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# Oshodi-Isolo wards to get N500m Sanwo-Olu projects

By Edith Igbokwe, Damilola Kushimo and Saheed Afolabi

Not less than N500million will be spent on projects proposed by councillors in the 20 wards of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area by the Babajide Sanwo-Olu administration.

A cap of N25million was placed on each project to ease the execution and ensure early completion.

Oshodi-Isolo LGA includes Isolo and Ejigbo Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs).

The projects are part of the governor's state-wide scheme to touch the 377 wards across the 20 local governments and 37 local council development areas by funding projects recommended by the councillors. At the conception of the scheme termed "Constituency Ward Projects", the governor directed the councillors to meet with their people, discuss on their needs and agree on a particular project for each ward that would not exceed N25million.

After coming up with proposed projects in each ward, the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget inspected and confirmed that the projects would add value to the people.

The Ministry of Local Governments and Community Affairs also confirmed that the residents and stakeholders were consulted in choosing the projects.

The third verification stage was driven by independent professional consultants and government professionals from different ministries, departments and agencies who assessed the cost of the projects.

In Oshodi LGA, construction of roads topped the agenda.

Among the roads listed for reconstruction in the seven wards across the local government area are Oyelayo Street, Oshodi; Ayinde Street in Oluyeye Ward; Raji Street (Mafoluku Ward); Jacob Taiwo Street (Ewu Ward); Suwebatu Street (Afariogun Ward); Ijaye Street (Igbihinadun Ward); Onikewunla Street (Shogunle Ward) and Olorunishola Street in Ogunoloko Ward.

Explaining the rationale for the listed roads, the Leader of the Legislative Arm, Hon. Rasheed Obasa, said there was wide consultations in all the wards

before arriving at the projects.

Obasa, representing Oluyeye ward, said majority of the roads in the community are in deplorable state.

He said despite the efforts of the local government and other political office holders in rehabilitating roads, there is urgent need for roads in all the wards to be standard for easy connection.

For instance, he said vehicular movement linking major roads has been difficult in his ward, hence, the reason for unanimously choosing Ayinde Street for reconstruction.

In Isolo LCDA, it was a case of different strokes for different folks.

Road and drainage construction, street lights, Town Hall and Health Centre reflected local needs.

While Mukandasi road will be rehabilitated in Apena ward, Alabe street will get facelift including streetlights in Alagbeji ward.

Ishaga/Ire-Akari Ward chose Kamoru Adeyemi Street with provision of street lights while rehabilitation of Stella Osholanke/Akinola Osholanke Street (by vibrated interlocking stones) and Chivita Avenue remains the choice of Ajao ward.

On the other hand, Ilasamaja ward's interest is in the construction of Ilasamaja Town Hall to be located at Araromi Street, Araromi Baale Junction while the residents of Akinbaye ward preferred construction of Primary Health Centre inside Ansar-Ud-Deen School at Ilesanmi Street to any other project.

Okota ward's interest is the construction of drainages at Chief Imo Crescent by Trinity Power Pentecostal Mission Lunch Greenfield Estate.

The residents of the ward including their councillor, Hon. Kanayo Osondu, said the project became a priority to curb the annual menace of flood in the community.

While speaking with ECHONEWS, Osondu said: "The construction of drainage channel at Chief Imo Crescent by Trinity Power Pentecostal Mission Lunch Greenfield Estate is the first of the three projects that will be executed by the state as proposed. Before arriving at that submission, I called a



H.E Babajide Sanwo-Olu

stakeholders' meeting in my ward and after explaining the project, we found out that the kind of roads we have in Okota ward will cost much more than N25million that has been allocated for the whole project and we felt that another major challenge we are having in our ward is flood. So, we settled for drainage construction and a committee of about nine members was set to work with me to assess the ward. We divided the ward into three zones and we allocated a project to each zone according to their peculiarity.

"In zone A, we have many drainages and culverts all amounting to the N25million. In Zone B the same, but in Zone C, there are just two major drainage channels that need to be done. One in Greenfield and the other in Star-Times Estate. I wouldn't want to shortchange myself as the one in Greenfield will cost close to N25 million unlike the one in Star times and that's how we arrived at the project.

"We would have chosen the construction of a public primary school but we observed that there is no vacant land in Okota and to acquire a property will cost almost all the money allocated for that project."

