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# CROSS RIVER STATE

## **VISION STATEMENT**

To become a leading Nigerian State with prosperous, healthy and well educated citizens; living in harmony with people and nature, and pursuing legitimate interest in freedom moderated by good governance.

## **MINISTERIAL MANDATE**

To project and protect the image of Government and act as Chief Image Maker/Spokesman for the State as well as supervision of the State Media Organisation.

## **VISION**

To be the best organ of the State for the promotion of positive values, its image and overall endowment to Cross Riverians, Nigerians and the Diaspora.

## **Mission**

To utilize in harmony all apparatus of government media to effectively disseminate information, educate and entertain the public, using the electronic, print media and interpersonal communication channels.

# Gov Otu Launches Free Easter Transport in Calabar



Easter season.

Sixty operational buses will run daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. within Calabar metropolis, with inter-city routes to Ugep, Ikom, Ogoja, Obudu, Akpabuyo, Bakassi, and other key areas. Free boat rides are also available for waterways, promoting accessibility for riverine communities.

**C**ross River State Governor, Senator Bassey Otu has launched a state-wide Special Easter Free Transport Scheme in Cross River State, providing free transportation services to

residents.

The initiative, part of the administration's "People First" agenda, aims to alleviate transportation challenges and promote social inclusion during the





# Gov. Otu Commissions Solar-Powered Boreholes to Bridge Gender Gap, Mark 2026 World Water Day

By Jeno Richard Odu



**T**he Cross River State Governor, Senator Bassey Otu has commissioned solar-powered boreholes in three public schools as part of activities

marking the 2026 World Water Day celebration in the State.

The projects which serve as a platform for the administration to reaffirm its

commitment to sustainable Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) service are sited in Big Qua Girls' Secondary School, Edgerley Memorial Girls Secondary School



clean and sustainable water across the state.

The Governor ,who was represented by the Vice Chairman State Planning Commission, Dr. Bong Duke, emphasized the State Government's dedication to enhancing water

and Government Primary School Academy.

Speaking during the commissioning, the Governor Apostle

Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, maintained that the gesture is in line with his administration's commitment to improving access to



infrastructure, particularly in educational institutions noting that "access to potable water is essential not only for public health but also for

creating a conducive learning environment for students".

He commended the Ministry of Water Resources for the initiative noting that

"these solar-powered boreholes represent a sustainable solution to water scarcity challenges in our schools as they will significantly



improve hygiene, reduce waterborne diseases, and support the overall well-being of students and staff."

Earlier in his remarks, the Commissioner for Water Resources, Barr. Bassey Mensah disclosed that the choice of the Girls' schools

for the intervention is in line with the theme of this year's celebration: "Water and Gender", with the sub theme "Where water flows, equality grows". He highlighted the significance of this year's theme especially as the burden of fetching water in our society has been assigned

to the female gender particularly in the rural communities, noting that the installation and solarization of the boreholes aligns with global efforts to promote renewable energy and sustainable water management practices.



He however appealed to the schools' management to ensure proper care and maintenance of the solar panels/pumps.

Responding on behalf of the schools, the Principal of Edgerley Memorial Girls' Secondary school, Dr. Mrs. Ekei Duke expressed appreciation to the State Government for installing solar pumps/Panels in the boreholes, through the Ministry of Water Resources"leading

to 24- hours sustainable water" which she said, "transforms to life" and pledged to ensure proper use and maintainance of the solar panels.

The event featured talks on Water Sanitation and menstrual hygiene, drama presentation, cultura l dances ,etc.

Highpoint of the occasion was the commissioning of the solarized boreholes by the Governor's representative.

Recall that Edgerley

Memorial and Big Qua Girls Secondary Schools had existing boreholes which were solarized by the Ministry of Water Resources, while the borehole at Academy Primary School was newly installed and solarized by the Ministry of Water Resources.

# UNICEF, Cross River Charge Community on SBC

By Alicent Obriku



**U**NICEF, in collaboration with the Cross River State community, has launched a Social and Behavior Change (SBC) initiative to improve family health and childcare practices

across the state.

Speaking at the event at Pamol House Four, Akim Akim on Monday, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information, Mr. Anthony Okon, commended

UNICEF for implementing the programme despite funding challenges. Represented by Programme Officer Mr. Nakanda Iyadim, Okon assured the Ministry's commitment to



supporting initiatives that promote positive social behaviour, especially in key areas such as routine immunization, antenatal care, birth registration, exclusive breastfeeding, and complementary feeding.

UNICEF representative Miss

Blessing Ebere-Chukwu in her speech emphasized that community involvement is crucial for the success of the SBC programme, urging stakeholders to actively participate in promoting health-conscious behaviours.

