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A New Tourism Destination Unfolds in A'Ibom



Akwa Ibom State is opening a new chapter in its tourism development with the advent of the ARISE Palm Resort, a landmark leisure destination that has risen from a former gully erosion site once considered dangerous and abandoned. The project marks a significant transformation, turning a long-standing environmental threat into a centre of relaxation, economic opportunity and renewed pride, and further positioning the state as an emerging tourism hub in Nigeria.

The site, which for years posed a serious threat to lives and property, was widely feared and



Inspection of VAIA by Int'l Status Committee



avoided. Rampant gully erosion swallowed land and destroyed buildings, leaving behind loss, pain and insecurity. The area was regarded as abandoned wasteland, unsafe for habitation or investment, and largely written off as beyond redemption.

However, upon assuming office, Governor Umo Eno saw possibility where others saw destruction. Guided by his ARISE Agenda, the Governor took decisive action to reclaim the ravine, choosing to transform a symbol of danger into one of hope, renewal and sustainable development for the people of the State.

Today, the reclaimed environment has been reshaped into a serene and attractive destination featuring calm waters, lush greenery and modern infrastructure. What was once an eyesore and safety hazard has become a welcoming space that reflects the power of purposeful governance and strategic intervention.

ARISE Palm Resort offers a wide range of facilities designed to serve families, tourists, business travelers and leisure seekers. These include a

children's playground, golf course and golf house, luxury villas and guest apartments, artificial lakes with floating bars, indoor and outdoor sports facilities, a gym and wellness centre, event and conference halls, restaurants offering local and continental cuisine, shopping and leisure outlets, landscaped gardens, walkways, as well as security, medical and ample parking facilities.

Beyond its aesthetic appeal, the resort is already delivering economic benefits to the State. It is creating employment opportunities, attracting visitors, stimulating local businesses and supporting Akwa Ibom's drive to diversify its economy. The project also strengthens tourism as a viable revenue source while reducing overdependence on government-led income streams.

More than a leisure facility, ARISE Palm Resort represents a powerful message of hope and transformation. By reclaiming damaged land and giving it new life and purpose, Governor Eno has not only changed a location but reshaped a narrative, leaving behind a lasting legacy of visionary leadership and sustainable development for Akwa Ibom State



ARISE Palm Resort

The New Tourism Destination



Gov Eno Reaffirms MSMEs Support, Commissions 3E Arena



The Governor, a seasoned entrepreneur with a strong interest in the hospitality industry, advised staff of the facility to demonstrate diligence, sincerity, and professionalism, emphasising that customer experience and staff attitude would determine the success of the hospitality outfit.

He assured that the State government would continue to support MSMEs across Akwa Ibom, directing the Chief of Protocol, Hon. Otobong Edemidiong, to include the 3E Arena among facilities the State would patronise regularly, as a way of encouraging hard work and private sector investment.

Governor Umo Eno, has reiterated his administration's commitment to supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as one of the components of the ARISE Agenda, describing them as the backbone of economic development.

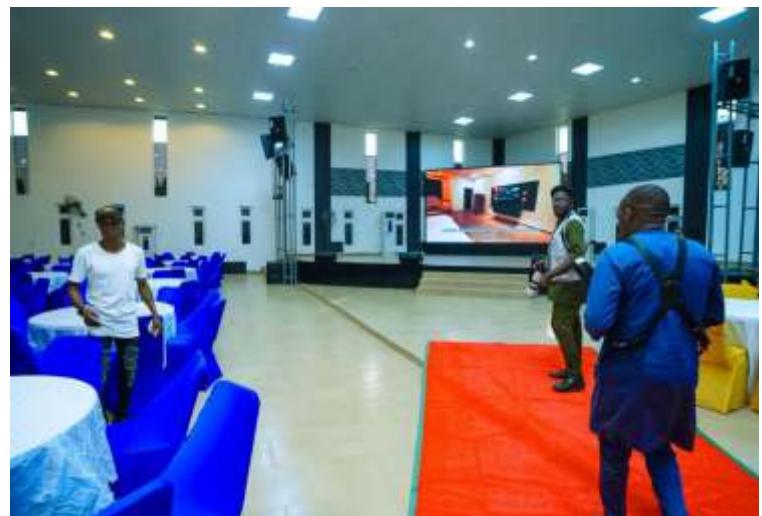
The Governor stated this during the commissioning of the 3E Arena and Gardens in Ibesikpo Asutan Local Government Area, where he noted that MSMEs play a vital role in job creation, innovation, and poverty reduction, adding that entrepreneurial ventures such as the 3E Arena would help significantly reduce unemployment in the State.

