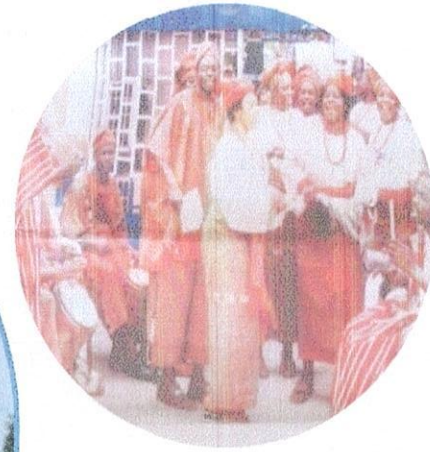
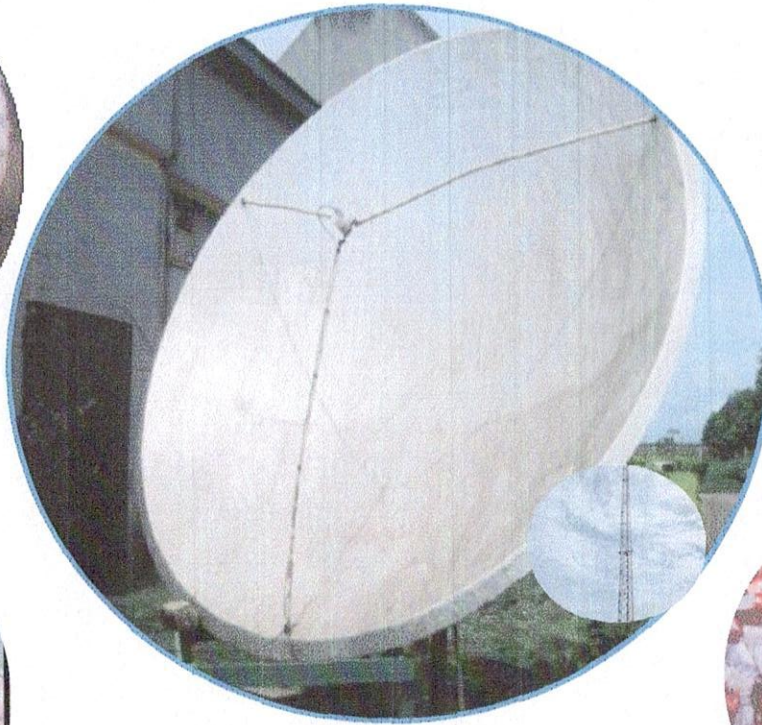


# SOCIAL SECTOR



Athletes training at the Orissa State Tennis Court.





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## BACKGROUND

**The social sector focuses on the transformation of the state through community –driven development projects, and the attainment of goals, welfare advocacy, social mobilization and empowering the people for sustainable livelihood.**



## CURRENT STATE

### GOAL

To develop a society where opportunities abound, for all to fully develop their God-given potentials in a conducive environment devoid of any form of discrimination, encourage rural transformation through community-driven development and to take Ondo State sports, Culture and Tourism to other parts of the world, as contained in the 12 point Development Programme of Mr. Governor tagged ***"A Caring Heart"***

## OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIAL SECTOR

- Taking sports to the grassroots at the villages, local government areas, schools and urban centers for the discovery of hidden talents and assisting their career development within and outside the country;
- Ensuring adequate and effective participation/representation of the state in national and international competitions;
- Promoting Youth empowerment and poverty alleviation through sporting activities;
- Providing sports facilities and technical assistance to all sporting bodies within the state;

- Ensuring attitudinal shift from top-down development towards community-driven development to enhance ownership and project sustainability in the State;
- Encouraging community participation and execution of self-help project by individual communities;
- Improving the quality and quantity of community based projects in the State;
- Registering and reactivating cooperative societies for empowerment purposes in the State;

- Enhancing accessibility of cooperative societies in the State to micro-credit facilities;
- Promoting women development through various empowerment programmes for social, cultural, political, legal and economic emancipation;
- Promoting social welfare services for estranged families, the vulnerable groups including the physically challenged;
- Promoting child development services for the survival, development, protection and participation of children with a view to salvaging them from child abuse, child labour, child trafficking, prostitution etc;



- Promoting societal peace and security through the activities of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) and other activities;
- Developing and promoting tourism potentials of the state to make Ondo State a preferred tourist destination all over the world through the revival of the indigenous arts and culture;
- Improving the social life of the people and sustaining peace and good neighborliness among them through drama, write-ups, seminars and workshops;

- Propagating government policies and programmes for grassroots dissemination through drama and cultural programmes on stage, radio and television;
- Re-orientating our youths on our rich cultural heritage; and
- Mobilizing the people of Ondo State towards achieving a collective goal of a people driven government in symbiotic relationship for self actualization.

## STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THE OBJECTIVES

- Provision of recreational facilities and good access road to State Tourist Centers
- Collaboration with the private sector for tourism development;
- Weekly TV Programmes to sensitize the public on the rich but dying culture of our people;
- Orphanage and Vulnerable Children (OVC);
- Promotion of cultural activities among the youth through schools  
cultural/art/drama/quiz competitions;  
Establishment of regular monthly presentations by the cultural troupe;  
periodic exhibition of art works;
- Documentation of notable festivals in the state;
- Participation in International Cultural Exchange Programmes;
- Conduct of Needs Assessment Surveys through the “bottom-up” approach making use of the Sustainable Livelihood Analysis (SLA) and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) method and top-down funding support;
- Strengthening the capacity of Community Institutions for the purpose of driving development process;
- Advocacy and Social Mobilization of Community people to form and register themselves into Cooperative societies;

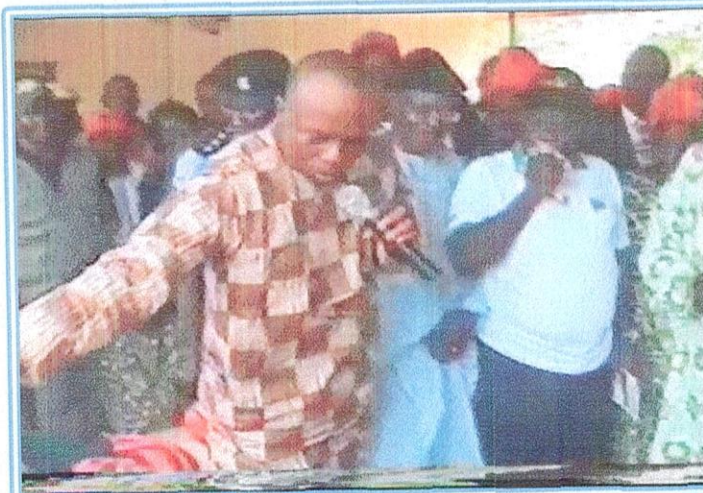


- Monthly Gbebiro (Family Enhancement) meetings of the wife of the Governor with women groups;

- Observance of National and International Days e.g.
  - International Women's Day;
  - International Day of Persons with Disabilities;
  - International Day of the Family;
  - International Day of the older ones;
  - Armed Forces Remembrance Day;
  - National Children's Day;
  - Day of the African Child;
  - Cooperative Day;
  - Community Day;
- Promotion of family virtues through Television Programme tagged "Egbani Elaja", Family reconciliation and counseling;

- Rescue and rehabilitation of street children
- counseling and correction of maladjusted children;
- Relief and rehabilitation of destitute and displaced persons;
- Coordination meetings with relevant stakeholders;
- Direct intervention to people in difficult circumstances;
- Inauguration of Children's Parliament to ensure their participation in matters affecting them;
- Establishment of Skill Acquisition Centres for women;
- Empowerment of women and persons with disabilities,
- Monitoring of Day Care Centres;

- Periodic opinion poll surveys for feedback;
- Public service radio and television jingles;
- Using programmes such as MR. GOVERNOR speaks and Town meetings to provide avenue for people to express their opinions on government programmes, activities and policies;
- Production of government programmes on dedicated electronic media stations; and
- Distribution of mobility aids and appliances to persons with disabilities.



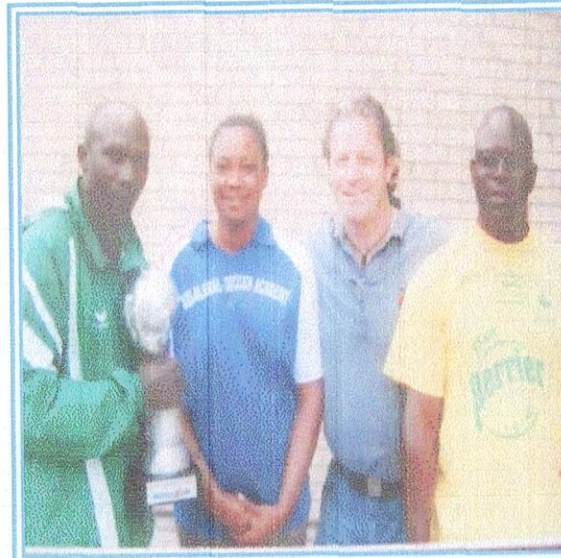


- Monitoring of Adopted Children (nationally and internationally);
- Coordination of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs);
- Promotion of Catch Them Young programme at schools and Local Government levels;
- Training and periodic organization of competitions at school and zonal centres to discover hidden potentials at an early age for proper nurturing and exposure;
- Staging of Ondo State Sports Festival to identify talents for development;
- Participation in national competitions;
- Procurement of modern equipment for the athletes in all the sports;
- Periodic upgrading of sports facilities in the state;

- Employment of athletes who have excelled in various competitions in order to discourage them from being poached by other States;
- Organization of series of sensitization seminars and workshops to create awareness for youth on the present administration's opportunities;
- Award of scholarships to students in Secondary and Higher Institutions;
- Reception/cash awards for athletes and officials alike by the State Government;
- Weekly Press Briefing by the Honourable Commissioner for information on Conclusions from Executive Council Meetings;
- Monthly analysis to monitor the media coverage of the state in the print media;