The council leader, who represents Apena ward, Hon. Remy Shittu, said construction of Mukandasi Street topped the list of the three projects proposed by his Ward as others include additional reconstruction of road, drainages and provision of transformer.

Hon. Akeem Alarape, Ilasamaja ward councillor, said the agitation to have a meeting point as obtained in modern communities across the world led to the choice

of Ilasamaja Town Hall as the main project in the ward.

"Ideally, there should be a town hall in every modern community where people can always gather to discuss their common challenges and foster development in their community. "Ilasamaja doesn't have such modern facility. On the final inspection by the state engineer, the hall will have 300 seats capacity, TV, public address system and other necessary items.

"Though, the structure has been downgraded to a bungalow against the initial storey building I proposed. This downgrading is due to the Covid-19 outbreak that led to cut in the state budget. The two remaining proposed projects (additional six bedrooms to Ilasamaja health center and mini health care center at Oko Malam) would be embedded in next year's budget," he said.

The love for education and effort to assure the health of their children prompted the presentation of construction of Primary Healthcare Centre inside Ansar-Ud-Deen School at Ilesanmi Street by the people of Akinbaye ward.

According to their councillor, Hon. Idris Agbabiaka, people go for healthcare centre as there is none in the ward.

He explained: "I realised that we do not have a PHC in Akinbaiye ward, our people only make use of the one in Ishaga/Ire-Akari Ward. I got convinced that the PHC will be beneficial to everybody in the ward. So, since the project has been divided into three, I realised it is best to choose a PHC for the first phase of the project while others wait. The outright construction of

street would drastically reduce traffic faced daily and also help improve revenue for the market.

"I proposed two other projects which were total renovation of Gbeleyi Primary School and construction of library for the pupils and rehabilitation of Imoje Street but the road project has more weight than others by the residents."

Similarly in Ejigbo LCDA, drainage and road construction dominated the approved projects to be executed under the scheme.

Others are public library in Faduwale ward to be built in Ejigbo Model School; community Town Hall in Ailegun ward to be located in Greenland community and public toilet in Oke-Afa ward to be built in Jakande Estate Market.

For the project, drainage and asphalt or interlocking of Prosperity Road is approved for Ilemoshe ward. In Ifoshi ward, construction of drainage and asphalt laying of David Oguntimehin Street or Alh Suleman lane is on the list while construction of drainage as well as culvert on Adekoya Street, Elemu was approved for Aigbaka and Oke-Afa wards respectively. The councillors, led by their leader, Hon. Olanrewaju Akinbowale, said they chose various projects in the council area to extend development to all aspects of human life.

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## Councillor proposes Community Development Appeal Funds for CDAs

By Damilola Kushimo

The Councillor representing Ilasamaja Ward in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Akeem Alarape, has proposed what he tagged 'Community Development Appeal Funds' (CDAF) for Community Development Areas (CDAs) in the Ward to generate funds for the maintenance of public infrastructures provided by governments. Alarape, who doubles as the deputy leader of the council's Legislative Arm decried lack of maintenance culture by the members of the community which he attributed to lack of funds by CDAs.

Explaining the concept, the

councillor said the CDAF which will be a monthly voluntary levy from all stakeholders in the community, will be used to maintain public infrastructures provided by governments, organisation and or individual philanthropists, adding that the CDAs may provide others for their communities with the fund. He projected that if accepted, N5million could be generated on monthly through the scheme for the construction and maintenance of more than N60million worth of projects in a year if effectively and transparently managed by the leadership of the 10 CDAs in Ilasamaja.

His words: "By the virtue of my exposure and understanding of governance, it is practically

impossible for government to satisfy its citizenry by attending to all our infrastructural needs at the pace we need them and that's why it has become incumbent on us as community residents and immediate beneficiaries of government interventions to do better in contributing tokens on monthly to maintain the infrastructures.

"For instance, Ogunbowale Street was constructed by the incumbent Council Chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye in his first time, but the road has almost relapsed to its previous state due to our inability to maintain. The chairman has also done Fabiyi and if it is not maintained. What do you think will become of it in few years' time. Ilasamaja is not the only

ward in Isolo LCDA. At the grassroots level, the local government is expected to fix all the roads under it, Ilasamaja alone has more than 120 streets. Let's assume other wards have similar numbers, that means Isolo LCDA has over 840 streets that are expected to be put in good condition by the local government within a period of four years or eight years.