The State Director National Orientation

agency represented by the deputy director Ms Juliana Atialikong in her speech, encouraged women to prioritize hospital visits during pregnancy and childbirth, emphasizing that every child should have a birth certificate and that a National Population



Commission registrar, Mr. Bassey Otu, was present to facilitate birth registration during the programme.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Community leader, Chief Emmanuel Akpakpan, appreciated the State Government

and UNICEF for selecting their community as a beneficiary of the programme, noting that the exercise has improved the health and welfare of women and children, appealing for continued support for the community.

During her pep talk on complementary

feeding, Ms Ogar Winifred a representative of a the Cross River state Primary healthcare development agency urged parents to ensure their children receive Vitamin A supplements and keep good breast feeding practices. She also encouraged



inclusion of fruits and vegetables in children's diets.

Children with birth certificates and complete routine immunization cards were recognized and rewarded upon display of their cards and certificates.

The programme is already being



rolled out in 10 selected communities, with plans for broader coverage in the

coming months to ensure sustainable improvements in family and child health.



# ARCON Inaugurates New Leadership in Cross River, Iyorza Pledges Industry Reforms

By Kingsley Agim



**T**he Cross River State Council of the Advertising Regulatory Council of Nigeria (ARCON), on Friday, inaugurated a new executive council, with Prof.

Stanislaus Iyorza assuming office as chairman, in a ceremony marked by renewed commitment to

professionalism and industry growth.

The inauguration, conducted by Barr.



Ukam Ngwu, drew advertising professionals, stakeholders, and invited guests who gathered to witness the formal transition of leadership in the state chapter.

In his acceptance speech, Prof. Iyorza thanked members for the confidence reposed in him and

pledged to strengthen professionalism while upholding ethical standards in advertising practice across Cross River State.

He stressed the urgent need to sanitise the advertising space, particularly in the face of the growing influence of digital and social media

platforms. The new chairman urged practitioners to comply with registration requirements as stipulated by ARCON, noting that regulation remains key to maintaining credibility in the industry.

Outlining his vision, Iyorza said the council would



work to bridge the gap between industry practitioners and academia through strategic collaboration with higher institutions. According to him, such partnerships would enhance knowledge sharing and raise standards across the sector.

He added that the council would organise regular training

workshops, seminars, and stakeholder engagements aimed at building the capacity of practitioners and positioning them for emerging opportunities in the advertising landscape.

The chairman also emphasised the need to promote local content, observing that a significant portion of advertising

materials used in the state are produced outside Cross River. He noted that investing in local talent would not only create employment opportunities but also boost the state's creative economy.

Prof. Iyorza further assured that the council would collaborate closely with government and other relevant



stakeholders to promote responsible and effective advertising practices. He said efforts would also be intensified to identify and properly engage practitioners across outdoor, electronic, and digital platforms.

In his remarks, the outgoing chairman, Mr. Ita Okon, highlighted key achievements recorded since the council's establishment in 2022, including

formal registration, the development of operational structures, and improved coordination among practitioners.

Okon commended the Director General of ARCON, Olalekan Fadolapo, and the Director General of Cross River State Signage and Advertisement Agency (CRISSAA), Sam Ubon, for their support, expressing confidence that the new leadership would consolidate on existing gains.

Also speaking, the council's Secretary, Dr. Michael Igbo, underscored the importance of professionalism and certification, insisting that only trained and registered individuals should practice advertising. He reaffirmed the council's commitment to maintaining standards and safeguarding the credibility of the industry.

# C'River Sympathizes with Timber Market Fire Victims, Pledges Support, Recovery Measures

By Nakanda Iyadim

The Cross River State Government has expressed deep sympathy to traders and stakeholders of the Calabar Timber Market following a devastating fire outbreak that destroyed several shops and goods worth millions of naira.

In a statement signed by the Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang, the Government described the incident as tragic and heartbreaking, noting that the market serves as a critical source of livelihood for hundreds of

families across the State.