## Expected Impact (outcomes)

- Improved performance of the state athletes,
- More national records set;
- Reduced Youth restiveness;
- Youth in the State become self-reliant;
- Restructured sector for greater and efficient services;
- Increased tourist inflow into the state;
- Culture and Tourism potentials promoted in the State;
- War and violence eschewed and peace given a chance in our society;

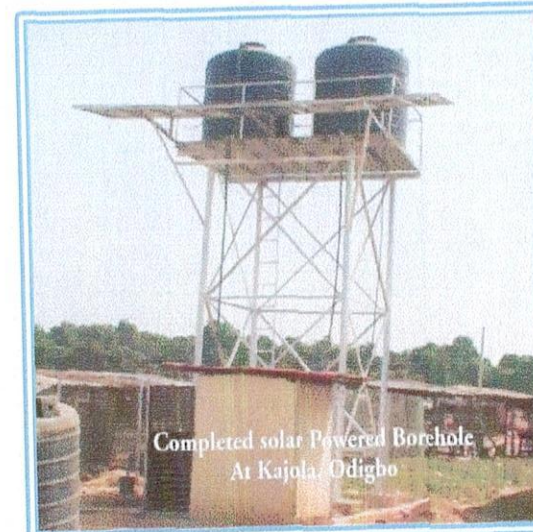




- Corruption eradicated to enhance rapid development;
- Skills and artistic excellence rewarded;



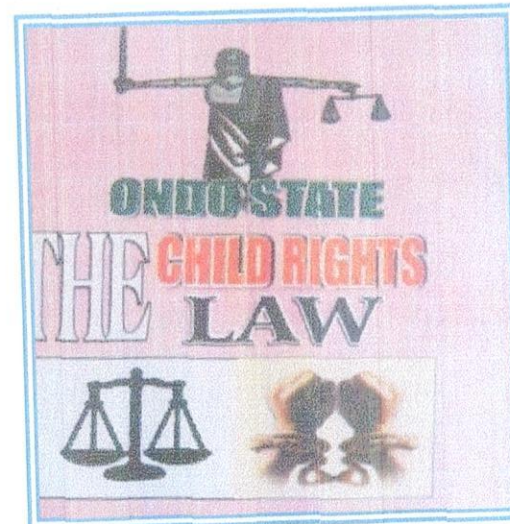
- Reduced water related diseases, child and maternal mortality rate and rural – urban drift;
- increased income generation for local community members through the industrial aspect of the 3is initiative
- Enhanced community ownership and project sustainability through participatory development; Community Institutions Strengthened ;



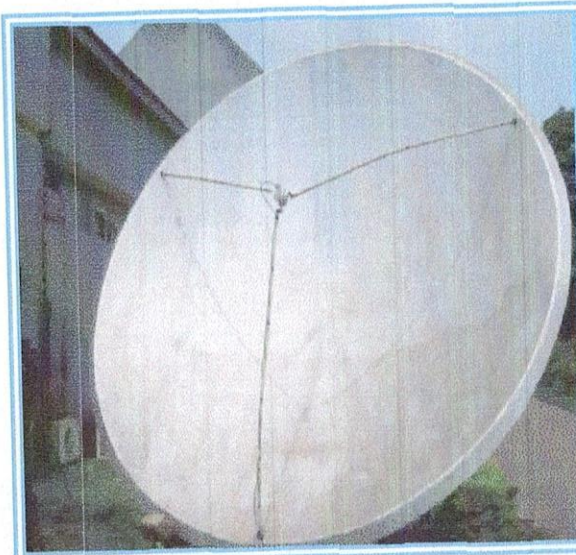
Completed solar Powered Borehole  
At Kajola, Odigbo



- Women empowerment promoted and of gender discrimination eliminated;
- The rights and protection of children promoted in the State;
- Societal peace promoted through family cohesion and inter-religious harmony;
- participation and integration of persons with disabilities in both economic and social lives ensured;



- Fraud and malpractices prevented and the rights of producers and consumers protected;
- Hi-tech level of information dissemination achieved through adequate utilization for both the educated and the illiterate members of the society.



