



ENHANCING HOSTEL LIFE: FOSTERING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND OWNERSHIP AT AJAYI CROWTHER UNIVERSITY OYO

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INTRODUCTION

*BRIEF OVERVIEW OF MY EXPERIENCE AS A FORMER WARDEN OF OBAFEMI AWOLOWO HALL

*IMPORTANCE OF HOSTEL LIFE IN SHAPING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

*OVERVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION



CURRENT STATE OF HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION --- INQUIRY

- Overview of the 10 hostels, including the new "Premium" hostels with solar facilities
- Student population and hostel accommodation statistics (e.g., 3000+ students, 800-27 students per hostel)
- Facilities and amenities (e.g., double bunks, ensuite toilets in female hostels, challenges with running water)

KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Challenges

- Ensuring consistent water supply, especially on top floors
- Managing diverse student needs and expectations
- Fostering a sense of community and ownership among hostel staff and students

Opportunities

- Leveraging technology to improve communication and feedback eg Hostel/ Hall Manager
- Enhancing staff training and empowerment
- Encouraging student participation in hostel decision-making Floor reps and Ambassadors

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

- ✓ Hostel Staff Empowerment Program: training and capacity-building for staff
- ✓ Hostel Ambassador Program: student representatives as liaisons between students and staff
- ✓ Personalized Hostel Experience: allowing students to personalize their rooms
- ✓ Hostel Events and Activities: fostering community and teamwork among students- week , anniversary , competitions, sports , exercise , prayers
- ✓ Improved Communication Channels: establishing clear feedback mechanisms
- ✓ Health and Wellness Initiatives: supporting students with special needs

ROLE OF THE WARDEN

- ❖ Keen observation and protectiveness
- ❖ Supporting students with special needs
- ❖ Promoting a healthy and safe environment
- ❖ Encouraging student leadership and responsibility

CONCLUSION



- Recap... If you are not a part of the solution, you are the problem!
- Call to action: implementing strategies for improvement
 - buy brooms, packers, mops , mop buckets each student must have a sieve
- Encouragement for collaborative efforts among staff, students, and administration
 - attitude , smile... learn how to smile

Q&A SESSION

- **Inquiries, difficult questions and concerns**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!