



# ARISE NEWS WEEKLY

January 6 - January 13, 2026 Vol. 2 No.1

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

## Gov Eno Approves Maintenance of 83 Roads at On-going Ministerial Briefings

*•Okays health counterpart funds, education support, food distribution*



### Projects Commissioned in 2025



### AKBC House



### ARISE Entrepreneurial Equipment Support Scheme



### Ibom International Hospital

The Governor disclosed this after receiving an update from the Ministry of Works and Fire Service, directing that all failed portions of roads be fixed with immediate effect. He confirmed that Amitec Construction and Development Limited has been mobilised and mandated to complete the repairs before the end of the dry season.



Roads listed for maintenance include, sections of Oron Road, Udo Umana, Udo Eduok, Okon Essien, Plaza Bypass, Ikot Ekpene Road, Abak Road, Clement Isong Street, parts of Nsikak Eduok Avenue, and Port Harcourt Street.

Other affected locations are the Itam Junction Roundabout, parts of Obio Imo Street, D'Angelo Hotel and EFCC Roads in Ewet Housing Estate, Johnson Street off Aka Road, Ekpenyong Street, among others within the State capital.

Governor Eno also received briefings from the Ministries of Humanitarian Affairs, Education,



and Health. He approved the first-quarter distribution of food items to vulnerable citizens by the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, scheduled to take place during the forthcoming Easter period.

For the Education sector, the Governor approved the payment of first and second term subventions for public primary, secondary, and technical colleges, as well as payment of WASSCE, NABTEB, and science practical fees for students of Akwa Ibom State origin in public schools. He also approved the



procurement of uniforms, bags, and shoes for pupils in model primary schools.

In the Health sector, Governor Eno approved all 2025 health-related counterpart funding, including health insurance, primary healthcare, immunisation, family planning, and nutrition programmes. He further authorised the release of the 2024 Medical Residency Training Fund, revitalisation of the State Central Medical Stores, and issuance of appointment letters to newly engaged contract staff, commending the ministry's reforms and urging sustained performance in 2026.

# Gov Eno Begins Two-Weeks Ministerial Briefing, Demands Accountability



Governor Umo Eno, has declared open a two-week ministerial briefing at the State Executive Council Chambers, Government House, Uyo, to front load the State's priorities and reinforce effective service delivery in line with the ARISE Agenda.

Governor Eno stated this on Monday, January 12, stressing that governance under his leadership will remain focused, disciplined, and people-centred.

The Governor explained that the briefing became necessary as 2026 will combine governance with political activities, making it imperative for government officials to remain focused, strategic, and efficient in programme execution.

According to him, the daily briefings, scheduled from January 12 - 21, will feature detailed presentations from members of the Executive Council as well as Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). He added that each Commissioner is required to attend alongside their Permanent Secretary, Delivery Advisers, and other relevant officers.

The Governor urged Council members to use the platform to give a clear account of their stewardship, including achievements recorded in 2025 and projections for 2026, emphasising that all

plans and activities must strictly align with the ARISE Agenda.

He disclosed that the State currently has over sixty priority projects outside road construction, noting that no new projects will be approved unless they directly impact the people, align with the ARISE Agenda, and fall within available budgetary provisions.

Looking ahead to the general election, Governor Eno charged Commissioners to be ready to present the administration's report cards to the public. He announced that from February, Commissioners will engage in compulsory monthly press briefings and weekly radio programmes such as Matters Arising, reaffirming his commitment to transparency, accountability, and result-driven governance across the State.



# Reclaimed Uyo Village Dumpsite to Host GRA, Creative Hub, Housing - Gov Eno



Governor Umo Eno, has announced plans to transform the reclaimed Uyo Village dumpsite into a modern Government Residential Area (GRA), incorporating a creative village and a housing estate aimed at reducing housing deficit.

The Governor disclosed this on Tuesday, January 6, while responding to questions from Government House correspondents after inspecting the reclaimed site, which spans over 100 hectares. The inspection also covered a ravine-prone landscape that has been sand-filled in preparation for future development.

Governor Eno described the project as a demonstration of vision and foresight, noting that the land, once a major dumpsite, has been fully reclaimed and designated for structured development, including housing, agriculture, and other uses. He added that proper mapping and water channels have been put in place to support sustainable development.

According to him, the ravine area will be transformed to accommodate the Uyo GRA, with plans for about 150 middle-income housing units, alongside a

creative village connected by a spur road. The initiative, he said, will open up previously unusable land, address erosion challenges, and create new development corridors close to the Uyo city centre.

The Governor explained that his visit was necessitated by the need to personally assess the road design and gain a comprehensive understanding of the scope of work being executed by contractors, beyond earlier technical briefings received in his office. He expressed satisfaction with the level of progress recorded so far on the site.

Reaffirming the administration's commitment to quality and timely delivery, Governor Eno urged contractors handling government projects to adhere strictly to standards. He averred that the Uyo Village road and housing project would play a key role in addressing housing needs through middle-income and other strategic residential developments.

Governor Eno further stated that ongoing infrastructure projects across the State are creating significant employment opportunities for youths and local workers. He encouraged young people to embrace these opportunities and uphold a strong work ethic, noting that the 2026 budget of N1.584 trillion reflects the scale of development planned to position Akwa Ibom on a path comparable with global cities.



