

PROBLEMS OF HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION ON CAMPUS, A SURVEY OF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION HONG, ADAMAWA STATE

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ABSTRACT

The survey revealed that most of students lived on campus and that the problem is severe to the extent that two to five students share one bed space. The major causes of the problem according to the findings is the over enrolment of students into the college as the college now upgrade some department into degree awarding institution, others are lack of maintainers and students vandalization. The problem of the accommodation according to the findings if not address lead to poor academic performance, overcrowding, stealing, raping and sexual assault among others. The research also discovered other problems, which include over stretching of facilities like toilet and water. The survey gave recommendations which the researcher believe will help to reduce the problems of accommodation in the college

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Introduction:

The college of education Hong was created in 1982 by the then Gongola state Governor Abubakar Barde. It was created as advance teachers college (ATC) and starting operation in its temporary site. The college name was later changed to college of education and move to its permanent site in 1996. The college is the only college of education own by the state. The college is an educational institution which has its objectives toward the production of highly motivated and efficient teachers at various level of our educational systems. It is the only college of education own by Adamawa state which has the responsibilities of equipping students with knowledge and skills required for positioning of education in the state and the nation at

Bama and upgrading of some department to degree awarding department affiliated to Ahmadu Bello University Zaria etc. Which has created serious accommodation problem in the college to the extent that some student have decided to built round hut. Living with relatives, congested room and even sleeping in classes and lecture theatres.

Onyeyire, (2004) noted that the problem of student accommodation on campus have aggravated in such a way that overcrowding, congestion and squatter settlement have emerged in many institutions across the nation.

The Problem

Accommodation as it related to the survey is one of the basic need of man after food and water. Accommodation is the contemporary problem facing students in college of education Hong.

With the increasing number of students in the college due to high population growth, insecurity and closure of nearby college in Bama Borno State in the catchment area, upgrading and introduction of some programs above all over enrolment has become serious problems to the students.

Survey shows that 3-5 students share one bed space, which cause serious danger to their health, reduce academic performance, overcrowding and stretching of the limited facilities in the hostel. Most of the hostel facilities are dilapidated and toilet facilities untidy.

Hostels in the college of education Hong

Hostel could be seen as a place where students retire after daily academic activities. It is also a place where students abode.

Oxford dictionary also define it as a budget-oriented overnight lodging place, with dormitory accommodation and shared facilities, especially a youth hostel. There are nine blocks of hostel accommodation in the college and set of 6 more blocks under construction. Accommodating over fifteen thousand (15,000) students with yearly intake of over five thousand (5,000) students.

The problems of students accommodation in Nigeria is the same in any institution of higher learning, although globally it is not allowed to accommodate all students on campus due to security and other associated problems that may emerge.

Hostel can be housing, just like any housing, hostel can be finance by the school management or award contract through the formal (institutional) sources of housing (onibokun, 1990).

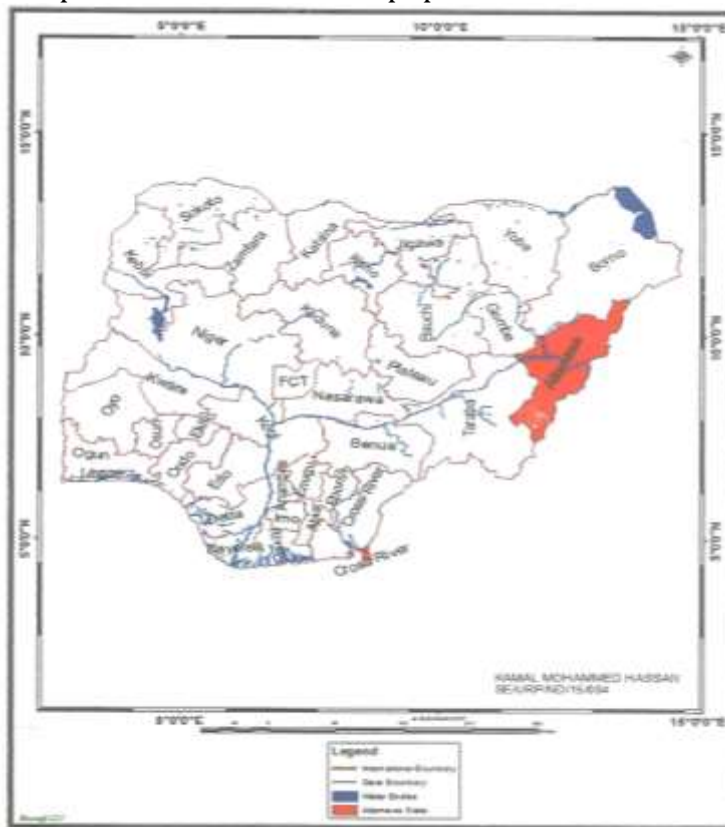
The blocks of hostel existing in the college which are in dilapidated conditions need to be maintain and rehabilitated while the ones under construction need to be supervised so that materials and specifications indicated in the design should be adhered to strictly.

