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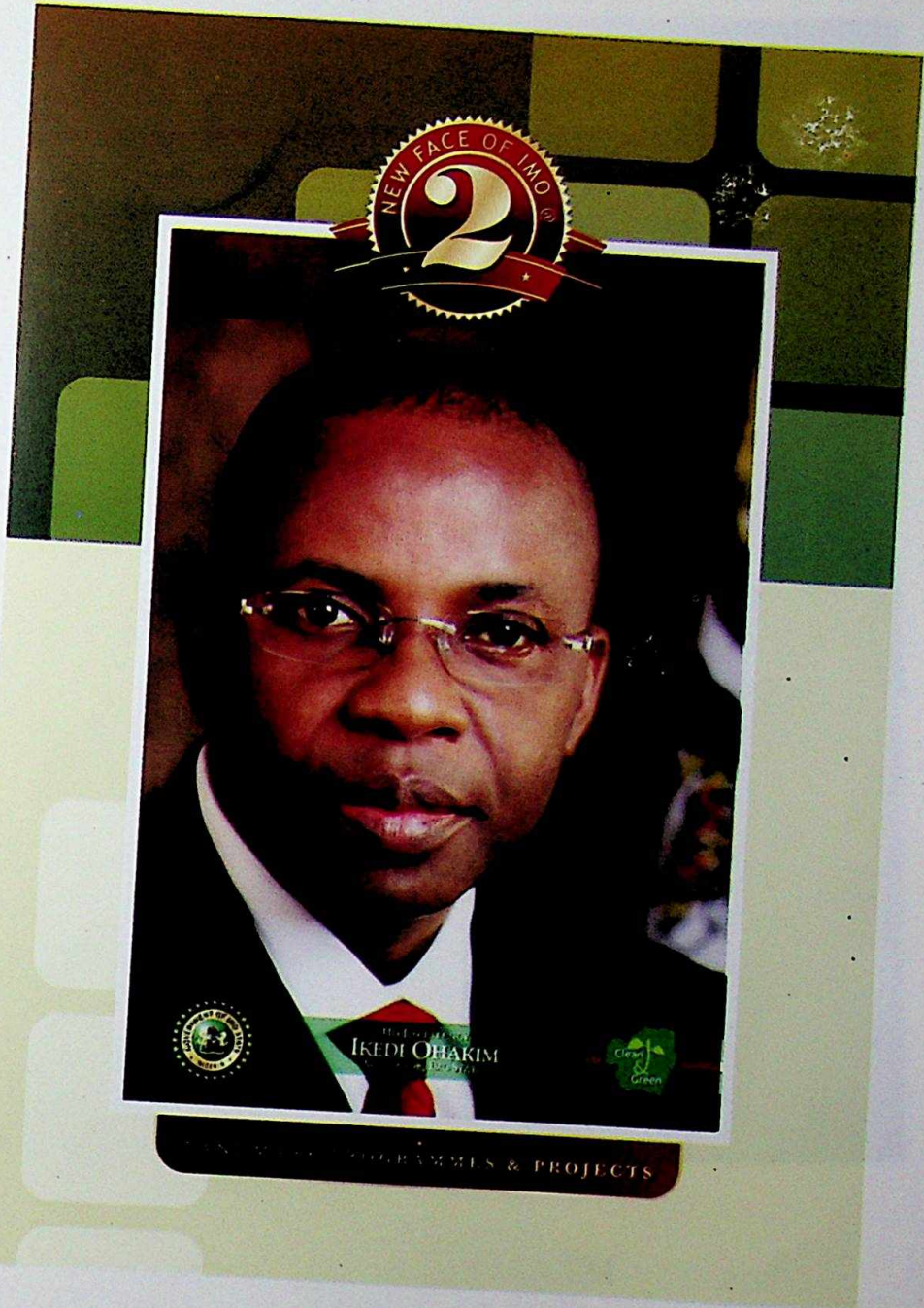
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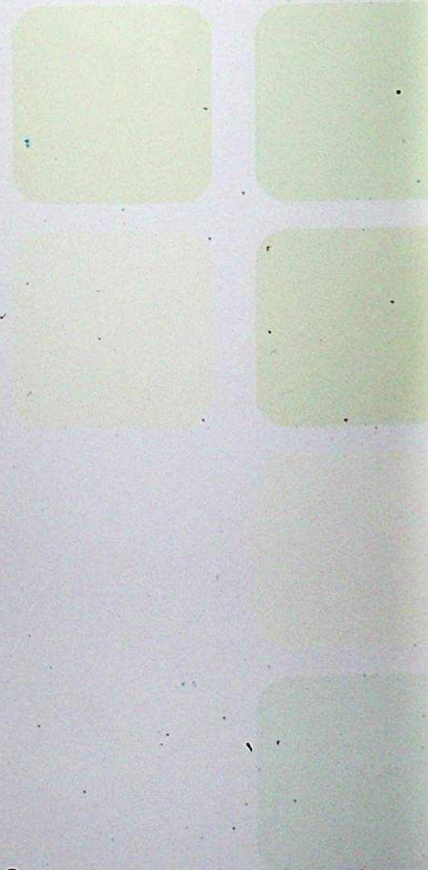
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IMO IS WORK IN PROGRESS

When the government of Chief Ikedi Ohakim in Imo state chose to wear the tough toga of NEW FACE OF IMO, it looked like a vote of no confidence on the benighted lot that had ruled the state for about three decades. But there was no pugnacious intent in the declaration. It was merely an article of faith, in fact, a code of performance for the government of the day.

But the declaration has a story behind it. The state had been ravaged and pillaged by purposeless leadership for many years. The rot was total. What was therefore needed to reverse the ugly trend was a bold and unabashed declaration.

Two years on, NEW FACE OF IMO has assumed a clear character and complexion. In two years, the government of Chief Ohakim has had a holistic impact on the landscape of Imo state. The old order has changed. What we have now is a new and reformed Imo State. Relying on his mission of transforming Imo into a modern model State, the government has embarked on aggressive development programmes that make critics look forlorn and forsaken.

In this collection, we capture in a nutshell some of the projects and programmes that have, so far, defined the development essence of the Ohakim administration. The aggregation is, by no means, exhaustive, but it provides a bird's eye-view into the workings of a government that rightly sees infrastructural development as model that must be aspired to. But a cursory look at the programmes and projects will readily portray Imo as a vast developmental field where so much is going on simultaneously. Because the state suffered untold neglect in the past, the Ohakim government is in a hurry to catch up. That explains why it is doing so much at the same time. That is what qualifies Imo as work in progress. By the time the administration completes its race, it would have succeeded in making Imo the envy of one and all.

Dr. Amanze Obi

Hon. Commissioner for Information and Strategy.



Information and Strategy

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND STRATEGY, FROM MAY 29, 2007 TO MAY 29, 2009.

The Ministry of Information ordinarily is charged with the responsibility of managing and disseminating all information about the government and people of Imo state as well as giving a feed back on people's reactions to government. This main policy thrust was further encapsulated in a charter handed down to the ministry by the Governor, Ikedi Ohakim.

Also the change of leadership in Imo State on May 29, 2007 brought a fundamental re-ordering of the programmes and policies of government in the information sector. Apart from the charter, the ministry had the '*STRATEGY*' element added to it. Thus, the ministry has been first and foremost mandated to employ every strategy to enhance the initiative of the New Face of Imo Programme.

In keeping with the above policy thrust, therefore, the ministry has recorded the following achievements:

(1) RE-BRANDING OF IBC AND IMO NEWSPAPER LTD.

The Imo Broadcasting Corporation, a strategic state information dissemination outfit which was established in 1976 and was left to decline in manpower and equipment by the previous administrations was rescued by the Chief Ikedi Ohakim Administration with the award of N 766, 325 Million contract to acquire new transmitters for IBC Radio and Television as well as train the manpower to handle the new equipment.

The new transmitters have been installed; the IBC Radio has since begun test transmission while the IBC Television would soon commence transmission.



Government has also made arrangement for partnership with a top Broadcasting outfit in the country to assist in the management of the New Imo Broadcasting Corporation. Within the same period, Government has also released the white paper on the IBC and subsequently charted a new course of effectiveness for the Broadcasting outfit.

The Imo Newspapers, publishers of The Statesman, like the IBC used to be a thriving print media outfit of Imo State. But it also went down as a result of non-challant attitude of its management and corruption.

Government has approved a N 15m life line to enable the outfit refurbish some of its equipment. Currently the Newspaper outfit is undergoing full reorganisation of its manpower and equipment as well as the appointment of new Board of Directors and Managing Director.

- (2) The Imo State website has been redesigned to meet world class standard. A unit of this is domiciled in the ministry of information which co-ordinates the uploading of information especially from the grassroots, tourist attractions, as well as government programmes on a regular basis. A VSat Dish has been installed in the Ministry for the purpose of accessing information.

Plans are underway to provide internet service, for all Local Government Areas as well as selected schools in the state and to network with the Ministry.

(3) PROMOTION OF GOOD MEDIA RELATIONS

The Ministry has continued to promote cordial relationship with the media in country. This it has done through tour of media establishments in the state by the Hon. Commissioner and prompt responses to media enquiries.

(4) REFURBISHING OF GOVERNMENT PRESS.

During the period under review, the Government Printing Press has been refurbished and modernised e.g. the Sord machine and the Mark IT. Also the computer unit of the department has been expanded while new transformers and a canteen have been provided.

Similarly, the Archives Repository has been re-organized and almost computerized such that all records are easily accessed and retrieved with their volumes determined.

The Information Department of the ministry within the period produced 2008 and 2009 State Calendars and Diaries. It also acquired digital photo cameras, three printers and three automatic Still Cameras and accessories. The department has also acquired NURITSU machine, Q8E450 L-3 film processor for the photo colour laboratory in the photo Unit. When operational, it will enhance the revenue generation of the ministry.



Forty editions of the official Press Release, made up of 2,400 copies were distributed to ministries and media houses in and outside Imo State. Regular press briefings are held to brief the media on programmes being initiated and executed by the State Government.

To enhance effective Public Enlightenment programmes, a 17m modern Public Enlightenment Landover with gadget was procured for information dissemination at the grassroots.

Twenty-Five news features on varying issues of development in the State were produced by the ministry.

Plans are underway to produce a video documentary of the Clean and Green Initiative as encapsulated in the New Face of Imo Agenda.

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

The ministry has collaborated with the UNICEF, Federal Ministry of Information and Communications in carrying out various sensitisation programmes at the grassroots in Imo State. Such programmes are on HIV/AIDS, Avian Influenza, Child Labour/trafficking and general health. These organizations have done a lot for the State to realize their objectives.



Agriculture and Natural Resources

The Policy thrust of the Present Administration in Imo State on Agriculture is to boost Agricultural Production through establishing a system that would guarantee rapid increase in agricultural production which is efficient, private-sector-driven, rapidly-growing and ensuring food security. Some targets had been set by the Ministry to achieve the above Policy Thrust. The targets include the following:

- * To increase the production and processing of food and cash crops by 50% by the end of 2009
- * To increase livestock and fisheries production by 50% by the end of 2009
- * To produce study designs for the reduction of environmental hazards and conserve soil and its nutrients.
- * To train at least 200 Agricultural Personnel in different Agricultural Research Institutes and Establishments on various agric disciplines.

These targets are being pursued vigorously through the nine functional departments of the Ministry namely, Accounts, Administration, Agriculture, Agric. Engineering, Fisheries, Forestry, Livestock, Planning, Research and Statistics and Veterinary Services as well as various parastatals and quasi-parastatals namely IMO ADP, FADAMA, IMO POLYTECHNIC, ADAPALM LTD, AVUTU MODERN POULTRY, SACL B, SMU (ISODEP), IMO LIVESTOCK, etc.

1. LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

The department is charged with the responsibilities of ensuring a rapid increase in livestock production and supply of animal protein are carried out. This is accomplished through the extension services rendered in the three geo political zones of Imo State. The Ministry rendered extension services to 1271 farmers which led to the



S/N	Veterinary Services	No of Treatments	Revenue Generated
1.	Meat Inspection	22,617	2,057,500
2.	Prophylactic treatment	4,466	437,185
3.	Curative treatment	13,033	596,845
4.	Anti Rabies	5,250	-
5.	Registration of Butchers	42	83,360
6.	Other Taxes	-	463,960
		Total	3,368,850

production of 741,044 poultry, 13,450 pigs, 4087 sheep 6476 goats and 642 rabbits.

2. VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

This department has the responsibility of ensuring that only healthy animals are consumed in the State. This task is competently handled through the following activities:-

- i. The disease surveillance to inspect all animals entering Imo State at designated cattle control posts
- ii. Immunization of different species of animal under the preventive and curative treatments
- iii. Veterinary Public Health Programme to control avian influenza, anti rabbies and other animal disease outbreak.
- iv. Registration of Butchers and meat vendors to check the activities of meet handlers

3. SMALL HOLDER OIL PALM MANAGEMENT UNIT SMU

The New Face of Imo Agenda in Agriculture is gradually upgrading the SMU to become Imo State Oil Palm Development Programme (ISODEP) through structural transformation. This industrious arm of the Ministry had improved from producing about 40,000 palm seedlings in 2008 to 600,000 seedlings for 2009 planting season. Also the main nursery site is now relocated to a more spacious land space for effective nursery management and seedlings maintenance practices.

The SMU had equally adopted the application of semi automated drip/sprinkler irrigation system against the former manual handling. The registration of oil palm owners in the state for Government recognition and protection continue.



A total of 700,000 poly bags clearly labeled OHAKIM ISODEP had been procured for the palm seedlings. This special brand name will make the seedlings unique and protect them from counterfeit and fake ones. The activities of SMU have an unprecedented increase in the area of wealth creation and employment in the State because of the unexpected availability of MOP fertilizer which is a key factor in the oil palm tree management. With these giant strides, His Excellency, Chief Ikedi Ohakim KSC will soon restore Imo State to its former leadership position in the National Oil Palm Programme.

4. AGRONOVA

Agro Nova Project was established by the agreement between Imo State and South Africa Farmers Group. This body is to serve as a catalyst to the development of commercial farming in order to make agriculture a profitable and attractive business.

An impressive outing of this Agro Nova is very glaring at the abandoned Umuna Onuimo Fish Farm. The Old 14 No fish ponds have been restructured into new 8 No commercial size ponds. The ponds had been desilted and arrangement completed for installation of water supply and drainage lines. Arrangement had also been made for the stocking of the ponds with post juvenile fish fingerlings.

5. FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

Renovated the Abukwa Fish Hatchery Station which has capacity for producing 500,000 fingerlings per annum. The Government attracted the establishment of National Institute for Fresh Water Research Centre in Imo State as the zonal office to cover five South-Eastern States of Imo, Abia, Ebonyi, Anambra and Enugu. The contract has also been awarded for the renovation of Nekede Fisheries Facilities. The renovation has reached 60% completion.

To achieve 30% increase in Fish production, the Ministry has introduced (in collaboration with ISOPADEC) the OHAKIM HOME STEAD FISH FARMING SCHEME (OHFFS) a New Surface Water Fish pond technique. The fish pond at Nekede fisheries is now stocked with fingerlings which will be ready for harvest by December 2009 a borehole is also drilled at the station for all season supply of water.

At Amakam Aboh Mbaise fisheries station, a two room office is renovated. The ponds there, are equally stocked and will be ready for harvest by December 2009.

6. FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

The number of animals in the Zoo grew from only 100 animals in May 2007 to 142 animals under the present administration. The animals in the Zoo are as follows:



Mammals	32
Aves	28
Reptiles	27
Domestics	55
	142

Revenue generated at the Zoo also increased from N290,000, per month to more than N600,000 per month under Chief Dr. Sir, Ikedi Ohakim administration. A lot is also being done to boost the tourism potential of the Zoological Garden to increase the revenue generation and create employment opportunities. A borehole with overhead Tanks and Plant house have been provided at the Zoological Garden, Nekede and water storage Tanks installed at the 5 zonal agric offices at Orlu, Mgbidi, Ihitte-Uboma, Mbaise and Okigwe

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

1. Produced study design of soil and water conservation measures at Umuosochie, Egbeada Isinweke, Umuelemai, Acharaubo and Songhai Farms Nekede.
2. Carried out the perimeter survey of all the agro-service centers in Imo State.
3. Collected and documented comprehensive daily metrological data from the State Metrological Centres at Nekede, Etiti, Ife, and Orlu respectively.
4. Carried out regular hydrological observations in Oramiriukwua river at Emekuku, Ulakwo and Obube and Onuabosi river at Ikeduru and documented data accordingly.
5. Procured 23 No. new Tractors and implements to boost farming in Imo State.
6. Renovated warehouses at the Agro-service centres and rehabilitated the access roads and farm houses.
7. The Proposal on the planting of 30-Hectare upland rice to boost food grains production is receiving attention.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

1. The Ministry introduced the concept of buffer-stock by mopping-up excess rice paddy from rice farmers in the State annually since 2007. The excess paddy rice were milled and reintroduced to the market as the New Face of Imo Rice to cushion the effect of increasing price of food grains due to the global food crisis and economic



melt-down.

2. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CASSAVA PROJECT

The Ministry embarked on the Executive Council Cassava Project which is aimed at cultivating one hectare of high yield variety of cassava for every member of Imo State Executive Council at their various home Communities. The first phase of the project has been completed.

3. The State Government through this Ministry procured for the first time 11000 tons or 220,000 bags of assorted fertilizers at the cost of N1.4 billion and distributed to farmers at subsidized rate. The sale and distribution of the fertilizers have also been decentralized to the various Local Government Areas and Agro-Service Centers in the State. The contract for procurement of 25,000 metric tons (MT) of fertilizer for 2009 cropping season has been awarded at the cost of N2.445 billion.
4. The State Government procured agro-chemical (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, pesticides etc) and application equipments for distribution to farmers and the zonal agricultural centers in the State.
5. The Ministry in partnership with the private sector (Ultra Infra-Projects ABMCWA Ltd.) has reactivated and leased out the moribund Rice Mills at Abueke, Onicha Uboma in Ihitte Uboma LGA and Akaeme Ohiauchu and Ikpa Okoli Arondizuogu in Ideato North LGA.
6. The State Government has appointed an Interim Management Committee which has recovered the Songhai farms from interlopers and has fast-tracked the repositioning of Nekede Songhai Integrated Farms with the re-establishment of collaboration with Songhai Port Novo. There is also plans to replicate mini Songhai Farms in all the LGAs in Imo State.

ACHARAUBO GRADUATE YOUTH FARM

Through this programme, the government of Imo State had empowered the first batch of 26 Graduate participants and the second batch of 50 participants have been selected for empowerment.

Renovated 1 No administrative block, 2 No Piggery houses and 1 No paddock had been completed.

GENERAL

1. The State Government and the South African Farmers Group have entered into agreement to establish model modern farms in the State. This will service as a catalyst



to the development of commercial farming which will make agro business profitable and attractive, under the umbrella of Agro Nova Project. The MOU has been signed by the parties and the farm tours of the State concluded. Office space has been provided and site selection for the Fish Farm component made and job at advanced stage at Umuna (see Agro Nova).

The project designs for other aspects of the commercial farm are being carried out for effective actualization of the project and negotiation with major Commercial Banks and Agric funding Banks (UBA, OCEANIC BANK, NARDB etc) have been concluded to collaborate with the State Government in the realization of the projects.

2. Establishment of one hectare of indigenous fruit trees parks in every Local Government Area in the State.
3. The State Government has upgraded Michael Okpara College of Agriculture and Technology from a Mono-Technic to a full fledged Polytechnic.
4. The re-vamping of ADAPALM (NIG. LTD), Ohaji, and recovering of abandoned plantations. A technical oriented new General Manager has been appointed for the company. The Engineering Department of the Company has been refocused and the factories reactivated. Our 27,000 stands of new tenira palm trees have been planted at Ohuba boundary of Adapalm plantation.
5. The present administration after reactivating the moribund FADAMA and CBNRMP has creditably performed in the FADAMA II Programme that it has qualified for FADAMIII which has also commenced.
6. The State Government has been consistent in payment of collaborative counter part funds for various agricultural projects viz National Programme on Food Security (NPFS), Community Based National Resources Management Programme (CBNRMP), ECOWAS foods for accelerated Artisinal Fish production FADAMA, NEPAD, etc.
7. The Ministry successfully hosted 2007, 2008 Tree planting campaign, the World Food Day and Launching of 2007 and 2008 Cropping Seasons. The 2009 Cropping Season has also been launched with the Theme: Mobilizing Rural Farmers and Women in Agriculture for Food Security.



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Health

The Ministry of Health has the Policy Trust of “providing a comprehensive, accessible, affordable health care delivery system that is efficient and effective for a healthy and productive Imo population”.

This goal is translated into the following targets:

- i. To reduce infant mortality and morbidity from 66/1000 to 33/1000 and under 5 mortality from 104/1000 to 57/1000 by 2009.
- ii. To reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS from 3.9% to 0.1 by 2009; reduce incidence of Tuberculosis from 842 cases per year by 2009.
- iii. To reduce maternal mortality from 600/100,000 to 200/100,000 by 2009.
- iv. To sensitize/train health personnel on one hand and the people on the other hand on some specific health matters.
- v. To ensure regular availability of essential drugs in all health facilities. With 1 year and few months of this Administration, our amiable and health-friendly Governor, His Excellency, Chief Ikedi Ohakim has invested a lot of resources into health related activities like:

Free Medical Missions In Imo State.

General ailments	treated	No. of surgical operations
December 2007:	9,500	355
April 2008:	5,324	107
December 2008:	10,100	360
Total	24,924	822

The first 2-weeks Free Medical Mission by the international Medical Mission, USA in the New Face of Imo was held in December 2007. A total of 9,500 patients were treated of general ailments in 22 LGAs of the State. Over 355 patients received free surgeries for their ailments at General Hospital, Owerri and IMSUTH Orlu. During that mission, His Excellency, Governor Ikedi Ohakim visited Imo State University Teaching Hospital Orlu (IMSUTH),



where he generously offset bills amounting to One Million Naira owed by some Inaga accident victims who were long discharged but unable to settle their bills.

The second Mission was in April 2008 which comprised of two teams; Imo State Congress of America and International Medical Mission, both from the USA. 5,324 patients were treated of general diseases in 18 LGAS with 107 patients benefiting from surgeries at General Hospital, Owerri and IMSUTH, Orlu. Altogether, 14,824 patients received free general treatments while 462 patients received surgical operations.

The third mission was concluded on 21st December 2008. A 36-member Medical Team from the international Medical Mission, USA came to Imo State specifically to handle both minor and major surgeries at General Hospital, Owerri and Imo State University Teaching Hospital, Orlu. In the team were Surgeons in Cardio thoracic, Orthopedic, Plastic Surgeries, Gynecology, Ophthalmology and General Surgery etc. The Nigeria-based Medical Team visited designated Treatment Centers in the LGAS on daily basis where they treated patients with general diseases. The team comprised of Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians and Public Health Specialists etc.

10,100 patients were treated of general diseases in 20 LGAS with 360 patients benefiting from surgeries at General Hospital, Owerri and IMSUTH, Orlu. Altogether, 24,924 patients received free general treatments WHILE 822 patients received surgical operations.

FREE EYE TREATMENT AT IMO VISION CENTRE

Government has continued to sustain partnership with India based Tulsi Chanrai Foundation in rendering free eye treatment to Imo Vision Centre, General Hospital, Owerri. Presently, over 10,330 patients have been treated of cataract, removal of the cataract and implantation of intra-ocular lenses in a state of the art operation.

FREE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH DIARRHEA & VOMITTING

Diarrhea is the passage of loose and watery stools 3 or more times daily leading to dehydration, extreme thirst, dryness of skin, restlessness and if not controlled, death follows. Diarrhea outbreak is a seasonal viral infection that affects children due to low immune system.

The outbreak of diarrhea and vomiting in February-march 2008 affected many people mostly children under the age of 3. State Government quickly intervened by * Setting up four Emergency Treatment Centers where over 1,349 patients were treated, free of charge. * Supplying anti diarrhea drugs and materials to FMC and some General Hospitals * Re-training Health Workers at State and LGA levels on the recent methods of controlling diarrhea and vomiting. * We produced and regularly aired jingles advising our people on the need to avoid another outbreak this season by observing the following:

1. Practice strict personal domestic and environment hygiene.
2. Wash hands with soap and water regularly.
3. Drink only boiled and clean water.



4. Promote oral rehydration therapy for people affected by diarrhea.
5. Promote exclusive breast-feeding and improved weaning practices.
6. Ensure that children are given complete routine immunization as to boost their immunity.
7. If you detect any diarrhea/vomiting in a child, please do not administer anti diarrhea drugs like flagyl and other anti-biotic but rather, such child should be given ORT as First Aid and rushed to any nearby Hospital or Health Centre for adequate Medicare. There is no immunization against cholera and diarrhea diseases

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A PATIENT

In January 2009, the Ministry on behalf of the State Government handed over a cheque worth 2.5million Naira to a patient with kidney problem for onward treatment overseas on the ailment.

FREE TREATMENT TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND UNDER 5 CHILDREN

The State Government has started free treatment of pregnant women and children at the Imo State University Teaching Hospital, Orlu.

The National Health Insurance Scheme with the Millennium Development Goals Office selected Imo as one of the 6 States, one from each geopolitical zone, to implement the free maternal and child health program.

Already, Aboh Mbaize, Isiala Mbanjo and Orlu LGAs have been selected as pilot LGAs for the program which was flagged off in January 2009 at Isiala Mbanjo. Imo State will attract about N700million annually for the project for the next 5 years. The State government will be contributing about eighty-three million annually for the next 5 years as counterpart funding and this will take care of secondary health care for the children less than 5 years in these pilot LGAs. Individuals and Private Organizations who have on their own supported Government by organizing and sponsoring Free Medical Services in many parts of the State are highly commended. Others who are willing to join in this humanitarian service are encouraged to do so; but must first inform and get written permission from the State Ministry of Health to ensure that only qualified and certified Medical Personnel treat patients.

NATIONAL PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION deals with the prevention, control and possible eradication of all childhood killer diseases.

Achievements: * Sustenance of the Polio-free status of Imo State since 2005. * Imo State won the NPI award in routine Immunization coverage for the south East Zone in 2007. * Remarkable reduction in infant mortality and morbidity. * Improved cold chain maintenance through the provision of solar freezers, refrigerators and generators to many LGAs etc. * Distribution of Insecticide Treated Nets, Vitamin A Supplementation, worming, routine immunization, etc.

* Imo State made 100% coverage in all rounds of NPI Campaign. * Held the 2008 Child Health Week and Integrated Measles Campaign. * Made a remarkable coverage in the 1st

round of 2009 Immunization plus Days in Imo State.

NEED FOR ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION

Ensure a healthy future for our children; protect every child from preventable killer diseases like Tuberculosis, Poliomyelitis, Measles, Yellow Fever, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Hepatitis B.

ROLL BACK MALARIA PROGRAM

Roll Back Malaria program is committed to the effective control and possible eradicated of Malaria in Nigeria.

- * Distributed 271,933 Insecticide Treated Mosquito Nets to pregnant mothers and children U-5 in all the LGAs of Imo State.
- * Distributed 82,250 does of Intermittent Preventive Treatment Drugs to pregnant women.
- * Carried out fumigation and larviciding services at mosquito breeding sites, drains band stagnant water at Okigwe and Owerri.
- * Procured some diagnostic equipment for planned Lymphatic Filariasis prevalence survey.
- * The Ministry produced and is airing jingles (English and Igbo versions) on the fight against Malaria while the Ministry renders vector control services at minimized rates.
- * Launched the stand alone ITN distribution in some LGAs
- * Celebrated the 2008 World Malaria Day
- * Imo State Roll Back Malaria Program received National Award in 2008 as the 3rd best State in effective implementation of Roll Back Malaria activities in the Nation.

GERMAN LEPROSY RELIEF ASSOCIATION program in Imo State runs free treatment of Tuberculosis and Leprosy in 20 LGAs. They are implementing the Community Mental Clinics in 20 Communities. * Thousands of TB and Leprosy patients have been treated and they are now able and fit to mix up in the society and face life boldly. * Held the 2008 World TB Day and the first stop TB walk in the state.

AVIAN INFLUENZA CONTROL PROGRAM

Government has established the Avian Influenza Control Project (Human Health), which is domicile in Public Health Lab. Premises.

ONCHOCERCIASIS CONTROL PROGRAM

Organized and trained 101 community directed distributors (CDDS) and 49 community health supervisors from 8 LGAs in the State. More than 87,063 persons of 5 years and above in 9 LGAs have been treated with Mectizan Drugs (for treatment of river blindness).

NUTRITION/DIET PROGRAM

* Administered vitamin A supplements to 1,066,535 children less than five years, and Post Partum. mothers and iron supplement to pregnant women. This has improved the micronutrient status of the two groups especially in the UNICEF focus communities.

FAMILY PLANNING

Trained about 55 student Midwives on family planning, established 60 family planning clinics located all over the State with at least two clinics in each of the LGAs and supplied



family planning commodities to the 27 LGAs in the State. 5296 persons accepted and commended the use of Family Planning Methods. 30 family planning services providers in the state were trained on contraceptive logistics management.

TRADO MEDICINE

The Ministry held meetings to reconcile the two factions of Traditional Medicine Practitioners to enhance advancement in their practice and ensure their full participation and representation of Imo State in the National Council of Health. The Ministry is determined to inaugurate the harmonized Association, register their members for effective supervision of their activities.

HIV/AIDS CONTROL PROGRAM IN THE STATE

- * Capacity building 1000 care Givers on Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV, Universal Precautionary Measure, Syndromic Management of STIs.
- * Procured and distributed condom, HIV Test Kits and materials of universal precaution to all the centers.
- * Collaborated with MTN-PAAC Foundation and established 4 centers for Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission at IMSUTH, General Hospitals in Owerri, Okigwe and Awo-omamma and commenced treatment at the Hospitals.
- * Procured/distributed drugs for Treatment of Opportunistic Infection. * Supplied injectable essential drugs items.

IMO STATE UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL, ORLU

The Institution has remained a pride to Imo State. It has expanded in its capacity and services over the years. IMSUTH, Orlu operates a Dialysis Centre with functional Bester Machines and has been accredited and approved by the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria for pre-registration training of newly qualified Doctors. The Institution has been granted provisional approvals for training of Specialist Doctors in Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology among others. Poor funding of some capital projects at the hospital has stalled the completion of many vital projects like the Radiology Laboratory which has reached only 32% completion. The Imo State University Teaching Hospital (IMSUTH) produced her first set of doctors in January 2009.