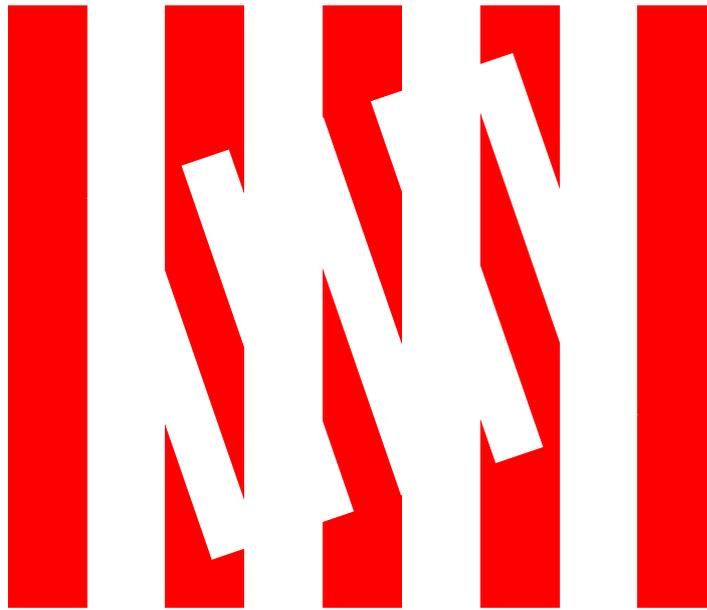
"We are profoundly saddened by this unfortunate incident, recognizing that the market is not just a hub of commerce, but the primary source of livelihood for many hardworking citizens," the statement read.

The Government acknowledged the emotional and financial toll on affected traders, many of whom lost years of investment and labour in the inferno. It assured victims that their plight has not gone unnoticed and that

the State stands in solidarity with them during this difficult time.

Dr. Ekpang disclosed that relevant emergency management agencies have been directed to carry out a thorough assessment of the damage with a view to determining appropriate intervention measures.

He added that efforts are also underway to ascertain the root cause of the fire and strengthen



safety protocols across major markets in the State to prevent future occurrences.

“The Cross River State Government hereby assures all victims that they will not be left to bear this heavy burden alone. We are already outlining a framework for support and recovery to help displaced traders rebuild their businesses and

livelihoods,” he said.

The Government further reaffirmed its commitment to the welfare of citizens, pledging to work closely with the leadership of the Timber Market Association to provide necessary assistance throughout the recovery process.

Affected traders were urged to remain calm and cooperate with relevant authorities to ensure a smooth

and efficient intervention process.

Despite the scale of the losses, the Government expressed confidence in the resilience of the people of Cross River State and their ability to rebuild stronger, assuring victims of sustained government support as efforts toward recovery and rebuilding commence.

# Cross River Intensifies Fight Against Tuberculosis, Adopts Community-Driven Strategy

By Kingsley Agim



**T**he Cross River State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to eliminating Tuberculosis, with a renewed push to transition from global policy frameworks to

localized, community-driven action.

At the state's commemoration of World TB Day 2026 held on March 24, the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry

Egbe Ayuk, said the government's health agenda is focused on reaching vulnerable populations with innovative diagnostic tools and sustained care.



Delivering the keynote address, Ayuk noted that the 2026 theme “Yes! We can End TB,” centered on country leadership and collective responsibility, aligns with Cross River’s mission to convert innovation into measurable impact.

“Our health agenda is centered on reaching the most vulnerable populations with

innovative diagnostic tools and consistent care,” he said. “By shifting from global policy to localized, country-led action, we are ensuring that no Cross Riverian is left behind in the fight to end TB.”

Also speaking, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Health, Ekpo Ekpo Bassey, underscored the administration’s commitment to strengthening health security at the grassroots.

“We are working tirelessly to ensure that commitments made at high-level international meetings translate into accessible treatment at the primary healthcare level,” Bassey stated. “This administration remains dedicated to the total eradication of TB through collective responsibility.”

The event drew



participation from key development partners, including the World Health Organization, CCCRN, ECEWS, and other health programmes.

