

Prof. Anku advocates redesigned educational curriculum

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THE Director of the Meagasa Mathematics Academy at Lashibi, Professor Sitsofe Anyonam Anku, is advocating a redesigned educational curriculum to address the peculiar needs of the country.

“We must change our curriculum. It should be one that is relevant to our development, one that teaches us how to shine shoes, how to fish, and how to sew the batakari,” he told the Daily Graphic in an interview at Lashibi near Accra.

He believed the Western world was imposing its educational system on the developing world so that after school, “we will go and serve them.”

Grammar-focused curriculum

Prof. Anku insisted that it was time the country moved away from the grammar-focused curriculum to one that, “solves our problems. One that absorbs all the artisans plying their various trades” to enlighten and empower them.

“Can you imagine all the children of fishermen in school, learning how to fish? Anytime they go to school, they go to learn and come home and go to fish. So we have educated

fishermen,” he said, insisting that the educational system was wrong.

Prof Anku, the first-ever Ghanaian to have made it to the top 50 shortlist for the Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize in 2018, maintained that the educational curriculum should focus more on the practical life instead of the theoretical type of curriculum, where, for instance, a physics student got first class but could not fix a bulb.

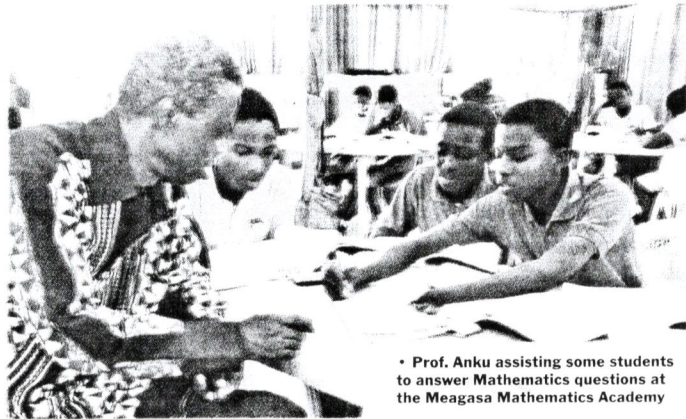
Practical-focus curriculum

He said the inability of the students to perform very well in the examination, even in the other subjects, was because of weak background in mathematics, saying when the correct pedagogical method of teaching mathematics was applied; it would address all the concerns of the students.

Double Track interventions

Prof. Anku said it was not surprising that General Arts students, who have been undertaking remedial classes at the Megasa Institute, ended up changing their programmes to the sciences:

Elaborating on an intervention dubbed, “Double Track vacations intervention”, Prof. Anku said the programme, which would start



• Prof. Anku assisting some students to answer Mathematics questions at the Meagasa Mathematics Academy

on November 12 to December 21, 2018, would be his contribution towards ensuring that the students, particularly in the Green Track, were still abreast of time by the time school reopened.

He explained that the introduction of the programme was to build on the knowledge students had acquired in school.

Prof. Anku said the intervention would focus on Core and Elective Mathematics, Integrated Science, English Language and Information Communications and Technology (ICT), and the students who would be participating in the programme had the option of either staying as boarders or day.