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## Gov Eno Commissions 62-Bed Ukanafun Hospital, Access Roads, Approves MRI/Dialysis Setup



**O**n Friday, November 21, Governor Umo Eno, commissioned a 62-bed General Hospital and 2.2km access and internal roads in Ukanafun Local Government Area.

The hospital, initially conceived as a cottage facility 16 years ago, suffered prolonged abandonment until the present administration intervened as part of its comprehensive healthcare sector reforms.

Speaking during the inauguration at Ikot Akpan Nkuk, headquarters of Ukanafun, Governor Eno commended the people for their collective appreciation of the development, stressing that healthcare delivery transcends political affiliations. He recalled that the facility had been abandoned for over a decade and underscored his administration's commitment to completing all people-oriented abandoned projects across the State.



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The Governor reaffirmed that his mandate is anchored on unity and peace, distancing himself from divisive politics. He directed the Commissioner for Health to immediately commence processes for establishing a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) centre and a dialysis unit in the hospital, with a 90-day completion target, to reduce the burden of patients travelling to Uyo for such services.



According to him, the provision of MRI and dialysis facilities in Ukanafun is essential, given rising kidney-related cases and the need for equitable access to quality healthcare. He emphasised that the administration will continue to prioritise rural development under the ARISE Agenda, ensuring that communities across the 31 local government areas benefit from modern social infrastructure.

Governor Eno further approved the construction of the 18.96km Ikot Ibritam-Mbiaso-Inen Ekefe-

Ikot Akpan Afaha Road, reiterating that work is ongoing statewide on 31 cottage hospitals and 31 model primary schools to enhance rural living standards. He also announced plans to flag off the Ikot Ekpene International Market before the end of the year and disclosed ongoing work on a new jetty in Oron to stimulate economic activities and improve water transportation.

The Governor charged the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Dan Dan, to uphold professionalism, ensure proper maintenance, and deliver quality service at the facility. He urged youths of the area to protect the hospital, describing it as a legacy project for both present and future generations. He also acknowledged Rt. Hon. Unyime Idem for providing solar lights in the hospital and renovating health centres in the locality.

Earlier, the Chairman of Ukanafun Local Government Area, Hon. Uyo Ukpah, described the hospital's completion as historic and deeply appreciated.

The Health Commissioner, Dr. Ekem John, gave an overview of the project and affirmed that the installed facilities meet global standards. Other dignitaries, including Rt. Hon. Unyime Idem; Commissioner for Science and Digital Economy, Dr. Frank Ekpenyong; and PDP State Chairman, Mr. Aniekam Akpan, commended Governor Eno for prioritising the health needs of the people.

Highlights of the event included the formal commissioning of the hospital and the installation of Governor Eno as Ette Nsongidem Ukanafun by the Ukanafun Traditional Rulers Council led by the Paramount Ruler, HRM Akuku Engr. Amos Akpan.

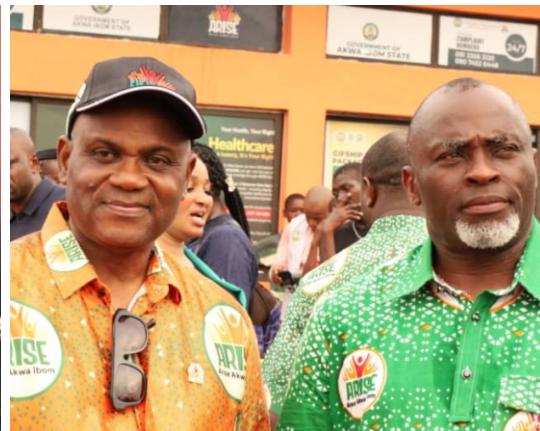
Present at the ceremony were the Speaker of the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Udeme Otong; Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki; Secretary to the State Government, Prince Enobong Uwah; members of the State Executive Council; political stakeholders; captains of industry; civil servants; and community members.



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# Gov Eno Urges AKSU Graduands to Prioritise Character, Purpose-Driven Growth

• **Applauds Law Faculty Accreditation**



Graduating students of the Akwa Ibom State University (AKSU), have been urged to cultivate strong character, as an indispensable foundation for unlocking personal potential and attaining sustainable success.

Governor Umo Eno, who gave the charge as Special Guest at the 12th Valedictory/Award Service organised by the institution's Chapel of Praise, for the 2024/2025 graduands at the university's main campus on Sunday, November 23, in Ikot Akpaden, Mkpak Enin Local Government Area, stressed that while academic excellence remains crucial, integrity, discipline, and purpose-driven living ultimately determine long-term achievement.

The Governor noted that the contemporary world places a high premium on service, creativity, and value creation, urging the graduands to embrace these virtues as they transition into the next phase of life. According to him, knowledge devoid of good character undermines competence and limits opportunities for growth.

He encouraged the students to

maintain an aspirational mindset and to continually seek innovative ways to apply their education, adding that many success stories stem from individuals who leveraged their academic training to create meaningful impact.

Commending the Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Otoabasi Akpan, for his committed leadership and recent achievements, particularly the accreditation of the institution's Faculty of Law by the National Universities Commission (NUC), Governor Eno praised the pace of progress under the Acting VC and pledged continued government support.

Responding, Prof. Akpan described the Governor's presence at the ceremony as a moment of significant honour for the university community. He expressed gratitude for the consistent support AKSU has enjoyed under Governor Eno's administration and reaffirmed the institution's commitment to producing graduates equipped to excel in their chosen fields.

Also speaking at the event, the representative of the graduating class, Mr. Emmanuel Jimmy, conveyed deep appreciation to the Governor for gracing the ceremony, noting that his presence added prestige to their milestone celebration.