"Let's assume that majority of these roads are fixed, are there plans by the immediate communities to maintain the standard of those roads? This is the reason the roads get spoilt after few years of construction because there is no provision of maintenance. All these are what the CDAF will take care of.

"The CDAF will be coordinated

by the CDAs in synergy with the Central Working Committee (CWC) in the ward and the Community Development Committee (CDC). I'm throwing this idea to the CWC of Ilasamaja ward for them to call a meeting involving all CDAs in their wards. There are 10 CDAs in Ilasamaja and by my own calculation, there are over 4,000 buildings in Ilasamaja.

"In addition to that, there is almost no building in Ilasamaja without two or three shops. With about 4,000 houses and another set of shops, that will give us about 11,000 stakeholders in Ilasamaja, by stakeholders I mean landlords and business owners.

"So, if these thousands of stakeholders can contribute

tokens on monthly basis, let's assume that the landlords contribute N250 and the business owners contribute N120 or N200, we'll have more than N5million at the end of the month to be expended on some projects in the community and in reality, we would have more than N60million worth of projects by the 10 CDAs yearly."

He clarified that the levy should not be seen as a form of indirect tax as it is just a voluntary fund expected of progressive-minded stakeholders in the community, reiterating that with the reality of self-executed projects in the communities, the government will be encouraged to do more in the community for the betterment of all.

## Shammeh, community leaders eulogise Koleosho

By Damilola Kushimo

Still mourning the death of the former Community Development Committee (CDC) chairman, Alhaji Kadiri Koleosho last Sunday, prominent members of the community have continued to extol his virtues.

Koleosho, a two-time chairman of the CDC between 2008 and 2014 died at the age of 82 after a protracted disease that had him flown abroad for treatments before settling in Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) where he eventually died on Sunday last week.

Although he had since been buried at Atan Cemetery according to Islamic rite and his 8th Day Fidau prayer held on Sunday, prominent members of the community have continued to extol the virtues of the former banker survived by four children and many grandchildren.

The council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye described the late elder statesman as a consummate leader with a peaceful disposition to life.

He stated: "At a time the polity was bereft of a true leader, Baba Koleosho was a true leader in his actions and deeds. He was committed to peace, justice and equity.

"Indeed, he would be surely

missed especially his invaluable advice that have helped immeasurably to stabilize our polity. He was an exemplary leader for a new political order in Isolo. I am quite certain he is destined for Al-Janat Firdaus because he was a good man who lived for peace," Olaleye added.

The incumbent CDC Chairman, Mr. Segun Olatunde, who also paid a glowing tribute to the deceased, described him as first among his equals and a

progressive politician who was passionate about community development.

"He was my adopted father, a very strong politician in Isolo LCDA, a political leader. He was a community man, a loving father. Baba was first among the equals. The story of Isolo CDC cannot be complete without a mention of his role in the creation and development of CDAs in Isolo.

"He was a community man who was passionate about development of the

community. We would all miss him very much and we pray God provide his immediate family the fortitude to bear the loss," he prayed.

"He is a man I cherish so much, very peaceful man, humble and committed to community development. He was my predecessor and I enjoy his association. He was a loving father. May Almighty Allah grant him Aljanat-Firdaus," prayed Alhaji Fatai Abisiga, the immediate past CDC Chairman.



Late Koleosho

One of the aspirants for the position of councillorship in Ajao Estate, Ogechi Madueke, has anticipated his winning chances, saying no factor could hinder his success at the polls. Madueke, who boasted of his commitment to the party, said he is sure of winning the party primaries as he charged the leadership of the party in the ward to ensure that bonafide member of the party with qualitative integrity emerge as the flag bearer in order to avoid the unimpressive representation at the local council.

The third time aspirant explained that party supremacy worked against him in his first two attempts when the APC National leader, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu gave his support to the then councillor, Hon. Babajide Emidio to recontest in 2014, adding that in 2017

## Councillorship aspirant anticipates winning chances

majority of the party leaders in the ward preferred Hon. Iheasirim, a decampree to him and gave him support during the primary election.

"If after a sincere assessment may be by individuals or groups of people in the community and majority of them are seeing lapses, I think they are right with their submission and support for me now as a really party man. You don't totally expect someone who is not a part and parcel of a party's history to know what that party stands for or to key into the vision and plans the party has for the members of the community.