Governor Eno commended the Chairman of the Board of 3E Arena and Gardens, Barr. Edem Ekwo, for the initiative, describing him as a father figure and early mentor who contributed to shaping his administrative and leadership abilities, while recalling a long-standing relationship between their families.

Earlier, Barr. Ekwo described the newly commissioned event centre as a symbol of enterprise, engagement, and excellence designed to unite people across social, cultural, spiritual, and economic lines, while Prof. Ntiedo Umoren commended the courage behind the investment and pledged continued support for the business and the Governor's delivery of the ARISE Agenda.



GOV ENO COMMISSIONS 3E ARENA



VAIA Int'l Status Committee Inspects Facilities Ahead of April Flight Operations



The Committee on the Actualisation of the International Status of the Victor Attah International Airport (VAIA) on Monday, January 19, conducted a comprehensive inspection of facilities at the airport ahead of the commencement of international flight operations in April.

The inspection covered key infrastructure and operational areas, including the access road, terminal building, apron, taxiway, security perimeter fence, IP intelligence security cameras, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility, and vegetation clearing, as well as the transformer area and medium power voltage panel, among others.

Speaking shortly after the inspection, the Secretary to the State Government (SSG) and Chairman of the Committee, Prince Enobong Uwah, who led other members, expressed satisfaction with the pace of work at the airport. He noted that with the current level of progress, the April timeline for international flight operations would be achieved.

Prince Uwah explained that following the inauguration of the committee by Governor Umo Eno on Monday, January 5, the inspection became imperative to assess critical operational areas, identify infrastructure gaps,

and ensure that necessary interventions are made to guarantee a smooth take-off of international flights.

The SSG assured that the committee would maintain continuous oversight and periodic inspections of the airport until all works are fully completed. He commended contractors handling various components of the project, including VKS, RAS Premium Construction Company, and others, for the speed and quality of work delivered so far, while urging them to intensify efforts to meet set deadlines.

Addressing the committee during the inspection, Engr. Oliver Ebong of VKS, the firm handling the international terminal, highlighted areas requiring urgent attention to ensure full completion of the facility. He assured the committee that work on the terminal would be concluded by the end of March.

Other members of the committee who participated in the inspection included, Uko Udom, SAN, Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice; Mr. Emem Bob, Commissioner for Special Duties and Ibom Deep Seaport; Mr. Uwem Ekanem, Managing Director, Airport Development Authority; Mr. George Uriesi, Managing Director, Ibom Air; Engr. Ephraim Udosen, Permanent Secretary, Special Duties; and Pastor Uwem Andrew Essien, Accountant-General.



INSPECTION OF VAIA BY INT'L STATUS COMMITTEE



Pastor Eno Calls for Sustained Prayers, Responsible Civic Engagement

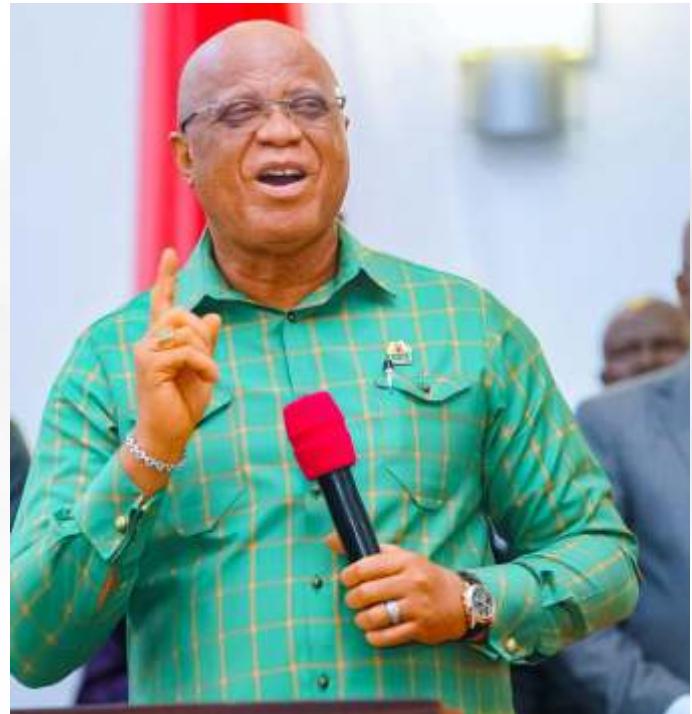
•Cautions against disparaging utterances