IMO HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT is a partnership program of Imo State Government, the World Bank and Africa Development Bank (ADB). Its major objective is to address the problem of dilapidated infrastructures, low staff capacity and the non-availability of essential drugs in hospitals and health facilities since its inception.

Imo HSDPII has done so well in executing its obligations that at the last National Assessment of IHSDPII in Abuja, Imo State was rated "Excellent" for excelling in the implementation of Health System Development Activities. * Completed the construction of 12 Emergency Obstetric Care Centers across the three zones of Imo State. Ungraded 19 PHCs, through provision of Doctors and Nurses Quarters for 24 hours, 7 days a week Healthcare provider availability. * Constructed Hostel accommodation for the School of Nursing, Owerri, School of Midwifery, Aboh Mbaise and College of Health School and Technology, Amaigbo. * Procured vehicles, computers, fridges, air conditioners,

motorcycles, 75 KV generators and various furniture/items used by the Ministry and its Parastatals. * Sponsored the training of Doctors, Nurses and other Health Staff both at the State and LGA on health issues within and outside Nigeria. * IHSDP donated medical books to the Ministry of Health for distribution to Health Institutions in the State.

IMO STATE POPULATION COUNCIL is charged with the collection of demographic data and data on the health status of the population. Researchers are free to go there and obtain information. ISPC successfully held the 2008 World Population Day in Imo State.

IMO STATE ESSENTIAL DRUGS SERVICES ensures that essential drugs procured by government are distributed to hospitals at reduced costs. The agency procures drugs in large quantity and distributes to health facilities both public and private.

IMO STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY conducts advanced medical diagnosis and test in its capacity as referral centre where cases from other laboratory are referred to the centre, but a lot of equipment is needed to keep the place very functional. In 2005, the Federal Ministry of Health selected Imo Health Lab as a Zonal Public Health Laboratory for the South East Zone. There is also a proposal to make it a HIV Counseling and Testing Centre.

GENERAL HOSPITALS IN IMO STATE

Imo State has 19 General Hospitals located across the 27 LGAs. Apart from General Hospitals in Owerri, Okigwe, Aboh Mbaise and Awo-omamma, others operate at less than 20% capacity utilization because of low patronage caused by: * Lack of adequate modern medical equipment. * Some of them have good medical equipment but do not put them to adequate and full use because they lack patients. * In some cases, the community members complain of Doctors' absenteeism from duty especially in cases of emergency. * Some Hospitals are wrongly cited at the outskirts of their host communities making it difficult for the sick to trek or get vehicle to such hospital at night for emergency cases. Such long distances also scare Hospital Staff from residing within or near the Hospital for fear of robbery and rape.

However, some communities are supportive and have assisted Hospitals in their areas by providing generator set, pipe borne water, fencing for security, procured medical equipment, and built Ward blocks and so on.

HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

School of Nursing, Owerri was de-accredited for lack of adequate accommodation and over admission. In 2007, the School was re-organized and repositioned to ensure that all the outstanding students passed the Nursing and Midwifery Council Exam. We are vigorously pursuing the reaccreditation through the provision of various required facilities at the school.

School of Public Health Nursing, Owerri has good academic records but lacks hostel accommodation for the students, office furniture and other items to keep both staff and students in a better learning environment.

School of Post Basic Midwifery Awomanma has the best results so far in National

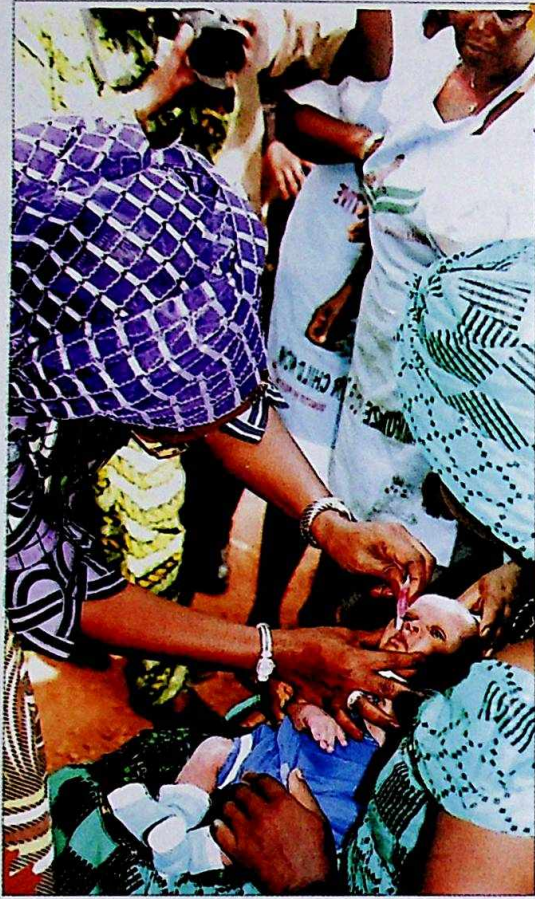


Exams and had come first in 2 years. It is the only government owned School of Post Basic Midwifery in the State and needs to be of international standard. They need adequate and regular water supply, Generator, Computer sets and fencing of the school premises. Contracts for the construction of new school library, staff quarters, student's hostel have been awarded.

School of Basic Midwifery, Aboh Mbaise has recorded high performance in the Council Exams. We have also recently loss accreditation of the school due to lack of some facilities.

College of Health Science and Technology has expanded in its scope and services and has been upgraded to a College of Health Sciences and Technology. The school offers program like Environmental Health, Informatics/Data Records. Community Health Extension Officers, Pharmacy Technicians and Medical Laboratory Technicians etc. The school needs more books, computers etc to help bring the school to desirable standard.

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Governor Interacting with patients at IMSUTH, Orlu



Youths and Sports

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Youths and Sports is responsible for executing Government Programmes and Policies aimed at ensuring grassroots sporting activities and equipping Imo Youths with skills for self employment.

Government in the New Face of Imo ably led by the state Governor, His Excellency, Chief (Dr.) Ikedi Ohakim charged the Ministry of Youth and Sports with the *Policy Thrust* of ensuring the physical, mental and social development of youths for meaningful Contribution to National Development. This policy thrust is translated into the following targets:

- a. *To equip 50 youths from each of the 27 LGAs with skills for self employment per annum over the next 3 years.*
- b. *To ensure mobilization/organization of youths into community-based youth organization in 10 communities in each of the 27 LGA yearly.*
- c. *To increase the number of youth development/mobilization officers to cover the 27 LGAs of the state.*
- d. *To encourage the formation of a football and Athletics Club in each of the state and hold competitions among them.*
- e. *To establish an International Standard Youth Development/Skills Acquisition Centre at the state Capital Owerri and 2 Zonal Centers at Okigwe and Orlu over the next 3 years.*

To achieve these targets, the ministry has done the following

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

There are about 54 Youth Organizations in Imo State are registered with the Ministry.

Sponsored Imo State Youth Delegates TO National Training and organized workshops for Youths, Coaches and Athletes and released subvention ton many Youth Organizations.

Hosted the 2008 International Youth Day Celebration in the state. Maintained co-operation between National Association of Imo State Students to establish the Governor Ikedi Ohakim Unity Football Competition and attracted some Banks/Corporate bodies to organize and sponsor Youth programmes.

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS (NYSC)

Rehabilitated the NYSC Camp and constructed the Handball /Lawn Tennis Pitches. Contributes the annual statutory subvention for the statutory functions of the State NYSC Governing Board and recruit Man-O-War instructor for the NYSC Orientation.

Approved automatic employment to deserving Corps Members at the end of each service year and pays N5,000.00 each to each corps member serving in Government Establishment monthly local allowance.

Hosted the Send Forth Party for the 2008 'A' Corps Member at which encouraged both the Corps workforce and serving corps member and proved the most hospitable state in the Federation for providing feeding augmentation and cows for Corps members during Orientation period. Donated Generator to and graded the link road to NYSC Orientation Camp, Umudi.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

There are 35 Sporting Association in Imo State with robust and competing regional, national and international programmes

- Provided 750 single seats and installed 579 FIFA approved seats at Grasshoppers Stadium, Owerri
- Installed public address system, constructed perimeter fence, replaced flood Light and numbered 10,870 seats in line with CAF/FIFA directives at the Dan Anyiam Stadium.
- Promoted 11employed players and 5 officials to the next salary grade level in the State Service and Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira for 2 African Medalists and their promotion to the next salary grade level.
- Donation of one Air-conditioned Buses to the Ministry and the African Female Hockey Champions.
- Scholarship Award up to University level to the Young Players for those who may want to further their Education.
- Re-furbished Dan Anyiam Stadium for the 2009 MTN/CAF Champ League.
- Sponsored Officials to 2008 MTN African Nations Cup in Ghana and Olympic Games in China.
 - Sponsored Heartland FC & Imo Utd to Coca-Cola FA Cup Completion.
 - Hosted the 2nd Sam Okwaraji U-17 National football completion in 2008



HEARTLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

- Employed a foreign technical Adviser with some highly qualified Nigerian Coaches for the Club.
- Invested over 400 Million Naira into the New Team.
- Joined in organizing the 1st Super Eagles-Heartland Football Match.
- Donated brand new Buses to the Team and also ensured prompt payment of salaries and bonuses to the players and officials.

IMO STATE SPORTS COUNCIL

Heartland FC won 1st and Imo Utd FC came 2nd during the 2008 Governor Ikedi Ohakim Challenge Cup Competition in Imo State.

Heartland FC won 2nd in the 2007/2008 Globacom Premier League which qualified them to represent Nigeria in the 2009 MTN/CAF Championship League and the team is doing well in the 2009 MTN/CAF Champions League.

THE 11TH IMO SPORTS FESTIVAL "NEW FACE 2008"

In October 13, 2008 the Governor, Chief Sir Ikedi Ohakim lit the Festival Touch at Government House Tennis Court Owerri. The Festival lasted from 27th to 30th October 2008. Okigwe LGA came 1st in Match Past, while Ikeduru LGA emerged 1st on the medal table; this Festival recorded huge success.

WEEKLY SPORTS

The Ministry Organizes Weekly Sports Activities for the Governor, EXCO members and Top Government functionaries at the Dan Anyiam Stadium every week.

SCHOOL SPORT COMPETITION

Imo Athletes came 3rd on the overall medals table at the 2008 National School Sport Festival in Lagos.

IMO STATE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Imo won 1st in the NFA Organized U-13 National Football Competition.

Imo won in the 1st edition of NFF U-13 Football Competition held.

Imo won Gold at the National Competition of the U-17 Boys Soccer Tournament.

Imo won in the 2007 South-East sports Festival Elimination Zone III

Imo came 1st on the result table at the South-East Zonal Elimination

THE 16TH NATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL (KADA GAMES)

Imo State participated in the 2009 KADA Games Held in Kaduna in February 2009 and made the following records at the medal table:

<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>Total</i>
21	28	38	87

HOCKEY

Gold 1st Indoor Hockey Tournament National Competition
 Gold National Six-aside Hockey Championship in 2007
 Gold African Cup for Club Champion of Champions in Egypt
 Gold-National super League Hockey Championship in Abuja
 Silver U-21 Boys and Girls Hockey Championship
 Gold -2008 African Cup for Clubs Champions held
 Bronze-16th National Sports Festival KADA

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

Gold-African Cup of Club Champion of Champions in Egypt.

HANDBALL

Silver Chief Servant Super Cup (female) in Minna.
 Bronze 16th National Sports Festival
 Gold Chief Servant under 21 Female Handball Championships.

KARATE

4 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze - 16th National Sports Festival,
 5 Gold, 4 Silver and 7 Bronze Homologation Grading Champ/Ref Course

WRESTLING

2 Gold and 1 Silver Olympic Games Trick at Tunisia.
 8 Gold and 3 Silver 2nd South/East Zonal Amateur open Wrestling Championship
 2 Gold, 4 Silver and 3 Bronze 16th National Sports Festival KADA

TENNIS

Imo hosted the 1st Governor Ikedi Ohakim National Open Tennis Masters series and won
 Gold in female Tennis Single
 Bronze Female Champion of Chief Servant of Niger State
 Gold 3rd CBN Senior Open Tennis Champion
 Gold- Chief servant of Niger State Tennis Champion
 Gold and Bronze

VOLLEYBALL

Bronze- National Div 11 Male/Female Volleyball League championship
 Silver- 1st Inspector General of Police National Volleyball Championship
TAEKWEANDO

Gold- 16th National Sports Festival KADA.



GYMNASTICS

2 Gold and silver 6th Annual Gymnastics Champ
2 Gold and 1 silver Alhaji Aliko Dangote Senior/Interm Gym Champ.

SP SPORTS ATHLETICS

3 gold and 3 silver- 16th National Sports Festival
2 Gold, 3 Silver, and 8 Bronze- 1st Gateway Paralympics Chaimpionship.

SPECIAL SPORTS ATHLETICS

Gold- in the state Blind and Amputee Athletic Championship

SP SPORTS-POWER LIFTING

5 Gold, 3 Silver, and 1 Bronze -1st Gateway Paralympics Champs
4 Gold, 4 Silver NS 2 Bronze- 16th National Sports Festival KADA

BOXING

Gold- south- East Boxing Champ in memory of late Dick Tiger Ihetu.
9 Gold- 1st Governor Ikedi Ohaki South-East Boxing Championship

KICK BOXING

2 Gold, 1 Silver and 5 Bronze- 9th National Open Kick Boxing Championship.

KUNG FU

2 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze- 16th National Sports Festival.
3 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze- 2nd Men/Women Kung Fu Open Championship.
2 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze- 16th National Sports Festival.

DART

Gold- National Dart Championship
Silver and Bronze- 16th National Sports Festival.

SQUASH

1 Gold and 4 Silver- 1st Governor Ikedi Ohakim South- East Squash Champ.

KOKOWA

Gold and Silver- Kokowa Sports Championship.

GOLF

2 Bronze- 16th National Sports Festival.



DAMBE

Gold and Silver-Kokowa Sports Championship

CHESS

1 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze Kokowa Sports Championship

SHOOTING

Won Top-Four in the 6th Wole Madariote Shooting Champ.

CONCLUSION

After the presentation of the activities of this Ministry at the National Youth Council Held in Calabar in 2008, the Administration of His Excellency, Governor Ikedi Ohakim got high commendation from the Minister of Federal Ministry of Youth Development on his laudable programmes for the Youths in Imo State.

This Ministry is determined to remain an indispensable partner in the realization of the New Face of Imo Agenda, Already, our youths are now engaged in Sports and there is a remarkable decline in youth restiveness.

ON COMING PROJECTS FOR 2009:

- Re-branding and upgrading of Dan Anyiam Stadium to it's master plan.
- Building of a Multi-Purpose Hall/renovation of building at NYSC Orientation Camp.
- Construction of World Class Games Village at Okaa Games Village etc.





a Cross-section of youths at the Workshop



Director General Addressing participants at a Youth Workshop



a Cross-section of youths at the Workshop

Justice

The Ministry of Justice Owerri is responsible, among other functions and duties, for

- (1) Legal Advice to the Government
- (2) Law Reporting, Law Revision and Law Review
- (3) Legal Drafting
- (4) Civil Proceeding for and against the Government
- (5) Administration of Estate of the deceased
- (7) General Staff Control

In order to perform these functions duties, the Ministry has the following Departments.