"If I was elected then, I am sure I could have done better and that's why I'm in the race once more. I could have done better by effectively bridging the communication gap between



Ogechi Madueke

my people and governments across the local and state level. I could have facilitated infrastructural development into the ward. I could have made qualitative contributions in the hallowed chamber towards the formation of bylaws for the development of Isolo LCDA as a whole. With me in that position, I would have become a better ambassador of Ajao Estate, and this is why I'm calling on the

party leadership this time around to look inward for those that have laboured for the growth of the party in the community and has all it takes to move it forward.

"I am not challenged by any other aspirant because in 2017 there were almost 14 aspirants and then the confidence I had in myself was never questioned. So, there is no challenge from anyone and as you asked me

that base on the judgement of the people, will the record of Chidiebere being an Igbo man not affect my chances? What I believe is that anyone could have done worse than he. Based on the people's opinion, the record of the incumbent councillor cannot affect my chances."

Madueke, an Ordinary National Diploma Holder in Business Studies from Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH), claimed to be an indigene of Ajao Estate as he was born and bred in the community.

He said he has developed keen interest in politics since 1999 when he was serving as the commandant of Kick Against Indiscipline (KAI) in the council during the administration of the pioneer Chairperson of the council, Mrs Mary Modupeola Fafowora-Oseghale.

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## Passage of a Life coach on Teachers' Day

By Lanre Idowu

October 5 was celebrated worldwide as Teachers' Day. It started with news of my uncle's death and I could not share anything on some teachers who have shaped my life. Mr. Kadiri Adeniyi Kasimawo Koleoso (1938-2020) was a banker and a teacher. On his return from the UK in the 70s, he worked in the same commercial bank till he retired. From then till yesterday, he was a constant presence in my life and that of my siblings. Almost on a weekly basis, he called at our residence to see our father. He and father were alike in many ways: physique, mannerism, and character.

They were both family men, whose aura easily attracted relatives. Since papa's departure 25 years ago, Uncle Kashi had stood in the gap as the father who watched out for everyone's welfare. He attended the annual New Year's Day celebrations which we organized. Quiet, wise, and accessible, he hardly ever raised his voice. He was the repository of family history who filled in the steps in the lineage tree. He was the confidant who would hear you out and give you honest words. He was the one who fetched me my first passport. He was also the first who took me serious when I expressed interest in pursuing a career in writing. He took me to the late



Late Kadiri Kasimawo Koleoso

Chief Olu Aboderin, chairman of the Punch. Although I eventually did not work at the Punch, Uncle was a lifelong patron of the paper. He was a constant presence at the annual DAME presentation where he often presented the sports reporting prize endowed in papa's memory.

He was the teacher outside the classroom who taught one life's lessons. It seems fitting that as he departed the world on Teachers' Day this 2009 work of mine, THE TEACHER, should be shared in his memory. May his generous soul rest well!

## Oshodi-Isolo wards to get N500m Sanwo-Olu projects

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They said the challenges facing each ward are different as they tried to support the efforts of the local government chairman, Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe, through the scheme, saying the chairman has found solutions to some challenges in some communities such as rehabilitation of roads, building of culverts and drainages. Speaking on the scheme as conceived by the governor, the Lagos State Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadri Hamzat said part of the

main objectives of Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu led administration is to run an all inclusive government that focuses on social and economic empowerment of its citizen at the grassroot.

"With this in mind the State Government approved the plans to execute at least one project in each of the 377 wards distributed across all three (3) senatorial districts in Lagos.

"Consequently, certain strategic projects such as the construction of Roads, Buildings, Health centres, Skill acquisition centres, ICT centres,

Procurement and installation of transformers and streelights, sinking of boreholes and building of Jetties have been identified across all the senatorial districts."

The deputy governor said the selection of the projects under the scheme in each ward was done in collaboration with all the Ward councillors at the Local Governments.

He added: "The proposed constituency projects which will complement the already completed and on-going projects were selected mainly on the basis of the following criteria:

to have specific projects that are in tandem with our THEMES agenda; to open up and provide motorable access to inaccessible inner recesses of communities; to power grassroots socio-economic activities; to enhance connectivity with previously completed and ongoing projects."

In the statewide breakdown of the projects, there are 257 roads and drainages to be constructed, 86 buildings, 23 electricity projects, nine boreholes and two jetties.

In all, 94 projects will be executed in the central

senatorial district, 99 in the East and 184 in the West.