## GOV ENO INSPECTS RECLAIMED UYO VILLAGE DUMPSITE



# Gov Eno Charges A'lbon Youths on Self-Devt, Peace Building

Governor Umo Eno, has charged Akwa Ibom youths to prioritise self-development and avoid actions capable of disrupting the peace and unity currently enjoyed across the State.

The Governor gave the charge during a breakfast meeting with the leadership of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Akwa Ibom State chapter on Saturday, January 10.

Governor Eno explained that the creation of a separate Ministry of Youth Development was aimed at giving focused attention to youth-centred programmes and policies. He said his administration has been deliberate about youth empowerment through initiatives such as the Dakkada Skills Acquisition Centre (DASAC) and the Ibom Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Centre (Ibom-LED).

He urged youths to take full advantage of the numerous opportunities available in the State for personal growth and collective advancement. On the 2027 elections, the Governor cautioned the youths against allowing themselves to be used to inflame the polity, stressing the need for peace to prevail at all times.

The Secretary to the State Government, Prince Enobong Uwah, advised the youths to see themselves as leaders, noting that the NYCN serves as a breeding ground for future leaders. He added that Governor Eno has shown strong commitment to youth inclusion through appointments and empowerment programmes, urging



them to remain law-abiding.

Also speaking, Hon. Martins Esin, Member representing Oron/Mbo/Okobo/Udung Uko/Urue Offong/Oruko Federal Constituency and Chairman, House Committee on Youth Development, commended the Governor's investments in youth training and empowerment. He highlighted the administration's plan to establish youth-friendly centres across the 31 local government areas and assured the Governor of youths' continued support beyond 2027.

The Commissioner for Youth Development, Dr. Ekerette Ekanem, expressed gratitude to the Governor for the sustained training and empowerment programmes targeted at young people in the State.

In their separate remarks, the State Chairman of the NYCN, Comrade Emmanuel Ekong, alongside Akuku Utitofon, Paul Ibara and Abigail Job, praised Governor Eno for his commitment to youth development. They pledged the continued support of Akwa Ibom youths for the Governor and his re-election bid in 2027.



## GOV ENO HOSTS NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (NYCN)



# Gov Eno Receives ARISE Renewed Hope Group, Charges Peace, Devt



Governor Umo Eno, has charged political stakeholders and residents to sustain peace and development as preparations for 2027 general elections began.

Governor Eno stated this on Friday, January 9, while receiving members of the ARISE Renewed Hope Initiative on a courtesy visit at Government House, Uyo.

The Governor commended the initiators of the socio-political group for translating their vision into reality, describing its membership as a true reflection of unity across the State. He said the group embodied the Akwa Ibom spirit and would help strengthen cohesion necessary for the success of the ARISE Agenda.

According to the Governor, peace and development must go hand in hand, stressing that one cannot thrive without the other. He added that political activities must be guided by inclusiveness and party cohesion, expressing confidence that the group would contribute to a seamless electoral process for President Bola Tinubu, Senate President Godswill Akpabio, himself and other candidates of the All Progressives Congress (APC).

Governor Eno also used the occasion to urge Akwa Ibom people to actively participate in the ongoing Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) voter registration exercise, calling for

effective mobilisation to ensure massive voter turnout and success at the polls.

Earlier, the President General of the ARISE Renewed Hope Initiative, Engr. Uwem Okoko, said the group was formed by like-minded individuals committed to mobilising support for the re-election of President Tinubu, the return of Senator Godswill Akpabio as Senate President, and the continuity of Governor Eno's leadership beyond 2027. He noted that the Tinubu administration has enhanced Akwa Ibom's integration with the Federal Government and pledged that the APC would secure all elective positions in the State.

In his remarks, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sir Victor Antai, said the synergy between Governor Eno and Senator Akpabio had redefined the State's political landscape, adding that the calibre of personalities in the group signaled a new political chapter that would translate into electoral victories for the APC in 2027.

Also speaking, the State Chairman of the APC, Obong Stephen Ntuekpo, assured that the ARISE Renewed Hope Initiative would be fully integrated into the party's campaign structure. He praised the group for its unity and commitment, as the initiative unveiled its leadership, including Rt. Hon. Udo Kieran as International Coordinator, several Board of Trustees members and senatorial coordinators, and announced plans to visit the Senate President, tour local governments and hold a grand launch.



# GOV ENO RECEIVES ARISE RENEWED HOPE GROUP



# GOV ENO RECEIVES ARISE RENEWED HOPE GROUP



# Gov Eno Signs N1.584trn 2026 Budget, Inaugurates TSA, Airport Committees



Governor Umo Eno, has formally signed into law the 2026 N1.584 trillion People's Budget of Expansion and Growth, duly passed by the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly.

Governor Eno signed the budget during the enlarged State Exco Meeting held on Monday, January 5, at Government House, Uyo, with the Deputy Governor, Senator Akon Eyakenyi; the Secretary to the State Government, Prince Enobong Uwah; the Head of Service, Mrs. Elsie Peters; Executive Assistant and Chief Delivery Advisor, Mr. Aniefiok Johnson; Commissioners, Special Advisers, Permanent Secretaries, and Chairmen of Boards and Commissions in attendance.