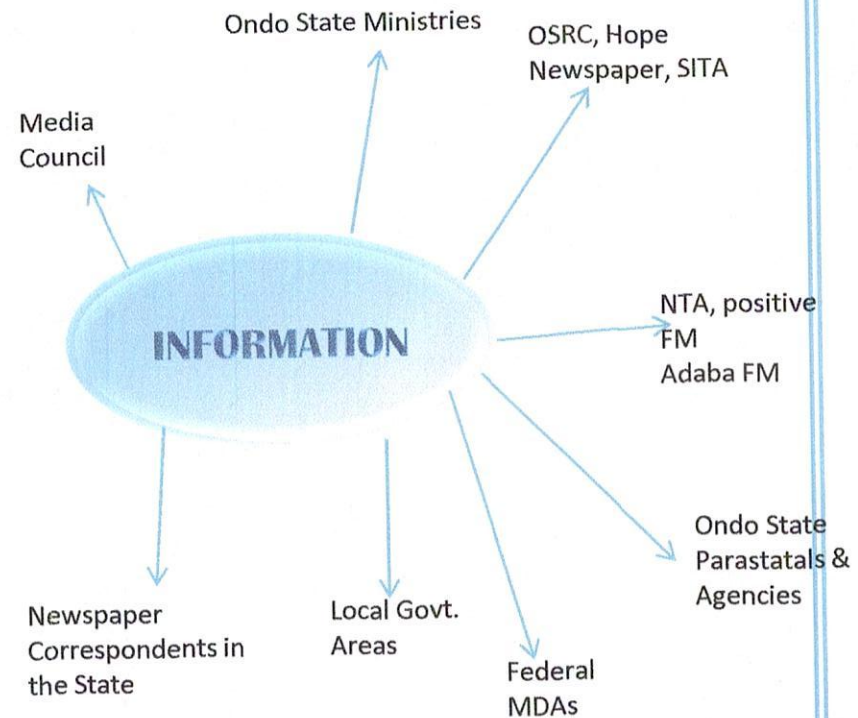


## Policy and Institutional Framework

- Ondo State Sports Council Edict of 1976 as amended by the Edict of 1986;
- Ondo State Football Agency Law signed in November, 2008;
- Children and Young Person's law of Ondo State Cap. 21 of 1978;
- Child Rights law, 2007;
- Law on Elimination of Discriminatory Practices Against Women (EDAW 2003);
- National Social Development Policy 1989;
- Ondo State Social Development Policy;
- Law on Ondo State Community and Social Development Programme (ODCSDP);
- National Policy of Ageing;
- African Union charter on the rights and welfare of children;
- National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP) and other related matters;
- The 3i's initiative which focuses on rural development using participatory community-driven "bottom-up with top-down support approach through Infrastructure, Institution and Industry
- Ondo state Cooperative Societies laws and Regulation Cap. 26 of 1978;
- Nigerian Cooperative societies decree No. 90 of 1993 and
- Pronouncements by government. 28

## Institutions

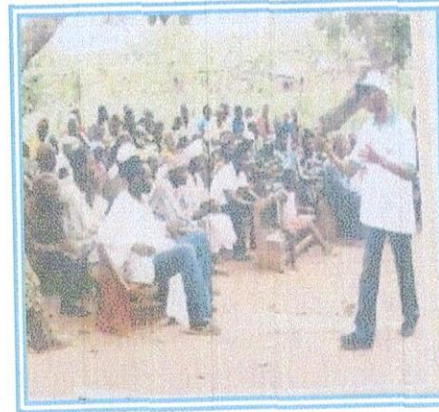
- Ondo State Football Academy;
- Ondo State Cooperative College, Akure;
- Children Home and Juvenile Remand Home;
- State Gender Steering Committee;
- State Working Group on anti-human Trafficking;
- State Children's Parliament;
- State Child's Right Implementation and Monitoring Committee;
- Ondo State Family Courts;
- Nigerian Inter-religious Council (NIREC) Ondo State Chapter;
- National Council on Women Societies (NCWS) and
- State Management Team (SMT) on Women's Fund for Economic Empowerment (WOFEE).





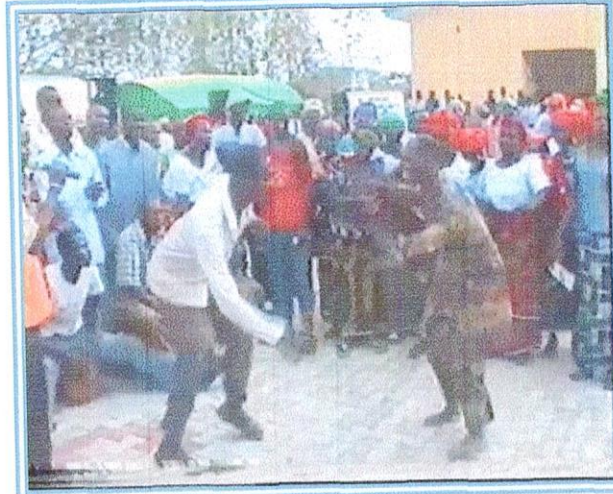
### Citizen's Engagement and Participation

- Active participation of youth, women and all relevant stakeholders in promotion of culture and tourism;
- involvement of students in schools cultural competitions;
- Sponsorship of sporting events/competitions by private individuals/organizations;
- Provision of sports equipment by corporate organizations;
- Purchase of provisions, detergents etc for athletes by private individuals during camping; and
- Identification and prioritization of their felt needs by the Community people themselves.