The deputy governor hinted that the fund for the project would be sourced from Year 2020 budgetary provisions by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, adding that the supervision and monitoring of the prompt delivery of the projects would be done in collaboration with the ward councillors and party stalwarts. He therefore urged all stakeholders at the state and local level to collaborate in the supervision and completion of the projects.

He informed that work has already commenced on 53 roads across the three Senatorial districts on Friday, September 25, 2020, saying the date for commencement of other projects (Buildings, Boreholes and Jetties) would be communicated in due course to all relevant stakeholders.

"The proposed execution of developmental projects across the political wards in Lagos State when completed will promote intra city development which invariably will enhance economic and social activities across the state," he said.

## Idimogu pledges to support police, commends Ejigbo DPO

By Abolaji Adebayo

Member of the Lagos House of Assembly representing Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II, Hon. Sir (Dr.) Jude Idimogu has promised more support for the Nigeria Police to intensify security in his constituency as he donated a security post to Ejigbo Divisional Headquarters which was part of the renovated and the newly built offices recently commissioned. Speaking to ECHONEWS, the lawmaker, who reaffirmed his commitment to the security and welfare of the constituents, said it was necessary for him to provide security for the security providers with the donation of

security post to the station, noting that the police would do more to secure the community when being motivated.

While commissioning the project, Idimogu commended the DPO, CSP Okuwobi for her effort in taming crimes in the community and her doggedness to facilitate development to the station, saying she truly needs people's support.

"Having seen her efforts in taming crimes in the community, I was moved to donate the security post to the station to motivate her to do more for us in term of security.

"Apart from supporting the police to support us, I have determined to make sure I



CSP Olabisi Okuwobi

always contribute my quota to the welfare of my people in the constituency. I promise them dividends of democracy and they have been receiving them."

Idimogu also commended the CEO of Grooming Centre or the donation of a new building as he charged other businesses and corporate organisations to emulate the good gesture.

## CDA urges govt to replace stolen manhole covers along Ago-Palace Way

By Damilola Kushimo

Ago-Okota Community Development Association (CDA) has appealed to the state government to replace the 17 manhole covers on drains along Ago Palace Way which got missing after the desilting of the drains.

In the letter titled: "Theft of Drainage Covers Along Ago Palace Way, Okota, Isolo," written to the Ministry of Environment, the association called for the investigation of the missing items by the state government.

They explained that the manhole covers got missing immediately the drains were de-silted by the

personnel from the ministry, making the walkways accident-prone for pedestrians.

The association alleged that refusal of the personnel to work with the CDA while working on the drains led to the theft of the manhole covers, emphasising that the matter be thoroughly investigated by the government while making arrangement for replacement to prevent calamity on the walkways.

As addressed to the Commissioner for Environment, Tunji Bello, the letter reads in part: "We would like to bring to your notice the recent theft of drain covers along Ago Palace Way which is under Ago-Okota CDA. The theft was observed immediately after the drains were

de-silted recently. Efforts to locate the drain duck workers were abortive as there was no synergy between the CDA and the drain duck officials while work was ongoing.

"Furthermore, we observed that a total of 17 (seventeen) drainage covers are missing along Ago-Palace Way and it is creating havoc on our road as human and vehicles run into manhole created by the missing covers. We would appreciate if you would use your office to investigate this theft to forestall future theft of more drain covers and also help replace to avoid destruction of human lives and properties.

"Thank you for your anticipated response."

# Inna Lillahi Wa inna Ilehi Rojiun

With gratitude to Almighty Allah  
for a life well spent,  
we celebrate the exemplary  
life of our Community Leader,  
Father, Counselor, Adviser  
and Peace Maker,

**Alhaji Kadiri Adeniyi  
Kasimawo Koleosho**

(1938-2020)

Who died on

Monday 5th October 2020.

He has been buried according  
to Islamic rites.

May The Almighty Allah  
grant him Al-Jannah Firdaus.

**Signed**



**Hon. Shamsudeen Abiodun Olaleye**  
Executive Chairman,  
Isolo Local Council Development Area

**Late Alhaji Kadiri  
Adeniyi Kasimawo**

**KOLEOSHO**

# Former Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan and Ejigbo LCDA's incumbent chairman, Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe, have praised Ejigbo Police Divisional Officer, CSP Olabisi Okuwobi for reducing crime and maintaining peace and order.