Welcoming members to the first meeting of the year, Governor Eno described 2026 as a year of expansion and consolidation, as well as the formal commencement of the political season. He commended the House of Assembly for the expeditious passage of the budget, lauding the prevailing cooperation between the Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary arms of government.

The Governor charged Council members, whom he referred to as the administration's "first eleven" and key executors of the ARISE Agenda, to recommit themselves to prompt and decisive actions in delivering the government's development blueprint.

He further reiterated the full implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) with effect from January 1, 2026, stressing strict compliance by all Ministries, Departments,

and Agencies (MDAs). According to him, the TSA policy is aimed at strengthening accountability, boosting internally generated revenue (IGR), reducing dependence on federal allocations, and supporting economic diversification through strategic investments, particularly in tourism and other priority sectors.

The State Chief Executive further approved the inauguration of two strategic committees, Committee on the Implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) and Internally Generated Revenue (IGR), and the Committee for the Actualization of the International Status of the Victor Attah International Airport, Uyo.

Committee on the Implementation of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) and Internally Generated Revenue (IGR), is chaired by Mr. Emem Bob, Commissioner for Finance, and has Dr. Frank Ekpenyong, Commissioner for Science and Digital Economy; Mr. Frank Archibong, Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs; Dr. Ubong Inyang, Commissioner for Lands and Town Planning and Dr. Linus Nkan, Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning as members, while Mr. Okon Okon, Chairman, Akwa Ibom State Internal Revenue Service (AKIRS) will serve as Secretary.

The Committee for the Actualization of the International Status of Victor Attah International Airport, Uyo, is to be chaired by

Prince Enobong Uwah, Secretary to the State Government as Chairman, with Uko Udom, SAN, Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice; Mr. Emem Bob, Commissioner for Finance and Special Duties; Mr. Uwem Ekanem, Managing Director, Airport Development Authority (Secretary); Mr. George Uriesi, Managing Director, Ibom Air; Engr. Ephraim Udosen, Permanent Secretary, Special Duties and Pastor Uwem Andrew Essien, Accountant-General as members.

In a special recognition and commendation of his dedication to duty, which culminated in the success of the just-concluded Christmas Unplugged 3.0 celebration, the Commissioner for Culture and Tourism, Dr. Anieti Udofia, was presented with the Commissioner of the Year 2025 Award.



## GOV ENO INAUGURATES TSA, AIRPORT COMMITTEES



# Gov Eno Unveils Implementation Committee for APC Congress

• *Receives Akpabio's applause for maintaining peace, unity*



The Akwa Ibom State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC), has concluded arrangement for its 2026 congress ahead of the 2027 general elections, with Governor Umo Eno inaugurating an implementation committee to oversee the process.

Governor Eno disclosed this on Friday, January 2, during a New Year party stakeholders' meeting held at the Banquet Hall of Government House, Uyo, where he urged party members to remain united, focused and committed to the ideals of the APC in the collective interest of the party and the State.

He subsequently constituted a seven-man congress implementation committee to work with the State party Chairman, naming Prince Enobong Uwah as Chairman, Hon. Patrick Umoh as Secretary, and Hon. Frank Archibong, Mr. Nsentip Akpabio, Architect Ubokutom Nyah, Engr. Uwem Okoko and Hon. Owoideghe Ekpotai as members, charging them to consult widely and ensure a successful

exercise.

Speaking at the meeting, Senate President Godswill Akpabio commended Governor Eno for galvanising stakeholders across the State and fostering peace and unity, describing the atmosphere in Akwa Ibom as peaceful, united and development-driven.

Akpabio described Governor Eno as a visionary and courageous leader, noting that his decision to join the APC in the interest of the State was divinely inspired, and pledged continued support for the Governor beyond 2027, while urging party members to sustain their backing for the administration.

Also speaking, the APC State Chairman, Obong Stephen Ntukepo, praised the Governor's leadership, vision and commitment to uniting the State, describing him as a gentleman whose love for the people of Akwa Ibom is profound and genuine.

Other stakeholders, including the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Gas), Obongemem Ekperikpe Ekpo; Speaker of the State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Udeme Otong; Senators Emmanuel IbokEssien and Effiong Bob; Obong Nsima Ekere; and the APC State Women Leader, Obongawan Obonodo Uko, commended Governor Eno's leadership and his collaborative relationship with the Senate President, assuring him of their unwavering support and that of their constituencies.



## GOV ENO UNVEILS IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE FOR APC CONGRESS



# Pastor Eno Commences 2026 With Thanksgiving, Urges Maturity, Respectful Politics

Pastor Umo Eno, has called on citizens and political actors to demonstrate maturity, peace and tolerance as preparations toward the 2027 general elections gradually begin, warning against actions capable of disrupting the prevailing unity and stability in the State.

The Governor gave the charge during a Special Inter-Denominational New Year Thanksgiving Service, held on Sunday, December 4, at the International Worship Centre, Uyo, where he commended political leaders across party lines for their maturity in handling sensitive issues, noting that such conduct has sustained peace and accelerated development in the State.

Governor Eno urged citizens to engage constructively in political discourse, stressing that while disagreement is a democratic right, it must be expressed respectfully. He emphasised that political differences should not degenerate into insults, hostility or violence, appealing to all to preserve the atmosphere of peace currently enjoyed across Akwa Ibom.