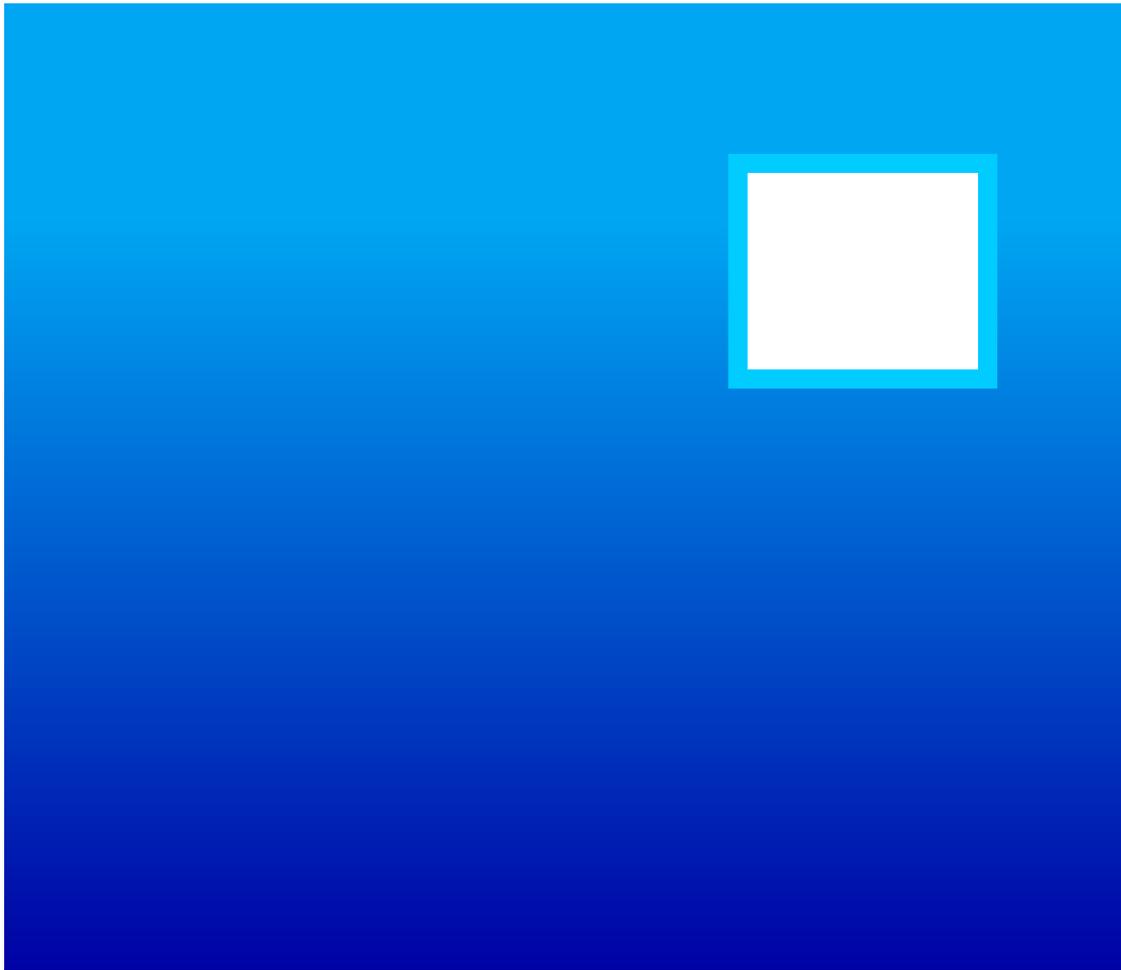
Speaking on behalf of the partners, the Senior Program Officer for KNCV Nigeria–Cross River State, Cynthia Onwuteaka, highlighted the

role of collaboration in driving innovation in TB detection and care.

“Through our collective partnership, we are now detecting TB in asymptomatic patients, those who show no outward signs, using Portable Digital X-ray machines equipped with Artificial Intelligence,” she

said. “This allows us to provide the right care faster and effectively halt the spread of the disease.”

She added that the integration of advanced diagnostic tools, backed by strong leadership and sustained investment, is significantly improving outcomes in the state.



In his remarks, the State TB Programme Manager, Eugene Ajegi, emphasised the importance of community engagement and the strength of existing partnerships in delivering results.

“Our collaboration with partners

creates a multi-layered shield,” Ajegi said. “By working with community-based organisations, we are turning innovation into impact exactly where it is needed most, ensuring the right care reaches the right people at the right time.”

The event concluded with a unified call for residents to take advantage of free TB screening and treatment services available at designated health facilities across the State.

# C'River Holds 3rd Monthly Aerobics and Medical Checks for Public Servants in Calabar

By: Kera Okem



**T**he Cross River State Government, through the Office of the Head of Service recently conducted the 3rd edition of its Monthly Aerobics and Medical Checks programme for civil and public servants.

The initiative, which holds every last Friday of the month, is part of

ongoing efforts to promote a healthy workforce and improve productivity across the state's civil/public service.

The event brought together civil and public servants from various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), who actively participated in the early morning aerobics session. Led by professional

instructors, the exercise focused on enhancing physical fitness, boosting energy levels, and encouraging healthy lifestyle habits among workers.

In addition to the fitness activities, participants benefited from a range of medical check-ups, including basic



health screenings and professional consultations. Notably, this month's edition featured the introduction of an optometry section, where attendees received eye examinations and expert advice on vision care.

Speaking at the event, The Head of Service Cross River

State, Orok Basse Okon (Esq.) emphasized the importance of regular exercise and routine health checks in maintaining a productive and efficient public/civil service. He noted that the inclusion of the optometry unit reflects the government's commitment to

expanding healthcare access and addressing diverse health needs of workers.