Both eulogised Okuwobi during the commissioning of the refurbished and newly constructed office complex at the Divisional Headquarters last week.

The complex was refurbished and some new offices were built by the Chief Executive Officer of Grooming International Centre, Dr. Godwin Nwabunka.

Commending the DPO, Bamigbetan said: "I think after Adeola and Dankoli, we have not had any other DPO as active as she is. She has proved to us that gender is not a barrier, gender

*By Abolaji Adebayo*

can be an advantage in policing. She is a mother, she is a sister and a friend of the community. She meets everybody and everybody is happy with her. On this note, I want to say we are happy that you are making progress, the community is proud of you. We shall continue to support the Nigeria Police Force to make our community crime-free."

The local council chairman, Bello, who donated additional two Toyota Siena Buses to the division, said he did so to boost its operations and provide adequate security.

The DPO, while appreciating the community for the support, said

the job would not have been done as expected without the community support.

According to her, she has worked harder with her team to reduce the rate of crimes in Ejigbo, saying gender has not hindered her rather it gave an edge to do what many male counterparts might not have been able to do.

She said she came to the Division as Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) with the rank of Superintendent of Police (SP) about two years ago but with determination, hard working and grace of God, she was promoted to Chief Superintendent of Police CSP and rose to the position of the DPO in the same station.

Okuwobi, while narrating how she was able to turn the station to a



The commissioning of new police offices at Ejigbo Divisional Headquarters

new place by facilitating the rebuilding of the station, said the donors were attracted by her achievements in combating criminals in the community.

"When I came here we had challenges of office space but I was determined to have conducive offices for the police officers and will leave a very good station when I'm done here.

Fortunately, one Mr. Paul Adeleke came to my office, we got talking about it and he said he could bring experts to test the soil whether it would be okay for a storey building. He did it for free for us. Later, the CEO of Grooming also came and said he would give us the building which we are commissioning today. He also renovated our existing structure.

"The Kabiyesi, the Ojon of Ejigbo also donated 1,000 blocks but the Grooming CEO insisted that he would single handedly build the structure. We later used the blocks donated by the monarch for the PCRC building. The council chairman was the one who built our fence and all others who supported us. I appreciate them all."

## LOGMA: Obe emerges best chairman, wins 10-seater bus

*By Saheed Afolabi*

The Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe has been declared the winner of the 2020 Local Government Merit Award (LOGMA) with a star prize of a 10-seater bus.

Obe emerged Best Local Government Chairman in the roads/rural integration category after pulling overwhelming votes.

The organisers of the awards,

who visited the chairman to notify him, said the presentation ceremony is scheduled to hold in Abuja on November 5, this year.

Obe attributed the feat to the mercy of God and the good people of Ejigbo who made it happen.

"I feel extremely happy, this has been the collective efforts of myself, the vice chairman, all the councillors and supervisors. It's not our making but the mercy of God

who has touched the minds of the common man in Ejigbo. I also appreciate the residents of Ejigbo who appreciate our little road infrastructures that we have constructed and for their votes because it showed that votes really counted in the selection process."

Obe defeated other local government chairmen in Lagos State to emerge winner in the roads and rural integration category.



Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe being presented the award

## South-South Forum commends Sanwo-Olu over palliatives

*By Abolaji Adebayo*

The South-South People's United Forum (SSPUF) has expressed appreciation to the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu for donating palliatives to all indigenes of the South-South geo-political zone living in Lagos State.

In its appreciation message, the Lagos State Chairman of the Forum, Otunba Isaac Emiyede, described Sanwo-Olu's led administration as detrablizing, accommodating and excellent.

He said the governor has identified with the group and shown that they are relevant to the growth of the state and the development of the ruling party.

Emiyede equally commended

the State Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning, Engr. Sam Egube, for being a good ambassador of the South-South people, saying his achievement in office so far have proved his worthiness and leadership quality.

He described the commissioner as an apex leader worthy of emulation.

He therefore pledged continuous support of the Forum to the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the coming election at all levels of government.

Equally speaking the Publicity Secretary of the Forum, Hon. Paul Fregene clarified that the palliative was distributed across the 20 LGAs and 37 LGAs and LCDAs respectively.