## Inclusiveness

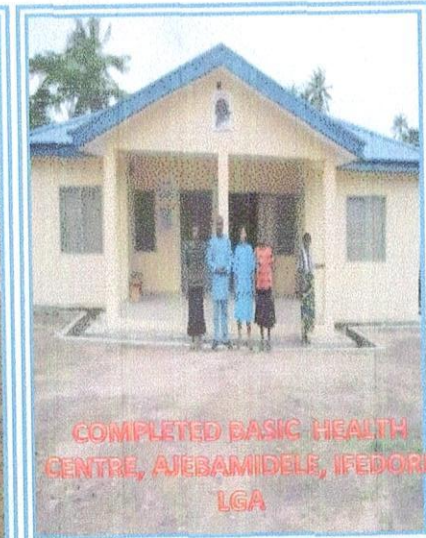
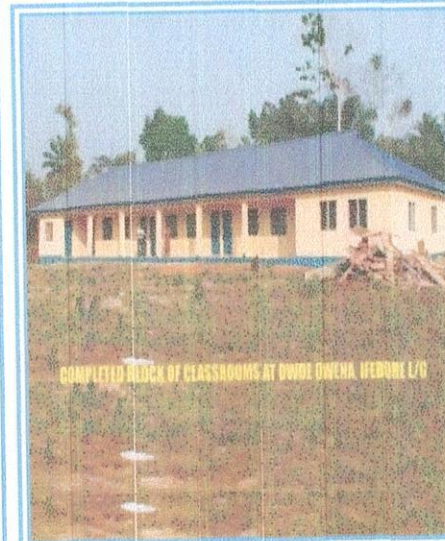
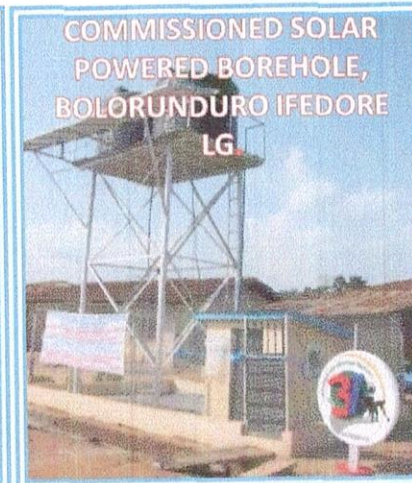
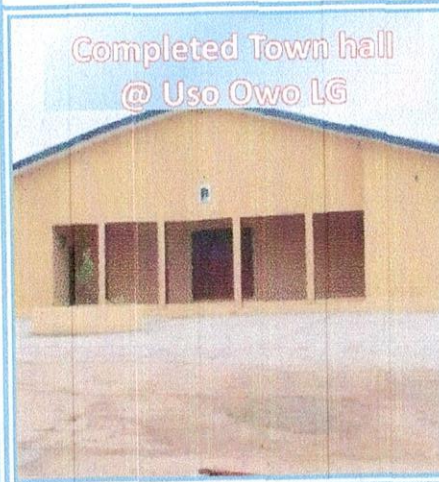
- Active participation of male, female, young, old, aged, children and persons with disabilities in matters concerning them;
- Active involvement of the Community people in the planning, supervision, monitoring, evaluation and maintenance of their projects.





## Achievements to Date

- The following achievements have been recorded by the past and present administration through the social sector;
- ✓ Eighty (80) Confidence Building Projects executed in the three (3) pilot Local government Areas of Owo, Odigbo and Ifedore in 80 different Communities.
- ✓ Another batch of 60 Community Projects in 6 of the 15 remaining local government areas are on-going
- 26,000 Cooperative Societies/Unions registered and issued with certificate of Registration.
- Cooperative building re-acquired through government defraying of ₦25m owed skye bank plc by (ODSCOFED )
- Generation of development needs of the rural populace through a participatory development approach.
- 108 Communities grant-aided to the tune of ₦22 million naira in 2008.
- Convocation of the Ondo State Cooperative Federation (ODSCOFED) Limited held in 2010 after the last congress was held in 1996.
- 4,000 students trained by the State Cooperative College.



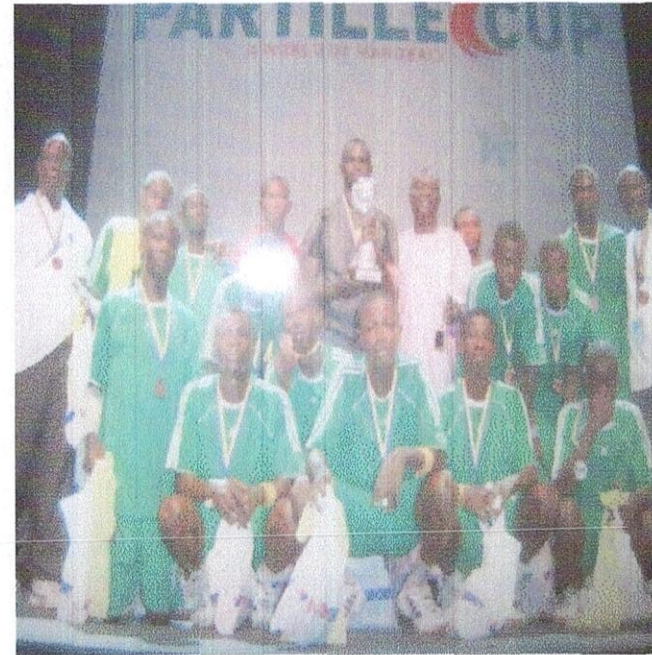




**COOPERATIVE BUILDING RE-ACQUIRED THROUGH GOVERNMENT DEFRAYING OF ₦25M OWED SKYE BANK PLC BY ODSCOFED**



- Ondo State came 4<sup>th</sup> in the National Sports Festival in Abuja in 2004.
- Successful organization of the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Ondo State Sports - Festival in December, 2009.
- Sponsorship of the under 14 Male Handball team to Partille, Sweden in July, 2009 and August, 2010 where the team came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in the global championship.
- Successful sponsorship/hosting of the stakeholders meeting of the Nigeria Handball Federation in Akure in October, 2009.
- Sponsorship of the State Male Volleyball team to represent Nigeria at the CAVB African Zone 3 Volleyball Championship held in Bamako, Mali in October, 2009 and in Togo, August, 2010 where they came 1<sup>st</sup> in 2009 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2010 respectively.
- Modern equipment procured for the athletes in all the sports. Maiden edition of the under 18 Obafemi Awolowo Memorial Athletics Championship won by Ondo State in Ibadan in 2006 with 17 Gold medals.





