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CROSS RIVER STATE

VISION STATEMENT

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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.

Female Ministers Honour Eyoanwan Otu for women empowerment, humanitarian services

By Beatrice Akpala



The Female Ministers Forum International (FMFI) has honoured the wife of the Cross River

State Governor, Bishop Eyoanwan Bassey Otu, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to women

empowerment, humanitarian service and promotion of women's advancement in society.





The honour was conferred on Mrs Otu during the Forum's 2026 National Convention held in Calabar, Cross River State, with the theme "Breaking Limits for the Global Harvest."

The recognition celebrates her commitment to advancing the welfare of women, supporting initiatives that expand their opportunities and encouraging greater participation of women in the social, economic

and developmental affairs of their communities.

According to the Forum, the Governor's wife exemplifies compassionate leadership and purposeful advocacy in addressing



challenges
confronting
women and girls.

Through her
public
engagements and
people-oriented
approach, she

has continued to
promote family
values, strengthen
women's welfare
and champion
initiatives that
enable women to
realise their full
potential.

The award also
highlights the
critical role of
women leaders in
shaping inclusive
communities,
championing
humanitarian
causes and
inspiring positive



social transformation.

By recognising individuals whose contributions promote the dignity, welfare and advancement of women, the FMFI said it seeks to reinforce

sustained collaboration among faith-based organisations, government institutions, civil society groups and other stakeholders committed to women's development.

The 2026 National Convention, it noted, provided an important platform for reflection, fellowship, advocacy and renewed commitment to overcoming



barriers that limit women's progress.

The theme, "Breaking Limits for the Global Harvest," speaks to the need for women to rise above challenges, embrace opportunities for growth and contribute meaningfully to the advancement of humanity.

For Cross River State, the recognition of Her Excellency represents an opportunity to celebrate

women's contributions to community development and to reaffirm the value of leadership that prioritises compassion, inclusion and empowerment.

Beyond the presentation of an award, the organisers said the honour serves as a reminder that empowering women strengthens families, enriches communities and contributes to broader social and economic development.

The recognition of Bishop (Dr.) Eyoanwan Bassey Otu, the Forum added, stands as an encouragement to women across Cross River State and beyond to continue breaking barriers, pursuing excellence and making meaningful contributions to society.









8th October, 2026

**GOVERNOR OTU'S 67TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY:
CALL FOR PLACEMENT OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES**

The Ministry of Information and Orientation, Cross River State, Publishers of the **DailyNews Bulletin**, one of the official print mouthpiece of the Cross River State Government, has concluded arrangements to publish a Special October 2026 Edition of the Bulletin marking the **67th Birthday Anniversary** of His Excellency, Apostle, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, PNIPR. The edition is due for circulation on 19th October, 2026.

Accordingly, the Deputy Governor, National Assembly Members, the Speaker and Members of the Cross River State House of Assembly, Chairmen of Local Government Councils, Honourable Commissioners, the Secretary to the State Government, the Chief of Staff to the Governor, the Head of Service, Chairmen of Boards, Commissions and Agencies, Directors-General, Senior Special Assistants, Special Assistants, Heads of Federal Institutions, Heads of Public and Private Organisations, corporate bodies, individuals and other well-wishers are cordially invited to place congratulatory and goodwill messages to His Excellency, the Governor, on this auspicious occasion.

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Thank you for your cooperation, and please accept the assurances of my esteemed regards.