Fregene, who is also the



Gov Babajide Sanwo-Olu

Secretary to Ejigbo LCDA, further commented that the gesture came at the right when it was most needed to resuscitate and affirm the SSPUF's loyalty to the ruling party and its national leader, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

He noted that the Ad-hoc Committee Chairman, Otunba Napoleon, ensured that adequate security was provided at the time of distribution, adding that all coordinators were present to receive their palliatives.

## Omoniyi empowers widows, youths, gets party leaders' support

*By Saheed Afolabi*

For empowering widows and youths, councillor representing Oke-Afa ward, Hon. Ismail Omoniyi has received the commendation of the All Progressives Congress (APC) party leaders in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area.

The participating youths are to undergo two weeks free intensive training in shoemaking, tie & dye making, solar panel installation, make up & head tie as well as liquid soap making.

Speaking on the programme, the councillor said it was his way of supporting his community, adding that the passion to empower every youth prompted him to sponsor the empowerment training.

Commending him on the

gesture, the former Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan, who described Omoniyi as a good mobiliser, said he has brought pride to the party through his activities. "He is a very rugged, skilled politician and has always shown respect to the party leaders. We hope he can do more for Oke-Afa ward. Today he has shown that he has compassion for women and he has shown that the youths are the future by making the youths learn trades so that they can be independent on their own."

Equally speaking, the council chairman, Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe, said the councillor has really done well for his people, promising to also support the widows financially.

The commissioner 2 for Ikeja Division Local Government Civil Service Commission, Hon. Ladi Ajomale, stated that

Ejigbo LCDA is the fastest growing LCDA in Lagos State as he commended the council chairman for his achievements in building infrastructures in Ejigbo.

He described Omoniyi as a compassionate politician who takes the welfare of people at heart.

"Anytime we talk about politics, Omoniyi always talks about how he would benefit his ward and all party members at large."

He therefore urged the youths participating in the skills acquisition programme to be focused, take it serious for their own benefit and also be determined to participate actively in politics.

The APC chairman, Ejigbo LCDA, Alhaji Fatai Kasunmu also commended the efforts of the councillor in giving back to his ward while urging other councillors in Ejigbo to emulate the good gesture.

# Adefisayo: Why Oshodi-Isolo primary schools may not resume

By Edith Igbokwe

The Lagos State Commissioner for Education, Mrs. Folashade Adefisayo, has expressed dissatisfaction with the deteriorating condition of primary schools in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA) including Isolo and Ejigbo LCDAs, saying the resumption of the pupils scheduled for this month may not be possible. The commissioner stated this during her inspection tour of primary and secondary schools in the local government areas to ascertain the readiness for post COVID-19 resumption of the pupils in Lagos State

tentatively slated for October 19.

She expressed concern over the pathetic situation of all the primary schools visited in Oshodi, Isolo and Ejigbo including Larinde/Saint Paul's Primary Schools, Mafoluku Oshodi; Ayo-Adegboyega Primary School, Ejigbo and Low Cost Estate Nursery and Primary Schools (1/2), Oke-Afa, Jakande Estate.

ECHONEWS gathered that all the primary schools visited are lacking classroom furniture, good and healthy structures, good fence for security purpose as hoodlums have turned Low Cost Estate Nursery and Primary school to their abode. "The pathetic situation of the



Folashade Adefisayo

primary schools visited seriously needs the intervention of the state government to secure the foundation of primary education in a conducive learning environment," she

commented as she promised to give report of the schools to the state government for urgent intervention.

However, all the secondary schools inspected in Oshodi such as Ikeja Junior/Senior

Grammar Schools, Bolade Junior/Senior Grammar Schools and Oshodi Comprehensive Junior/Senior High Schools were certified by the commissioner, confirming their readiness resumption.

## Court fines tenants, landlady for contravening environmental law

By Edith Igbokwe

A customary court sitting in Oshodi-Isolo LGA has fined house owners and their tenants for contravening laws guiding the maintenance of their building environments.

The Local Government Environmental Health Practice Regulation Body had dragged them to the court after refusing to heed the warning earlier served them.

The affected houses involved in the case are houses No10, 14 and 19, Alasia compound, Ladipo Oshodi.

The offence they were charged for include failure to keep the toilet/ bathroom clean, broken roofing sheet, ill graded domestic drain retaining waste water as well as failure to comply with the previous notice served by the regulatory body and other related issues.

While giving the judgement, the presiding Court President, Mrs. Adebisi Oladitan, fined the guilty tenants of House No 14, who appeared in court the sum of N2,000 each while those who refused to appear in the court were asked to pay N3,000 fine each.