The Chaplain of the Chapel of Praise, Rev. Otobong Umoren, thanked God for sustaining the tradition of the annual service since the establishment of the university. She expressed gratitude to Pastor Eno for making the 2025 edition memorable for the graduands and the university community.



# Pastor Eno Rallies APC Stakeholders in Nsit Ubium

• **Reaffirms commitment to major road projects, Ibom Deep Sea Port**



The State Governor, Pastor Umo Eno, has reaffirmed his administration commitment to strengthening party unity and advancing key development projects as he met with stakeholders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Nsit Ubium Local Government Area.

Themed, "Home Going," the meeting, held on November 22, at the LGA Secretariat, Ikot Edibon, brought together party leaders, community stakeholders, and top government officials.

Addressing the gathering, Governor Eno underscored the importance of cohesion and revalidation within the APC, noting that unity remains central to the party's continued progress in the State. He also assured that ongoing documentation and investor engagement processes for the Ibom Deep Sea Port project were on track, stressing that the Federal Government's support has boosted prospects for its commencement.

The Governor disclosed that the Ibom Deep Sea Port remains a viable and active project, explaining that its preparatory stages involve rigorous technical and administrative procedures. He urged citizens to be patient, emphasising that the port would soon transition from planning to implementation for the collective benefit of the State.

He appreciated the warm reception accorded him and commended party supporters for their steadfastness, pledging to sustain developmental initiatives in Nsit Ubium. The Governor further announced plans for the construction of key dual carriageway routes, including Nung Udoe-East West Road, Nung Udoe-Afaha Nsit, and Afaha Offiong-Itreto Roads, observing that Akwa Ibom has strategically aligned with the Federal Government for enhanced socio-economic gain.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Chairman of Nsit Ubium Local Government Area, Hon. Alfred Charles, described the Governor's visit as a homecoming and lauded him for the infrastructural and socio-economic improvement recorded across the LGA and the State. He lauded the administration for its focus on impactful governance.

Also speaking, the APC Chapter Chairman, Hon. Johnson Udoka, expressed gratitude for what he described as a new phase of goodwill and progress for the party in the State. He attributed the positive shift to divine intervention and the Governor's inclusive leadership style.

Several dignitaries, including the Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki; Senator Effiong Bob; Commissioner for Trade and Investment, Captain Iniobong Ekong; Member representing Nsit Ubium State Constituency, Hon. Otobong Bob; and Obong Umanah Okon Umanah, applauded Governor Eno's developmental strides and commitment to statewide growth.

The event attracted members of the State Executive Council, political leaders, industry players, and residents of Nsit Ubium.



## PASTOR ENO RALLIES APC STAKEHOLDERS IN NSIT UBIUM



# Gov Eno Swears-in New HoS, Charges on Quality Service Delivery

• **Restates dedication to labour-friendly governance**



The State Governor, Pastor Umo Eno, has sworn-in the newly-appointed Head of Civil Service, Mrs. Elsie Peters, with a charge on her to lead a robust programme for capacity building and welfare of the State's workforce. This, he said was essential to strengthening professionalism, efficiency, and commitment across the civil service.

Speaking on Tuesday, November 18, during her inauguration at the Banquet Hall, Government House, Uyo, the Governor described the civil service as a central pillar of the ARISE Agenda and reiterated his expectation that the new Head of Service will position the institution to deliver optimally on government priorities.

Governor Eno, recognised as a workers-friendly leader, affirmed that his administration remains fully committed to improving workers' welfare. He highlighted the regular payment of salaries and pensions, as well as sustained collaboration with organised labour, which he described as one of the most harmonious labour-government relationships in the country.

The Governor disclosed that his administration inherited a gratuity backlog of N110 billion covering 2012 for May 29, 2023, and has since paid over N75.2 billion of the outstanding amount. He added that a fresh N1.3 billion was recently released, successfully clearing arrears from 2012 to March 2021, which he described as a fulfilment of his campaign pledge. He also expressed gratitude to President Bola Tinubu for supporting States to meet capital and recurrent obligations.

Congratulating Mrs. Peters, Governor Eno expressed confidence that her experience and orientation would enable her to foster a civil service defined by loyalty, professionalism. He urged all government appointees to demonstrate unwavering faithfulness, noting that loyalty is essential to public service.

Referencing Matthew 6:24, he cautioned appointees and workers against divided allegiance, warning that those who attempt to undermine government from within would not be tolerated. He stressed that aides are expected to work closely with him and faithfully interpret his developmental vision for the State.

Governor Eno also commended the immediate past Head of Service, Elder Effiong Essien, for aligning the civil service with the administration's policy direction and for championing reforms aimed at building a professional, and ICT-driven service.

Speaking with Government House Correspondents after her swearing-in, Mrs. Elsie Peters expressed gratitude to God and Governor Eno for the opportunity to serve. She pledged to elevate the Akwa Ibom State Civil Service to global standard.

The event was attended by top government officials and political figures, including the Secretary to the State Government, Prince Enobong Uwah; Chief Assam Assam; APC State Chairman, Obong Stephen Ntukekpo; Senator Effiong Bob; former Deputy Governor, Obong Nsima Ekere; and Chief Delivery Advisor, Mr. Aniefiok Johnson.



## GOV ENO SWEARS-IN NEW HOS



# Lady Obareki Unveils Statewide Programmes for Women, Children

The Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki, has unveiled a lineup of festive activities scheduled for December, aimed at engaging women and children across all local government areas of the State.

Lady Obareki made the announcement on Thursday, November 20, during the November edition of the Akwa Ibom State Women Monthly Prayer Service, held at the Banquet Hall, Government House, Uyo. Taking the Bible reading at the event, she disclosed details of the planned activities through the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Welfare, Hon. Inibehe Silas.

The End-of-Year Christmas programme according to Obareki, will feature carol renditions, games, gift exchange, and a competition in which the winner will be crowned the ARISE Queen.