Onibokun (1987) noted that the conditions of maintenance of building is closely related to the mode of construction. Consequently, the probability of good maintenance is highly when the good and durable materials are used in construction and the structure is not too complicated in form says Sulyman (2015).

Method adopted

Two types of data were used in collecting information for the survey. Data collected through observation, administering of questionnaires and personal interview forms the primary sources of data. While secondary data are data collected from already published journals, unpublished data, textbooks, internet etc.

Three hundred (300) questionnaire were administered in the college through random sampling techniques. Questions relating to problems of accommodation, number of students per bed space, residential status, causes of accommodation problem, its effects etc. were administered which represent two percent of the students population.



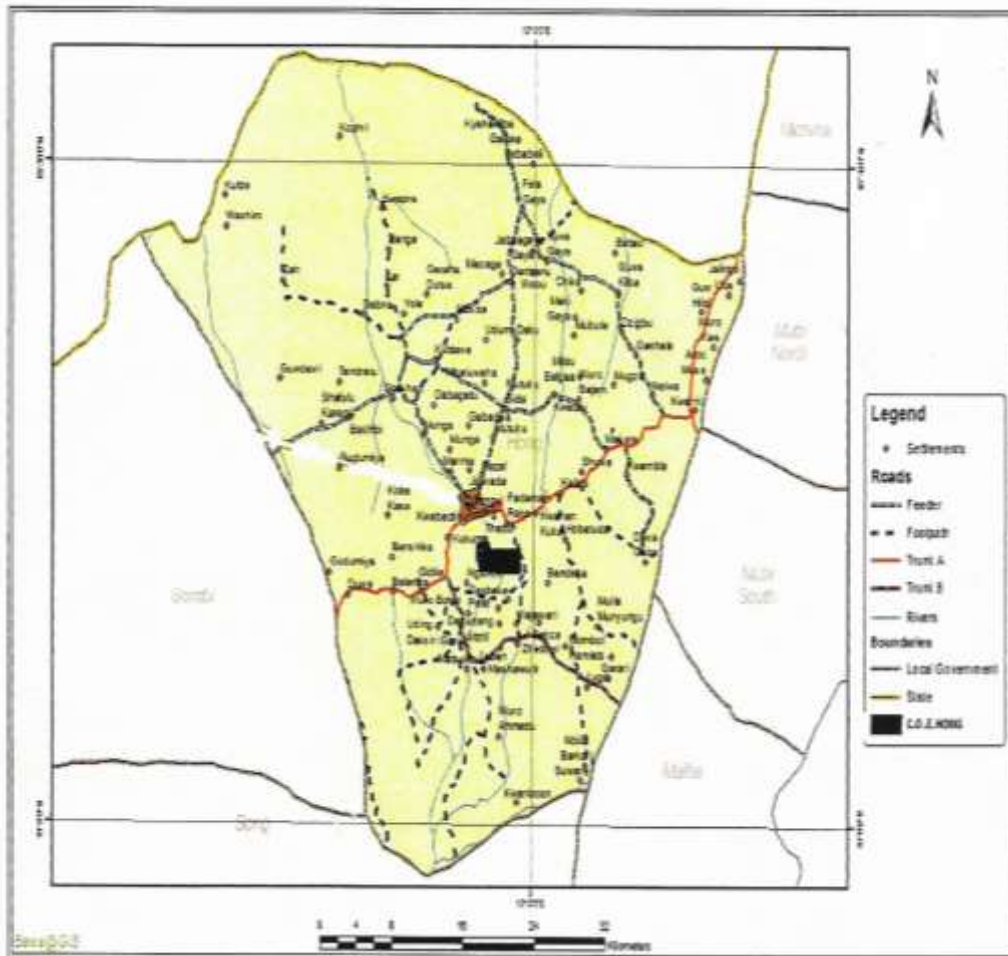
Map of Nigeria showing Adamawa State

Source: Adamawa State diary 2020



Map of Adamawa State Showing Hong Local Government Area

Source: Adamawa state diary 2020



Map of Hong Showing College of Education

Source: Adamawa State Diary 2020

Literature review

Shelter, or accommodation or housing is the dwelling unit and its environment; A dwelling unit may also referred to as a unit of accommodation for house-holds or group of people (Jafiya, 2019).

