



ICT and Distance Learning in Tertiary Education Institutions During School Closure: NOUN's Strategy and Other Responses

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CASE DEVELOPMENTS

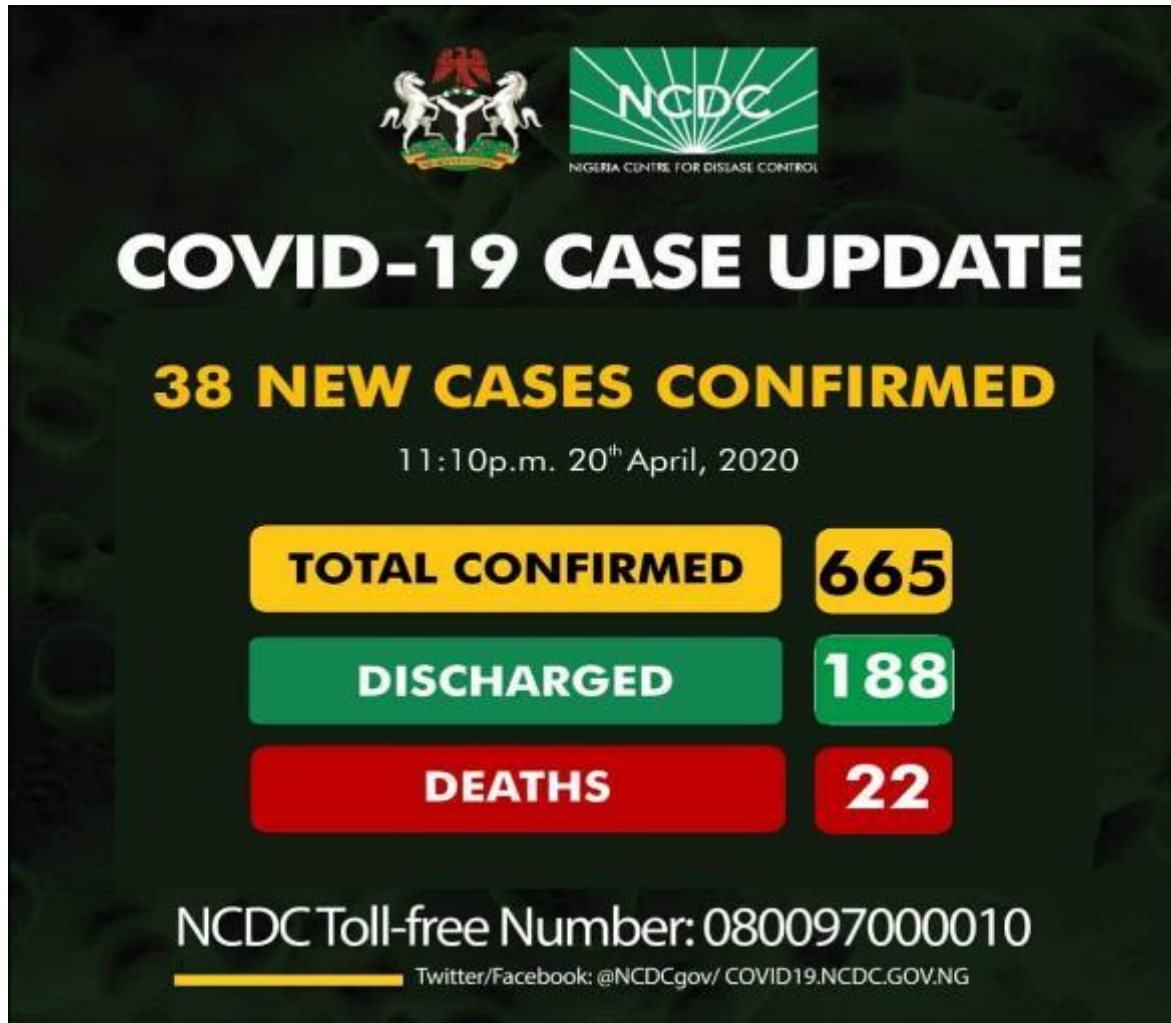




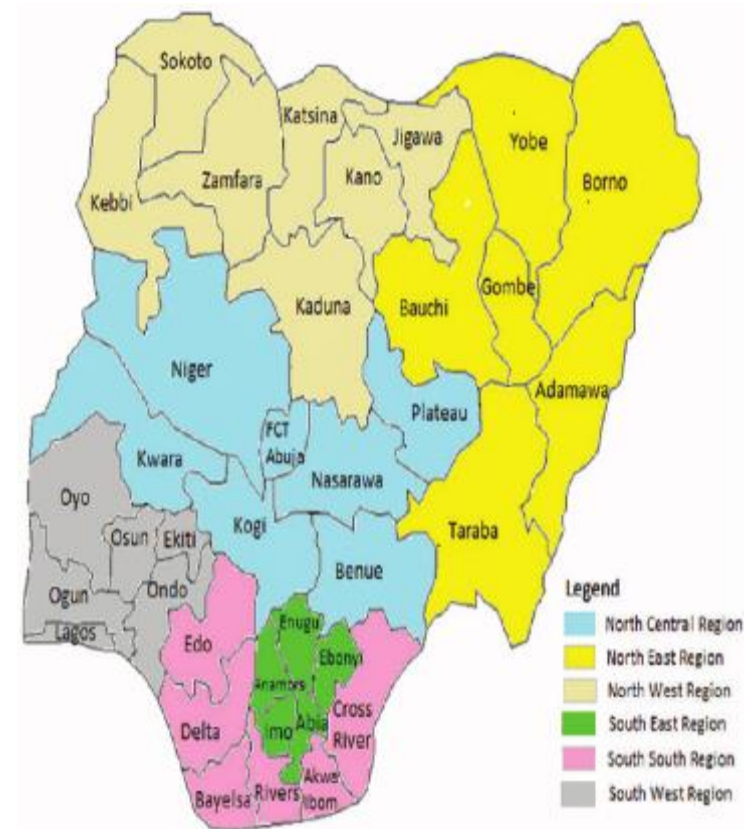
Case Update in Nigeria



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- 7th most populous country
- Estimated population of 200 million
- 164 Universities
- Total enrolment in Universities 1.961 million
- School closure to curb the spread of COVID-19 since March 23, 2020
- Disruption of education





- Foremost Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Institution
- Mandate:
 - Providing highly accessible, cost-effective and flexible education
 - Learning at your doorstep: anywhere, anytime
- 84 Study Centres, spread across the nation
- Over 500,000 enrolled students
- NOUN's Inclusive policy:
 - 100% waiver for inmates
 - Scholarship for young girls in rural communities who do not have equal opportunity as a result of cultural barriers

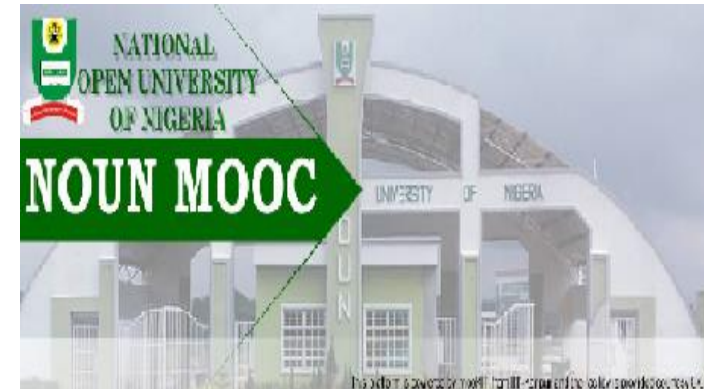
Leveraging on the affordances of technology, NOUN offers:

- Online facilitation:
 - Video Conferencing Sessions
 - Discussion forums
 - Chat Sessions
- <https://mylearningspace.nouedu2.net>
- <https://elearn.nouedu2.net>
- Continuous assessment via Computer Based Tests
- Project Administration System
 - <https://pas.nouedu2.net/>



NOUN equally provides :

- Massive Open Online Course (MOOCS): NOUN & UNESCO
- www.nounmooc.org
- Open Educational Resources(OERs): Collaboration of NOUN & UNESCO
- NOUN e-courseware
- Africa Centre of Excellence for Technology Enhanced Learning(ACETEL)
- Development of learning resources for three new programmes at the postgraduate level
- Virtual Training



The Braille Alphabet

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➤ Federal Government

- Coordinated Task Force
- Unity School Virtual Learning Platform
- Broadcast of subjects via the National Television and Radio stations
- Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy , IBM & Huawei