Speaking on governance reforms, the Governor announced the full introduction of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) system, explaining that the policy is designed to enhance revenue generation,



transparency and accountability. He directed all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to comply strictly, noting that no agency is permitted to generate and spend funds outside the TSA framework.

Governor Eno disclosed that the State has proposed a N1.5 trillion budget, stressing that effective revenue consolidation through the TSA is critical to funding development projects. He pledged his commitment to budget discipline and appealed for the cooperation of public officials and citizens to ensure successful implementation of the policy.



In his sermon, the guest preacher and Founder of Eternity Network International, Apostle Joshua Selman, who ministered on the theme, "The God of All Flesh," taken from Jeremiah 32:27, reminded Christians that their impact is tied to their knowledge of God. He urged believers to remain humble, trust God in challenging times and rely on Him as the God of all possibilities. The service also featured goodwill remarks from the CAN Chairman, Bishop Chris Nyong, who praised the Governor for sustaining peace, as well as praise, worship and Bible reading by the Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki.

# 2026 STATE THANKSGIVING SERVICE



# 2026 Armed Forces Remembrance: Pastor Eno Pledges Sustained Support for Ex-Servicemen at Emblem Launch



**P**astor Umo Eno, has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to security, peace, unity and the welfare of all citizens of the State, particularly the ex-serviceman.

The Governor stated this during the launch of the 2026 Armed Forces Remembrance Emblem Appeal Fund, held on Thursday, January 8, at the Governor's Office Annex, Uyo.

Represented by the Deputy Governor, Senator Akon Eyakenyi, Governor Eno emphasised that the primary responsibility of government is the protection of lives and property, as well as the promotion of citizens' welfare, assuring that his administration remains irrevocably committed to fulfilling this mandate. He stressed that the responsibility would not be compromised.

Reaffirming support for ex-servicemen and their families in recognition of their sacrifices, the Governor highlighted initiatives designed to improve their welfare and that of other senior citizens. These include, the Health Insurance Scheme, the Senior Citizens' Centre, the Ibom International Hospital, and the construction of Model Primary Health Centres across the State.

He further underscored his administration's special focus

on senior citizens, noting that veterans who devoted their youthful years to national and global peace deserve quality medical and recreational facilities. According to him, government will continue to support them within available resources to ensure they live with dignity and fulfilment.

In her remarks, the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Welfare, Hon. Inibehe Etukudo commended the Governor for his consistent support for members of the Nigerian Legion and widows of fallen heroes. She described Armed Forces Remembrance Day, marked annually on January 15, as a solemn occasion to honour those who paid the supreme price during global wars, the Nigerian Civil War, peacekeeping missions and internal security operations.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Nigerian Legion in Akwa Ibom State, Captain Uwemedimo Bassey (Rtd), called on Nigerians to promote unity and patriotism as foundations of national strength. He thanked the Governor for empowering military widows and appealed for expanded support for veterans and their families, particularly in housing, education, employment and mental health care.

The event culminated in the decoration of the Governor's representative and other dignitaries with the 2026 Armed Forces Remembrance Emblem.



# HoS Urges Support for ARISE Agenda at APOCE Seminar



The 2025 Pre-Compulsory Examination Seminar (APOCE) for Administrative and Professional Officers in the Akwa Ibom State Public Service, held on Thursday, January 8, as part of government efforts aimed at strengthening capacity and enhancing career advancement among civil servants.

Declaring the seminar open at the Mboho Mkparawa Ibibio Hall, Udo Udoma Avenue, the Head of Civil Service, Mrs. Elsie Peters, underscored the importance of the programme, describing it as a key component of Governor Umo Eno's training and retraining initiatives designed to equip public servants for effective service delivery and improved job performance.

Represented by the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Head of Service, Ms. Doris Ikpuho, Mrs. Peters expressed appreciation to the Governor for approving the conduct of the seminar and examination. She also commended the administration for timely promotions, implementation of the new minimum wage, payment of gratuity arrears, and the introduction of other welfare and human capital development programmes.

The Head of Service urged public

servants to reciprocate these gestures by supporting the actualisation of the ARISE Agenda and by taking the seminar seriously as a platform for personal development and the overall growth of the State.

Mrs. Peters also appreciated the Permanent Secretary, Department of Establishment, Mrs. Esther Inyang, for organising the programme within a short time, as well as the resource persons for sharing their professional expertise.

Earlier in her welcome address, Mrs. Inyang explained that the 2025 seminar and examination were expedited to align with the ARISE Agenda. She noted that APOCE and other special examinations are critical in equipping officers with practical knowledge, professional attitude, and competencies required for effective governance.

She further commended Governor Eno for his commitment to transparency and world-class service delivery, and lauded the Head of Service for sustaining a dynamic and innovation-driven workforce. Mrs. Inyang urged participants to engage actively during the sessions, while the seminar featured papers on Law, Management Principles, Security in Government, Personnel Management, and Financial Management in both State and Local Government systems.



# Mboho Int'l President Sponsors Community Christmas Festival

•Awards scholarships, empowers families as inspired by ARISE Agenda

Ikot Ayan Itam community in Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State came alive during the Yuletide as the ESA Grace Foundation hosted the 15th edition of the Ikot Ayan Itam Christmas Festival, combining worship, celebration, and far-reaching humanitarian interventions.