Ndu, Okeke (1997) lamented that the problem of students accommodation started in 1975 when the federal government took over the existing tertiary institution and established new ones without giving serious attention to the implication of such policy taken. Such policy according to him were also adopted in the state level where state run institutions exist.

Ezukwe (1990) emphasis that students frequently abundant their academic activities in search of accommodation, thereby rescheduling their lecturers and

some even resorted to building hut for themselves due to inadequate hostel accommodation.

Also, even those accommodated finally resulted in confrontation of each other due to insufficient wardrobe, corners and other facilities in the hostel. Some student stays off campus due to shortages of accommodation.

Oyeyire, (2004) contributed that due to inadequate student accommodation, some students are to live off campus thus exposing them to arm robbery and rapist, cultism among others.

Findings

Table 1: Residential Status

Status	Frequency	Percentage
On campus	209	69.7
Off campus	91	30.3
Total	300	100

Source: field survey, 2020

From the above table 69.7% of the students interviewed responded that they lived on campus despite hardship and lack of accommodation.

Table 2: Numbers of Students per Room

S/n	Number	Frequency	Percentage
1	4	41	13.7
2	6	59	19.7
3	8	70	23.3
4	10	130	43.3
Total	300	300	100

Source : field survey, 2020

From the above table, 43.3% of the students representing 130 people out of the sample population respondent that there are more than 10 student in their room

Table 3: Causes of Accommodation Problem

S/no	Causes	Frequency	Percentage
1	Over enrolment	170	56.7
2	Lack of maintaining existing facility	90	30
3	Students vandalization and habit	40	13.3
	Total	300	100

Source: field survey, 2020

From the table above, 170 students out of the sample population respondents that nothing more than over enrolment of students due to high population is the major cause of accommodation problem.

Table 4: Effects of Accommodation Problem on Student

S/No	Effect	Frequency	Percentage
1	Poor academic performance	159	56.3
2	Over crowding	50	16.7
3	Stealing and burglary	46	15.3
4	Raping and sexual abuse	35	11.7
	Total	300	100

Source: field survey, 2020

From the table above 169 students from the sample population representing 56.3 percent responded that major effect of accommodation problem is poor academic performance by student.

The survey however enumerated the following problems associated with accommodation in college of education Hong.

- ✓ Most of the Hostels are in their dilapidated stage and therefore need serious rehabilitation.
- ✓ Facilities like toilet, wardrobe and water are over stretch due to high population in the college.
- ✓ Overcrowding of students in all the rooms in the hostel
- ✓ Reading tables and wardrobe are not available, the few ones are over stretch as ealier mentioned.
- ✓ Student vandalization as it is habit of students in any tertiary institution affect hostel facilities rehabilitated by the school management.
- ✓ Overcrowding in most of the rooms surveyed may lead to rape, lack of privacy assault etc.
- ✓ The findings also discovered that there is low academic performance by student due to problems of accommodation.

Recommendations:

- i. Dilapidated hosted and structures should be rehabilitated, toilet facilities as well as water supply should be constantly provided and maintain.

- ii. School authority in collaboration with government should endeavor to complete the hostels under construction and new ones constructed to accommodate at least 40% of the entire students.
- iii. Over enrolment of students into college should be minimized by the authority and the government by establishing another college of education in another zone of the state.
- iv. Admission of student should be based on merits and available accommodation so as to reduce the problem.
- v. School management should ensure that private developers build accommodation outside the campus and allocate to student based on agreement with the management.

Conclusion

In conclusion, though the global standard is not to accommodate all students in any tertiary institution together, it is good to provide hostel accommodation to student so that at least forty to fifty percentage of the entire student should be accommodated. The college suffers great accommodation problem due to increasing students enrolment, upgrading of some programmers to degree awarding programs, creation of other course and destruction and closure of nearly college in Borno State among other.

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