She further instructed that the tenants should jointly ensure that the toilets/ bathrooms and the drainages are kept clean one week after the court's inspection.

Residents of number House No 10 were told to evacuate the loads on the passage entrance and backyard.

They were also told to inform their landlord to appear in court at the next adjourned date - Tuesday, October 20, 2020 as the court stated that failure to comply would attract the sealing up of the house which may make the tenants face the risk of losing their accommodations.

Again, the court ordered the landlady of House No 19 to renovate the broken toilet slab, leaking kitchen roof and all the needful before Thursday, December 17, 2020, the date given for inspection.

## Ariyoh refurbishes Shogunle PHC, Sokunle offers to take up Ewutuntun centre

By Edith Igbokwe

Health services at the grassroots will receive fresh boost in Oshodi-

Isolo Local Government Area (LGA) soon as both incumbent chairman Hon. Bolaji Muse Ariyoh and House of Assembly member Hon. Hakeem Shokunle have resolved to do more.

Ariyoh recently commenced full renovation of Shogunle Primary Health Centre as a move to boost the health sector at the grassroots.

The council chairman had early this year during his visit to the health centre promised to give the centre a new facelift with provision of the needed equipment.

The massive renovation which started a few weeks ago was said to have reached the final stage and will be delivered for use soon.

According to the chairman, the primary health centre is not only receiving a new facelift but is also

equipped with the necessary facilities needed to make the centre more functional for quality health service delivery as envisioned.

In the same vein, the member of the Lagos State House of Assembly representing Oshodi-Isolo Constituency I, Hon. Hakeem Sokunle, has offered to intervene in fixing the challenges hindering the smooth running of Ewutuntun Primary Health Centre.

During his oversight visit to the centre recently as the Chairman, House Committee on Health, Sokunle discovered the major challenge of the centre to be bad roads which have been hindering people from accessing the health facility and limiting the full capacity utilisation of the centre.

While stating the challenges of the PHC, the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Dr. Osinachi Ubani, disclosed that they don't run 24 hours services due to insufficient workforce and lack of some needed facilities to keep

patients overnight at the centre, making them refer pregnant women to Ogunlana or Ajibulu PHC for delivery after 36 weeks of antenatal programme.

She however listed the basic 8 hours service programmes of the centre to include health care services, immunization programme, family planning, drug dispensation, HIV testing and counselling programme and antenatal programme which are done on Monday to Friday between the hours of 7am to 4pm on daily basis.

In her own comment, the Officer In Charge (OIC), Mrs. Yahaya A.J. said the health centre is functioning but records low patronage as a result of the bad roads leading to the location.

Responding as the chairman of Committee on Health at the State Assembly, Sokunle stated that to upgrade the PHC, the state, local government, community leaders and the market leaders have to sit to reach an agreement so that the best can be injected into the health care system of Ewutuntun PHC.

Concerning the issue of bad roads that lead to the PHC, he promised that something would be done as he implored the community members to keep emphasising on the project at the next stakeholders' meeting, saying the issue would be addressed with the support of the state government.

The vice Chairman of Oshodi Isolo Local Government, TPL. Daisi Osho also assured that the local government would work with the state government to fix the road as soon as possible.



High chief Ajanaku, Hon. Sokunle, Oshodi LSG Oladipupo, Oshodi vice Chairman Daisi Osho and Oshodi MOH Dr. Ubani during inspection exercise.

## Ariyoh to flag off computer training programme for youths on Wednesday

By Edith Igbokwe

It is set for the unveiling of the much anticipated and life-changing ICT program designed not only to empower but to transform youth lives in Oshodi.

TechEnd in collaboration with Oshodi-Isolo Local Government under the chairmanship of Hon. Bolaji Muse Ariyoh would be training youths on Programming with Job internship at the completion of the program. The council chairman will, on

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 unveil the project for the commencement of the training. According to the organisers of the project, the programme is to enhance the students with knowledge of Computer Programming and to equip them

with 21st Century hands-on Coding & STEM skills to enable them innovate and invent new products and services for SMEs in Oshodi.

The organisers stated that it is a project designed to reduce youths' unemployment by

providing digital skills where they learn and also earn. It took a very strict and rigorous process of selection based on meritocracy. That is the entire process was devoid of prejudice but rather fairness and transparency

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