

ACE IMPACT-CEFTER

BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY
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INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

1ST JUNE 2021 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Project Name and State	ACE IMPACT-CEFTER, BENUE STATE
Implementing Agency	BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY
Effectiveness Date	NOVEMBER, 2019
Closing Date	NOVEMBER, 2024
Credit/Grant Amount	USD 5,000,000.00
Project Duration	5 YEARS
Remaining Period to Closing	2 YEARS
Disbursed Amount to date & Percentage	₦201,635,000
Other Receipts for the period (i) IGR(School Fee, Others)	₦26,201,700
Period Covered by Review	1 st June 2021 – 31 st December, 2021
Internal Auditor	Saawuan Celestine

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Auditing Standards and in compliance with World Bank policies and regulations.

During the period under review, the following books of accounts and records were checked: cash book, bank statements, bank reconciliation statements and payment vouchers generated using the Flexible Accounting Software.

Checks were carried out on all payment vouchers to ascertain compliance with international best practices and World Bank guiding principles.

No incidence of fraud and corruption had come to our notice during the period under review.

Assets were verified with location and project sites were visited and progress of work verified.

In my opinion, the Centre has complied with the World Bank general guiding principles, disbursement policies, procedures and applicable government laws and regulations.

2.0 BUDGETING:

Observation:

The Budget of CEFTER BSU and actual expenditure were analyzed and no significant variances observed.

Management response

- i) Management has re-assured that all items of income and expenditure shall be budgeted for and only allowable expenditure incurred.

Recommendation

All Centre expenditure should be budgeted for and funds used for the stated purpose at all times.

3.0 ACCOUNTING:

Observations

The Flexible accounting Software has been put to use by CEFTER BSU. All the books of accounts kept which include cash book, bank statements, bank reconciliation statements; ledgers and assets registers were checked and were found to be properly maintained and updated. Reports are easily generated using the Flexible Accounting software. The Projects Financial Management manuals and reports are adequate.

Management response

Management has fully supported the general operation of the flexible accounting software for the project.

Recommendation

It is our recommendation that the software be used continually to enhance the smooth running of the centre especially for financial reporting. The books of account should always be brought up to date and posting of transactions should be done monthly as was observed during the period under review.

4.0 INTERNAL CONTROLS:

Observations

We observed that some Non personal advances given to staff were yet to be retired.

Management response

Management has directed that all Non-Personal Advances be retired without further delay.

Recommendation

It is our recommendation that all advances should be retired without further delay.

5.0 BUILDING PROJECTS

The building projects of the Centre which include the CEFTER Postgraduate Centre have been completed and put to use and work on the renovation and remodeling of CEFTER Post Graduate Hostel is progressing steadily.

Recommendation

The remodeling of the hostel be completed to enable CEFTER students occupy.

6.0 EFFECTIVENESS OF MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT:

Observations

As observed in our previous reports, the University governing council's project monitoring committee as well as the University's Audit Committee are very functional and perform effective oversight function on all CEFTER projects.

Recommendation

It is our recommendation that this practice should be allowed to continue.

7.0 FUNDS FLOW:

Observations

All withdrawal applications raised during the period were adequately reviewed and have followed the approved procedure. There were no delays in payments and no complaints from suppliers.

Recommendation

This practice should be allowed to continue.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTING:

Observations

Financial reports have been correctly prepared and in compliance with IFRS. Expenditures as reported in the Financial Statement are appropriate and eligible. With the Flexible accounting software, reports are now timely prepared and submitted. All financial activities of the Centre are also audited using the Flexible accounting software which the Directorate of Audit has access to.

Recommendation

It is our recommendation that this practice should be continued.

8.0 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION:

Observations

No incidence of fraud and corruption had come to our notice during the period under review. Funds disbursed have been used solely for project activities.

Recommendation

This practice should be allowed to continue.

9.0 PAYMENT PROCEDURES:

Observations

The payment process to suppliers, service providers and other beneficiaries during the period was reviewed and has been found to be adequate and efficient. There were no delays in making payments to suppliers and contractors.

Recommendation

We recommend that due process should continue to be observed in processing of all payments.

10.0 PHYSICAL VERIFICATION OF ASSETS:

Observations

Assets were verified with location and project sites were visited and progress of work verified.

Fixed assets register was presented and corresponding checks were carried out.

Assets procured during this period include;

QTY	ITEM	LOCATION
1	150KVA Perkins Soundproof Generator	CEFTER PG Centre

11.0 PROCUREMENT:

Observations

The procurement process as documented is in line with the World Bank policies and regulations.

Recommendation

This practice should be allowed to continue.

12.0 CONCLUSION:

We wish to appreciate the co-operation we received from the management of CEFTER during the period of this review and hope that all recommendations will be carried out.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully

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SAAWUAN Celestine T.
Director of Internal Audit