The Festival, held at St. John's Primary School, Ikot Ayan Itam, was fully sponsored by the International President of Mboho Mkpawawa Ibibio, Akparawa James Edet, who also serves as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information, Akwa Ibom State.

With the theme "EL-ROI: Our Good News," the event attracted community leaders, youths, women, children, church groups, and guests from within and outside the State, fostering an atmosphere of thanksgiving, unity, and goodwill.

Beyond its spiritual engagements, the Festival delivered substantial educational and social interventions through the ESA Grace Foundation Educational Support Initiatives. Ten university scholarships were awarded to indigenes of Ikot Ayan Itam studying in public universities, while over 1,000 customised exercise books and other learning materials were distributed to primary and secondary school pupils. Of this number, 500 exercise books were donated to St. John's Primary School.

Further community support included the distribution of wrappers and gift items to the elderly, bags of rice and cash support to the Council of Chiefs, Village Council, Youth Council, Women Council, and each of the 17 families in the village. Financial assistance was also extended to twelve church choirs that participated in the Festival, aimed at encouraging the growth of churches and Christian music in Ikot Ayan Itam and neighbouring communities. In addition, cartons of Indomie noodles were shared among children, adding excitement to the celebration.

Speaking at the event, Akparawa Edet, accompanied by his wife, Akparawa-Anwan Grace James, said the Festival and its



interventions were inspired by the ARISE Agenda and the people-centred leadership philosophy of Governor Umo Eno. He commended the Governor's emphasis on compassion, human capital development, and inclusive growth, noting that these ideals have strengthened his commitment to community service.

Earlier, the Chairman of Itu Local Government Area, Hon. Ubong Nkut, led a delegation of leaders and youths to ESA Grace, the country home of Akparawa Edet, to celebrate with him in commemoration of the Festival's 15th anniversary.

The Village Head of Ikot Ayan Itam, Ete Idung John Uruk, expressed deep appreciation to the sponsor for personally funding the Festival for fifteen consecutive years, prayed for God's continued blessings on his family, and urged other indigenes to emulate his commitment to unity and development.

The event also attracted members of Mboho Mkpawawa Ibibio from Nigeria, the United States, and Europe, who attended in solidarity with their International President.

Speaking on behalf of the scholarship beneficiaries, Miss Ekomobong Ntukidem, a law student of the University of Uyo, described the scholarship as life-changing, noting that it would ease financial pressures and inspire greater academic excellence.

Other community leaders, including Pastor Michael Essien, President of the Itu Local Government Association in Lagos; Barrister Eddie Ntukidem, a legal practitioner; and Catechist Emmanuel Ekpenyong, a retired school principal, commended the initiative, describing it as timely, inclusive, and deeply impactful.

The Ikot Ayan Itam Christmas Festival 2025 ended on a joyful note, reaffirming the ESA Grace Foundation's commitment to faith-based engagement, educational advancement, and sustained humanitarian service.



# Info Ministry Ushers in 2026 With Thanksgiving, Charges Staff on Dedication



The Ministry of Information on Monday, January 5, commenced official activities for 2026 with a thanksgiving service, committing the new year to God in anticipation of continued favour and mercy.

Management and staff gathered at the ministry's carport to offer songs of praise and thanksgiving for God's grace throughout 2025, while expressing faith for greater blessings in the year ahead.

Addressing staff on behalf of the Commissioner for Information, Rt. Hon. Aniekan Umanah, the Permanent Secretary, Akparawa James Edet, said beginning the first working day of the year with thanksgiving aligned with the State Government's vision, which replaced the traditional solemn assembly with thanksgiving. He noted that the exercise was aimed at seeking divine favour, open doors, promotion, and grace for staff and the ministry in 2026.

Akparawa Edet conveyed the Commissioner's gratitude to God and to Governor Umo Eno for the various welfare packages and support extended to workers across the State in the past year. He highlighted benefits such as the "Eno-mber" yuletide payment, provision of free houses and vehicles, and other welfare initiatives that underscored the administration's commitment to workers' wellbeing.

While appreciating staff for their support

and contributions to the ministry's achievements in 2025, the Permanent Secretary urged them to demonstrate greater commitment and productivity in the new year as a way of reciprocating the Governor's prioritisation of workers' welfare. He charged staff to remain dedicated and disciplined, warning that indolence would attract appropriate sanctions, while diligence would be rewarded.

He also thanked the guest minister, Senior Pastor of Kings Bride Christian Centre, Pastor Uwana Mbede, for joining the ministry to usher in the new year, praying for God's blessings, open doors, and a fruitful 2026 for the Pastor, staff, and the ministry.

In his exhortation titled "The Benefits of Trusting God," Pastor Mbede read from Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalms 37:23, describing trust in God as making Him one's hope and confidence. He identified obedience to God's word as a key indicator of trust and encouraged staff to rely on God for guidance and direction in both their personal and professional lives.

Earlier, setting the tone for the gathering, the Director of Public Relations and Advertising, Mr. Nsikan Essien, said the annual thanksgiving and prayer session on the first working day of the year had become a tradition of the ministry. The event featured prayers for divine direction for the Commissioner, Management, and staff, as well as for their families, unity in the State, protection, good health, and all-round progress in 2026.