Pastor Umo Eno, has urged citizens to intensify prayers for peace, unity and sustained development in the State, while calling on the people to discharge their civic responsibilities with sincerity, restraint and patriotism.

The Governor made the call on Saturday, January 17, during the Akwa Ibom State Government House Monthly Prayer Service, themed, "Limitless Possibilities With God," drawn from Matthew 19:26. He described the first prayer service for the year as both a thanksgiving for the new year and a reaffirmation of collective faith in God's guidance for the State.

Governor Eno expressed appreciation to participants at the service and commended men who actively support their wives and encourage women to excel in their careers and endeavours, noting that such support strengthens families and contributes to societal growth.

He called for continued prayers for the peace currently enjoyed in the State and for the success of ongoing and planned development projects, disclosing that the administration has 60 priority projects underway, alongside over 1,300 kilometres of roads completed or currently under construction. He encouraged clergymen to not only pray but to be actively concerned with the development of the state.



On civic responsibility, Governor Eno charged political and community leaders to return to their local government areas to mobilise eligible citizens for voter and party registration into the All Progressives Congress (APC), while appealing to pastors to educate their congregations on the importance of active civic participation. He further cautioned against disparaging utterances about the government, stressing that unity, responsible engagement and constructive dialogue are essential for collective progress.

He announced a special prayer night scheduled for Friday, January 30, inviting prayer warriors to intercede fervently for the State. The Governor also commended past administrations for their contributions to State's development and described ongoing ministerial briefings as a strategic stock-taking exercise to reposition the administration for higher performance.

The exhortation was delivered by the Chairman of the Akwa Ibom State Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Bishop Christian Nyong, while top government officials, senior clergy and other dignitaries attended the service.



AKSG HOUSE MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE



Gov Eno Rolls Out Sustainable Empowerment for Widows of Fallen Heroes



Governor Umo Eno, has unveiled a comprehensive, sustainable empowerment programme for widows of fallen heroes, aimed at providing enduring livelihoods beyond annual welfare gestures.

Speaking at the grand finale of the 2026 Armed Forces Remembrance Day Celebration, the Governor said while the ceremony remains important, it must be complemented with practical support that truly honours the sacrifices of fallen military and security personnel.

He recalled that in 2025, his administration disbursed N150 million to widows of fallen military officers and men, and N100 million to widows of fallen police officers. For 2026, he announced the construction of 150 lock-up shops, 100 for widows of fallen military personnel and 50 for widows of fallen police officers and other paramilitary services.

Governor Eno added that upon completion of the shops, each beneficiary would receive a take-off grant to enable them commence business and attain financial independence.

In further support, the Governor donated N20 million to the Nigerian Legion, another N20 million to widows of foreign heroes in attendance, and N120 million to officers and men of the Nigerian Armed Forces and other paramilitary organisations who are still in active service.

He directed the Coordinator of the Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obaraki; the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Welfare, Hon. Inibehe Etukudo and the Special Adviser, Bureau of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Rt. Hon. Alice Ekenyong to jointly ensure the timely commencement and delivery of the project, while calling on corporate organisations to support the Nigerian Legion through their Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

The Governor commended the sacrifices of both serving and fallen security personnel, praised President Bola Tinubu for decisive actions on national security, and called for inter-religious tolerance, urging leaders to avoid divisive rhetoric. He reminded citizens to respect security personnel, stressing that their sacrifices remain vital to peace, unity, and the nation's territorial integrity.



2026 ARMED FORCES REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION



Gov Eno Applauds NUJ Unity, Calls for Ethical Journalism

Governor Umo Eno, has commended the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Akwa Ibom State Council, for the unity within its ranks, urging members to uphold professionalism, objectivity and ethical journalism.