- Olympic Size Swimming Pool at the Akure Township Stadium, completed and ready for commissioning.
- Oversea training/coaching courses
- Resuscitated whereby Dotun Omoniyi, a Table Tennis Coach and Purity Apku, Wrestling Coach were sent to Germany and Hungary for coaching courses.
- The State Scrabble team sponsored to the recently concluded World International Scrabble competition in Malaysia.
- Funds to all the 27 sports for various national competitions organized by the Sports Federations released promptly.
- The Hostel accommodation for the athletes at Akure renovated in 2010.
- The sitting terrace of the new Ultra Modern Stadium Complex under construction reviewed from the initial 10,000 seats to 40,000 seats capacity.

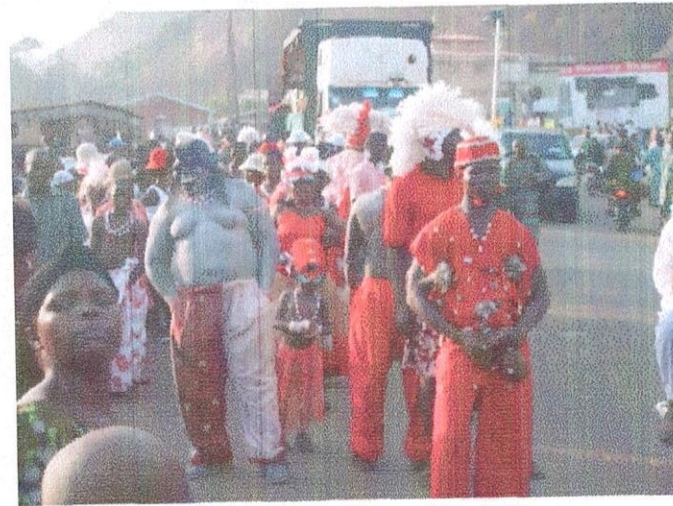




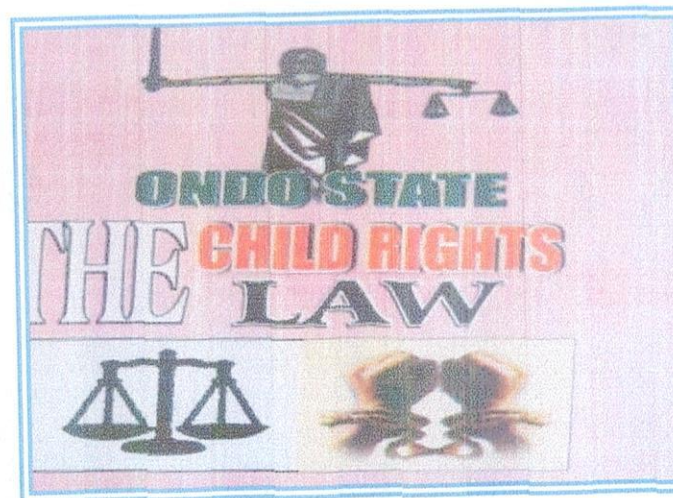
- Silver medal won by Sade Abugan at the World Junior Athletics Championship in 400 metres (female) In China in 2006.
- In phases I, II and III of the Female Basketball league Championship, the Ondo State team qualified for the continental competition to represent Nigeria in 2010 and ended up in 2<sup>nd</sup> position overall.
- The Sunshine National Open Boxing Tournament solely financed by Ondo State now a major event in the annual Calendar of Nigeria Amateur Boxing Association. The 2010 edition was held in Akure in August where the state came 3<sup>rd</sup> position overall.
- The Ondo State Governor's Open Tennis Championship financed by the State Government.

- Nigeria represented by four (4) State Boxers at the African under 19 Championship in Morocco in 2006.
- Three (3) Ashok Leyland Buses purchased for the transportation of athletes and coaches to and from competition venues.
- A continental ticket clinched by the Sunshine Stars Football Club of Ondo State having placed 3<sup>rd</sup> on the league table of the 2009/2010 Globacom Premier League; a feat attained for the first time in the history of Ondo State;
- The Sunshine Star Football Club also came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the super 4 matches played and 4<sup>th</sup> in Federation Cup Competition in year 2009/2010 season;
- The Sunshine Queens Football Club finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the women professional league and the Federation Cup Competition and are currently campaigning in the super six matches in year 2009/2010;