Participants expressed appreciation to the state government for the initiative, describing it as timely and impactful in promoting wellness and early



detection of potential health issues.

The Office of the Head of Service reaffirmed its commitment to sustaining the programme, urging all civil and public servants to consistently take advantage of the initiative as it continues to hold on the last Friday of every month.



The Monthly Aerobics and Medical Checks programme remains a key component of

the state government's broader agenda to build a healthier, more efficient, and resilient service.





# WASH Media Marks World Water Day with School Outreach, Menstrual Hygiene Advocacy in Calabar

By Nakanda Iyadim



**I**n commemoration of World Water Day 2026, the Cross River State Chapter of the WASH Media Network held a targeted school outreach at Government Secondary School, Anantigha, in Calabar South Local Government Area.

The event, held

recently, focused on the critical intersection of water security, sanitation, and menstrual hygiene management

(MHM).

As a highlight of the initiative, the Network distributed over 100 sanitary pads



kits and sensitized students on the protection of community water infrastructure, issuing a stark warning against the risks of fecal-oral contamination.

"When the water source is contaminated, you are essentially consuming waste," he cautioned, urging students to take ownership of their local boreholes.

On her part, Secretary of the WASH Media Network, Mrs. Abenmire Williams, who led a session on safeguarding menstrual hygiene, addressed both male and female students, calling for an end to the stigmatization of menstruating girls.

to female students, emphasizing the necessity of dignity and health in the learning environment.

The outreach featured technical presentations aimed at equipping students with

practical knowledge of water safety and personal health.

In his remarks, Mr. Augustine Oyongha, representing the Borehole Drillers Association of Nigeria (BORDAN), provided a demonstration on water quality testing

"Stigma



discourages girls from full academic participation," Mrs. Williams noted, while encouraging female students to engage confidently with teachers and parents regarding their health needs.

In her response, Mrs. Valarie Ekpenyong Henshaw, Principal of the 35-year-old institution,

expressed gratitude for the intervention but lamented the school's dire water situation.

She revealed that a borehole project previously provided by the Cross River State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWATSSA) became non-functional after only

two years, leaving the school without a reliable water source.

Echoing these concerns, Coordinator of the WASH Media Network, Mr. Archibong Jeremiah, pointed out the irony of the school's location.



"It is concerning that a school sharing a boundary with the Local Government Council lacks adequate water and sanitation facilities," Jeremiah stated. "This raises serious questions about the conditions of schools in more remote, rural areas."

The school outreach was the culmination of a broader week of advocacy. Prior to the event, the Network hosted a two-day radio town hall meeting

across Sparkling 92.3 FM and HIT 95.9 FM. Under the theme "Water and Gender – Where Water Flows, Equality Grows," stakeholders and experts discussed the disproportionate impact of water scarcity on women and girls, advocating for gender-responsive water policies in Cross River State.

The outreach concluded with validation remarks by the Vice Principal (Administration), Mrs. Felicia Archibong, and the