➤ State Government

- Ogun: OGUNDIGICLASS
- Bauchi & UNESCO: School Meets Learner Approach (SMLA)

➤ Private Organisations

- Mobile Classroom App: Free access
<https://www.mobileclassroom.com.ng>
- SchoolGate E-Learning Service:
<https://www.schoolgate.ng/classes/index>

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Prospects



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- **NOUN has great potentials for extending access to learning in Nigeria and beyond**
- **NOUN's expertise and pool of resources can be deployed to support Teachers and Lecturers in the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary institutions**
- **Require the support of the Federal Government, UNESCO, Common Wealth of Learning as well as other private institutions**



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- **NOUN can accomplish the following :**
- **Digitisation of courses for public primary, secondary ad tertiary institutions**
- **Training of Teachers in the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary institutions**
- **Training of Parents on the use of ICT in Distance Learning**
- **Digitization and integration of assessment into the Lessons broadcast o TV ad Radio, so that students' can be assessed for promotion**



Challenges



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- ▶ Unstable power supply
- ▶ Limited access to the Internet
- ▶ Inadequate provision of learning devices
- ▶ Lack of skilled Teachers and Lecturers
- ▶ Lack of skilled Parents
- ▶ Sparse support from the countrywide budget

- ▶ Exploration of alternative sources of power supply such as the solar energy;
- ▶ Commitment on the part of Government to fully support Open and Distance Electronic Learning as a viable alternative;
- ▶ Establishment of firmer partnerships with UNESCO, COL, and other public and private institutions
- ▶ Collaboration with Internet Service Providers such as **Airtel, MTN, 9Mobile**
- ▶ Partnership with Phone Companies:
 - **Huawei, NOKIA, Apple etc.**



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