She also urged wives of local government Chairmen to collaborate with relevant stakeholders and mobilise grassroots



support for Governor Umo Eno's second-term bid.

Delivering a sermon on the theme, "God of the Eleventh Hour," Pastor Ekaette Kufre encouraged Christians to uphold faith and expectancy in God's timing, describing the "eleventh hour" as a metaphor for timely intervention, restoration, and new beginning regardless of past or present challenges.



The November edition of the Women Monthly Prayer featured intercessory prayers, praise sessions, and thanksgiving by women born in the month of November

# Pastor Eno Tasks Officials, Contractors on Grassroots Empowerment

*..Restates dedication to labour-friendly governance*



Pastor Umo Eno, has directed government appointees, contractors, and stakeholders to ensure that the benefits of his administration's interventions reach the grassroots, in order to promote a more equitable and inclusive society.

Governor Eno, gave the directive during a special Sunday service at the All Nations Christian Ministry International (ANCMI), Eket. He explained that the recent statewide ward meetings of the All Progressives Congress (APC) were convened to strengthen direct engagement with rural communities and ensure that citizens at the grassroots feel the impact of government.

The Governor lauded local government Chairmen and other stakeholders for the effective coordination of the meetings and for the positive outcomes recorded, adding that another round of grassroots meetings would be held in December to reinforce party membership, loyalty, and citizens' confidence in the administration.

"If this administration is benefitting you in one way or the other, ensure you share these benefits with people in your villages so they can also feel the impact of this

government," he charged.

On infrastructure, Governor Eno assured residents that all failed portions of roads across the State have been identified and documented for immediate remedial work once the rains subside. "Let me announce here that all the failed portions of roads have been appropriately studied and recorded for prompt intervention as soon as the rainy season is over," he stated.

The Governor further disclosed plans to install solar-powered streetlights across Uyo metropolis and surrounding areas to enhance security and elevate the city's status as a tourist destination.

The service also featured a sermon by Pastor Eno and Undershepherd of ANCMI, on the theme, "God Sees," drawn from Genesis 21:12. He encouraged Christians to live with the consciousness that God is aware of their circumstances, urging them not to allow past experiences or circumstances of birth to define their future. "Whatever your situation in life, God sees you. He will send an angel to you. Hold on to God, He will help you, be patient, trust in God's timing and divine visitation, although sometimes delayed, it will ultimately come to pass," he assured.

The service was attended by members of the State Executive Council, clergy, captains of industry, political leaders, and Christian faithful from across the State.



# Info Commissioner Flags Off Uyo Social Media Week

***•Advocates responsible, ethical digital engagement***

The Commissioner for Information, Rt. Hon. Aniekan Umanah, on Wednesday, November 19, inaugurated the maiden edition of the Uyo Social Media Week, organised by the Conference of Online Publishers in Akwa Ibom State (COOPA), at Ceedapeg Hotel, Eket Housing Estate, Uyo.

Delivering a keynote address on “Digital Media and Governance: Bridging the Gap,” at the event which drew prominent voices in digital communication, governance, entrepreneurship, and media innovation, Umanah described digital media as the heartbeat of contemporary governance. He explained that social media has become a vital tool for promoting transparency, strengthening accountability, and connecting citizens to government policies and development milestones.

The Commissioner noted that the ARISE Agenda of Governor Umo Eno has leveraged digital platforms to document progress in real time and expand citizen participation, stressing the importance of responsible online behaviour. He warned against the proliferation of misinformation and urged content creators, influencers, journalists, and everyday users to always verify information before publishing or sharing. “Don’t let the breaking news break the society,” he cautioned, calling for accuracy, truth, and civility in digital interactions.

Rt. Hon. Umanah also highlighted the State’s accelerating digital transformation under Governor Eno, pointing to ongoing reforms such as the Computer-Based Test (CBT) recruitment for civil service employment. He praised the Governor’s openness to media engagement, averring that his emergence as the “Most Media-Friendly Governor, 2025” is a testament to the administration’s commitment



to transparency and digital inclusion.

Demonstrating support for youth-led innovation and digital enterprise, the Commissioner announced a ₦1 million donation from the Ministry of Information to support the successful hosting of the 2025 Social Media Week. He encouraged young people to harness digital platforms productively, describing them as “digital entrepreneurs” capable of building sustainable careers online.

Earlier in his remarks, the Chancellor of COOPA, Mr. Utitofon Morgan, celebrated the organisation’s ten-year journey and its contributions to digital publishing, civic enlightenment, and social development advocacy. He described the Uyo Social Media Week as COOPA’s gift to the public, an avenue to promote learning, collaboration, and the amplification of local voices in the digital space.

The Uyo Social Media Week features a lineup of workshops, boardroom conversations, and poolside sessions focusing on emerging trends in digital media, governance, entrepreneurship, and innovation.



# New HoS Assumes Office as Elder Essien Formally Hands Over



The Akwa Ibom State Civil Service, has witnessed a significant transition in leadership as the newly appointed Head of Civil Service, Mrs. Elsie Peters, formally assumed office following the official handover by her predecessor, Elder Effiong Essien.

Mrs. Peters, sworn in on Tuesday, November 18, by Governor Umo Eno, marking the beginning of a new phase in the administration of the State's bureaucratic engine room.

During a brief handover ceremony, Mrs. Peters expressed profound appreciation to Governor Eno for the confidence reposed in her through the appointment. She pledged to provide purposeful leadership and drive reforms that will support the effective implementation of the Governor's ARISE Agenda across the civil service.

She also attributed her career progression to God's faithfulness and acknowledged the mentorship and support she received from her predecessor. Mrs. Peters thanked Elder Essien for ensuring a seamless transition and for the

guidance he offered throughout their working relationship.

