

We select beneficiaries of Zonal Intervention funds based on set criteria – Dr. Baffa

Executive Secretary of TETFund, Dr. Abdullahi Bichi Baffa has stated that beneficiaries of Zonal Intervention funds are selected on criteria set by the Fund.

Dr. Baffa made the statement when he played host to the newly appointed Provost of Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin, Prof. Abdulraheem Yusuf, who was at the Fund with members of his management on a familiarization visit.

Dr. Baffa who was responding to a request by the Provost for the allocation of Zonal Intervention funds to the College explained that TETFund in its bid to eliminate middlemen, conduct the selection of beneficiaries of the intervention based on criteria set by it.

“You have requested for Zonal Intervention. This exists but it is provided not on requests from beneficiary institutions. We have a criteria on how to determine the institutions that are qualified under a particular circumstance to enjoy the Zonal Intervention.

“We do not want any institution to apply or request for the Zonal Intervention. We want to use our criteria to choose. Doing this is going to help us cut the pressure of middlemen. Whenever we receive a letter coming from a beneficiary institution applying for such intervention, we know they are doing that under the prompting of somebody.

“Someone will prompt you to write and promise to help you get the allocation. These are some of the things we want to put a stop to; and I think to a very large extent, we have reduced the occurrence of actions of some miscreants or people that pride themselves as close to the Board of Trustees or management of TETFund and promise to help you secure funds.

“We are trying to remove middlemen from the relationship between TETFund and beneficiary institutions,” he explained.

While congratulating him on his appointment, the Executive Secretary advised the new Provost to familiarize himself with the TETFund Act and Guidelines and assured him of a good working relationship as long as the College complies with the relevant guidelines.

He also advised him to avail himself of financial regulations and respect the provisions thereof; in order not to run foul of the law.

Speaking earlier, Provost of the College, Prof. Abdulraheem Yusuf informed the Executive Secretary that he was at TETFund to familiarize himself with the management of the Fund and also get first-hand information on certain issues.

He expressed profound appreciation to TETFund for its support to the College and other public tertiary educational institutions across the country.

“If you visit any tertiary institution today, what you are going to see are massive structures prepared and provided by TETFund.

“We must appreciate the Executive Secretary and the management team of the Fund for their efforts,” he said.