

Lecture 6:

Support Services for the Deaf in Nigeria



Lesson Objectives:

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- **Explain the nature and type of services to Deaf and hard of hearing persons in Nigeria**
- **Assess the quality of services (available) to Deaf and hard of hearing persons in Nigeria**
- **Mention the roles government and charitable organizations play in support services to the deaf in Nigeria**
- **Add new sign vocabularies to their repertoire and be able to express themselves in American sign language**

Recap from last week's information about deaf Nigerians

- **Deaf people in Nigeria are a 'growing army'**
- **Deaf and hard of hearing Nigerians are found in all works of life and in different occupations**
- **They have a reputation of being good workers**
- **Most problems faced by deaf Nigerians are of their own making**

Nature of support services for the deaf in Nigeria

- **There are no legislations supporting any form of services for Deaf and hard of hearing people in Nigeria**
- **Federal Republic of Nigeria operate an educational policy, not educational laws**
- **Policy is not binding on anyone. It is simply a draft statement**
- **There are neither note takers, nor transcribers in any educational institution in Nigeria**
- **In social events, the deaf make provision for their own interpreters**

Support services for the deaf in Nigeria

- **There is only one centre for educational support services for the deaf in Nigeria. It is in University of Ilorin. Deaf people can study any course in that university (but not special education) and have interpreters**
- **About 6 universities, one College of Education and one Polytechnic in Nigeria offer courses in Special Education**
- **3 universities, one College of Education and one Polytechnic have interpreters**
- **NASLI (Nigeria Association of Sign Language Interpreters) charges from as much at 80/100 Euro per interpreter to interpret at an event**

Government supports & charitable donors

- **Ministry of Education provide scholarships to disabled persons (one must apply and meet the conditions to be eligible)**
- **Ministry of Social Development support disabled associations and NGOs with some funds for their activities**
- **Multinational companies do also provide assistances to support deaf/disabled programmes**
- **Office of the wife of the President/Governors do make charitable end of year donations to the Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD)**
- **There is no SSI (Social/Supplementary Security Income) for disabled persons in Nigeria**

Discussion question

Contrast the situation of deaf people in Nigeria with that of the deaf in your country

ASL Practices: Religious words

- God	Jesus	Heaven	Earth
- Angels	Christians	Bible	Baptism
- Evil	Devil	Hell	Sin
- Islam	Worship	Pray	Confession
- Faith	Believe	Christmas	Easter
- Pope	Bishop	Pastor	Nun
- Bless	Prophet	Forgive	Convert
- Praise	Glory	Mercy	Sacrifice
- Catholic	Protestant	Jehovah's Witness	Adventist
- Holy	Spirit	Save (savior)	Annoint