- (1) Personnel Management;
- (2) Planning, Research and Statistics/Law Reporting and Law Revision;
- (3) Public Prosecutions;
- (4) Legal Drafting
- (5) Civil Litigations;
- (6) Estate and Trust; and
- (7) Alternative Dispute Resolution/Legal Research
- (8) Finance and Supply;

ACHIEVEMENTS

(1) PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

This Department continued to achieve industrial harmony throughout the Ministry. Welfare services, security and high level of discipline were ensured and maintained.

The achievement of the Department of Administration during the period review are as follows;-

1. Offer of Appointment: A total of 3 Senior Officer were employed This was done to enhance the performance of the Ministry.



2. Withdrawals: Two Officers withdraw from the service of the State.
3. Transfer: -Six Officers were transferred.
4. Retirement: - Seven officers retired from the Servicer of Imo State.
5. Training/Seminar/Conference/In-Service Training

During the period under review 55 Officers benefits on the above.

Conclusion:-

The Administration Department ensured effective monitoring of staff which helped in line with the Government's efforts to ensure value re-orientation.

(2) PLANNING, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS/LEGAL RESEARCH

The Ministry through this Department carried out the following projects:-

1. Renovation of the office Block at the right hand side of the former Civil Service Commission Building, Okigwe Road Owerri at the cost of N12,183,537.45
2. Renovation of the Judges Quarters at B124 Shell Camp Owerri at the cost of N16,061,363.50.
3. Fencing of the Old Civil Service Commission, premises Owerri at the cost of N6,913,776.73
4. Renovation of Judges Quarter No. 64 Mbanjo Street, Aladinma Owerri at the cost of N12,976.73
5. Renovation of the former Civil Service Commission Office at Okigwe Road for use as Federal Court of Appeal, Owerri at the cost of N12,476,257.05.
6. Renovation of the Building on the left hand side of old Civil Service Commission Building Okigwe Road Owerri at the cost of 13,735,785.00
7. Renovation of the former Chief Judges Residence near the Nigeria Medical Association Building, along Port Harcourt Road, Owerri at the cost of N13,930,953.75.
8. Renovation of the Chief Judges Quarters adjacent to the Red Cross/Motherless Babies Home, Orlu Road, Owerri at the cost of N39,66,466.00.
9. Building of the Citizen's Right Centre/ Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre at the Ministry of Justice Old, Owerri at the cost of N57,000,000.00 Approval given. State Tenders Board Yet to meet.
10. Limited measures for the purchase of Law Books at the cost of N15,085,000.00. Approval given, yet to be funded.
11. The Ministry's Law Library served over 1560 users of the Library which are mainly Lawyers from within and outside the Ministry and Law Students from within and outside Imo State
12. Printing of the Laws of Imo State of Nigeria at the cost of N60,000,000.00 Approval given but not yet funded.
13. We Reported and Published the Imo State Law Reports 1993-2003. We also published the Laws of Imo of Nigeria, 1999-2003. We also published the Imo State High Court Rules.

14. We have sold more than 200 copies of these Laws published by the Ministry.

3. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS/LEGAL RESEARCH

	2007	2008	2009
1. Number of cases disposed off	190	217	122
2. Number of Motions disposed off.	95	140	102
3. Number of case files vetted and returned to police	290	320	385
4. Number of legal Opinions written	150	200	260

4. DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL DRAFTING

	May - Dec. 2007 -	2008	Jan - April 2009	Total
1. Contract Agreement	39	118	33	190
2. Vetted Bills	11	34	13	58
3. Legal Opinion/Letters	46	116	42	204
4. Fiat	64	230	65	359
5. Public Notices	12	23	7	32

5) DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL LITIGATION

(1) No of cases/motions Registered	-	902	
(2) No of cases/motions Disposed of	-	274	
(3) No of legal opinions written	-	477	

(6) DEPARTMENT OF ESTATE AND TRUST

The under-listed achievements were recorded since the inception of this Administration -on the 29th of May, 2007.

The achievement are classified as follows:-

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE MATTERS:

A total of two hundred and one files were opened during the period under review and the beneficiaries were duly paid. Thirty-eight problem estates were resolved and the deceased family - staying in peace. Twenty-nine estates were inspected as to know the safety of the tenants/beneficiaries and to ensure the new face standard of environmental cleanliness to be observed. Eleven estates were renovated to avoid total collapse and two estates were returned to the owner after the conditions were met.

REVENUE UNIT, ESTATE AND TRUST DEPARTMENT



HEAD	SUB HEAD	DETAILS	REVENUE FROM 1st - 17 APRIL, 2009
0402	02	Oath Certificate fees	N994,420.00
	81	Estate Admin. Fees	N1,887,808.99
	84	Trust fees	N1,135,889.08
	163	Fiat fees	507,000.00
	164	Legal services	<u>N2,950,000.00</u>
			<u>N7,445,118.09</u>
0404		Sale of Law Reports	- 1,500.00
		Sale of Revised Law Report	- 8,000.00
		Sale of High Court Rules	- 87,000.00
		Revised Laws of Imo State	- 92,500.00
			- N189,000.00
		Grand Total	- <u>N7,634,118.09</u>

3. LITIGATION

We have cases pending in various courts via - Court of Appeal, High Court and Magistrate Courts. Some of the cases have been disposed of for want of diligent prosecution, while others are no merit and some pending.

Graphic view of our cases:-

Magistrate Courts

No. of cases 6, number still pending 4 and number disposed of 2.

High Courts

Number of cases 12, number still pending 8, and number disposed of 4.

Court of Appeal

Number of cases 3, and number still pending 3.

(7) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Department, Alternative Dispute Resolution is a new and fledging department which sprang up from the eloquent desire of the Federal Government of Nigeria in an effort to bring a new horizon in the dispensation of speedy Justice to the people. This new frontier in the quest for lasting justice which is people oriented is akin to the African way of settling

disputes. The global need for this new dispensation of justice has also opened amicable way of settling International disputes, thereby giving way for global peace. The era of gun-boat diplomacy is fast loosing ground to round table diplomacy-by mediation.

The department was established in 2007. Some States in the Federation, like Lagos, Rivers, Anambra, Delta, Bayelsa, Kwara and Edo etc, having replicated this new vogue in their States and the success story is spreading like wild fire. The Federal Government is in the fore front and is leading the vanguard. Imo State Government is not left behind as it is one of the States to imbibe the Spirit too. However, the Department of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Imo State is yet to make it's mark since the whole project is at its incipient stage. To demonstrate its desire to seeing this project stand on its feet, the present Government has approved the sum of fifty-four Million, three hundred and sixty thousand naira (N54,360,000) Capital release warrant in the last fiscal year.

However there is bright future ahead for this new Department (ADR) in Imo State. The citizens of Imo State are excited and are even stampeding the new Department with one problem or the other confronting them as they look forward to avail themselves with the Services it can afford them.

(8) ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

The Department has maintained a regular payment of staff salaries and allowances as at when due by the good administration of His Excellency, the Governor of Imo State. There is peace and job security which has enabled Department to achieve maximum objectives of Government.



Federal Court of Appeal building at Okigwe Road, Owerri



Lands, Survey and Urban Planning

During the period under review, the State Government has achieved the following through the Ministry:

1. Timber & Allied Regional Market, Naze:

The Ministry has sustained effort in relocating traders to the permanent site at Naze by funding all the projects already embarked upon to provide infrastructure at the site. Some of the infrastructural facilities completed include Borehole; Generating set House, Police post and Toilets. Contract for the Asphalt construction of the access road into the market has been reviewed to facilitate early realization.

2. Land Acquisition And Payment of Compensation To Land Owners:

The State Government released the sum of N 185,065.080.00 for part payment of compensation to land owners of Otamiri South Extension Layout (Old LAVAM), Economic Free Trade Zone area at Ngor-Okpala L.G.A. Okporo Housing Estate, Orlu, US Home Depot Development International Ltd., General Hospital, Umuguma Owerri, Umusasa Hall (Part of Orlu Modern Market, and Naze Industrial Layout balance payment).

Reclaiming Shell Camp Layout from the federal government Acquisition of three modern and Integrated. Landfills for waste Management and disposal at Ogbaku, Mgbirichi and Agbala. Revocation of undeveloped plots in Housing Area "V"

3. Imo Geographic Information Service (IGIS)

The Ministry with the approval of His Excellency, Chief Dr. Ikedi Ohakim established the Imo State Geographic Information Service. The essence is to computerize land records and re-certify Certificates of Occupancy to eliminate fraudulent activities and malpractices hitherto associated with land administration in Imo State.

4. Survey Activities:

Preliminary surveys for the design of the new Imo/Rivers States road project connecting



Sam Mbakwe Airport to Port-Harcourt Airport.

Survey of the old IBC site along Egbu Road, Owerri which the State Government intends for development of a modern Housing Estate. Completed perimeter survey of Imo State Quangdong project at Ngor-Okpala.

Completed parcellation survey of Otamiri South Extension Layout, Owerri

Survey of Orlu Road Secretariat also to be used for a modern Housing Estate for Foreigners. Perimeter Survey of Ekwema Layout, Owerri etc.

Re-establishment of boundaries of the former Housing Area "P" now the New Government House Complex, New Owerri

5. Town Planning Activities:

Redesigning of Orji Town Layout for the purposes of plot allocation. Re-designing of Clerk's Quarters, Okigwe Road, Owerri etc.

6. Land Use Allocation Committee:

Advertisement for allocation of plots have been placed for three new layouts, viz:

- i. Orji Town Extension Layout,
- ii. Clerk's Quarters Layout and
- iii. Ekwema Layout.

Through the above committee, allocation for Orji Town Extension Layout has been completed.

7. Development of Layouts:

Through the activities of the Task Force for the Development of Owerri Capital Territory and Owerri Capital Development Fund Board of Trustees, within the period under review. Access roads have been opened in the following layouts, Onitsha Road Industrial Layouts, part of Naze Industrial Layout, Otamiri South Extension Layout, and Area "V". Electricity has been extended to Housing Areas "B" and "G".

Planning and Economic Development

- ❖ Produced and circulated the 2008 Approved Budget to Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs.) and General public.
- ❖ Produced and circulated the 2008 Authorized Establishment to MDAs
- ❖ Carried out fiscal and physical monitoring of the 2008 budget.
- ❖ Produced the 2007 Budget Annual progress Report.
- ❖ Produced the First, Second and Third Quarters progress Report/Budget Appraisal.
- ❖ Conducted Pre-Budget Sensitization Workshop for all MDAs in the State
- ❖ Conducted/Organized Zonal pre-Budget Consultative fora for Communities, NGOs, CBOs, etc.
- ❖ Hosted the Joint planning Board/National Council on Development planning Meeting in Imo State in June 2008.
- ❖ Held 2009 Budget Bilateral discussions with MDAs in the State.
- ❖ Produced and circulated of the 2009 Annual (Approved) Budget
- ❖ Produced Draft Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Sectoral Strategy policy documents for the State.
- ❖ Produced the Medium Term Expenditure Framework 2008-2010
- ❖ Submitted the following under listed draft bills:
 - a. The Fiscal Responsibility Bill
 - b. Bureau for public procurement & price Intelligence BPPPI Bill (Due Process)
 - c. Establishment of the State Statistical Bureau Bill.



- ❖ Reviewed the Community Action plan for the following UNICEF Focal Communities in Imo State.
 - Ubahaeze in Mbaitoli Local Government Area.
 - Obi-Orodo in Mbaitoli Local Government Area.
 - Nzerem in Ehime Mbano Local Government Area.
 - Umukabia in Ehime Mbano Local Government Area.
 - Umuago Urualla in Ideato North Local Government Area.
 - Umuokwara Akokwa in Ideato North Local Government Area.
- ❖ Reviewed the UNICEF Imo State plan of Action to include Children.
- ❖ Prepared the 2008 Annual Work plan on UNDP poverty Reduction Activities.
- ❖ Monitored the implementation of UNICEF Assisted programmes in the State.
- ❖ Secured the inclusion of Imo State as one of the six pilot States in the Federation to benefit from the Millennium Development Goals Funding through the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) for the provision of free Maternal Child Health Care programme to pregnant mothers and children under 5 in the Country.
- ❖ The State applied and secured fund under the MDGs 2008 Conditional Grants Scheme amounting to N984m (50% of the total package) to execute 183 projects in the 27 LGAs the State.
- ❖ Trained over 10,000 school Teachers in Imo State by MDGs through the National Teachers Institute (NTI)
- ❖ Conducted Survey on needed projects in Communities before completing the 2008 Conditional Grant Scheme application form.
- ❖ Carried out Zonal Sensitization Consultative Meeting/ Awareness Summit in the 3 zones of the State Owerri, Orlu and Okigwe for the Stakeholders in the communities for the MDG projects.
- ❖ Organized Statewide Sensitization Awareness Seminar on MDGs in Imo State on March 27, 2008 at Concorde Hotel, Owerri for stakeholders in Community Development, NGOs, CBOs, Donor Agencies, Federal and State MDAs, LGA Chairman and Town Union Presidents.
- ❖ Coordinated Statistical activities of the State Ministries/ Departments/ Agencies.
- ❖ Facilitated the choice of Imo State as one of the pilot States for the preparation of State's Statistical Master plan by the World Bank/ National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)
- ❖ PUBLICATION OF 2007 Statistical Year Book (SYB)
- ❖ Verified and Collected data on Women and Youths for Empowerment programmes.

- ❖ Show cased Imo Industrial potential and took foreign investors round the State which would soon yield positive fruit.
- ❖ Elevated/upgraded the former Imo State planning and Economic Development Commission to the Ministry of planning and Economic Development.
- ❖ Donated one (1 no.) Toyota Bus and one (1 no.) double cabin Hilux Van to the Ministry for project Monitoring and Evaluation.
- ❖ Donated six (6 no.) Computer sets and a printer to the Ministry to enhance performance and higher productivity.
- ❖ Granted the Ministry waiver to employ/recruit necessary Junior Staff
- ❖ Appointed five (5 No.) Staff of the Ministry to the post of permanent Secretary in the State Civil Service (ie. Mrs. C.C. Obinna, Barr. C. I. Anyanwu (now S.A. Due process), Mr. A. N. Odukwu, Mr. B. G. Okonkwo and Mr. E. C. Ekenze)
- ❖ Appointed the former special Adviser Economic Affairs and Chief Executive officer of the Imo State planning and Economic Development Commission (now Ministry) the Chief Executive of the Imo Wonder Lake Resort and Conference Centre.
- ❖ Conducted an in-house training programme for 31 newly recruited/unconfirmed staff the Ministry in line with the Office of Head of Service's requirement for promotion of staff in the 2008 promotions exercise
- ❖ Established a Service Compact (Servicom) Unit in the Ministry for effective service delivery in-line with Federal Government reforms.

CAPACITY BUILDING:

- ❖ Participated in the United Nations population Fund (UNFPA) 4-day Zonal Workshop/Consultative Meeting to develop the Country programme Action plan (CPAP) for the 6th Country programme of Assistance to Nigeria held at Umuahia, Abia State from November 16th 20th 2008.
- ❖ Attended a two day UNICEF Meeting/Training for planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) programme Managers from the ten States and planning officers from the thirty focus LGAs held on 9th and 10th December, 2008 at Enugu, Enugu State.
- ❖ Held the MDG State/Zonal Workshops for the State Conditional Grant Scheme projects.
- ❖ Attended the National Conference organized by the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER) for the States Manpower Committee in Bauchi.