# Ibeno Chairman Aligns With Pastor Eno's Health Reforms, Equips Facilities

The Chairman of Ibeno Local Government Area, Hon. Glory Effiong, has distributed medical equipment to three health facilities in the area, reaffirming her administration's commitment to strengthening primary healthcare delivery at the grassroots.

The equipment was delivered on Friday, January 9, to the Polyclinic, Upenekekang; Health Centre, Inuaeyet Ikot and Health Centre, Ntafre, as part of efforts to improve access to quality healthcare services.

Hon. Effiong said the intervention aligns with Governor Umo Eno's health reform agenda, which emphasises access, equity and quality service delivery. She noted that the equipment would enhance the capacity of primary healthcare centres to meet residents' needs,



particularly women and children.

The Council Chairman reaffirmed her administration's resolve to build a healthier and more resilient Ibeno, adding that the initiative complements the recent expansion of the Akwa Ibom State Health Insurance Scheme to include residents of the local government area.

Hon. Effiong added that the exercise forms part of a sustained investment in the local healthcare system, with plans for further interventions to support effective service delivery.



In their view, health workers and community members at the benefiting facilities commended the council for the timely support, describing it as critical to improving healthcare services in Ibeno.

## CHRISTMAS UNPLUGGED

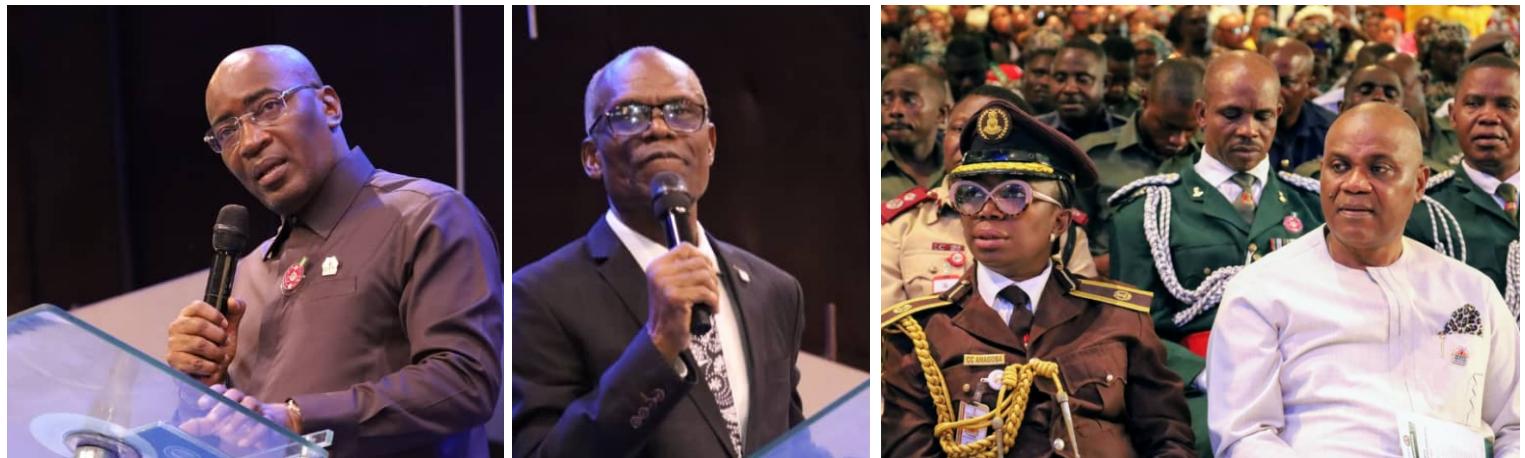


UYO LGA



URUEOFFONG/ORUKO LGA

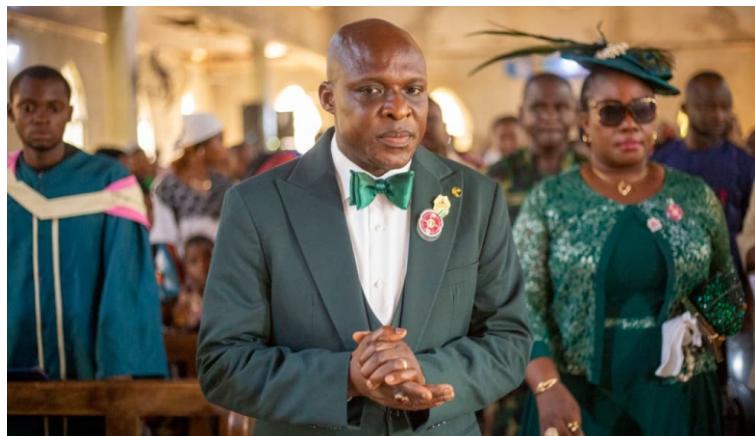
## ARMED FORCES REMEMBRANCE DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