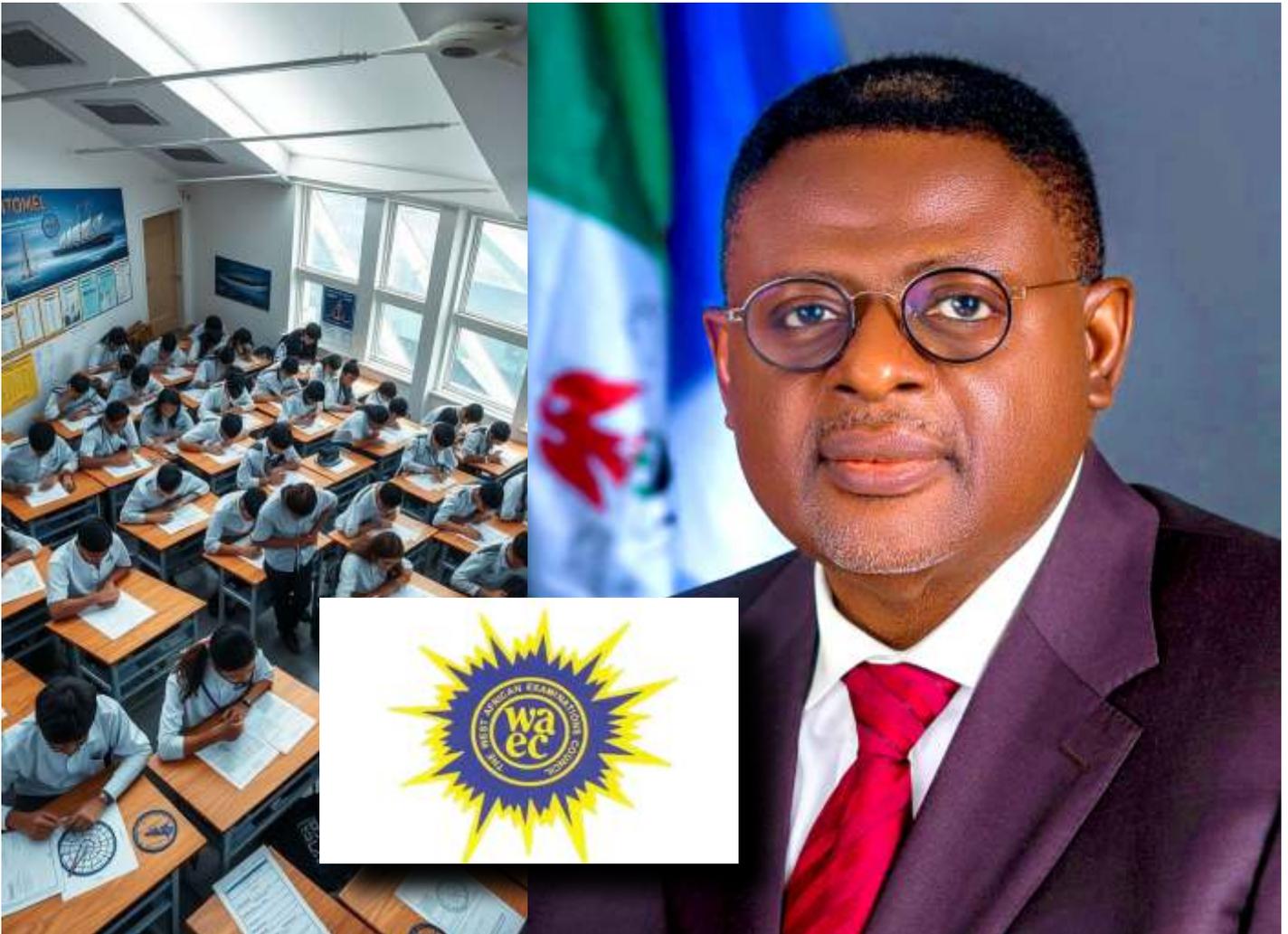
formal distribution of hygiene products, reinforcing the Network's commitment to sustained WASH interventions in the region.

The event also served as a platform to highlight the systemic challenges facing educational institutions in the State.



# Cross River Approves N339.9m for WAEC Fees of 12,589 Students

By Kingsley Agim



**T**he Cross River State Executive Council has approved the release of ₦339,903,000 for the registration of 12,589 indigenous students for the 2026 West African

Examinations Council (WAEC).

The approval was part of resolutions reached at the first Executive Council (EXCO) meeting of 2026, held at the State Executive Council Chamber,

Governor's Office, Calabar.

The intervention is aimed at easing the financial burden on families while expanding access to education for eligible students



across the state.

Government said the move underscores its continued commitment to human capital development and the "People First" agenda of Governor Bassey Edet Otu's administration.

The gesture is also expected to improve examination participation rates and enhance academic opportunities for students, particularly those from underserved communities.

Education stakeholders have consistently emphasized the importance of such interventions in boosting school enrolment, retention and performance in external examinations.



# CARNIVAL PARADE of THANKSGIVING

**Mon. 6th April, 2026**

**10AM**

**Theme: Glorification**

**...and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon us.**

Isaiah 60:1

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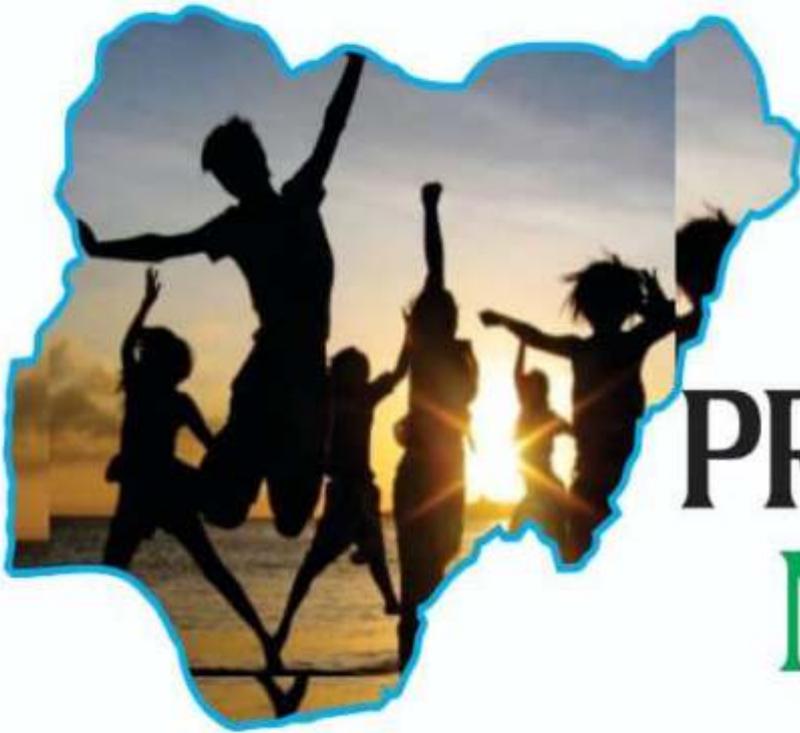
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23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026