- Monthly stipends to incapacitated elderly persons /Original mace first used by Ondo State Children's Parliament in Nigeria
- The law on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (EDAW) first domesticated in Ondo State.
- Family courts established.
- Children correctional centre established
- N200m earmarked by government for payment of medical bills of impoverished patients.
- Gender Steering Committee first inaugurated in Ondo State.
- Periodic monitoring/visits to adopted children within and outside Nigeria



**Mare festival**

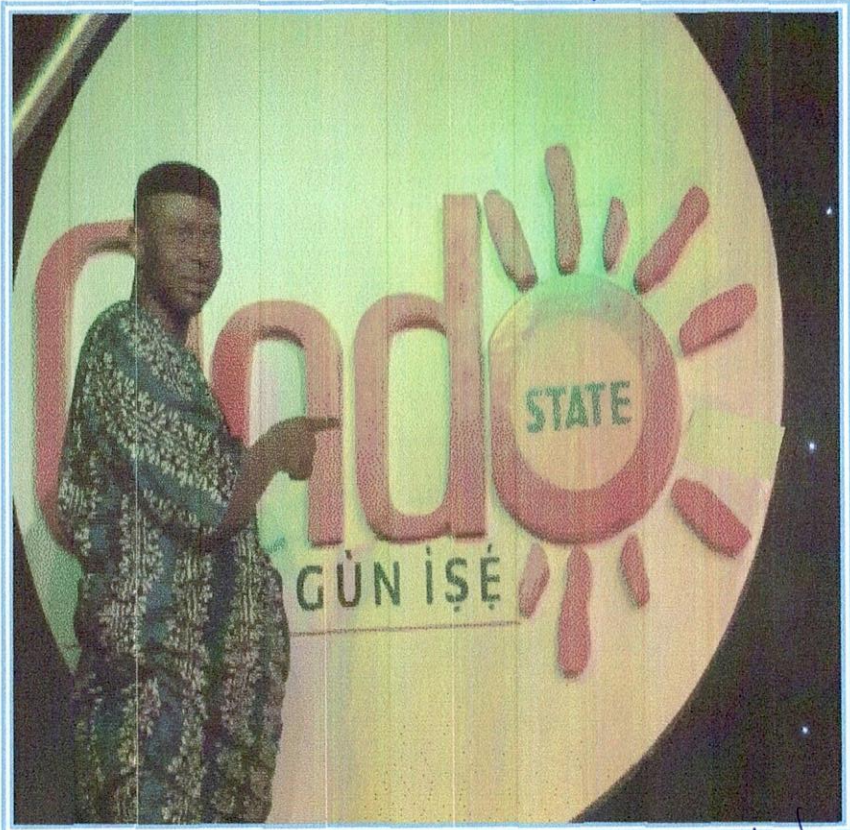




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 - Independence <sup>Project</sup>  
 - What about other <sup>that may be</sup>  
<sup>reality (over/picked - library)</sup>

- ✓ Ondo State Logo successfully branded and launched.
- Daily News produced and circulated to all media houses and government establishments within and outside the state.
- Hope News paper now produced thrice weekly and read online.
- OSRC repositioned for better and more effective performances.
- Harmonization of every statement coming from government.
- All documents and correspondence materials standardized.
- Proper packaging of government functions and programmes among others.



- <sup>the conference</sup>  
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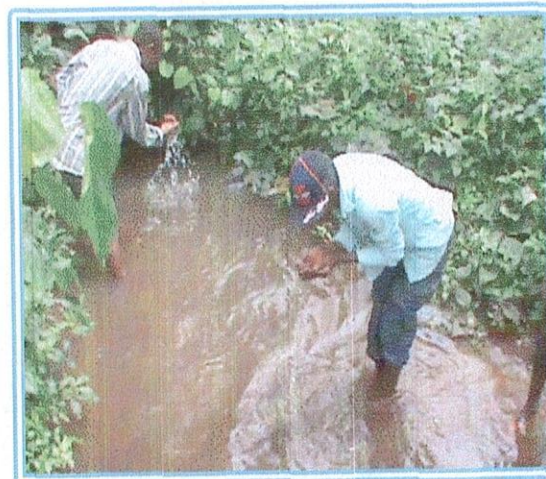
\* Community Development Council to be <sup>by the Gov.</sup>  
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- The first ever mountaineering /indigenous cultural festival tagged MARE Festival first hosted in 2009.
- Notable Ancient Monuments at Oke Idanre restored.
- 18 hole-standard golf course constructed at Atosin Idanre.
- Successful production of quarterly drama at the cultural centre such as Drums of Peace, One Man One Vote etc.
- Successful hosting of Biripo Musical concert tagged Biripo Nite and an award of Certificate of excellence with cash award to Pa.Zeblon Omoranmowo for his immense contributions to the development of Biripo music.
- Participation of the Ondo State Cultural troupe at PANAFEST in Cape Coast Ghana, 2009 and participation at the Gauteng Cultural Carnival in South Africa, 2010.
- 2010 Schools' Cultural competitions successfully organized.
- The first ever international conference on culture hosted in Ondo State.