## ARMED FORCES REMEMBRANCE DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



URUAN LGA



IKA LGA

## ARMED FORCES REMEMBRANCE DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



ORUK ANAM LGA



NSIT ATAI LGA

## ARMED FORCES REMEMBRANCE DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



IKOT EKPENE LGA

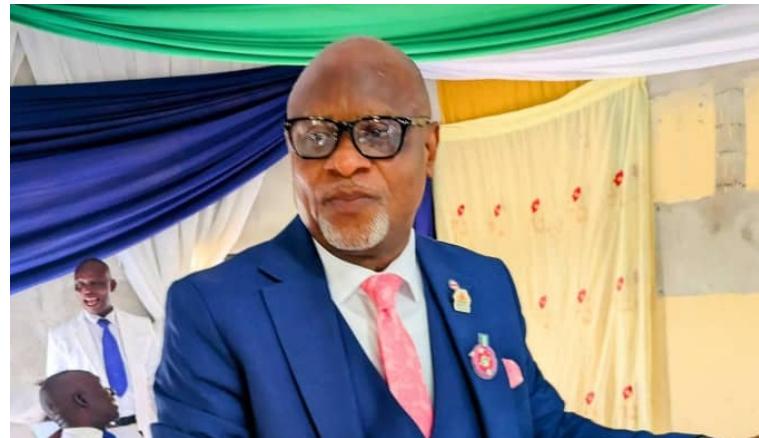


EKET LGA

## ARMED FORCES REMEMBRANCE DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



IKONO LGA



ESIT EKET LGA



# PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN 2025 WITH THE MISSION TO ARISE

Driven by the ARISE Agenda, the Akwa Ibom State Government has delivered impactful, life-changing projects and wide-ranging empowerment programmes that touch every sector and every corner of the State in 2025.

From healthcare and education to roads, tourism, security and grassroots empowerment, 32 strategic projects have been commissioned, while thousands of citizens have been directly supported to improve livelihoods and build sustainable futures.

Below is a sector-by-sector breakdown of these achievements:

## Healthcare & Emergency Services

- Primary Health Centre, Nduo Eduo, Eket
- General Hospital, Ukanafun
- Model Primary Health Centre, Ikot Ekwere, Nsit Ubium
- Model Primary Health Centre, Eyulor, Urue Offong/Oruko
- Akwa Ibom State Medical Oxygen Production Plant, Ituk Mbang
- Akwa Ibom State Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance System (AKISEMSAS)
- State Emergency Operations Centre, Uyo
- Model Health Centre, Wellington Bassey Way, Uyo
- Model Health Centre, Abiakana, Ika
- Model Health Centre, Udung Uko
- Ibom International Hospital
- Upgraded Ikot Ekpene General Hospital
- Public Health Emergency Operations Centre
- Education & Youth Development
- St. Patrick Model Primary School, Nto Ide, Obot Akara
- Model Primary School, Ikot Isong, Etinan
- Model Primary School, Afaha Itam, Itu
- Model Primary School, Okopedi Okobo, Okobo
- Holy Child Convent Model Primary School, Abak
- Model Primary School, Uko-Oyulkim, Oron
- St. Ignatius Primary School, Ukana Iba, Essien Udim
- Ibom Sports Academy, Eket
- Roads & Infrastructure
- 1.4km Internal Roads, State Police Headquarters, Ikot Akpan Abia
- 15.13km Ikot Esu – Otomo – Azumini Road, Ika
- 1.5km Internal Roads, Ikot Udom, Ika
- 10.4km Idoro – Ukpom Abak Road, Uyo/Abak LGAs
- 14.2km Ikot Ubo – Odot Road, Nsit Ubium/Nsit Atai LGAs

## Tourism & Public Amenities

- Remodelled Ibom Plaza, Uyo
- ARISE Palm Resort
- Upgraded Ibom Hotel & Golf Resort
- Victor Attah International Airport elevated to full international status

## Grassroots Empowerment

Beyond infrastructure, the ARISE Agenda has prioritised people-centred development through direct economic empowerment:

- N5 million Farmers' Grants - 43 beneficiaries
- N1 million Farmers' Grants - 60 beneficiaries
- N500,000 Farmers' Grants - 696 beneficiaries
- N250,000 Traders' Grants - 464 beneficiaries
- N1 million Traders' Grants - 201 beneficiaries
- N450,000 Traders' Grants - 696 beneficiaries
- N750,000 IBOM-LED Grants - 121 beneficiaries
- N50,000 Youth Grants - 29,618 beneficiaries
- Equipment support to 976 entrepreneurs
- DASAC training for 274 youths

These achievements go beyond numbers and structures; they represent a clear commitment to inclusive growth, human capacity development and sustainable progress.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV ENO'S PERFORMANCE IN 2025



### LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER AWARD



### GIFA FIRST ANNIVERSARY

## HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV ENO'S PERFORMANCE IN 2025



### ARISE ENTREPRENEURIAL EQUIPMENT SUPPORT SCHEME

## HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV ENO'S PERFORMANCE IN 2025



**ARISE TOWN SQUARE MEETINGS ACROSS 10 FED. CONSTITUENCIES**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV ENO'S PERFORMANCE IN 2025



**ARISE TOWN SQUARE MEETINGS ACROSS 10 FED. CONSTITUENCIES**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV ENO'S PERFORMANCE IN 2025



**GOV ENO DELIVERS AUDITORIUM PROJECT, CARS TO NUJ**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV ENO'S PERFORMANCE IN 2025



**GOV ENO RECEIVES NIGERIAN EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PUBLIC SERVICE**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV ENO'S PERFORMANCE IN 2025



**GOV ENO INAUGURATES STATE GOVT PAVILION AT CHRISTMAS UNPLUGGED 3.0**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV ENO'S PERFORMANCE IN 2025