## PRESS RELEASE

### **SUSPENSION OF ALL SCRAP-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN CROSS RIVER STATE**

The Cross River State Government expresses grave concern over the alarming rise in vandalism, theft, and the destruction of public infrastructure and private property across Cross River State. Critical assets, including public utilities, road installations, and essential community facilities, have been deliberately targeted, resulting in service disruptions, economic losses, and heightened threats to public safety.

Investigations and security reports have established a direct nexus between these destructive acts and the activities of scrap dealers, scavengers, and their agents operating within the State.

Given the urgency and severity of the situation, His Excellency, the Governor of Cross River State, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Bassey Otu, has directed the immediate review of all laws, policies, and regulatory frameworks governing scrap-related activities in the State and as an urgent interim measure to halt further damage, restore order, and safeguard State and private assets, His Excellency has further approved the immediate suspension of all scrap-related activities in Cross River State for an initial period of 6 (six) months.

This suspension applies comprehensively to all forms of scrap dealing, including but not limited to trading, scavenging, transportation, and any related operations within, into, or out of the State. Any individual, group, or entity found in violation of this directive shall be dealt with in accordance with the law and

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shall face the full force of legal sanctions. All law enforcement bodies and relevant security agencies are hereby mandated to ensure strict compliance and enforcement without exception.

The Cross River State Government remains resolute in its duty to protect public infrastructure, defend private property, and ensure that residents feel safe and secure. These measures are necessary to prevent further sabotage of critical assets and to maintain public confidence.

The full cooperation of all residents, stakeholders, and lawful business operators is expected and appreciated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, fluid strokes that form the name 'Ededem Charles Ani'.

**Ededem Charles Ani, Esq.**  
Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice



16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to notify the general public that the recently Inaugurated Cross River State Planning and Development Control Enforcement Team has commenced the enforcement of compliance with town planning and development control laws across the State.

To this end, all property owners, developers and contractors are required to make available their duly approved building plans issued by the State Ministry of Lands, Town and Urban Planning at all ongoing and completed project sites.

Likewise, persons who have developed and are occupying government land without proper documentation and approval, are advised to do so forthwith.

Any development without approved plans, or failure to present same upon request, will attract penalties including stop-work orders, fines and possible demolition.

The public is thereby enjoined to cooperate with enforcement officers in the interest of orderly, safe and sustainable urban development.

**Akiba .E. Akiba**

Chairman,

Cross River State Planning & Dev. Control





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**CROSS RIVER STATE PLANNING COMMISSION CIRCULAR NO. 3/2026**

**COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE BUREAU OF STATISTICS ON ALL STATISTICAL SURVEYS AND DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES**

In order to mend the observed fragmented and unco-ordinated data production across sectors in the State, it has become imperative to issue this circular, as a reminder of the need for compliance by all MDAs and other organizations with government's subsisting guidelines/Laws on the conduct of statistical surveys and data collection activities in the State.

It is noteworthy that the authorized Agency to provide overall strategic direction and clearance on the conduct of statistical surveys and data collection in the State is the State Bureau of Statistics.

Regrettably, most MDAs/Organizations embark on statistical surveys and data collection exercise in the state without collaboration with, or due clearance of the Bureau. Thus, undermining the State Bureau of Statistics Law, our commitment to producing high quality, productive and mutually acceptable data for evidence driven governance, and ultimately the socio-economic development of our dear State.

Accordingly, in order to strengthen the quality, comparability, and utility of any statistical data originating from the State, all MDAs and our development partners intending to



collaborate closely with the State Bureau of Statistics in planning, designing and implementation of their surveys and data collection activities.