**Traditional dance**



**Arun river oke idanre**



## PROJECTS TO BE VISITED AND THEIR LOCATIONS

### Akure LGA

Ondo State Sport Complex, Akure

- The new ultra modern sport complex, Araromi, Akure.
- Ondo State Games Village, Oda Road, Akure

### Ifedore LGA

- A Block of 3 classrooms Owena
- Basic Health Centre Ajebandele

### • Odigbo LGA

Solar Powered Borehole; Kajola

### Owo LGA

Town Hall Uso

- Cottage Industry, Ilale Keji
- Basic Health Centre Ago Panu.

### Idanre LGA

- Ondo State Golf Course Atosin Idanre/ idanre Hills.

## **CONSTRAINTS**

- Insufficiency of fund for project implementation
- Inadequate exposure to professional training
- Inadequate work tools/facilities.



## OPPORTUNITIES

### Future Prospects

- Successful enlistment of Idanre Hill in the UNESCO World heritage list by 2011.
- Completion of international tourist village by 2013.
- Completion of international Event Centre in Akure by 2011.
- A world class stadium that can hold National and International Sporting events completed by 2011
- Execution of 230 Confidence Building Projects by Dec 2010
- Full implementation of the 3is initiative.
- Establishment of international amusement park in the state capital before the end of 2012.
- Completion of international standard Golf course at Atosin-Idanre by 2011.
- A second radio station for OSRC is in the pipeline.
- Hope Newspaper to start daily publication before the end of the year.
- A vocational Rehabilitation centre to be established.
- Construction of a Women Development Centre.
- OSRC to buy a twin-transmitter for the radio, a brand new transmitter for the television and a new OB van among others.
- Erection of Digital signage system board in strategic locations in the state to publicize government programmes.
- A new state of the Art studio will soon be put in place with complete electronic equipment for the production of jingles, documentaries, news editing, etc.

## Uniqueness The 3is Initiative



*community driven  
development*

- The 3is Initiative is an initiative designed by the Ondo State Government which focuses on rural and community development using the participatory, community-driven, “bottom-up with top down support” approach.

The “3is” is an acronym for:

- 1. **Infrastructure: Building Confidence and Trust.**
  - 2. **Institution:** Strengthening community institutions for development (SCID)
  - 3. **Industry :** Enriching the people of ondo State
- Infrastructure**
- Training and project Programme (TAPP)
  - Engagement of 161 unemployed graduates as community change Agents
  - Training



- Pre-inception survey in the three pilot LGAs
- Needs Assessment Survey of Eighty(80) communities in three pilot LGAs
- Prioritization of Needs
- Emergence of Quick –Win projects
- Flag -off
- Execution of Eighty (80)communities projects which includes:
  - Basic Health center 4
  - Town Hall 4
  - Market Stalls
  - School Building
  - Solar Powered BoreHoles/Monopumps
  - Rural Electrification
  - High Court
  - Road Project maintenance/culvert and Bridges
  - Cottage Industry

10/LGA  
 Remain → 15 LGA  
 150 projects

- Commissioning
- Community involvement in Project maintenance to enhance project ownership and sustainability,
- Impact assessment

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Phase**

- **Projects Roll Out TAPP ii**
- 10 Community Development Projects in each of the remaining 15 LGAs totaling 150 community Projects in 2010
- 60 projects on-going
- A total of 230 projects by the end of 2010



## **2 Institution: Strengthening Community institutions for Development (SCID)**

- Selection of four representatives from 80 communities i.e 320 representatives
- Launching
- SCID Training
- Identification and Execution of Self-help projects by individual communities
- Projects Maintenance

## **3 Industry .**

## Ondo State Logo

- The state uniqueness is well stated in our Logo. The Ondo is boldly written. The **orange** stands for the brightness of the sun at its peak, it also stands for fruitfulness, vibrancy and hospitality. The crystal nine fingers depict the nine federal constituencies in the state. The word **State** is written in black color representing the fact that the state has the second largest bitumen deposit in the world and the number five (5) producer of crude oil and gas in Nigeria. **Ise Logun Ise** - talking about our service and commitment to hard work. The Ise Loogun Ise is written with green meaning our commitment to agriculture, symbolizing the vast Agricultural potential of the State.
- First mountain climbing sports (MARE) combined with cultural festival with a cultural display by the 18 local government areas
- monitoring of adopted children nationally and internationally
- First Millennium Village in Nigeria.
- The only Millennium City in Nigeria.





## **AREAS OF COOPERATION**

### **What we have to offer other states**

- The first state to initiate and practice Community -Driven Development tagged 3is initiative for rural transformation.
- The law on elimination of Harmful Traditional Practices against Women first passed in Ondo State.
- The first State to have original mace for Children's Parliament.
- The first to inaugurate Gender Steering Committee.
- The first State to introduce payment of monthly stipends to incapacitated elderly persons (200 per Local Government).

### **WHAT WE REQUIRE FROM OTHER STATES**

- Study tour of Kaduna State Cooperative Revitalization Programme (CRP)
- Networking.
- Inter-state visit and cultural exchange programmes.

## CONCLUSION

In line with the Programme of this administration tagged “A caring heart”, concerted efforts are being made to bring social amenities to the doorstep of the populace to ensure rural transformation, poverty alleviation, socio.cultural development, women empowerment, sports development, social mobilization and peaceful co-existence in the process of progressive governance.



# THANK YOU