**UKANAFUN GENERAL HOSPITAL**



**INNOVATION IN AKWA IBOM STATE PUBLIC SERVICE**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV ENO'S PERFORMANCE IN 2025



## PRESIDENT TINUBU HOSTS AKWA IBOM STATE DELEGATION

# 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.



*For more info contact*

**Office of the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Trade & Investment,  
Idongesit Nkanga Secretariat Complex, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State**

## EDITORIAL TEAM

### Publisher

Ministry of Information  
Akwa Ibom State

### Editor-In-Chief

Hon. Aniekan Umanah

### Editorial Adviser

Akparawa James Edet

### Editor

Aniekan Ukpong

### Associate Editors

Inibeghe Etuk  
Udeme Inyang

### Writers

Imaobong Ekarika  
Edifon Abasiobot  
Mfonobong Ukpong

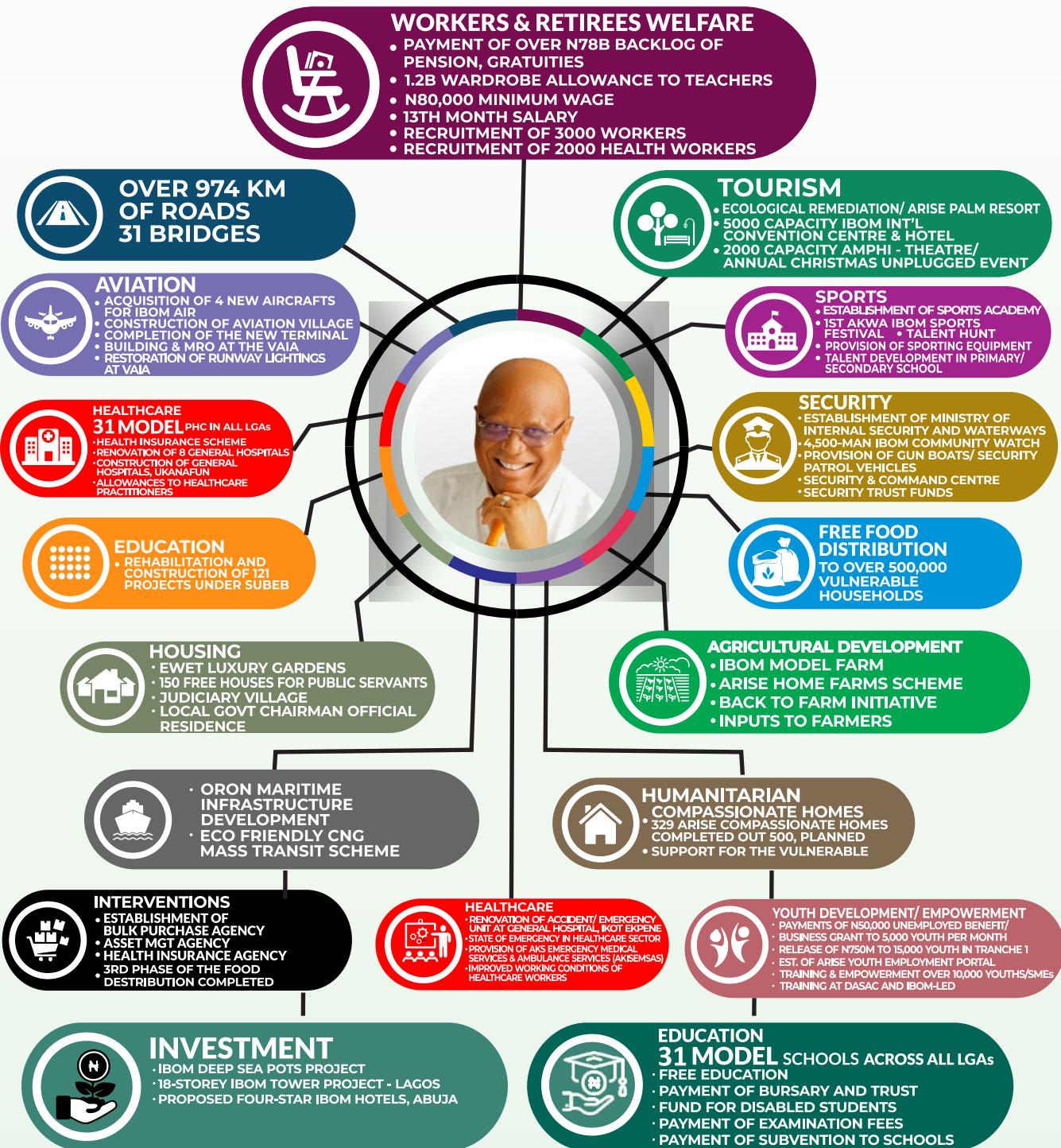
### Graphics

Nsikan Ekwere  
Edidiong George  
Church Michael

### Photography

Idara Adiakpan  
Stanley Etim  
Itoro Iwok  
Aniekan George

# HIGHLIGHTS OF GOV. UMO ENO'S IMPACTFUL PERFORMANCE



60 NEW PRIORITY PROJECTS

Ministry of Information © 2025



It is for the benefit of the general public  
to **call in for help** and **volunteer actionable information**  
on black spots and criminal elements to enable ops response



**CALL OUR**  
**INFO HOTLINE**  
**070 0000 0001**