Any data generated and disseminated at any level without due involvement or clearance of the State Bureau of Statistics shall not be accepted as official statistical data of Cross River State.

The Planning Commission in collaboration with the Bureau of Statistics is committed to supporting in building MDAs Institutional Capacity for data collection.

The contents of this circular should be brought to the notice of all concerned.

This circular takes immediate effect.

Thank you, and please, be assured of our esteemed regards.



**Dr. Bong Duke**

Vice Chairman/CEO

Cross River State Planning Commission



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# CALL FOR ADMISSION INTO **ND & HND** PROGRAMMES FOR 2026/2027 ACADEMIC SESSION

## Purchase of Admission Forms

This is to inform all prospective applicants seeking admission into College of Agriculture, Science & Technology Obubra, that application forms are now available on the College website. Applicants are required to pay a non-refundable application fee of **Twenty-Five Thousand Naira (N25,000.00)** only into the College Account with **United Bank for Africa (UBA), Account No: 1028613027, Account Name: College of Agriculture.** Proof of payment, completed application form and credentials should be uploaded via the College portal at [www.castobubra.ng/applications](http://www.castobubra.ng/applications)

## Available Programmes

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- National Diploma (ND) Forestry and Environmental Technology
- National Diploma (ND) Fisheries Technology
- National Diploma (ND) Horticulture and Landscape Technology
- National Diploma (ND) Computer Science Technology
- National Diploma (ND) Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Pre-National Diploma/Remedial Programme
- Higher National Diploma (HND) Animal Production Technology
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- Higher National Diploma (HND) Fisheries Technology
- Higher National Diploma (HND) Forestry Technology
- Higher National Diploma (HND) Agri-Business Management
- Higher National Diploma (HND) Agricultural Extension & Mgt.

## Certificate Programmes

- Veterinary Clinic Assistant
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- Mushroom Production
- Snail Farming

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# Extension of Early Bird Registration – NPRW 2026

Dear **Professional** Colleagues,

Following the overwhelming number of requests received by the National Planning Committee from various chapters across Nigeria regarding an extension of the Early Bird registration deadline, we are pleased to announce that a one-week extension has been approved.

We encourage all members who are yet to complete their registration to take advantage of this additional opportunity.

Please note that the new deadline for Early Bird registration is midnight, 8th March 2026.

We look forward to your active participation.

## National Planning Committee NPRW 2026



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**HEAD OF SERVICE CIRCULAR NO. 1/2026**

**PAYROLL AUDIT, CREDENTIALS/PROGRESSION VERIFICATION FOR SERVING OFFICERS AND PENSION VERIFICATION FOR PENSIONERS**

The attention of all Civil Servants in the State Public/ Civil Service is hereby drawn to the approval of His Excellency, the Governor of Cross River State, authorising the Office of the Head of Service to conduct a comprehensive Payroll Audit and Pensioners Verification for the State Public Service.

The exercise is aimed at:

- Ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the State payroll.
- Verifying Staff credentials, appointments, promotions and progression records.
- Eliminating payroll irregularities and strengthening personnel management systems.

The Payroll Audit will be conducted simultaneously with Credentials and Career Progression Verification for serving officers. While a Pension Verification Exercise will be carried out for pensioners. The Nigerian Union of Pensioners (NUP) is hereby notified accordingly.

All serving officers are directed to immediately collate and present copies of their service records to the administrative heads of their MDAs, but not limited to:

- Letter of First Appointment
- Letter of confirmation of appointment
- All Promotion Letters up to current grade level
- All Educational Certificates used in the course of service
- Any other official personnel records as may be required

Further details on the schedule, modalities and documentation requirements for the exercise will be communicated in due course.

  
**Orók Bassey Oken**  
Head of Service





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- 1** Obtain an Application Form at CRGIA's Office, Old Secretariat Road, Off Murtala Mohammed Highway, Calabar, Cross River State
- 2** Submit Application Form with Required Documents  
Fill and submit the form along with necessary documents, e.g. Registered Title Document, survey plan, identification, etc.
- 3** Assessment and Payment of Fees.  
The office will assess applicable charges, registration fees, processing fees, etc. Make the required payment.
- 4** Inspection and Publication (for private land)  
Property is inspected by LUAC officials  
Notice of application is published for 21 days to allow for objections.  
After clearance, Governor's Approval in Principle is obtained.
- 5** C of O (Certificate of Occupancy) Engrossment and Signing  
The Certificate of Occupancy is prepared (engrossed) and signed by the Governor or delegated authority.
- 6** Registration and Delivery  
Final registration is completed at the Lands Registry.  
Registered documents are delivered to the applicant (client).

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