In his remarks, the immediate past Head of Service congratulated Mrs. Peters on her appointment and officially welcomed her to new responsibilities. He commended her professionalism and expressed confidence in her capacity to advance the gains of the service. Elder Essien also offered prayers for her success, expressing optimism that her achievements would surpass his own.

The brief handover exercise was witnessed by the Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Head of Civil Service, Ms. Doris Ikpuho, alongside directors including Mr. Nsoyo Akai, Mrs. Gladys Phillip, and Mrs. Victoria Nta



# EMOIMEE HCDT Trains 80 in Esit Eket, Presents N1m Start-Up Grants



The NNPC/SEPLAT JV EMOIMEE Host Community Development Trust (HCDT), has recently completed a three-week agricultural business training for 80 indigenes of Esit Eket, with each participant receiving a N1 million start-up grant.

Speaking, a management staff of EMOIMEE HCD, Mr Uwana Evans, stated that the training facilitated by Nwaetuk Farms Limited, Eket, aligns with the Trust's dedication to improving the economic well-being of the host communities.

Evans warned that only participants with at least 95% attendance will be eligible for the N1 million grant, noting that some individuals failed to attend the sessions but might later seek payment. "If you are not trained, you will not be able to run the business. No money will be wasted."

In their goodwill messages, Obongawan God'sown Udoito, and the President of People Living With Disabilities (PLWD), Esit Eket chapter, Mr. Innocent Ntia, praised the Trust for the empowerment initiative, which trained 40 PLWDs, and called for the inclusion of women in future programmes.

Additionally, Ntia commended the Board Chairman of the Esit Eket HCDT, Barr. Bassey Dan-Abia, describing him as a listening and compassionate leader.

The graduands pledged to utilise the skills and financial support to build sustainable livelihoods.

EMOIMEE HCDT continues to implement scholarship, healthcare, and economic empowerment programmes, aimed at fostering inclusive development in host communities across Akwa Ibom State.



# Uyo Plays Host to 31st Chief Justice of Nigeria Games



Uyo, the Akwa Ibom State capital, is hosting more than 3,000 athletes from across the country as the 31st edition of the National Association for Judiciary Games, tagged, Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) Games 2025, kicked off on Thursday, November 20, and runs through Sunday, November 30.

The official opening, is scheduled for Monday, November 24, at 3:00 p.m. as announced by the President of the National Sports Association for Judiciary, Mr. Sunday Noah, during a courtesy visit to the Commissioner for Sports, Elder Paul Bassey, on Tuesday, November 18.

Accompanied by the Association's Vice President, Mr. Mustapha Mohammed; Secretary-General, Mr. Musa Aliyu; and National Treasurer, Mr. Murtala Kwsherki, Mr. Noah stated that Akwa Ibom was selected as host due to its world-class sporting infrastructure and peaceful environment. He added that the 10-day sporting fiesta will feature 13 competitive events for both male and female categories, except football, which will be contested exclusively by male teams. Featured sports include, Athletics, Swimming, Volleyball, Badminton, Handball, Table Tennis, Ayo, Scrabble, Chess, and others.

He further disclosed that athletes will represent various judiciary bodies nationwide, including the Court of Appeal, Federal High Court, FCT High Court, National Judicial Council, National Judicial Institute, Federal Judicial Service Commission, FCT Judicial Committee, and the Body of Benchers, among others. Participants will also compete for supremacy as the Court of

Appeal seeks to defend its championship title, having emerged overall winners at the 2024 edition held in Minna, Niger State.

In his response, the Commissioner for Sports, Elder Paul Bassey, expressed gratitude to the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Kudirat Kekere-Ekun, and the National Sports Association for Judiciary, for choosing the State to host the 2025 edition. He assured the delegation of the government's support to ensure successful, well-organised, and memorable games, reaffirming the State's strong pedigree in hosting national and international sporting

events.

Elder Bassey commended Governor Umo Eno for his exceptional commitment to the advancement of sports, highlighted by the establishment of the Ministry of Sports and sustained maintenance of sporting infrastructure. He noted that iconic venues such as the Godswill Akpabio International Stadium, Uyo Township Stadium, Eket Stadium, Dakkada Skills Acquisition Centre, and West Itam Sports Centre, have positioned Uyo as the long-standing home of the Super Eagles and several prominent domestic football clubs.

Dignitaries expected at the games include, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Kudirat Kekere-Ekun; the Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Pastor Umo Eno; Chairman of the National Sports Commission, Mallam Shehu Dikko; Heads of Courts, Justices, and sports enthusiasts from across Nigeria.



# Umanah Commends First Lady's Office for Advancing Rural Devt Through Water Project in Abak

The Commissioner for Information, Rt. Hon. Aniekan Umanah, has commended the Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki, for sustaining the humanitarian legacy of her mother, Pastor Patience Eno, and for complementing Governor Umo Eno's ARISE Agenda through targeted rural development initiatives.

The Commissioner gave the commendation on Wednesday, November 19, during the commissioning of a solar-powered water facility, known as "Water of Life," at Ekpak Iduot Village in Abak Local Government Area.

Describing rural infrastructure as a key component of the ARISE Agenda, Umanah, an



indigene of Abak, highlighted the essential role of water in community well-being, noting that "he who brings water, brings life." He applauded Lady Obareki for bringing relief to the community through the provision of potable water, and urged residents to safeguard the facility to ensure its longevity and sustained use.

The ceremony featured goodwill messages from dignitaries including, the Speaker of the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Udeme Otong; the Chairman of Abak Local Government Area, Hon. Ime Charles; the Village Head of Ekpak Iduot, Chief Saviour Abattai; and other stakeholders.

While formally handing over the project to the community, Lady Obareki stated that the intervention aligns with the development priorities of the State government and reflects GIFA's core philosophy of giving back to the society. She further extended support to women in the community through the distribution of wrappers and cash.

