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FOR WORD

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my mothers, sisters and children in the rural areas who offer me life, love and loyalty without compelling same from me. You truly deserve a BETTER LIFE from now till eternity.

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INTRODUCTION

As I sat in my parlour on Thursday 25th October, 1990 and watched the proceedings of the 3rd anniversary of the Better Life Programme (BLP) in Bauchi, on the 9 o'clock network news, an urge crept into my being to contribute something to or for the programme. This urge zeroed unto the feeling that something may be missing on the availability of information about the Better Life Programme and means of disseminating it. It was when I started on this work a week later that the urge subsided.

To make this work meaningful and especially to the best of my knowledge that this type of work had not been done, it was only reasonable that one begins from the inception of the BLP, that is September, 1987, when it was launched in Abuja.

This is a bibliography compiled from 12 daily newspapers. They are as much as possible good sources of information from all over the country especially from the grassroots. *Triumph* features events especially in Kano, Borno, Sokoto and Katsina States; *Statesman*, Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Cross River, Imo and Anambra States; *Sketch*, Oyo, Ogun, Ondo and Bendel States; *Herald*, Kwara and Niger States; *Standard* Plateau, Benue, Bauchi and Gongola States; *Reporter* and *New Nigerian* though having a national outlook naturally have bias for events in Kaduna State, their home; likewise the reporting of *Guardian*, *Punch*, *Daily Times*, *Vanguard* and *Concord* tilting heavily towards events in Lagos and the new Federal Capital Abuja. Nevertheless, each paper tries to be national in its reporting.

Purpose

- The main aim of this work is to provide some information for persons who may want to delve into the activities of the BLP from inception in order to improve upon them.
- It is to serve as a ready tool for the assessment of the activities of the Programme.
- It is to make it easy for persons to choose the information they need and go straight to where they can be found, rather than comb through a heap or file endlessly.
- It is to ginger up the interest for the compilation of information in various fields for the use of women.
- Finally it is to satisfy the yawning gap in the initial information material for easy and quick reference.

Usefulness

This work is of immense use to researchers, the National Commission for Women and its State counterparts, the various women organisations, be they professional or philanthropic, as reference information material. It is also useful as gifts to other countries who want to embark on such a programme or to improve upon what they have.

Coverage

The information listed here begins from the 14th of September, 1987 around the time the BLP was launched to the 30th of June, 1991. It is intended that this work will be continually updated.

Language

All the entries are in English.

Arrangement

Arrangement of this work is done yearly for ease of use. This means entries for 1987 are arranged alphabetically by title or author under that year. The following years follow suit in that order.

For uniformity and relevance, most of the entries are by title. When the nature of the article requires that the author be mentioned, it is done, but they are minimal.

Figures are arranged after the last alphabet with smaller content ones coming first, followed by bigger ones.

Entries are made with a modification of the Anglo American Cataloguing Rules (AACR 2).

Authority

To the best of my ability entries are accurately presented. Even when they are grammatically incorrect they have been presented as such to maintain their originality. This has been done since this work is basically a tool to lead one to the full text of the information.

Though exhaustivity is not being totally claimed to, the author is very convinced that justice has been done to the articles featured in the 12 daily newspapers in the period specified.

Special Features

This is not an annotated bibliography, because most of the entries are self-explanatory. However, where there is the need to be explicit, it has been done in parentheses as part of the entry. The lack of annotation is purely to prevent repetition.

Index:

Major subject areas have been identified and indexed. As much as possible this index is thorough and in some cases are cross referenced. It is also arranged alphabetically with arabic numerals bringing up the rear. Non indexed entries are those which deal with the general aspects of the BLP.

Conclusion

This work is to serve as a contribution to the growing information acquisition on the BLP. It has been the objective of the author to provide a reference tool which will lead users to the actual information. To the best of her ability and with all modesty this objective has been achieved.

The Better Life Programme has come to stay and we should put all our hands on deck in whichever form to make it grow in leaps and bounds in order to have bountiful harvests worthy of this nation, in particular and for emulation by the other developing countries in general.