He spoke on Sunday, January 18, at the NUJ 2026 Thanksgiving Service, held at Qua Iboe Church, Abak Itenge, Abak Local Government Area, with the theme, "Anchored in God, Advancing With Vision."

The Governor congratulated the Union for beginning the year with thanksgiving, describing unity, cooperation and mutual understanding within the NUJ leadership as critical to its growth and success. He charged journalists, as the Fourth Estate of the Realm, to remain committed to fairness, accuracy, responsible journalism and practices that uplift society and advance humanity.

Governor Eno appreciated NUJ's support for governance through the ARISE Agenda, particularly its resistance to falsehood and provision of constructive criticism aimed at strengthening government performance. While reiterating the importance of press freedom, he cautioned against defamation and libelous publications, warning of their consequences, and advised journalists to uphold professional ethics and avoid using social media as a platform for insolence toward leaders.

He highlighted ongoing projects in Abak Local Government Area, including road construction linking Abak, Ukanafun and Etim Ekpo, compassionate homes, health centres and water projects. The Governor thanked the leadership of Qua Iboe Church, Abak Itenge, for hosting the service and reaffirmed his administration's continued collaboration with NUJ for the growth of the State and the Union.



In their remarks, the Speaker of the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly and Chief Host, Rt. Hon. Udeme Otong, thanked NUJ for choosing his home church, noting that journalists' constructive criticism has promoted peace, harmony and effective leadership in the Assembly. The Chairman of Abak Local Government Area, Hon. Ime Charles, described the thanksgiving as timely and urged journalists to embrace solution-based journalism anchored on professionalism.

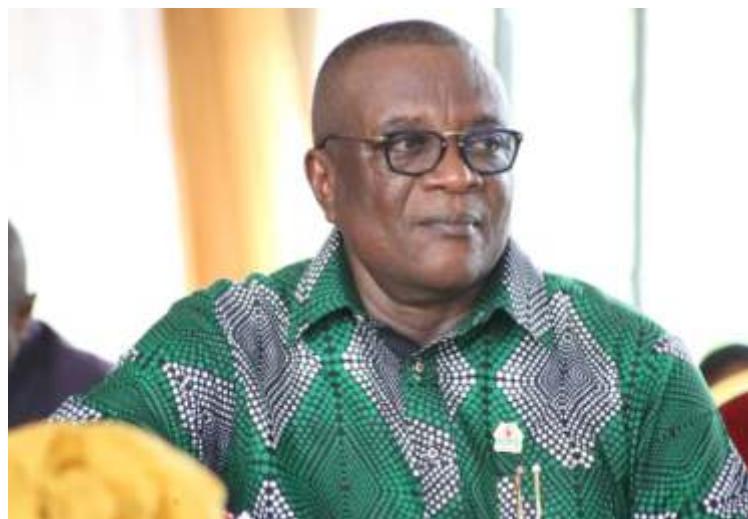
Leading the journalists in thanksgiving, the NUJ State Chairman, Comrade Nsibet John, thanked God for protection and grace in 2025 and expressed confidence in His mercies in the new year. He reaffirmed journalists' commitment to truth, patriotism, transparency and accountability, while goodwill messages were delivered by the member representing Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency, Hon. Clement Jumbo; the House Leader, AKHA, Rt. Hon. Otobong Bob, former PDP National Adviser, Barr. Emmanuel Enoidem; Chairman, South-South Development Commission, Sir Nkereuwem Ebong, NLC Chairman, Comrade Sunny James; TUC Chairman, Comrade Kingsley Akpan; Senator Effiong Bob, Senator Emmanuel Ibokessien, all commending NUJ's focus on thanksgiving and ethical journalism.

Delivering the sermon from Proverbs 3:5-6, the General Superintendent and Chairman of Conference, Qua Iboe Church, Revd. Ekpere Effanga, urged Christians to anchor their lives in God, noting that the strength of one's anchor determines resilience in life's challenges.

other dignitaries included; the Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Kufreabasi Edidem and other House Members and spouses, Clerks of the House, Mrs. Nsikanabasi Orok; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information, Akparawa James Edet, LEWA, resident minister, QIC, Abak Itenge, Revd. Godwin Akan, DG, AKBC, Imaobong Udo; GM, Radio Nigeria, Atlanta FM, Mr. Ubong Obot Chairman, NIPR, Comrade Manasseh Umoette; Rector, Federal Polytechnic, Ukanafun, Mrs. Eduma Essien; DPO Abak, CSP Dunama Amos and others.