# Ibesikpo Asutan Benefits from GIFA Outreach

Residents of Mbierere Obio community in Ibesikpo Asutan Local Government Area, have received over 200 food packs and clothing from the humanitarian support of the Golden Initiative For All (GIFA), as part of efforts to cushion immediate food needs among underprivileged households.

The outreach, held on Thursday, November 20, was led by the Coordinator of the Office of the First Lady and Chairman, Board of Trustees of GIFA, Lady Helen Obareki.

Speaking through the Special Assistant to the Governor on General Duties and Team Lead of GIFA, Pastor Anne Abraham, Lady Obareki said the initiative was designed to inspire hope, compassion, and a sense of belonging among vulnerable groups within the community.

She explained that the gesture aligns with and supports the Food Security Programme of Governor Umo Eno's ARISE Agenda, which



seeks to promote inclusivity and ensure that the dividends of good governance reach citizens across all strata of the society.

Commending Governor Eno and GIFA for their continued positive impact within the local government area and across the State, the APC Publicity Secretary of Ibesikpo Asutan, Mr. Joseph Bassey, encouraged residents to support the Governor's second-term aspiration to sustain the developmental programmes embedded in the ARISE Agenda.

One of the beneficiaries, Deaconess Rosemary Imeobong, expressed gratitude to Lady Obareki, whom she described as an exemplary leader committed to sustaining the humanitarian legacy of her mother, Pastor Patience Umo Eno, through GIFA. She called on Akwa Ibom people to remain supportive of the Governor's visionary leadership.

The outreach was a follow-up of a previous engagement in which Lady Obareki led female stakeholders to host traders at Akpan Andem Market, where participants received GIFA-branded gifts and cash rewards during an interactive and fun-filled session.



# Urue Offong/Oruko: Uno Promises Infrastructure, Market Expansion, New Transformer



The Chairman of Urue Offong/Oruko Local Government Area, Rt. Hon. Uno Etim Uno, has affirmed the completion of the access link to the East-West Road, the expansion of Urue Offong

market, and the provision of a new transformer for the Urue Offong community.

Rt. Hon. Uno gave the assurance on Wednesday, November 13, when he received the Village Council of Urue Offong, host community to the local government secretariat. He commended the community for its cooperation and continued support, describing the relationship between the community and government as exemplary.

He directed the Supervisors for Finance and Works to begin preparations for the market expansion, transformer provision, and encouraged residents to continue supporting Governor Umo Eno's people-oriented administration, emphasising its commitment to inclusive development and grassroots transformation.

Earlier, the Village Head, Chief Sunday Ben, on behalf of the delegation, praised the Chairman's visionary leadership, noting significant improvement in infrastructure and human capacity. He reiterated the community's requests for the link road, market expansion, and transformer.

Also at the meeting were, the Vice Chairman Hon. Arit Ambit; Leader of the Legislative Council, Hon. Sunday Eyo; Council Secretary, Mr. Amana Henshaw; Head of Service, Mr. Ime Nungetuei and other officials.



# World Toilet Day: Akwa Ibom Announces Comprehensive Sanitation Strategy

• Sets 2030 target to end open defecation



In commemoration of the World Toilet Day 2025, the Akwa Ibom State Government, has announced plans to launch the “Keep Akwa Ibom Clean” initiative, a comprehensive sanitation programme, aimed at eliminating open defecation by 2030 and fostering a cleaner, healthier environment across the State.

The Commissioner for Water Resources and Sanitation, Dr. Ubuo Ubuo, disclosed the plans recently while declaring open a Roundtable Discussion themed, “Sanitation as Our Collective Responsibility,” at the Conference Room of Ibom Water Company, Uyo.

The event, organised by the African Human Development Center in collaboration with the Ibom WASH Media Committee, as part of activities marking the global observance reflects the government’s renewed commitment to safe sanitation, proper waste management, and the promotion of environmental responsibility among residents.

Dr. Ubuo described the forthcoming “Keep Akwa Ibom Clean” project as a strategic pillar in the State’s sanitation agenda, noting that it is designed to reduce public health risks, safeguard natural resources, and enhance environmental outlook. He emphasised that the initiative will intensify behavioural change efforts and accelerate the State’s progress towards achieving an Open Defecation Free (ODF) status by 2030.

The Commissioner commended the African Human Development Center for convening the forum and lauded the Ibom WASH Media Committee for its ongoing advocacy in the water and sanitation sector. He reaffirmed Governor Umo Eno’s commitment to improved sanitation infrastructure, announcing the Governor’s approval for the construction of sanitary facilities

in Obot Akara, Ikono, Esit Eket and Nsit Ubium, with work set to commence upon final clearance of architectural designs.

In his goodwill message, the Managing Director of Ibom Water Company, Engr. Edo Etuk, described the initiative as timely and crucial for protecting public health. He stressed the need for sustained collaboration among government agencies, development partners, and communities, and reiterated the company’s readiness to support interventions aimed at expanding access to water and sanitation services statewide.

Similarly, the General Manager of the Akwa Ibom Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (AK-RUWATSAN), Mr. Saviour Udoh, applauded the State government and its partners for their persistent efforts in driving sanitation reforms. He highlighted the central role of community involvement in ending open defecation and pledged that AK-RUWATSAN would intensify grassroots campaigns to strengthen safe sanitation practices across rural communities.

Earlier in his remarks, the CEO of the African Human Development Center, Prof. Gabriel Umoh, speaking on the theme, “Sanitation in a Changing World, We Will Always Need a Toilet,” stressed the urgent need for sustained global action to bridge sanitation gaps.

Citing statistics indicating that 3.4 billion people still lack safely managed sanitation, he underscored the centre’s contributions to sanitation governance in the State, including the development of the Water Sector Law and the establishment of the Ibom WASH Media Committee, which he described as significant milestones in the drive towards an ODF Akwa Ibom by 2030.