- ❖ Attended the Joint planning Board/National Council on Development planning at Niger State.
- ❖ Attended Capacity Building Workshop on:
 - i. Gap Analysis by DFID
 - ii. Production of Fiscal Responsibility and public procurement Bills by Donor Agencies
- ❖ Organized the public Expenditure Management Workshop in Collaboration with Lasec Consulting Ltd.
- ❖ Participated in a one day Capacity Building Workshop organized for the Imo State Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Steering Committee.
- ❖ Attended a Workshop on Revenue Mobilization, Management and Budget Reform/Implementation Issues for Sustainable Development.
- ❖ Participated at the public procurement (Due process) Legislation Workshop at Calabar that produced Imo State Draft Bill on public procurement.
- ❖ Attended a one week Workshop on SEEDS/Budget Management at Lagos.
- ❖ Participated in the partners for Sustainable Development (PSD) Stakeholders Budget Harmonization Meeting organized by NDDC in port Harcourt

Culture and Tourism

BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism was created in June 2006 by an amalgam of the Culture Department of the former Ministry of Information & Culture and the Tourism Department (Unit) of the former Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Tourism by the Administration of His Excellency Chief Achike Udenwa with Barrister Innocent Okpara as the First Honourable Commissioner. The office is currently located at Orlu Road Secretariat in a 2 No Block accommodation.

MISSION STATEMENT/POLICY OBJECTIVES

Under the New Face of Imo Policy thrusts of His Excellency Chief Sir Ikedi Ohakim, the Ministry of Culture & Tourism is charged with the under listed responsibilities.

POLICY THRUST

To develop Imo State as the Tourism hub of the South East/South South States and develop the State tourism Centres and Cultural festival into International acceptable standards in order to showcase the diversified Economic base with guaranteed employment opportunities as well as showcasing the rich heritage, Culture and Traditions embodied in the competitive spirit of the people of the "HEARTLAND" an unadulterated touchstone of Igbo achievement.

POLICY TARGETS

- i). To develop the Oguta Wonder Lake and Abadaba Lake as International tourist attractions.
- ii) Provision of infrastructure at sites designated for tourist Centres.
 - iii) Development of the craft for woven cloth, carving, and artefacts around the tourist Centres.
 - iv) Environmental sanitation, beautification and building of recreation facilities and parks development.
 - v) Ensuring the celebration of annual Igbo carnival - Ozuruimo.
 - vi) Expanding the scope and ensuring the participation of the other Igbo



speaking states in the annual Ozuruimo carnival.

INDICATORS

- i) No of tourist sites developed
- ii) Completion of Oguta Wonder Project
- iii) Increase the number of tourists in Imo State
- iv) Increase in people with art skills
- v) Completion of Amphi-theatre/Cultural Centre
- vi) Ensure the establishment of Cultural centres in the three zones (Okigwe, Owerri, Orlu)

DEPARTMENTS

The Ministry of Culture & Tourism Imo State is composed of the under specified Department each headed by a Head of Department and charged with responsibilities akin to it

- i) Administration & Finance Department
- ii) Accounts Department
- iii) Museum Department
- iv) Tourism Department
- v) Culture Department
- vi) Planning, Research & Statistical Department.

The total staff strength is put at 95 comprising of staff of various cadres made up of Management, Middle Level Manpower and junior staff.

PARASTATALS UNDER THE MINISTRY

Imo State Tourism Board and Imo State Council for Arts & Culture constitute the parastatals under the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. They are respectively located at Orlu Road Secretariat and Mbari Street Owerri.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Re-branded Ahiajoku Lecture and invited a literary Icon Chief **Chinua Achebe** to deliver the 2008 Ahiajoku Lecture that was celebrated in 2009.
2. Participated in the 2007 and 2008 NAFEST held in Makurdi and Enugu respectively and 2007/2008 Abuja Carnival.
3. Hosted the 2007 and 2008 World Tourism Day.
4. Successfully hosted the 2009 Miss Pegeant on March 4, 2009.
5. In conjunction with Degos Associates the Ministry organized a workshop on Basic Tourism and middle level manpower in its bid to promote Tourism in

the State

6. Embarked on assessment visit to existing Tourist sites and Monumental sculptures in the state viz Oguta Wonder Lake, Abadaba Lake in Obowo, Monkey Colony Lagwa and Isunjaba Colonia House, Colonia Building in Oguta & Isu Njaba and Eze Anasoh at Amaifeke.
7. Gave a financial assistance of N1m (One Million Naira Only) to Mr. Godwin Iheanyichukwu Uzuoku Artist from Obinacha Nkwerre, Nkwerre LGA, to complete his Art Gallery in Nkwerre.
8. Exhibited Art Works in Abuja at the African Regional summit and Exhibition on Visual Arts at the International Conference Centre Abuja from September 7-13 2008, and earned a certificate of excellent participation.
9. Procured a 30 KVA Generator at the cost of N3,460,000.00 three Million Four Hundred and Sixty Thousand Naira only.
10. The Ministry renovated the office Block assigned to the National Institute for cultural Orientation (NAICO) to accommodate their South East Zonal Headquarters at old Okigwe Road Secretariat, Owerri.
11. Re-valuating the cost of completion of the Mbari Cultural Complex Owerri.



Education

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Education is charged with the responsibility of encouraging and developing a functional education system that will provide a springboard for economic and social empowerment of Imo citizenry for self-reliance. In line with the above policy thrust, the Ministry has lived up to its responsibilities of ensuring the delivery of accessible, quality and functional education that would ensure the realization of the dreams and aspirations of the New Face of Imo under the able leadership of His Excellency, Chief (Dr) Ikedi Ohakim the Governor of Imo State. As part of the consolidation of the education sector the Ministry has recorded the following achievements:

SCHOLARSHIP

The Government through the Ministry of Education awarded a total of 360 scholarships to handicapped students in both secondary and tertiary institutions in the 2007/2008 academic session at the cost of N2.8 million.

His Excellency the Governor of Imo State approved concessionary overseas past graduate scholarships to two physically challenged civil servants in Imo State at the cost of N8.4 million.

The Government also released funds for the payment of bursary award to 344 Imo students at the Nigerian Law Schools for the 2005/2006 Batch.

The Scholarship Board has paid scholarship to the handicapped students in secondary and tertiary institutions for the 2008/2009 school year at the cost of N2.8m.

50 Imo citizens were granted post-secondary scholarships in various Nigerian Universities. The Imo State Scholarship has been inaugurated and the Board has successfully taken off with its work in the Ministry.

SCIENCE, TECHNICAL AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

The State Government approved the release of the sum of N17.907m for the supply of chemicals and reagents for the 2007/2008 May/June WAEC. NECO SSCE practical



examinations in public secondary schools in the State.

The Government approved the release of the sum of N18m for the supply of science chemicals and reagents for the 2009 May/June WAEC. NECO SSCE practical examinations in public secondary schools.

Government has disbursed various sums of money for the accreditation of vital courses in the Imo State University and the final accreditation of college of medical of Imo State University. As a result 100% (full) accreditation has been achieved for all the academic programmes of Imo State University which hitherto had only interim accreditation.

Under the present administration, action was completed on the taking of Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Owerri by the Federal Government.

The State has effectively realized to upgrading of erstwhile Michael Okpara College of Agriculture to the status of a Polytechnic. Meanwhile, all necessary steps are being taken to ensure that the Ministry of Education takes over the management of the Polytechnic. The law setting up the institution has been amended to achieve this.

The State Government released the sum of N90 million for the re-accreditation of the four Technical Colleges in the State, in addition to the sum of N700,000.00 released for the installation of science equipment have been procured for the schools and the accreditation team from NBTE is expected in Imo State anytime from now.

The State Government also approved the recruitment of fifty technical teachers for the four Technical Colleges in the State.

The State Government through the Ministry of Education initiated a public partnership arrangement with the state University of Tennessee, USA and Imo State University, Owerri.

The Ministry carried out site inspection for Muldear Polytechnic, Okigwe and NIT Centre, Owerri

The Ministry also participated in the following workshops and competitions in the area of Science and Technical Education:

- Training Workshops for 60 secondary school Mathematics teachers at Government College, Umuahia under the National Mathematical Centre/FME MDG Project.
- National Workshop on Technological Entrepreneurship Development for Industrial Productivity and Competitiveness in Small Business at Gateway Hotel, Ota, Ogun State 7th-9th October, 2008
- Prepared Imo State students for the NNPC Science and Nigerian Institute of Physics Quiz competition
- Attended the 2nd stage of Olympiad competition, and the Basic information Technology Workshop on Industrial Training Fund, Aba and the SMASE 2nd Advocacy Workshop at NCCE, Abuja.

Government encouraged private participation in education through the approval of four



professional institutes -

- (i) Macotis Advanced College of Business Education, Obinze
- (ii) Expert Institute of Computer Technology Nwaorieubi
- (iii) Systematic Computer Learning Centre, Owerri
- (iv) Premier Professional Institution, Owerri

Government also:

Organized a training workshop for Secondary School Teachers on the use of skill 'G' Micro Science kits under the NNPC special intervention project for nine Niger Delta State held in December 2007 at Government Secondary Schools, Owerri.

Organized the 2008 National Mathematics and Science Olympiad Competitions.

Handed over a classroom block built by Chike Okoli Foundation for St. Joseph's primary School, Ndi Akunwuro, Arondizuogu.

Facilitated the approval of Global Modern Business College, Nekede, and NIIT Owerri Educational and Training Centre.

Carried out the site inspection of the proposed Muldear Polytechnic, Okigwe.

EXAMINATIONS

The State Government, through the Ministry of Education carried out the registration of candidates for the following 2009 examinations:

- Universal Basic Education General Placement test (UBEGPT)
- Universal basic Education Test into Model Schools (UBETMS)
- Junior School Certificate Examination (JSCE)
- Junior School (Business/Technical) Certificate Examination
- Universal Basic Education Assessment Test (UBEAT)
- Selection Examination into Madonna Senior Secondary School for Science, Etititi
- Civil Service Examinations for the confirmation, promotion and advancement of some cadres of civil servants (CONPRAD).
- Civil Service Recruitment Examinations

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Ministry carried out inspection and approval of nursery, primary and secondary schools. In the process, the Ministry inspected 41 schools for subject approval and carried out site inspection of 8 schools. Inspections were also carried out for addition of primary six and up-grading of secondary school to senior status. The Ministry visited 127 schools on spot check inspection. The Ministry also identified 250 illegal schools spread across the three (3) Senatorial Zones.

560 teachers were recruited into the state school system through waivers secured from the Governor by the Ministry.



The Ministry also recorded an appreciable increase in the students/pupils enrolment in secondary and primary schools. Enrolment in primary schools increased from 900,949 to 914,263 while enrolment in secondary schools increased from 131,238 to 143,371. The Ministry also registered 801 candidates for model/pressure schools and 340 candidates for inter-state transfers.

Three new Education zones were created, making the total number of Education zones in the State six.

The State Government awarded contract for the reconstruction of St. Joseph Burnt Hostel Block at Owerri Girls' Secondary School, Owerri. Work has reached advanced stage to enable displaced students move into the hostel.

The State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) executed the under-listed projects under the UBE/FGN intervention programme after the State Government paid its counterpart contribution of N227.77m:

- Construction of 3 No. classroom blocks in each of 33 schools.
- Renovation/Rehabilitation of classroom blocks in 56 schools
- Provision of 71 teachers' furniture and 623 no. nursery furniture
- 1886 No. 2-seater desks were distributed to primary school in the State
- Construction of 21 No. boreholes and 33 No. VIP toilets in the State.

A total of 113,302 books in various subject areas and 4,244 educational charts were distributed to pre-primary section. Also 51,460 books, 2098 Education Charts, 15,000 copies of Diaries and 15,000 attendance registers were distributed to primary schools. The books included those on English Language, mathematics, Primary Science and Social Studies, introductory Technology, Literature in English and Dictionary.

The Ministry attended the following workshops/meetings and training in the area of primary and secondary education:

- JCCE plenary meeting and WAEC National Committee meeting
- ANCOPSS State Annual Meeting held in Owerri.
- National Council on Education (NCE) meeting at Abuja on (4th - 10th January, 2009)

The Ministry organized the first Imo Education Summit. This was aimed at charting the strategic pathway for realizing the educational policy and policy targets of the New Face of Imo Administration in the State. This summit attracted major stakeholders and technocrats of national and international status from diverse parts of Nigeria and beyond, to make imputes for achieving functional education system in Imo State.

Imo Students came second position at the last Presidential Inter-Schools Debate held in Abuja, and were rewarded with Computer sets, etc.

The Ministry conducted and produced report on the statistical Survey of dilapidate infrastructural facilities in our public secondary schools. The report of the Survey gave status report of their infrastructures for the purpose of carrying out massive rehabilitation of them for effective and conductive learning environment.



The Ministry also produced a documentary on dilapidated infrastructures in our public secondary schools.

In order to tackle the problems of dilapidated infrastructure in our public schools, the Governor inaugurated the Education Endowment Fund Committee. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of raising funds from stakeholders in the education sector for the purpose of improving the learning environment in our schools system.

In line with the Public Private partnership in education, the State Government in the New Face of Imo attracted seventy one (71) computers from Nigerians in Ireland. The Ministry also initiated collaboration/ partnership arrangement between High schools in the State of Tennessee, USA and six secondary schools in Imo State.

EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES

The Ministry prepared and produced the list of approved textbooks for primary and secondary schools in the State. It also gave educational, vocational and personal social guidance services to fifty-five special needs individuals.

The Ministry admitted seventeen hearing impaired students into the Imo State School for the Deaf Orodo, 4 pupils into Education Centre, Orlu and I in Owerri. Also 2 mentally retarded students were admitted.

Interviews were also conducted for handicapped students in the secondary and institutions of higher learning in the country.

The State Library Board also offered various library services such as lending rural information and reference materials to its users. It also maintained 10 rural/branch libraries in different locations in the state.

The Ministry made other outstanding achievements in terms of support services to various education sectors and stakeholders.

These include:

Procurement and distribution of walking sticks, charts, Braille paper and tape recorders to the special need students.

Scholarship to 40 special need students.

Admission of 70 pupils to special education centres in Orlu, Owerri and Umuahia.

Successfully carried out 2008 book review. And have printed and distributed the list of approved text to all the schools in the State.

Preparation for 2009 book fair has reached advanced stage.

Thirty teachers were trained on trainer's workshop on the implementation of Family Life HIV/AIDS Education (FLHE) Curriculum.

Organized stepping down training on FLHE/HIV/AIDS Curriculum. Implementation in Imo State Primary and Secondary Schools.

Attended and concluded matters on 2007 and 2008 Joint Consultative Committee on Education for Reference. Plenary Sessions and National Council in Education (NCE).

Attended workshop for teachers librarians organized by the Nigerian Education Research and Development Council in Lagos.

Sorted out 50 textbooks for classification, otherwise known as Book Review. The French Unit, through Alliance Francaise, sponsored computer training 20 civil servants.

One Chief Education Officer from the department attended training programme in JAPAN on "Study on Education Improvement of Training Course of teacher for African Countries sponsored by JICA from 3rd to 30th November, 2008.

