaching for 100 teachers in Primary Schools in Northern Nigeria in February, 2016.
3. Research on the Status of Education in Northern Nigeria: In March 2018, the Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation commenced a research on the State of Education in Northern Nigeria. In 2020 a comprehensive report detailing the state of education in all the states of the north was concluded. The report serves as a source of information and data for policy and development purposes.
4. One day round table training on Agriculture extension services to improve agricultural yields and outputs. Abuja 2022.
5. One day round table discussion on reforming the Almajiri system of education with owners of tsangaya schools 2022.
6. National Conference on Education in Northern Nigeria in Abuja in October 2023.
7. Transforming the Almajiri system of education in Northern Nigeria. A programme embarked upon to support Almajiri children to get opportunities for conventional education where more than 100 Almajiri children are benefiting **(on going)**.
8. JAMB CBT Training for SS3 students in Kaduna State 2024
9. Establishment of First Arewa University; **(in progress)**.
10. Empowering the Almajiri Education and Skills Acquisition Project in collaboration with MacArthur Foundation-2024
11. The Foundation organizes **monthly Online Mentorship Programme** that brings together accomplished leaders, Professionals and Mentors to guide, inspire and empower Young Nigerians. The initiative serves as a platform for career guidance, leadership development, and knowledge sharing, equipping participants with practical knowledge, skills, ethical values, and networks needed to excel in their fields while upholding the enduring legacy of Sir Ahmadu Bello, the Sardauna of Sokoto.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

Having recognized the importance of mentorship in the growth and development of our teeming youthful population, the Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation instituted a mentorship programme aimed at directly imbibing the culture of responsibility, leadership and good governance in them. Some of our mentees include:

- The Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation Scholarship Beneficiaries
- SABMF Ambassadors in all the 19 States of the North and FCT

PUBLICATIONS

In line with its mandate on knowledge –based development research, the Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation has undertaken a lot of researches leading to several publications, covering several aspects of our national life. Our publications are being used as sources of relevant data and



information by policy makers, organizations, academics, and individuals. Some of the publications include:

1. Constitution of the Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation (2008)
2. Sir Ahmadu Bello Sardauna of Sokoto late Premier of Northern Nigeria Selected Speeches and Quotes 1953 1966 (October 2009)
3. Sardauna media Coverage 1950 – 1966 (October 2009)
4. Sir Ahmadu Bello Sardauna of Sokoto Words on Marble (July 2009)
5. Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation Events in Pictures A catalogue of Achievements
6. Rethinking the Security and Development Agenda for Northern Nigeria (April 2017)
7. The Evolution of Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation (2019)
8. Northern Perspectives on Key Issues at the 2014 National Conference of Nigeria (2015)
9. The State of Education in Northern Nigeria volumes 1 & 2, 2020.
10. Post COVID-19 Pandemic: Way Forward for Northern Economy (Synopsis from Expert's Dialogue Sessions) 2020
11. Position of Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation on Rape and Other Gender based Violence in Nigeria 2020
12. Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation: Events in Pictures
13. Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation Maiden Edition Newsletter, 2022
14. Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation Newsletter, 2023
15. Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation Newsletter, 2024
16. Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation Annual Lecture Series on Leadership and Good Governance, Vol. 1- 2024
17. Compendium of Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation Scholars- 2024



MEDIA AND PUBLICITY

The Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation SABMF maintains a strong Social Media presence with the following:

1. Facebook page: Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation (SABMF)
2. SABMF TV on Facebook
3. Twitter Account: Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation
4. LinkedIn Account: Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation
5. Web Address: ahmadubellomemfoundation.org



6. Instagram: Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial fndn
7. Koo: Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation
8. LinkedIn: Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation

Our activities and press releases are well circulated by major media organisations.