The event also featured a presentation by a journalist, Comrade Ekemini Simon titled, “Delivering Sanitation in Akwa Ibom State in the Era of Dwindling Donor Support.”



# Abak: Chairman Launches 27.6M Initiative to Boost Small-Scale Businesses

The Chairman of Abak Local Government Area, Hon. Ime Charles, on Tuesday, November 18, launched a 27.6 M business support programme for 314 beneficiaries across 98 villages in Midim, Otoro, and Ediene Clans.



(APICO), praised the programme as a visionary investment in human capital.

Speaking, Hon. Ime Charles said the programme, part of her BEST Agenda, is aimed at strengthening small businesses, enhancing financial stability for families, driving rural economic growth, creating sustainable livelihoods, promoting entrepreneurship, and ensuring inclusive development across all communities.

Barr. Patrick Udomfang, Managing Director/CEO of Akwa Ibom Investment and Property Company

On his part, HRM Akuku Udoфia, the Chairman of the Supreme Council of Traditional Rulers and Paramount Ruler of Abak, commended the Council Boss for prioritising the welfare of her people.

The Representatives of the three clans, Mr. Christopher Obo (Midim), Mrs. Grace Udoфia (Otoro), and Princess Itoro Umanah (Ediene) thanked the Chairman and pledged to use the grants productively.

# First Lady Designate Applauds Uruan Community for Preserving Obong Nyong Essien's Enduring Legacy



The Akwa Ibom First Lady Designate, Lady Helen Obareki, has applauded the Member representing Uruan State Constituency in the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Hon. Itoro Etim, and the entire Uruan community for celebrating the life and legacy of Obong Nyong Essien, a statesman whose sacrifices significantly shaped the trajectory of modern Akwa Ibom.

Speaking at the commemorative event held on Saturday, November 15, at Ibom Hall, Uyo, Lady Obareki underscored the importance of preserving historical memory and sustaining efforts that reconnect future generations to their ancestral heritage.

Represented by the wife of the Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Inemesit Uwah, Lady Obareki highlighted Obong Nyong Essien's enduring contributions, particularly his advocacy for development and his strong emphasis on education, which she noted greatly empowered the forebears of the region and laid a solid foundation for present-day progress. She described the gathering as a worthy act of immortalising a visionary, whose influence transcended his immediate community, and extended to the broader advancement of Akwa Ibom State.

As part of the ceremony, Lady Obareki presented cash rewards and digital tablets to winners of the Essay Competition for indigenous Senior Secondary School students across the State, alongside consolation prizes for other participants. The initiative, she noted, aligns with ongoing efforts to encourage academic excellence and preserve the intellectual legacy championed by the celebrated statesman.

In her remarks, the convener of the Maiden Obong

Nyong Essien Annual Lecture, Hon. Itoro Etim and member representing Uruan State Constituency, Hon. Itoro Etim, expressed gratitude to the Central Planning Committee and attendees for supporting the vision. She paid glowing tribute to her late husband, Prof. Francis Etim, who conceptualised the idea of honouring Obong Essien as a way of preserving his towering historical significance.

Delivering the keynote address titled, "Mountain Beyond Mountains: The Obong Nyong Essien Phenomenon in Nigerian Politics and Heritage," the Acting Vice Chancellor of Akwa Ibom State University, Prof. Otoabasi Akpan, described Obong Essien as a remarkable political figure whose dedication to justice, education, and community upliftment greatly advanced the Ibibio nation and contributed meaningfully to Nigeria's political evolution.

Goodwill messages were also delivered by eminent personalities, including the Deputy Speaker of the State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Kufreabasi Edidem; Commissioner for Culture and Tourism, Dr. Anieti Udofoia; Political Adviser to the Governor, Akparawa Godwin Ntukudeh; Paramount Ruler of Uruan, HRM Edidem Atakpo Nkanga; and International President of Mboho Mkparawa Ibibio, Akparawa James Edet.

The event featured the public presentation of the book "Mountain Beyond Mountains: The Obong Nyong Essien Phenomenon in Nigerian Politics and Heritage," alongside a panel discussion, ballad performances, a documentary, and vibrant displays of Uruan cultural artistry. Also present were the wife of the Commissioner for Economic Development, Mrs. Doris Nkan; former Chairman of Mkpak Enin Local Government Council, Lady Mercy Bassey; and former Chairman of Ibesikpo Asutan Local Government Council, Hon. Akon Micheal.



# UBEC, SUBEB Flag Off Four-Day Quality Assurance Training for School Leaders



The Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), in collaboration with the Akwa Ibom State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), has commenced a four-day capacity-building workshop, aimed at enhancing quality assurance in public schools.

The training, themed, "Improving the Capacity of School Leaders on Quality Assurance Procedures for Effective School Administration," held at Sam Law Hotel, Uyo, from Monday, November 17 - Thursday, 20, with 100 principals, headteachers, and newly appointed quality-assurance officers in attendance.

Declaring the workshop open, the Executive Chairman of SUBEB, Rt. Hon. Anietie Etuk, welcomed UBEC officials, directors, and participants, expressing appreciation for their commitment to strengthening the State basic education system. He urged attendees to approach the programme with seriousness, noting that their participation was crucial to improving school administration.

Dr. Etuk attributed the effective implementation of quality-assurance activities in the State to the government's consistent release of matching-grant counterpart funds. He observed that Governor Umo Eno's unwavering support for the education sector has created the momentum required to elevate standards across public schools.

He explained that the workshop would expose participants to the proper procedures for completing school self-evaluation instruments and charged them to replicate the training in their respective schools to ensure wider impact.