NUJ 2026 THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Lady Obaraki Assures Non-Indigenous Women Group of Inclusion, Partnership

The Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki, has assured the Iban South-South Forum of inclusion and partnership in programmes implemented by her office.

Lady Obareki gave the assurance on Thursday, January 15, at Government House, Uyo, when she received a delegation of the non-indigenous women organisation representing women from five Niger Delta States of Cross River, Rivers, Delta, Bayelsa, and Edo resident in Akwa Ibom.

Commending the Forum for its willingness to collaborate and its structured presence across local government areas, the Coordinator reiterated her readiness to work with organisations that demonstrate grassroots reach, especially as preparations are underway for the ARISE Women Sensitisation Tour, scheduled to cover all 31 local government areas of the State.

“I am pleased to receive you at the beginning of a new year, and it is encouraging to note that your organisation has a strong membership base across the local government areas. This is particularly important as we commence the women sensitisation tour, which will run throughout February and part of March, culminating in the



celebration of International Women’s Day. Be assured that your group will be accommodated as we move forward,” she said.

In her remarks, the President of the Iban South-South Forum, Mrs. Faith Usikhifo, commended Lady Obareki for the far-reaching impact of the Golden Initiative For All (GIFA), noting that its interventions have improved the lives of families across the State, irrespective of ethnic background.

Mrs. Usikhifo pledged the Forum’s full support for initiatives of the Office of the First Lady and expressed the organisation’s readiness to collaborate on future projects aimed at women development and social inclusion.



Pastor Eno Honours Govt House Security Team, Announces New Protocol Appointment



Pastor Umo Eno, has commended security personnel and other staff of the State Government House for their unwavering dedication and professionalism, describing them as exemplary officers.

Governor Eno gave the commendation at a Dinner and Award Ceremony organised recently by the Government House Security Department to honour officers and strategic staff who distinguished themselves in their various duty posts. He praised the Chief Security Officer, CSP Besta Sini, and her team for the successful organisation of the event, describing it as a display of creativity, ingenuity, and professionalism.

Governor Eno said the award night was conceived from a casual observation and his desire to create a relaxed atmosphere to appreciate the sacrifices and commitment of security personnel, noting that CSP Sini effectively transformed the idea into a memorable ceremony.

He stressed that security officers and staff across departments deserved recognition, observing that despite frequent criticism and abuse, security personnel continue to

discharge their duties diligently. He charged them to remain steadfast and committed, assuring them that hard work and sacrifice would always attract reward.

The Governor also commended the Commissioner of Police, CP Baba Azare, for fostering strong inter-agency collaboration and maintaining peace and security in the State, describing the synergy among security agencies as critical to Akwa Ibom's stability.

While presenting awards to outstanding officers, Governor Eno acknowledged Mr. Isaac Atakan for his selfless service to the government despite not having a formal appointment, directing the Secretary to the State Government, Prince Enobong Uwah, to issue him a letter of appointment as Personal Assistant to the Governor on Protocol, backdated to May 29, 2023, with full payment of arrears and a personal reward of N5 million.

Earlier, CSP Sini and CP Azare thanked the Governor for his consistent support and motivation, while retired DCP Francis Erhabor, Senior Special Assistant on Intelligence, said the gesture would deepen loyalty and inspire renewed dedication.

Over 24 officers received awards for gallantry and service excellence, including the Chief Information Officer in the Governor's Press Corps, Mr. Uwem Kerns, at the ceremony attended by top government officials and stakeholders.



GOV ENO HONOURS GOVT HOUSE SECURITY TEAM



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AK-SUBEB, UBEC Strengthen EMIS Capacity with Data Mgt Workshop



The Akwa Ibom State Universal Basic Education Board (AK-SUBEB), in collaboration with the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), has organised a capacity training workshop, themed, "Enhancing Data Management Skills for Education Management Information System (EMIS) Desk Officers."