52 Micro G. kits (Labless kits) and 10,000 exercise books were donated to the Ministry by the NNPC.

HIV/AIDS

Since HIV/AIDS is of global concern which must be adequately addressed in order not to jeopardize the human resources of the state, the Ministry submitted its Action Plan (2009 - 2012) for the implementation of the Fifth Country Programme of Assistance of the United Nations Population Fund (UNIFPA) in the area of family Life Health Education (FLHE) HIV/AIDS. The total allocation for the plan period is N46.28m made up of N26.62m from Regular Source and N19.657m from Government Cash Counterpart Contribution (GCCC).

From the plan, the Ministry successfully organized a five-day refresher Workshop for teachers in the State School system on effective implementation of the National family Life and HIV Education Curriculum.

ADULT AND NON FORMAL EDUCATION

The Agency for Adult and Non Formal Education distributed instructional materials received from both the National Mass Education Commission (NMEC), Abuja and UNICEF 'A' Filed Office, Enugu to learners. These materials include sewing machines, textbooks, exercise books, knitting machines and baking oven.

The Ministry on behalf of the Agency signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NMEC and UNESCO for the implementation of literacy programme by radio project in the State.



SCHOOLS SPORTS

Imo excelled in various school competitions as a result of the moral and financial support of the State Government under the New Face of Imo. The achievements recorded in the area of sports include:

Overall Winners of the 2007 edition of Falilat Ogunkoya National 400m Foundation and the 2007 NFA organized U-13 Football Championships.

Successful organization of the 2007 holiday sports coaching programme for identified star athletes in primary, junior secondary and senior secondary schools in preparation for national and internal school sports tournaments.

The State also emerged National Champions in the 2008 National School Sports Festival in the following games/sports:

- (a) Basket ball primary boys and girls under 12
- (b) Football primary boys and girls under 12
- (c) Hockey senior girls under 17
- (d) Handball primary girls under 12 and senior girls under 17
- (e) Volleyballs senior girls and boys under 12
- (f) Tennis senior girls singles and senior boys singles
- (g) Tennis senior boys doubles
- (h) Tennis Intermediate boys singles
- (i) Tennis primary boys doubles
- (j) Tennis Intermediate boys doubles
- (k) Badminton Senior girls doubles
- (l) Long jump intermediate girls and boys
- (m) 150m intermediate boys
- (n) Short put senior boys
- (o) High jump intermediate boys
- (p) Discuss senior boys
- (q) 800m intermediate boys
- (r) 4x400m Relay primary girls
- (s) Javelin senior boys
- (t) 400m primary girls and intermediate boys
- (u) 400m hurdles senior boys
- (v) 4x100m relay primary boys

Second position in the overall medal table and won the cup for Taekwando during the U-18 talent Hunt Competition.

Emerged the champion, as well as the third best at the 2008 Equatorial Conference (South-East) of the Nestle-Milo Basketball Championship. Produced the most valuable player and the best 3-pointer at the same event.

Produced the runners-up in the maiden edition of the National Deaf Secondary School Football Championship (Kwaa 2008), as well as runners-up in the 2008 national finals of Nestle-Milo Basketball Championship. Also won the most entertaining team award at the



Championship.

Emerged champion at the 2008 South-East U-13 NFA-organized Football Championship, and at the 2009 South-East Zonal Champions for Shell Cup for secondary schools.

Came second best at the 2009 South-East Talent Hunt for secondary school U-18 athletes.

GOVERNANCE FORUM

Education



Beneficiaries of ISOPADEC undergraduates, post-graduates Scholarship Scheme



Renovated Town School Oguta Classroom by ISOPADEC



Secondary School Students in a Computer Class



Petroleum and Environment

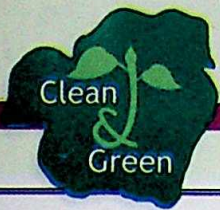
INTRODUCTION:

The Ministry of Petroleum and Environment is charged with the responsibility of ensuring the environmental protection in the State and sustainable development of the Oil and Gas Sector in the manner that employs best practices in their host communities. The ministry also has the responsibility of encouraging harmonious co-existence between the Oil Companies operating in the state and the solutions to the numerous ecological problems in the state, and leading the environmental vanguard for realizing the Clean and Green Initiative of His Excellency, Chief Ikedi Ohakim's Administration.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIS EXCELLENCY FROM MAY 2007 MAY 2009.

The ministry within this period under review has contributed a lot towards the "Clean and Green Initiative" of His Excellency, Chief Ikedi Ohakim and made the below- listed achievements.

1. Ministry has done all preliminaries as to tackle the numerous erosion problems in the state. To this ministry has identified 460 erosion sites in Imo State in which about over 60 No. of erosion sites are waiting remediation.
2. Ministry has carried out a solid waste survey to determine the volume of refuse generation in Owerri, the capital city of the State. This information has sided in the development of the integrated waste management plan.
3. Ministry earlier on has engaged consultants for many activities involved in the reclamation of Nworie River into its confluence with the Otamiri RIVER in keeping with the new Face of Imo Project and the "Clean and Green Initiative" of this Administration. Project has now been awarded and when completed, it has the potential to attract more tourist as well as visitors and investors to the State.
4. Ministry has also contributed immensely for UNIDO-Centre of Excellence to succeed in the State. The centre is to serve as a Regional Centre for Environmental Pollution Management in 16 No. Countries of West and Central Africa and Guinea Beisila to Angola. Project is to contract an International Conference Centre to serve the said 16 No.



Countries.

5. Ministry through the State Government has assisted the Federal Government to establish, house and commission the National Standard and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) in the State. The commissioned office donated by the State Government would serve as the zonal Headquarter and would functionally cover the five (5) states of the South- East Zone of the country. The NESREA has the responsibility to enforce all environmental laws, guidelines, policies, standards and regulations in the country and the advantages of the Agency include job creation and promotion of environmental awareness and consciousness in the State.
6. Ministry has so far implement Environmental impact Assessment (EIA) act No. 86 of 1992 in the State.

Women Affairs & Social Development

The Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development is responsible for the welfare and care of women, children, Destitute, Disabled, Elderly and the less-privileged in the society. The Ministry has as much as possible tried to keep to the above responsibility by reaching out to the general public in various ways and attending to their problems.

1. Completion, commissioning and handing over keys of three houses to three indigent widows from Isiala Mbanjo, Nwangele and Owerri West Local Government Areas.
2. During the period the Ministry successfully planned and organized the following State, National and International Day Celebrations.
 - (i) Armed Forces Remembrance Day on January 15
 - (ii) International Women's Day March 8
 - (iii) International Family Day March 15
 - (iv) International Children's day May 27
 - (v) Day of African Child June 16
 - (vi) Day of Elderly, October 25
 - (vii) Day of the Rights of the Child November 20th
 - (viii) International Day of the Disabled persons December 3.
 - (ix) Children festival of Arts and Culture.
 - (x) Imo Women's day Celebration.

During each Celebration various items of equipment/implements such as sewing machines, Grinding machines, Hair Dressing Equipment, Oil Pressing Machines, Food processing Machines, Wheel Barrows, fertilizers were distributed to widows, indigent women, physically challenged and other vulnerable groups in the society to improve their Economic wellbeing/status.

- 3 The Ministry has completed and commissioned Occupational Therapy Workshop at Destitute Home Umuneke Ngor.
- 4 The Ministry renovated all the buildings at Destitute Home.



- 5 The Ministry constructed the New Face of Imo Classroom Block at the FSP School Ugwu Orji to ease the accommodation problem of the school.
- 6 The Ministry disbursed over #10m (ten million naira) subvention to Disabled Association and Destitute Homes in the State.
- 7 The First South-East Children's Parliamentary Speaker's Forum was organized.
- 8 The Ministry acquired help lines with the Assistance of Her Excellency Barr. Lady Chioma Ohakim to report and Monitor cases of Child Abuse and Trafficking in the State.
- 9 The Ministry Empowered and disbursed #7m Women Fund for Economic Empowerment (MOFEE) Fund to 54 co-operative Societies in the State.
- 10 The construction of a Crèche at the State Secretariat has reached advanced stage.

Commerce & Industry

PREAMBLE

The Ministry which has its main policy thrust as "to stimulate, encourage, promote, facilitate and accelerate the pace of orderly commercial and industrial development of Imo state, the efficient and competitive production of goods and services delivery, strengthening the skills and technical knowledge of the people to generate employment, create wealth and reduce poverty for indigenes and stakeholders of the state; has been exceedingly conscious in the bid to achieve these goals of commercialization and industrialization of the state.

Prior to the emergence of (Dr.) Ikedi Ohakim ksc, as the governor of Imo State; business & commercial activities was in a very low rate while industries operating in the state operated below capacity. The ones built by the government were either abandoned or allowed to moribund.

1.0 ACHIEVEMENTS

Today in the area of commerce and industry, the state has made some significant giant strides; which include the following:

- 1.1 The standard shoe company ltd has been fully reactivated.
The daily production is on the higher side.
- 1.2 The Aladinma shopping plaza is being executed on Contractor financier basis in which the roofing works is now 98% completed while other works in sub-structure, super Structure, external works have been completed and a total of fifty eight (58) allocations have been made.
- 1.3 The Imo state Government through this Ministry has Concluded arrangement and signed MOU with SLOVAK Investors to site solar Energy, and Car Assembly Plant in Imo State.
- 1.4 Arrangement has been concluded with the American Consortium for the Development of Heart Land Refinery Plant in Imo State.



- 1.5 The Ministry of Commerce & Industry in collaboration with the Cooperative Federation of Imo State Ltd has supplied and Distributed over 200 metric tones of rice at a cheaper rate of N6,350 to the cooperatives at the nooks and crannies of Imo State and entire citizens at large. This has greatly stabilized prices of rice in Imo State. The supply is in continuous bases ad prices are expected to even reduce more and more. More so, arrangement has been concluded for the regular supply of other consumables like vegetable oil, tomatoes etc at reduce price to the people of Imo State, so as to stabilize prices and reduce poverty.
- 1.6 The Ministry in partnership with Bauhaus Int'l Ltd has commenced the Actualization of International Electrical, electronics & Automobile Market (INTEEAMARK) Project at Naze.
- 1.7 The Nigeria Music Award (NMA) was arranged and spear-headed by the Ministry with a dinner party at the Banquet Hall of Imo Concorde Hotels. We now have EA (Entertainment).
- 1.8 The Ministry embarked on aggressive revenue drives and anti-adulteration campaigns in the produce zones to enforce the Produce Edict, thereby consolidating the existing structures in revenue generation and curbing adulteration of produce. In Orlu, LGA, Umutanze Community donated a stretch of land for the establishment of Orlu Central produce Beach. The submission of amendment on produce law was sent to Exco for onward movement to House of Assembly. During the Period there was expansion of the revenue base of produce by Creating a 3rd schedule for other taxable commodities. The total Revenue generated by produce in the last two years rose steadily to N14,250,725 on excess of 67% over a similar total generated two years before the Ikedi Ohakim administration.
- 1.9 Malaysian Team of Investors sent in proposal for large scale Oil Palm production in the State. The proposal and report of the Committee has been sent to His Excellency for further directives.
- 1.10 Indian consultants (CASUAG ENERGY LTD) visited the Ministry and discussed the possibility of some Imo entrepreneurs visiting India to obtain first hand information on how SMSs function in India and at the expense of the Indians. On return, they will work out modalities on how to set up enterprises.
- 1.11 The Industrial Sensitization tour in the 27 LGAs of the State has been concluded. The programme has given boost to the industrial policy of the State. Sensitization on Establishment of small Business centre Clusters in 27 LGAs has been concluded. The Ministry will implement along with industrial Clusters in each of the Local Government Area of the State.
- 1.12 Industrial Business Incubation Centre Naze has reached Advance stage and the level of completion are as follows: Fencing of the premises 80%, Drilling of Borehole is Completed, Construction of plant House completed while the renovation of the main building and roofing is on-going.

- 1.13 Ministry of Commerce & Industry is embarking on R Validation and Re Certification Programme of co-operative Societies in Imo State. This is geared towards revolutionization of cooperative system in Imo State so as to be in line with New Face. The Ministry generated four million, five hundred and thirty seven thousand naira (N4,537,000.00).
- 1.14 The Ministry engineered the hosting of an international trade fair in the State in partnership with Medallion Co. Ltd., Which is the first time such level of fair is organized. This was aimed at promoting Commerce and industrialization and helps to boost local and foreign investments in the State.



Local Government Projects

LIST OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

S/N	PROJECT	TYPE	REMARKS
A. ABOHMBAISE LOCAL GOVT. AREA			
1.	The New Chairman's Lodge	Building	
2.	The New Chairman's lodge Boys Quarters	Building	
3.	The New DPO's Lodge	Building	
4.	The New DPO's Lodge Boys Quarters	Building	
5.	Fencing round the New Chairman's Lodge	Building	
6.	Some Rural Roads Graded	IRROMA	
B. ORU-WEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA			
1.	Chairman' Quarters	Building	
2.	Local Government Library	Building	
3.	Eke-Ohakpu Market		
4.	DPO's Quarters	Building	
C. ORSU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA			
1.	Amanachi Water Scheme		
2.	Local Govt. Headquarters Water Scheme		
3.	Awo-Idemili Water Scheme @ Ekeubahaeze		
4.	Road grading under IRROMA	IRROMA	
5.	Chairman's Quarters	Building	
6.	DPO's Quarters	Building	
7.	Magistrate's Quarters	Building	
8.	Landscaping of the Council's Premises		
9.	Strategic Development Initiative		
10.	Skills Development..		

D. OWERRI WEST LOCAL GOVT. AREA

S/N	PROJECT	TYPE	REMARKS
1.	Renovation of Umuoma Nekede	Market	
2.	Renovation of Health Centres at Orogwe and Umualum Nekede		
3.	DPO's Quarters		
4.	Chairman's Quarters		
5.	Drilling of Borehole in Okuku, Okpala Emeabiam, Ihiagwa, Ndegwu, Umuguma, Umudibia, Umuemeke Oforola.		
6.	Drilling of Borehole and Generator to Ohii, Umuokpo, Emeabiam, Irete, Obinze		
7.	Reconstruction of Eziobodo Market stalls		
8.	Construction of Six Plant Houses and energization of six Boreholes in Six Communities		

E. OHAJI-EGBEMA LOCAL GOVT AREA

1. Asphalt Tarring of LG Headquarters Roads Less Drainage Works.
2. Reconstruction of Chairman's Quarters
3. Magistrate's Quarters
4. DPO's Quarters
5. Construction of Ring Culverts at Mmahu
6. Construction of box culverts at Abacheke
7. Completion of ultra-modern Pavilion.

F. EHIMEMBANO LOCAL GOVT AREA

1.	Oyibo Bridge Nzerem Bridge		
2.	Walkway in front of the Local Government	Building	
3.	Fortified burglary Proofs in fifteen offices	Building	
4.	Room in the Local Government	Building	
5.	Chairman's Quarters	Building	
6.	D.P.O's Quarters	Building	

G. NGOR-OKPALA LOCAL GOVT AREA

1.	Three Senior Staff Quarters	Building	
2.	Council Secretariat beautification erosion checking at Council gate and on going landscaping project.		