Pastor Ekpenyong Ene Cobham

Honourable Commissioner for Information and Orientation



2027: Evidence Group's Statewide APC Mobilisation Begins in Ogoja

By Kingsley Agim

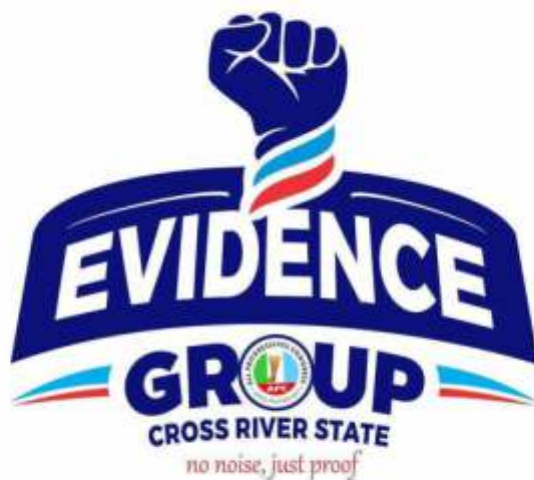


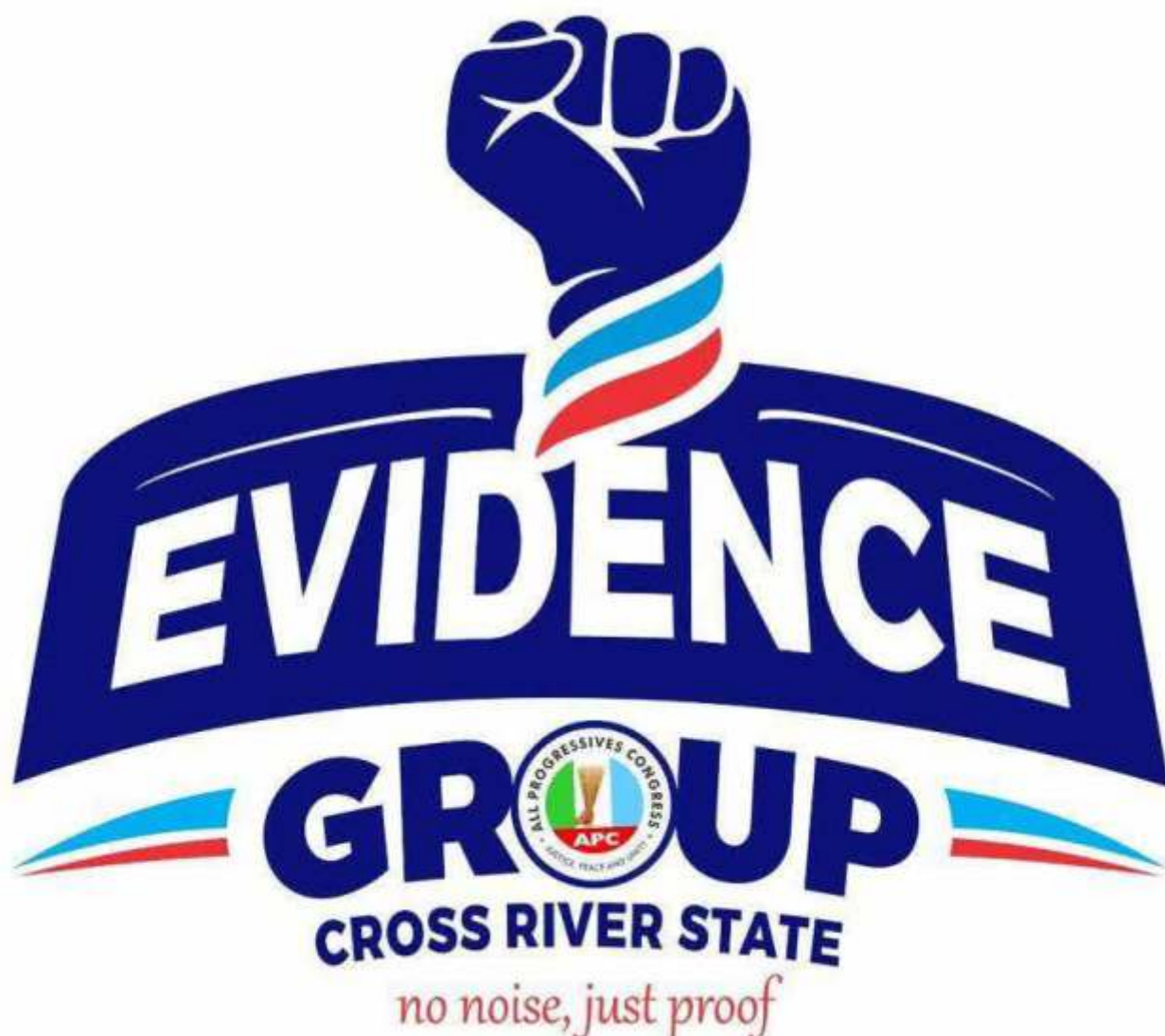
The Evidence Group, a political mobilisation organisation supporting the All Progressives Congress (APC), has commenced its planned statewide grassroots mobilisation in Cross River State with the inauguration of its

working committee in Ogoja Local Government Area ahead of the 2027 general elections.

The group's Director-General,

Mr Eyoma Bassey, who inaugurated the committee in Ogoja, charged members to mobilise support for the APC across wards, polling





units, campuses and rural communities as the organisation prepares to extend its activities across the state's three senatorial districts.

Bassey said the group was established to mobilise support for the party by taking its message to the grassroots and communicating what it considers the achievements of President Bola

Ahmed Tinubu, Governor Bassey Edet Otu and other APC leaders.