The workshop, held from Monday, January 12 - Wednesday, 14, at Edinan Hotels and Suites, Uyo, was declared open by the Executive Chairman of AK-SUBEB, Rt. Hon. Anietie Etuk, who emphasised that the training was designed to add value to participants' existing knowledge and skills in data management.

He stressed that accurate data collected by EMIS Desk Officers remain critical to effective planning and informed decision-making in government, encouraging

participants to take the training seriously. According to the Chairman, the knowledge gained within the three days would introduce innovations capable of enhancing their efficiency and professionalism as data managers in the basic education sector.

Etuk, expressed gratitude to Governor Umo Eno, for the timely release of counterpart funding, and commended the Executive Secretary of UBEC, Hajia Aisha Garba, for her strategic partnership and approval of the workshop. He also lauded the Director of Planning, Research and Statistics, Mr. Uwem Akpan, for developing a training manual with rich intellectual content, which he said would equip participants with practical skills and set them apart as competent data managers.

Earlier in her remarks, the Permanent Secretary, AK-SUBEB, Dr. Roseline Mfon, appreciated Governor Eno for facilitating the workshop through funding. She described him as an education-friendly leader whose commitment to human capital development has continued to strengthen the foundation of basic education in Akwa Ibom State.

In his goodwill message, the Assistant Director, UBEC, Mr. Imeh Udo, underscored the importance of data in organisational and governmental planning. He urged participants to fully utilise the training to master various data collection methods.



GIFA Delivers Ninth "Water of Life" Project to Ikot Offiong in Uyo LGA

• *Reaffirms grassroots commitment*



The Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Obareki, has commissioned a GIFA Water of Life Project at Ikot Offiong community, Ikono Clan, in Uyo Local Government Area, reaffirming the Golden Initiative for All (GIFA) commitment to improving the living conditions of rural dwellers.

Describing the solar-powered potable water facility as a symbol of life, hope, and dignity, Lady Obareki noted that it aligns with GIFA's environmental health thematic area and complements Governor Umo Eno's ARISE Agenda by ensuring access to clean, safe, and sustainable water at the grassroots.

Lady Obareki explained that the initiative reflects the vision of the Founder of GIFA, Pastor Patience Eno, to build a healthier and more prosperous Akwa Ibom State, particularly at the community level. She stated that the Ikot Offiong facility is the ninth completed under the GIFA Water of Life scheme and disclosed that as GIFA approaches its second anniversary on February 20, the initiative has a clear mandate to extend potable water projects to identified rural communities across the State.

Expressing delight at the excitement and gratitude shown by residents of Ikot Offiong and neighbouring villages, Lady Obareki stressed that GIFA remains committed to reaching underserved and remote communities. She noted that the project signifies hope and assures residents that GIFA is willing and able to reach the unreached, ensuring that the dividends of democracy trickle down to the grassroots.

Underscoring the importance of clean water to health, education, and economic productivity, Lady Obareki said the Water of Life Project was inspired by Pastor Patience Eno's compassion for the daily struggles of rural families, especially women and children who trek long distances to fetch water. She

urged the community to take ownership of the facility and called on community leaders and youths to set up a committee to protect and maintain it.

In her remarks, the wife of the Uyo Council Chairman and President of WALGON, Mrs. Akaninyene Udo, commended GIFA for the transformative intervention, describing it as a project that has brought light, life, and hope to Ikot Offiong while aligning with the ARISE Agenda. The Team Lead of GIFA, Pastor Anne Abraham, disclosed that the initiative has now provided access to clean water in eight beneficiary LGAs, with Ikot Offiong marking the beginning of a new phase in 2026.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the wife of the Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Inemesit Uwah; the wife of the member representing Uyo State Constituency, Mrs. Idongesit Asuquo; and the wife of the Commissioner for Culture and Tourism, Mrs. Emem Anieti, who applauded Lady Obareki for sustaining GIFA's vision, praised Governor Eno for his support for initiatives that uplift women, children, and rural families. Speaking for the community, the Village Head, Eteidung Friday James Umoh, and Youth Leader, Comrade Anietie Uwa, thanked GIFA for easing the hardship of trekking about one kilometre to fetch water, pledged to safeguard the facility, and appealed for solar-powered street lights to enhance security.