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| 3. Grading of erosion Road abandoned for more than 25 years before launching of IRROMA Road | |
| 4. Grading of over 35 Roads under IRROMA programme. | IRROMA |
| 5. Procurement of set computer and photocopy machine for the office of the Chairman | Office equipment |
| 6. Purchase and distribution of Six giant 300KVA transformers to six communities in the Local Government. | Electricity |
| 7. Sinking of six ultra modern boreholes for six communities of Obiangwu, Umuagii, Umuoneke, Uchulu, Amaube and Nguru | Water |
| 8. Purchase of Toyota Corolla for the Council | |
| 9. Umuoneke Umuondoche Ndashi under construction. State project | |

MBAITOLI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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| 1. Ten room administrative block | Building |
| 2. 300 KVA Transformer donated to Oboro-Ogwa | Electricity |
| 3. Grading of 36 roads under programme to give a total length of 84.5Km. | IRROMA
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ORLU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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| 1. New gate and gate house for Orlu Local Government Secretariat | Building |
| 2. New quarters for the Divisional Police Officer, Orlu Division at Orlu | Building |
| 3. Rehabilitation and Grading of 22 earth roads in Orlu Local Government Area to give a total length of 61.7Km | IRROMA |

OBOWO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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| 1. The purchase of two mowing machines to help workers in cleaning the premises of the Local Government Headquarters in line with the Clean and Green initiative. | |
| 2. Repair of eight vehicles of the council | |



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| 3. Electrification of the Headquarters with street light | Electricity |
| 4. Reactivation of the 500KVA transformer at Otoko | Electricity |
| 5. Reactivation of the borehole at Otoko with an overhead tank | Water |
| 6. Built ten lock-up stores at Ogwoharanya, Umuariam Obowo | Market |
| 7. Built 36 Lock-up stores at Achingali Motor park | Market |
| 8. Thirty-five Roads graded and maintained under IRROMA in Obowo Local Government | IRROMA |
| 9. Construction of Umuifem Bridge | Bridge |

NJABA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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| 1. Rehabilitated and equipped the Umuna Health Centre | Building
/work facilities |
| 2. Completion of Njaba Emergency Obstetric Centre, | Building |
| 3. Construction of perimeter fence and gate of Hospital Complex | Building |
| 4. Reactivation of water borehole and completion of metal Tank for about five Communities around the Local Government Secretariat | Water |
| 5. Building of Residence of the Chairman and D.P.O | Building |
| 6. Rehabilitation of 17 Roads under to give a total length of 31.3Km | IRROMA
IRROMA |
| 7. Renovation of Council building | Building |
| 8. Renovation of Njaba Women Development Centre | Building |

OWERRI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Six 150mm diameter boreholes with water Tanks at Ejiaku Street, GRA Shell Camp, Tetlow road by Osuji Street, 184 Tetlow Road, Edede Street by Oguamanam, Police Station Barracks, Shell Camp | Water |
| 2. Chairman's Residential (Bungalow with Boys quarters) at the Council Headquarters | Building
Building |
| 3. D.P.O. Residential Quarters (Bungalow with Boys quarters) at the Council Headquarters | Building |
| 4. Rehabilitation of 51 Roads under to give a total length of 22.05Km | IRROMA
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NKWERRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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| 1. Renovation of Pavillion | Building |
| 2. Renovation of D.P.O quarters | Building |
| 3. Rehabilitation of 37 roads under IRROMA to give a total length of 45Km | IRROMA |



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ISIALA-MBANO LOCAL GOVT AREA

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|-----|---|------------------------|
| 1. | New Face of Imo School Building | Building |
| 2. | Obollo Secondary Technical School, Obollo | Building State Project |
| 3. | Anara-Ikwuano Road | IRROMA |
| 4. | Ekwedim Atta Road | IRROMA |
| 5. | Eke Obollo Amaukwu-Ogbor-Ibeme Oka-Nkwo Mbaa Road | IRROMA |
| 6. | Reactivated Borehole at Eke-Obollo | Water |
| 7. | Council Hall under Construction | Building |
| 8. | Chairman's Lodge | Building |
| 9. | Isiala Mbanoo Water Scheme Plant House | Water |
| 10. | Umuelemai Plant House | Building |
| 11. | Isiala Mbanoo Water Scheme Reservoir Renovated | Water |

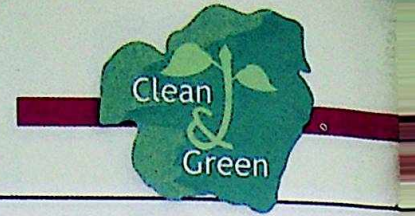
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OKIGWE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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| 1. | Ope bridge at Urban Ward II | Building |
| 2. | 1 no 4 Classrooms block at Amosu Umulolo Ward | |
| 3. | 1 no Borehole at Amagu Ihube Ward II | |
| 4. | Stringing of Low-tension electricity cables from transformer to various units at Umualumoke Ward | |
| 5. | 1 no 4 room block for security personnel and support staff at Chairman's Lodge. | |
| 6. | Chairman's Lodge, rebuilding of dilapidated wall, perimeter fencing, installation of security gate and painting of the wall. | |
| 7. | Construction of 4000 capacity Auditorium, "New Face Multi-Purpose Hall Okigwe". | |
| 8. | Grading of over 70km Rural feeder Roads under the | IRROMA |

ORU EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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| 1. | Foundation Laying Stone of Amiri Isu Health Centre | Building |
| 2. | Chairman's Quarters under construction | Building |
| 3. | D.P.O's Quarters under construction | Building |
| 4. | Energized Ezi-Awo II Technical Junction Transformer Sub-station. | Electricity |
| 5. | Rehabilitation of Ezi-Awo II 10,000 gal. Water Scheme | Water |
| 6. | Grading of 1.5km Nempi-Nkwo Amagu Health Centre Road | IRROMA |
| 7. | Grading of Nkwo-Amagu - St. John's Church Parish, Akuma | Road IRROMA |



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| 8. | Ditto 2.5km Umualum Ichi Akatta Road | IRROMA |
| 9. | Ditto Ezi-Awo II Road | IRROMA |
| 10. | Ditto Nchoko Amiri Road | IRROMA |
| 11. | Ditto 0.7km Eziakuma Amaimo Road | IRROMA |
| 12. | Ditto 1.3km Orié Omuma Council Road | IRROMA |
| 13. | Ditto 1.3km Uzi Akatta Road | IRROMA |

AHIAZU MBAISE LOCAL GOVT AREA

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| 1. | Construction of two open shades at the Nkwo Akpim Market | Market sheds |
| 2. | Construction of one lock-up shop at Nkwo Akpim Market | Market |
| 3. | Construction of New Face of Imo Bus-Stop | Bus stop shed |
| 4. | Construction of four Class Room Blocks at Lude Ahiara | Building |
| 5. | Construction of Vigilante Office at the Council Headquarters | Building |
| 6. | Reconstruction of Nnarambia Health Centre | Building |
| 7. | Construction/Reticulation of a Borehole at the Council Headquarters | Water |
| 8. | Construction of 500 Seaters donated to (28) Twenty-eight Primary Schools Furniture | |
| 9. | Beautification of the Ahiazu Mbaise Local Government Headquarters New Face of Imo State | |
| 10. | Grading of some Rural Roads | IRROMA |

ONUIMO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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| 1. | Grading of some Rural Roads | IRROMA |
| 2. | Painting of Council Premises | Building |

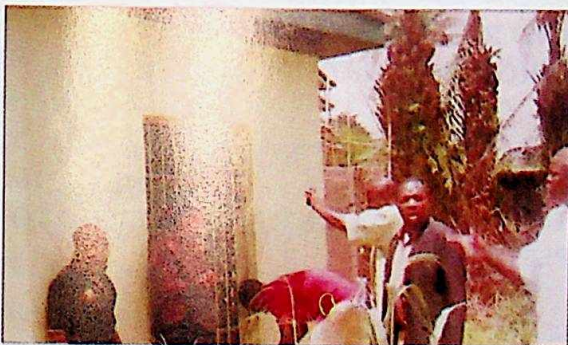
Local Government Projects



Rural Electrification Project



Gen Set at Atta Njaba Water Scheme



Gen House Ngor-Okpala Water Scheme



Ngor-Okpala Water Scheme



Ngor-Okpala Water Scheme



*ISOPADEC on-going Road Project at Ogbujiagu
Abacheke in Ohaji/Egbema LGA*



Tank at Egbeada Water Scheme



Overhead Tank at Atta Njaba Water Scheme



Public Utilities and Rural Development

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT HIS EXCELLENCY'S ACHIEVEMENTS FROM MAY 2007 TO MAY 2009

S/N	PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION	STATUS	ON-GOING	CONTRACT
SUM	NAME/ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR	PERCENTAGE COMPLETION %	AMOUNT ALREADY PAID TO	THE CONTRACTOR
ELECTRICITY OKIGWE ZONE				
1.	Anara, Isiala Mbanu 135 Owerri	Completed 100%	2,010,305	Palecon, No.
2.	Nsu Ehime Mbanu Rd. Owerri	Completed 100%	2,721,319	Kodis Hitech Nig. Ltd. 107, Okigwe
3.	Okata Ihitte Uboma 150 Orlu owerri	Completed 100%	2,390,611.45	Ronikiz Ent. Nig.
4.	Umuezike Umuezeala Ama Ehime Mbanu Serv. 13B Okigwe Road Owerri	Completed 100%	1,425,254.45	Clewudom Cons.
5.	Osinta-Na-Lowo Obowo 150 Orlu Owerri	Completed 100%	2,357,638.40	Ronikiz Ent. Nig.
6.	Umudim Umuezeala Ama Ehime Mbanu Serv. 13B Okigwe Road Owerri	Completed 100%	1,425,254.45	Clewudom Cons.
7.	Etere Ezelu Okwe Onuimo 7 Nze Anyanwu Ave Akwakuma Owerri	Completed	2,498,225.63	Chydex Integrated
8.	Ndiuhu, Obowo 138 Wetheral Road Owerri	On-going 50%	2,016,856.00 1,008,428.00	Bosom Eng. Serv. Ltd.
OWERRI ZONE				
9.	General Hospital Ngor Okpala 1,550,000.00	Completed 100%	1,550,000.00	Direct Labour
10.	Umuonyeali Ihitte Mbieri	Completed	2,809,850.00	Leonado Engr. Ltd. No.1 Ozitem St.



Trans Egbu Owerri	2,809,850.00	100%		
11. Azara Obiato Mbaitoli	Completed	1,880,500.00	Leonado Engr. Ltd. No.1 Ozitem St.	
Trans Egbu Owerri	1,880,550.00	100%		
12. AGUNEZE, AHIAZU MBAISE	Completed	3,278,808.25	Lem Trans Ocean	
Ltd.				
No.3 Azikiwe Road P/H	3,278,808.25	100%		
13. Area 'N' World Bank	Completed	2,998,000.00	Pa-simon Fab Serv. H7 Bens Estate,	
Orogwe Owerri	2,998,000.00	100%		
14. St. Patricks Nekede	Completed	2,330,432.60	Brineth	
120 Orlu Road Owerri	2,330,432.60	100%		
15. Amaohuru Nguru Nweke Aboh Mbaise	Completed	2,804,000.00	Seaco Bros Ltd.	
14 Okigwe Road Ow.	2,804,000.00	100%		
16. New Market Owerri Municipal	Completed	2,350,000	Twinky Nig. Ltd.	
66 Njiribeako St Owerri	2,350,000	100%		
17. Orji Mechanic Village Owerri North	Completed	2,918,774.00	Clewudom Cons.	
Serv.				
13B Okigwe Rd. Ow.	2,918,774.00	100%		
18. Owubinubi, Ikeduru	Completed	2,341,661.25	Geovic Int. Ltd.	
Plot 82 Eagle Island Est. Port Harcourt		2,341,661.25	100%	
19. Umuakeli Naze, Owerri North	Completed	1,500,000.00	Direct Labour	
1,500,000.00	100%			
20. Ife, Eznihitte Mbaise	Completed	2,612,971.29	Light Glo	
27 Alaenyi Str. Owerri	2,612,971.29	100%		
21. Amuzi Ahiazu Mbaise	Completed	2,800,000.00	Chinonye Asso. Ltd.	
No. 36 Christ Church Road Owerri		2,800,000.00	100%	
ORLU ZONE				
22. Ofeahia Amaifeke Orlu	Completed	2,893,101.05	Alvimo Ventures Nig.	
No.79 Ihioma Rd Orlu	2,893,101.05	100%		
23. Dim-na-Nume Nwangele	Completed	2,989,844.25	Brineth	
120 Orlu Road Owerri	2,989,844.25	100%		
24. Isu Ancient Kingdom Nwangele	On-going	1,896,661.25	Phonsy Const.	
Ltd.				
73/74 Christ Church Road Owerri	948,330.62	75%		
25. Ndiawa Arondizuogu Ideato North	Completed	2,291,011.25	MC Mobis	
Ventures Ltd. 2B Spibat Road Akwakuma Owerri	2,291,011.25	100%		
26. Nkume Umuaka Njaba	Completed	2,481,567.50	Powerscope	
28 Assumpta Ave Opp. Imo Hotels Owerri	2,481,567.50	100%		
27. Amaiyi, Umuaka Njaba	Completed	2,314,686.25	MC Dineth Nig. Ltd	
120 Orlu Road, Owerri	2,314,686.25	100%		
28. Akuma, Oru East	On-going	1,250,000.00	Pa-Simon, H7 Bens Estate, Orogwe	
1,250,000.00	95%			

29. Isu Okporo, Oru West	Completed	1,615,391.25	Osmond Eng. Ltd.
4 Umez Eronini Street Ikenegbu Owerri		1,615,391.25	100%
30. Ukwube, Nkwerre	Completed	2,560,548.00	Powerscope,
28 Assumpta Ave Opp Imo Hotels, Owerri		2,560,548.00	100%
31. Ofekata II, Oru East	Completed	1,842,871.25	Celet Nig. Ltd.
No.42 Mbaise Road Owerri	1,842,871.25	100%	
32. Ndiuche Izuogu, Ideato North	Completed	2,999,300.00	Mcdinet Nig. Ltd.
120 Orlu Road Owerri	2,999,300.00	100%	
33. Umuhu Okabia Orsu	Completed	1,896,661.25	Palecon Ltd.
135 Orlu Road			
Akwakuma Owerri	1,896,661.25	100%	
34. Dan Guanella Centre Nnebukwu	Completed	2,396,661.25	Direct Labour
2,396,661.25	100%		
35. Ugbele Ideato South	Completed	1,962,094.00	Direct Labour
100%			1,962,094.00
36. Uziezike Ubulu Oru East	Completed	2,484,473.00	N.N. Obizue & Sons
Ubachima Awo-omamma Oru East		2,484,473.00	100%
WATER PROJECTS			
1. Amaimo, Ikeduru	Completed	1,950,000.00	Lids Services
6 Odor Str. Owerri	1,950,000.00	100%	
2. Ihitteoha, Owerri North	Completed	1,980,000.00	Klems & Cetech Ltd.
No.6 Odor St. Owerri	1,980,000.00	100%	
3. Ihiagwa, Owerri West	Completed	1,850,000.00	NEPRIS
No.6 Odor St. Owerri	1,850,000.00	100%	
4. Ogbaku, Mbaitoli	Completed	1,920,000.00	Fidel Associates Azubuike's
Compound Eziala Obizi Ezinihitte Mbaise		1,920,000.00	100%
5. Avu/Obinze Housing Estate Owerri West	Completed	2,690,000.00	Clewudom,
13B Okigwe Rd Owerri	2,690,000.00	100%	
6. Nnorie Ngor Okpala	Completed	2,000,000.00	Direct Labour
100%			2,000,000.00
7. Ekwerezu Town, Ahiazu Mbaise	Completed	1,800,000.00	Saturn, No.6
Amanze Njoku St. Aladinma Ow	1,800,000.00	100%	
8. Umuhu Okwuato, Aboh Mbaise	Completed	1,950,000.00	Amador Nig. Ltd.
134 Okigwe Road Ow.	1,950,000.00	100%	
9. Akpodim, Ezinihitte Mbaise	On-going	1,850,000.00	Brineth
120 Orlu Road Owerri	925,000.00	60%	
OKIGWE			
10. Umulolo, Okigwe	Completed	1,950,000.00	Okeson Enterprises, 161 Clifford
Road Aba	1,950,000.00	100%	
11. Umunumo Ehime, Mbano	Completed	2,000,000.00	Director Labour
100%			2,000,000.00



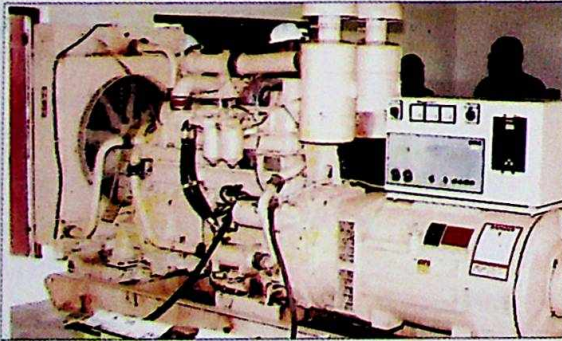
12. Umuozu-Obollo Isiala Mbano	Completed	1,950,000.00	Nepris, No.3
Uratta Street Owerri		1,950,000.00	100%



Electricity at Ezi-Orsu, Oguta LGA.