In her goodwill message, the Permanent Secretary of SUBEB, Dr. Roseline Mfon, underscored the need for evidence-based monitoring and evaluation within the school system. She outlined several quality-assurance components to be covered in the training, including achievements and standards; personal skills, values and participation; curriculum implementation; teaching and learning; care, guidance and safety; the learning environment; and leadership/management effectiveness.

Dr. Mfon noted that the training was designed to transform schools into model learning environments and improve educational outcomes. She thanked UBEC and Pastor Eno, for the sustained partnership, describing the Governor's contributions as significant boosts to the basic education sector.

Representing UBEC, the South-South Zonal Director, Mrs. Beatrice Okie, lauded the State government and SUBEB leadership for their continuous support for quality-assurance initiatives. She emphasised that quality assurance plays a critical role in safeguarding school welfare and aligning evaluation processes with national standards.

Earlier in his remarks, the Director of Quality Assurance at SUBEB, Mr. Asuquo Eyo, highlighted an existing gap between school heads and internal supervisors. He stressed the need for improved monitoring and adherence to minimum standards, adding that the workshop would address concerns around teaching and learning, self-evaluation, and leadership effectiveness. He further called for increased advocacy to tackle the issue of declining school enrolment.



# Nsit Atai First Lady Champions Maternal, Child Health

Mothers and caregivers in Nsit Atai Local Government Area, have been charged to focus on the health and well-being of their children by fully participating in the 2025 Second Round Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Week.

The charge was given by the Wife of the Chairman, Mrs. Emem Nyong on Wednesday, November 19, at the flagoff of the MNCH Week, at the Model Primary Health Centre, Odot.

Explaining that the initiative is part of the



On her part, the Director of Health encouraged mothers to visit the nearest primary health centres or temporary health posts for routine services, lauding the Council Chairman for putting support structures in place that enable smooth programme implementation.

The event, which featured the distribution of gift items to mothers, aimed at encouraging participation and supporting families, was attended by representatives of UNICEF, Helen Keller International, the Centre for Clinical Care and Clinical Research in Nigeria (CCCRN), and the Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN)

Council's efforts to ensure that every mother and child in the area has access to quality healthcare and life-saving interventions, Mrs. Nyong appealed for full cooperation from caregivers so that no eligible child is left out.

The Wife of the Chairman, who expressed gratitude to Governor Umo Eno, for prioritising healthcare delivery, commended the Chairman, Hon. Anthony Nyong, for his continuous support and acknowledged the Royal Wives and participants for their dedication to the programme.



# Int'l Students' Day: Pastor Eno Advocates Innovation-Driven Problem Solving Among Students

Pastor Umo Eno has called for increased innovation-focused problem-solving among students, urging them to concentrate on practical solutions that can address local issues and promote societal progress.

The Governor made this appeal on Monday, November 17, during the celebration of the 2025 International Students' Day at Ibom Hall, Uyo.

Represented by the Commissioner for Youth Development, Dr. Ekerette Ekanem, the Governor reaffirmed that students remain essential agents of transformation, whose creativity, passion, and ingenuity are vital for shaping the State's future. He highlighted the administration's investments in bursaries, scholarships, disability grants, increased NYSC allowances, and the establishment of model primary schools as part of efforts to empower young people through the ARISE Agenda.

This year's celebration, themed, "Empowering Students as Agents of Innovation and Change through the ARISE Agenda," aligns with the State's development blueprint and emphasises the important role of students in fostering innovation.



Earlier, the Commissioner for Education, Prof. Ubong Umoh, praised the Governor's unwavering dedication to student development, describing his leadership as strategic and impactful.

The event saw widespread participation from students across secondary and tertiary institutions, featuring a keynote address by Prof. Aniekan Brown, panel discussions, and goodwill messages from stakeholders.



The Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Student Matters, Dr. Wisdom Emmanuel, reaffirmed the administration's focus on student welfare and development, while also noting the ongoing support from the student community for the Governor's second-term bid.

## PRESS RELEASE

### AKSG DISMISSES POTHOLE SCARE, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPARENCY

The Akwa Ibom State Government has described as misleading and mischievous the recent publication on a section of the media bothering on potholes and other public utilities in the State Capital.

A release by the Commissioner for Information, Rt. Hon. Aniekan Umanah, says the reports fail to reflect the facts earlier provided by government on actions being taken and is clearly tailored to fit a pre-determined narrative rather than the truth.

“Issues bothering on potholes in Uyo metropolis, road maintenance interventions and existing recreational facilities, such as the Uyo plaza had since been highlighted and documented and the process for tackling them has commenced.

“This process strategically scheduled for the end of the rainy season, in line with best engineering practices, is clearly seen in the ongoing revamping of the Ibom Plaza with installation of solar powered lights, water fountains at roundabouts by the Uyo Capital City Development Authority the Ministry of Works as well as the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

“These clarifications were ignored, misrepresented, and selectively quoted.

“For the avoidance of doubt, Governor Umo Eno’s administration has, in just two years, delivered unprecedented development strides across sectors, including the construction of over 974 kilometres of roads with 31 bridges across the 31 local government areas, opening rural communities, boosting commerce, and improving mobility.”

The Commissioner frowned at a situation where journalists tend to ignore the positive and major on the minors just to create sensationalism in the policy.

“Last year a similar string of reports were published across news platforms, even when the government was swiftly responding to the issue. When the potholes all disappeared, no news media carried the report.

“Akwa Ibom remains one of Nigeria’s most stable, development-focused, and investor-friendly states. The Government urges media practitioners to uphold accuracy, fairness, and integrity, and reassures citizens that it will remain unshaken in delivering the ARISE Agenda and improving the quality of life for all.”