Earlier, GIFA Technical Officer, Mr. James Ekanem, explained that the project comprises a 250-feet deep borehole, a 14,000-litre storage tank, and six 350-watt solar panels. Lady Obareki also presented wrappers and financial assistance to elderly women to support their welfare and small-scale businesses. She was accompanied by several dignitaries, as the ceremony attracted traditional rulers and prominent indigenes from Ikot Offiong and neighbouring communities.



GIFA DELIVERS NINTH "WATER OF LIFE" PROJECT IN IKOT OFFIONG COMMUNITY



Itu: Nkutt Flags Off Second Phase of Internal Roads Grading



the area.

The Chairman thanked Governor Umo Eno for his people-centred leadership and urged residents to support government programmes and participate in the ongoing voters' registration exercise.

The Chairman of Itu Local Government Area, Hon. Ubong Nkutt, has flagged off the second phase of internal roads grading across the council's 11 wards, reaffirming his administration's commitment to grassroots infrastructure development.

Speaking at the event held recently at Ikot Andem Itam, Eastern Itam 3, Ward

6, Hon. Nkutt stressed that road infrastructure is a core government responsibility, noting that the grading would improve access and boost economic activity, especially for farmers and traders. He explained that the roads selected for grading were identified by ward councillors to ensure equitable distribution across

Engr. Ime Peter, stated that the project aimed to open up rural areas and stimulate local economic growth.

Stakeholders, including legislators, community leaders and traditional rulers, commended the initiative and pledged continued support for the administration.



FLAG-OFF CEREMONY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAIRMEN'S RESIDENCE



Eastern Obolo LGA



Mbo LGA



Etinan LGA



Ibeno LGA

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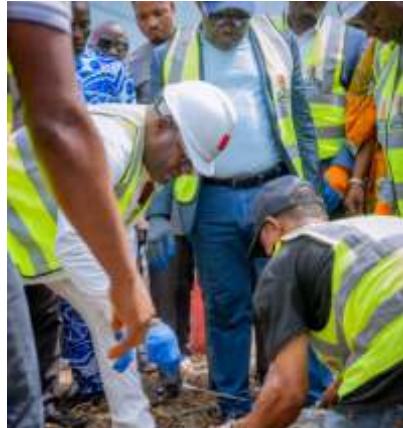
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Nsit Atai LGA

FLAG-OFF CEREMONY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAIRMEN'S RESIDENCE



Oron LGA



Ibiono Ibom LGA



Okobo LGA



Nsit Atai LGA

FLAG-OFF CEREMONY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAIRMEN'S RESIDENCE



Nsit Ibom LGA



Nsit Ubium LGA



Urue Offong/Oruko LGA



Esit Eket LGA

FLAG-OFF CEREMONY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAIRMEN'S RESIDENCE



Uyo LGA



Uruan LGA



Ikot Ekpene LGA



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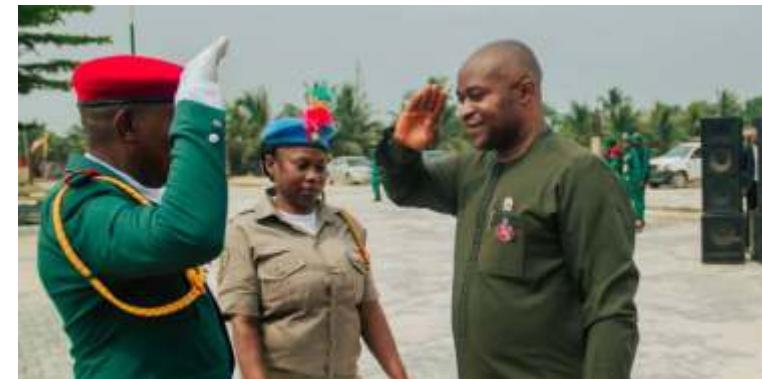


Abak LGA



Ukanafun LGA

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Uruan LGA



IBIONO IBOM LGA



Ibesikpo Asutan LGA



Ikono LGA

2026 ARMED FORCES REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION



Esit Eket LGA



Nsit Atai LGA



Abak LGA



Ikot Ekpene LGA

2026 ARMED FORCES REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION



Essien Udim LGA



Urue Offong/Oruko LGA



INI LGA



Nsit Ubium 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-Oyuklim, 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
23.25km Ikot Elaide – Ikot Okoro – Ikot Ibritam Road, Oruk Anam
Over 1,000km of roads completed or ongoing across the state

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.