Ngo-Okpala Water Scheme



Generating Set at Atta, Njaba Water Scheme



Ngor-Okpala Water Scheme outlet for public use



Water Bore Hole Project Okohia, Isiala Mbano



Bore Hole Powered by Solar Energy



Uzoagba Water Scheme



Bureau for Sanitation and Transport

- i. **Reintroduction of monthly clean up exercise:**
This bureau was saddled with the responsibility of coordinating and supervising the monthly clean-up exercise, both in the state capital and other (26) Local Government Areas of the State.
- ii. **Refuse disposal:** this bureau was also saddled with the responsibility of refuse disposal in the state. Though, recently the exercise was contracted to two companies; CODUC NIG LTD and SOCIETY NIG LTD. The bureau still supervises the work.
- iii. **Gutter desilting:** This bureau has successfully carried out the task of desilting gutters in Owerri. Formerly, before the Bureau commenced activities, the gutters in Owerri were filled with filths that blocked them and made water to flow on the road instead of the gutters. But with the effort of this Bureau, all the refuse which hitherto blocked those gutters has been removed and water flows in some of the gutters.
- iv. **Bill board/sign post dismantling** In conjunction with OCDA, the bureau had successfully dismantled the bill boards and sign posts which hitherto defaced our capital city.
- v. **Repainting of Taxis:** A look at Owerri now will not fail to notice the colorful picture which the Taxis plying the roads wear. This effort/ achievement was carried out by the bureau. As a matter of fact, this bureau performed the activities which enabled the present regime in the state to be reckoned with. Our Governor is regarded as an action governor because of the activities of this bureau.



- vi **Street sweeping:** This Bureau co-ordinates and supervises the women sweepers engaged for the sweeping of the major roads and streets in Owerri. The Bureau is never found wanting in the discharge of this duty.
- Vii **Designated Bus Stops:** Passengers are hardly dropped at any place by bus drivers. There designated bus stops where passengers are discharged. This was achieved by the bureau.
- Viii **Repainting of Houses:** A look around Owerri, you will notice that the houses are wearing new looks. The Bureau played a great role in achieving this. It helped to add color to the beauty of the state Capital.
- ix **Relocation of cars and Building Materials Dealers:** The car dealers in Owerri were relocated to a better place at somachi while the building materials dealers were relocated Naze. This action helped in no small measure towards decongesting traffic in Owerri. The exercise was also achieved by this Bureau.
- x **Closure of illegal Parks:** All the illegal parks in Owerri town were closed. This exercise was also achieved by this Bureau. Unfortunately the agitation of the municipal council and the Bureau for security led to the withdrawal of our taskforce and the illegal parks have returned to our roads i.e. Douglas Road, Orlu road, Okigwe Road and Mbaise Roads etc.
- xi **Fumigation of Dump Site:** This Bureau ensures that the dump site in Owerri is fumigated twice every Month. This exercise is done in order to control the spread of diseases in Owerri.

The Bureau has done quite a lot to promote and achieve the developmental programmes of the state. There are some other achievements recorded by this Bureau, which include Beautification exercise, dump site pushing, formation of task-force, and landscaping. All these would not have been made possible without the support given to the Bureau by his Excellency, the Governor of Imo State. The Bureau remains grateful.

Bureau for Sanitation and Transport



Tricycles Distributed by Poverty Alleviation Bureau



100 Units of new Haice Buses



Beautification of Okigwe, Modotel Road Roundabout, Owerri



New Pontoon, Oguta Lake



Tricycles Distributed by Poverty Alleviation Bureau



Imo Re-orientation Agency Director General interacting with commercial motorcyclists in Owerri



Poverty Alleviation Bureau

The Poverty Alleviation Bureau, under the New Face of Imo Agenda was charged with the responsibility of reducing to the barest minimum the level of poverty in the state.

To face this challenge, the Bureau designed programmes and projects in the areas of Skills Acquisition, Free Schools Transport Services, Agriculture and Welfare Schemes namely;

1. Training/Empowerment of Women/Youths in Imo State in various Trades/Skills.
2. Free Transportation of Pupils/students to and from Schools daily in the urban towns of Owerri, Orlu, Okigwe and Isiala/Ehime Mbano.
3. Training/Empowerment of Women/Youths in Imo State in various Agricultural Processes/Productions.

1. TRADE/SKILLS ACQUISITION:

A. Computer Appreciation (Studies):

Admitted, trained and graduated four (4 No) batches of Imo Women/Youths in Computer studies. Each of these batches has an average population of One hundred and seventy (170 No) persons.

These trainings are carried out at the Bureau's Computer Laboratory at Orlu Road Secretariate Headquarters, Owerri.

To realize this, the Bureau employed two more teachers to add to the existing ones, bought ten (10 no) more Computer sets, serviced the old thirty (30 No) Computers and introduced the use of a multi-media projector and the screen as an effective teaching aid. All these took nothing less than Six million five hundred thousand (N6,500,000.00) naira from the state government.

B. Polythene Cutting and Sealing Machine

The Bureau within the period under review fabricated eleven (11 No) Polythene Cutting and sealing Machines and trained an equal number of persons on the skill. Each of these beneficiaries, were at the end of their trainings empowered with One (1No) Cutting and sealing Machine and a 960 watts Generating set. The Generating Set will be used to power the Polythene cutting and sealing Machine. This took the bureau Seven hundred and sixty-six thousand, five hundred (N766,500.00) naira to achieve.



C. Others Empowered:

The Bureau within these years empowered seven (7 No) persons in Soup/Cream production, amongst whom are two blind men. Each of these persons were given chemicals worth about Three hundred and seventy five (N375,000.00) naira and with a soft loan of Seventy five thousand (N75,000.00) naira.

Also empowered were three persons on Photography; out of which one is a woman.

2. FREE TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS/STUDENTS

The Bureau within the period under review freely conveyed 1,323,048 pupil/students to and from schools in the urban towns of Owerri, Orlu, Okigwe and Isiala/Ehime Mbano. This was achieved through the extension of the areas covered by each of the seven vehicles plus adequate monitoring of the activities of the Drivers.

Besides, the Bureau embarked on heavy repair/maintenance works on the 1418 buses. These repairs/maintenance plus the fueling of these vehicles for the school runs gulped Seventy million, seven hundred and seventy two thousand, three hundred and fourteen (N17,772,314.00) naira.

3. PURCHASE OF 280 No TRICYCLES:

The Bureau within the period under review was given approval by His Excellency, Chief Dr. Ikedi Ohakim, to purchase 280 No Tricycles for use as an alternative means of transport in place of "INAGA" in Owerri Urban.

The Bureau has since then purchased thirty (30 No) Tricycles from NAPEP at the cost of eleven million eight hundred and fifty thousand (N11,850,000.00) naira.

Besides, the Bureau has given out contract to "Boliv Limited" for the purchase of the remaining 250 No Tricycles. This contract was given out at a contract sum of Ninety-six million, four hundred and thirty seven thousand five hundred (N96,437,500.00) naira. The goods are expected in the state before the end of April, 2009.

4. PRODUCTION/DISTRIBUTION OF 65,000 COPIES OF SIXTY LEAVES EXERCISE BOOKS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN IMO STATE

The Bureau within these two years under review (29th May 2007 till Date) produced and distributed sixty five thousand (65,000) Sixty (60) Leaves Exercise Books to selected primary schools in Imo State. The exercise books have the portrait of His Excellency, The Governor of Imo State, Chief Dr. Ikedi Ohakim (Ochi-na-Nwata) on its front cover page.

Also at the back cover page are the pictures of the Special Adviser to the Governor on Poverty Alleviation, Chief Nick Amaefule and the pictorial exhibition of some activities of Imo State Poverty Alleviation Bureau. A total sum of three million, two hundred and fifty

5. ADVOCACY AND SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP

The Poverty Alleviation within the period under review toured round the twenty seven local government Areas of the State, sensitizing the people on the activities of the bureau as well as letting them know the developmental activities the present government has embarked on and the ones in pipe-line.

The Bureau, during the tour was able to register the following women/youths cooperative societies for trainings and empowerment in various skills thus:

- i. 456 Cooperative Societies in Fashion Designing
- ii. 176 Cooperative Societies in precasting/Interlocking stone works.

- iii. 237 Cooperative Societies in catering.
- iv. 224 Cooperative Societies in Soap/cream production.
- v. 457 Cooperative Societies in snailery (snail farming)
- vi. 394 Cooperative Societies in cassava farming and
- vii. 131 Cooperative Societies in pineapple farming.

These tours took the bureau the sum of two million, three hundred and eighty nine thousand (N2,389,000.00) naira to accomplish.

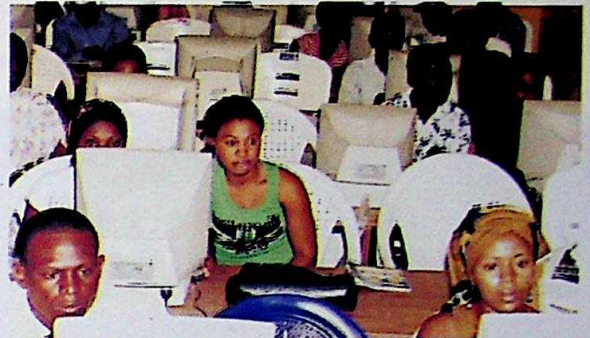
In response to this advocacy and sensitization workshop, His Excellency, Chief Dr. Ikedi Ohakim, graciously approved amongst other empowerment projects, the construction and equipment of one skills Acquisition Centre in each of the three geo-political zones of Owerri, Orlu and Okigwe. The drawings and Bill of Quantities of these centres are ready and is accommodated in the 2009 budget.

This project, by the grace of God, will be achieved with the assistance of local and international Donor Agencies. Interestingly too, the project has been endorsed by the Imo state micro-finance committee.

Please find attached Sir, the Imo State poverty Alleviation Bureau's Brochure and that of Chief Dr. Ikedi Ohakim's skills Acquisition centres for a clearer picture of our achievements within the years under review. Also enclosed are pictorials of some of the Bureau's activities and that of the Tricycles procured by the bureau.



Poverty Alleviation Director presenting cutting and sealing Machine with Generator to the Trainers



Tricycles distributed by Poverty Alleviation Bureau Orlu Road Secretariate, Owerri



Bore hole at Mgbidi water scheme



Hilux Vehicles Donated by UBA PLC to Imo State Govt to help Compact Crime



Launching of Entraco Motorcycle at Dan Anyiam Stadium, Owerri



Overhead Concrete Tank at Nnempi Water Scheme



ISOPADEC mono hand pump at Primary School Oguta



23. Construction of Ezihe (Umuzuho)-Umunuma-Umunchi-Orieama with spur from Umunuma-Akputara Umunchi Road 5 km Isiala Mbano On-going
24. Construction of Okwelle-Ezike-Umuduru Road 8.4 km Onuimo On-going
25. Construction/Rehabilitation of Nsu-Umuezegwu-Odenkume Road 6.5 km Obowo Completed
26. Construction of Umuelema Agbaja-Umukabia-Eke Umuodu-Orji Road with a loop from Umuezeala-Umukabia-Nkporoko Road 18 km Ehime mbano On-going
27. Construction/Rehabilitation of Ikpambara-Umuehie-Umuneke-Umuagu with spur to Umuezeala Agunna-Umuduru Road 8.8 km Isiala mbano Completed
28. Construction of Amuro-Aro Ofeimo-Nkwo Father-Akunwata-Eke Agbobu Road 10 km Okigwe On-going

ORLU ZONE

29. Construction/Rehabilitation of Afor Umuaka Amazano Nkpulu Road 8.4 km Njaba On-going
30. Construction/Rehabilitation of Obosima-Ohuba (Ohaji) Road 8.3 km Ohaji Uncompleted
31. Construction/Rehabilitation of Obohia-Afor-Urualla-Obodokwu-Afor-Isiokpo-Eke Akwu Road 13.3 km Ideato North On-going
32. Construction of Obiohia-Ogboko Umuma Isiaku-Nkwerre Road 9.1 km Ideator south On-going
33. Construction of Dikenafai Isiekenesi-Umuogo-Umuobom Osina Road 18 km Ideator south Completed
34. Construction/Rehabilitation of Nkume-Amucha-Eziama-Obire Road 12.6 km Njaba Completed
35. Construction/Rehabilitation of Umuaka Umundukpa-Isunjaba Amaike Road 20.0 km Isu On-going
36. Construction/Rehabilitation of Akata Umutanze-Afor Atta Road 3.5 km Orlu On-going



- 37. Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Nempi-Ubulu-Amaofuu Road
9.6 km Oru east On-going

- 38. Rehabilitation of Okwudor Awo-Omama Road
11.6 km Oru east On-going

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- 39. Construction of Iho Ogwa-Amuzarri-Amaigbo Road
20 km Ikeduru, Mbaitoli, Nwangele, Mbano On-going

- 40. Construction of Mberit Junction-Casiratta- Naze Road
20 km Mbaitoli, Owerri North, Owerri West,
Owerri municipal On-going

- 41. Construction of Ahiara to Okpalla Road Junction
25 km Mbaise, Ngo-Okpalla, Ohaji On-going

- 42. Construction of Ukwuoji-
Nwaoruibi-Atta-Junction-Amaigbo-Afor -Oru Afor Ogbe Road
45 km Mbaitoli, Nkwerre, Oru, oguta On-going

Total Length of Roads Awarded = 388.049 kms

