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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **STATES ARE DRAWING UBE PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION BACKWARD – UBEC BOSS**

The Executive Secretary, Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) Dr. Ahmed Modibbo Mohammed has said states that do not assess their Matching Grants are drawing UBE Programme Implementation backward.

The Executive Secretary disclosed this at the second quarterly meeting of Management with Executive Chairmen of State Universal Basic Education Boards (SUBEBs) in 2011 in Markurdi, Benue State

According to him the Commission has received N184, 071 billion as Matching Grants since 2005 and disbursed N113, 919 billion to state and PCT representing 76.93% access.

He made it clear that unaccessed funds remain N34, 152 billion as at 6th July 2011. Stressing that “State that do not access their Matching Grants are drawing UBE Implementation Programme backward in the states are not provided”.

Dr. Modibbo State that the Federal Government Statutory Allocation of UBE Matching Grant to state and PCT for 2011 is N 872,527,306.70 so far, two quarters (i.e. 50 %) have been received and the counterpart funds of the state and the FCT stand at N 436,263,653.35 for 1st and 2nd quarters of 2011.

**Commenting on the 13th financial monitoring of the 36 state and the FCT in compliance with section 9(g) of the UBE Act of 2004, he said the objectives of this exercise were to ensure judicious utilization of funds, determine compliance with the approved action plans, and provide the basis for the disbursement of intervention fund.**

**Major funding according to the Executive Secretary include cases of missing payment vouchers, payment of mobilization fee above 15%, servicing of Bank Loans with UBE- intervention funds, non-deduction of taxes, non- remittance or irregular remittance and non-implementation of e-payment, diversion of funds, poor payment documentation and high level of utilized fund among others.**

**In his welcome address the Acting Chairman Benue State SUBEB, Dr. David Tsevende said the Universal Basic Education Programme is on course in the State stressing that since its inception in 1999, the state has provided unfettered access to free Basic Education to over two million Children age who hitherto were unable to acquire Basic Education on account of either poor economic background, disability or ethno-religious Stereotype.**

**The Management of UBEC and SUBEB Chairmen later paid courtesy call on the Executive Governor of Benue State and the Tor Tiv of Benue State in Gboko.**

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