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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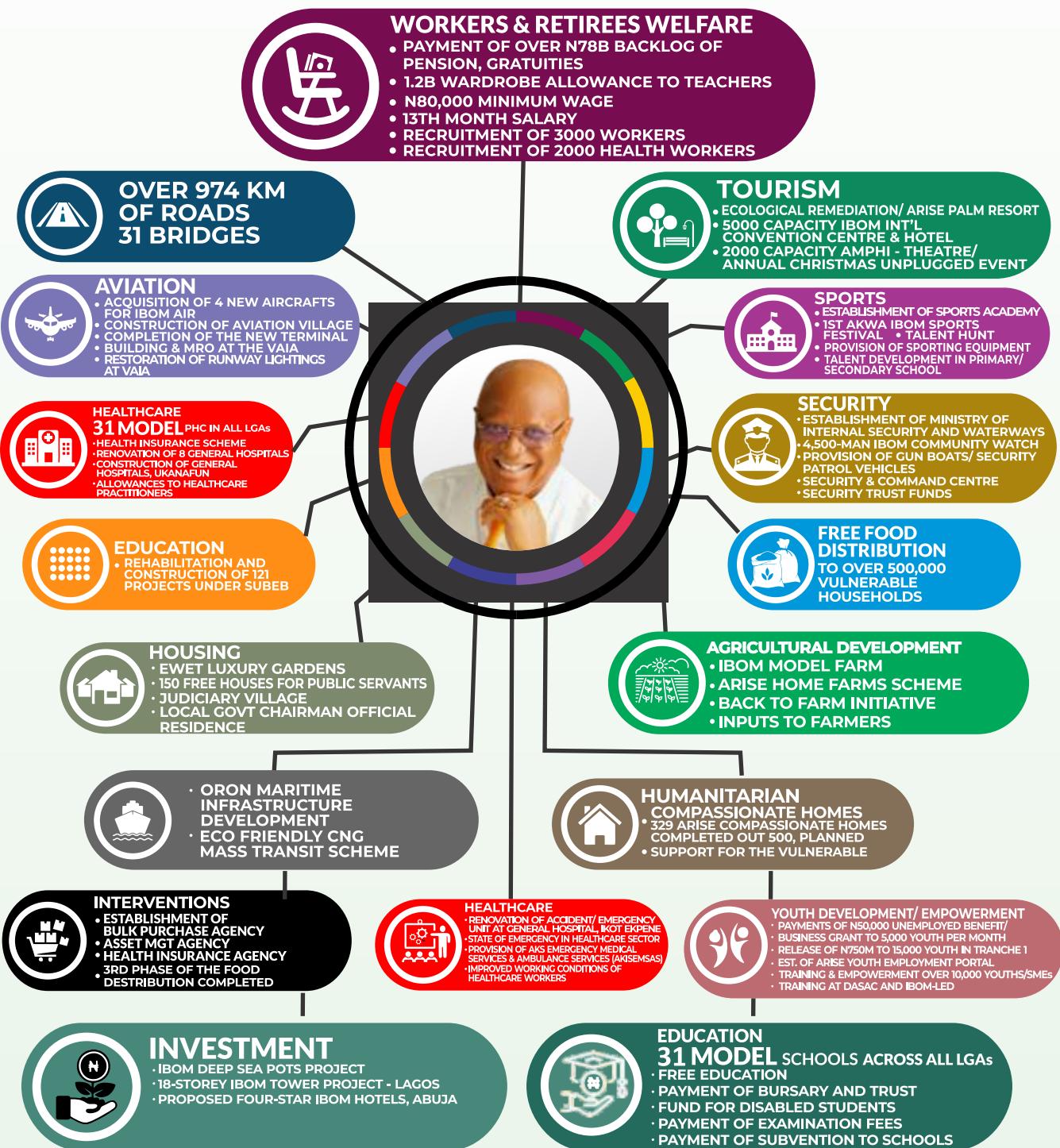
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