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# TOP 10 INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE



## IBOM INDUSTRIAL CITY

- National and regional industrial and economic hub
- Occupies **14,517 hectares** of land
- IIC will create jobs and limitless investment opportunities



## LIBERTY FREE TRADE ZONE

- Proposed Oil and Gas Free Trade Zone
- Occupies **50,000 hectares** of land across 6 LGAs
- Will consist of Modern International Jetty, a dry bulk quay to house agricultural products.



## AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENTS

- Largest producer of palm oil in the country
- Cocoa plantation
- Blessed with arable land, fertile soil, favourable all-round climate, marine resources such as large scale fishing



## TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

- Untapped potentials such as development of resorts and hospitality services.
- Availability of 21 storey smart building, Four Points by Sheraton hotel, Ibom Hotels and Golf Resort etc



## LARGE GAS RESERVES

- Abundance of natural gas
- Investment potentials in Gas to Liquid project, Gas gathering (dry) and distribution, renewable energy, low emission fuels, etc



## POWER SECTOR

- Investment opportunities available in this sector
- Upgrade of Ibom Independent Power Plant with an initial capacity of 191MW to 500MW.



## CRUDE OIL

- Largest oil producing and revenue contributing state to Nigeria's economy
- Investment opportunities in the development of upstream and downstream sector, refinery projects, oil & gas services, etc



## MARINE TRANSPORT

- Located in Nigeria's South-South region, predominantly coastal area offers opportunities for marine transportation.
- About 13.4% of 960km of Nigeria's Atlantic Ocean coastline sits in the state



## AVIATION SECTOR

- Opportunities for air cargo, freights & other courier businesses in the aviation sector



## IBOM DEEP SEAPORT

- Occupies **2,565 hectares** of land
- \$4.2bn IDSP to provide vital port capacity for the country, trans-shipment facility for West and Central African region.
- Good access to coastal railway line, Victor Attah International Airport & extensive road network.
- Beneficial to nearby industries involved in agriculture, petrochemical, marine, auto assembly, power plants.



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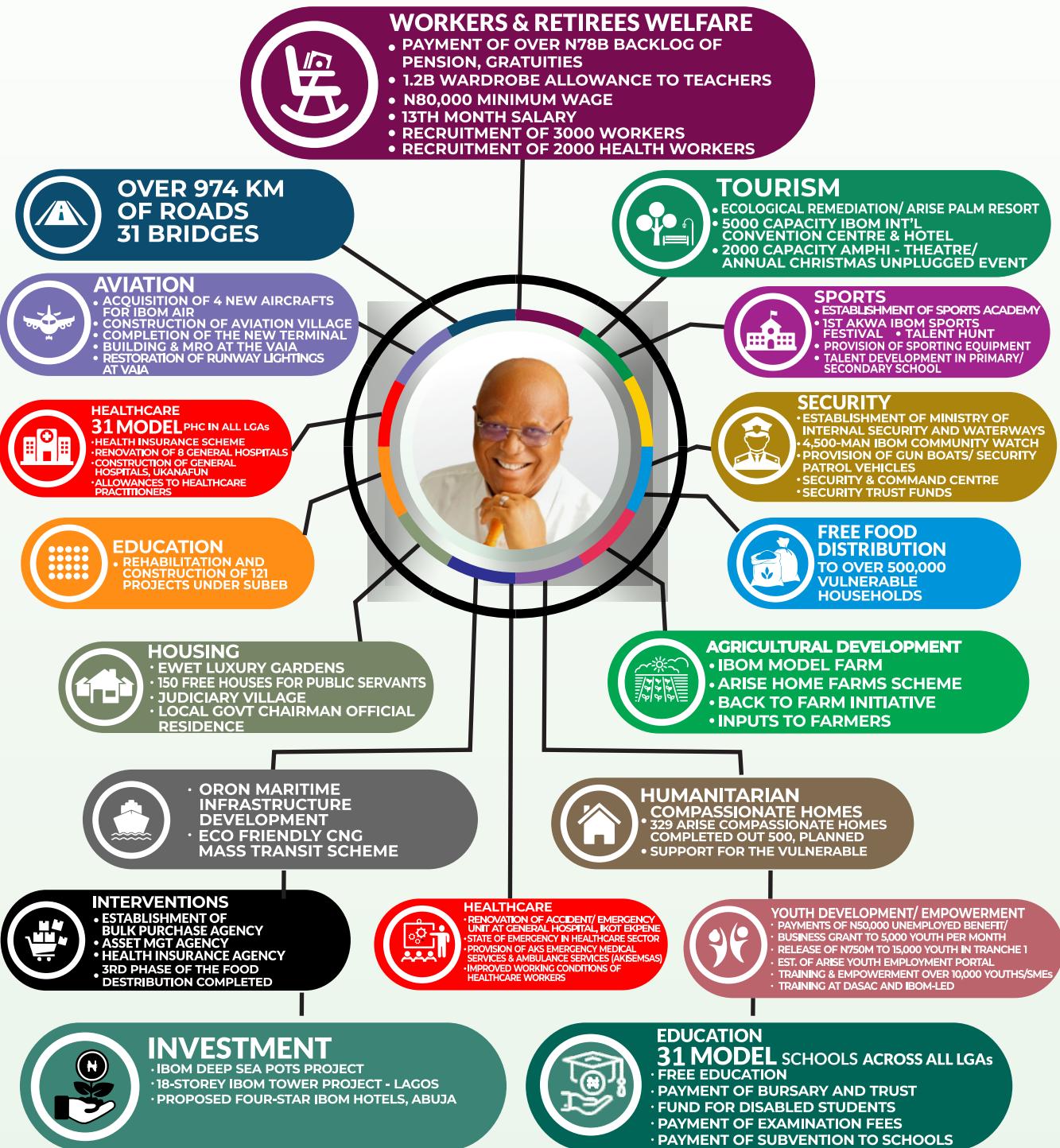
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