He urged members to engage residents proactively and persuade voters to support the party,



warning against intimidation, harassment or any conduct capable of undermining peaceful political participation.

"We are not here to intimidate people," Bassey said, stressing that the group's activities must be guided by constructive engagement and its responsibility as a youth-driven political movement.

He directed

members to submit the names of proposed polling-unit coordinators to the leadership for vetting and approval before announcing appointments, signalling the group's intention to build an organised grassroots network ahead of the elections.

The Ogoja inauguration is expected to precede similar mobilisation exercises in the remaining four local

government areas of Cross River North, after which the group plans to extend its activities to the Central and Southern Senatorial Districts.

The group's Director of Media and Communications, Mr Andrea Ekeng, disclosed that the mobilisation drive would culminate in a major convention in Calabar, where members are

expected to make a collective declaration of support for the APC.

Ekeng called on residents to support Tinubu, Otu and other APC candidates in 2027, citing developments such as the Calabar–Itu Road project, the Federal Government's intervention in Cross River's oil-well dispute and the approval of the Bakassi Deep Seaport as reasons for the group's political position.

He described the Calabar–Itu Road project as important to connectivity between Cross River and neighbouring states, while

presenting the proposed deep seaport as an opportunity to attract investment, create jobs and expand the state's economic prospects. He also claimed that Afreximbank had indicated support for the seaport project with about \$3 billion in financing, a figure that was not independently verified in the information provided.

Ekeng commended the Otu administration for what he described as efforts to spread development across the state, particularly in the Northern Senatorial District, and urged members to communicate the administration's achievements to residents during

their grassroots engagements.

The Chairman of Ogoja Local Government Council, Chief Agbeh Christopher Eweh, welcomed the group's mobilisation drive and encouraged members to extend their activities to other communities across the Northern Senatorial District.

The event ended with members chanting the group's slogan, "Evidence! No noise, just proof!" and reaffirming their commitment to the APC's "5 over 5" campaign in Cross River State.



GOODWILL MESSAGE *on the* AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF THE

67th Birthday



HIS EXCELLENCY,
SENATOR PRINCE
BASSEY EDET OTU

Governor of Cross River State



1. On this auspicious occasion marking the 67th anniversary of your natal day, I profoundly offer my warmest felicitations and sincere felicitous wishes to the Executive Governor of Cross River State, His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, the government, and the good people of Cross River State. We reflect with immense gratitude on your inspiring life's journey and the abiding grace of God that continues to anchor your steadfast, pragmatic leadership in steering our state toward greater prosperity.

2. Your Excellency, my dear Governor, I am glad to convey my heartiest commendation to you for the remarkable strides recorded under your administration. Your transformative "People's First" agenda has revitalized the socio economic framework of Cross River State. Within three years in office, your visionary governance has yielded monumental triumphs, including the comprehensive rehabilitation of state road networks, urban renewal initiatives in Calabar and beyond, significant revitalization of agricultural and industrial infrastructure, robust digital revenue transformation, and targeted human capital development programs. Your capacity to foster harmonious synergy among key political organs and stakeholders has deepened the prospects of enduring prosperity across our local government areas.

3. I am pleased to identify and rejoice with my dear good people of Obudu Local Government Area, as well as stakeholders and leaders of all our communities, on this memorable milestone of your 67th birthday. I enjoin our citizens to remain resolute in supporting your administration's lofty developmental agenda. I can vouch for the transformational impact of your governance, which continues to prioritize the welfare of ordinary citizens and actualize our collective aspirations as a people. May God Almighty grant you sound health, divine wisdom, and sustained vigor as you continue to pilot Cross River State to grander heights.

4. Please accept always the assurances of the esteemed regards and best wishes of my family, the management, council members, and the entire good people of Obudu Local Government Area.



Hon. Peter Akonfe Undiandeye, Ph.D, KSM
Executive Chairman

NOA Provides Free Eye Care to Over 200 C'River Teachers, Raises Rural Blindness Concerns

By Kingsley Agim



More than 200 teachers in Cross River State have benefited from free eye care services provided by the Nigerian Optometric

Association (NOA), Cross River State Chapter, as part of activities marking the 2026 World Sight Day in Calabar.

The outreach, organised for the

Southern Senatorial District, featured free vision screening, the distribution of about 200 reading glasses and eye



medications, and training to equip teachers with the skills to identify early signs of visual impairment among pupils and students.

Speaking during the exercise, the State Chairperson of NOA, Dr. Ogechi Cecilia Chukwu, said teachers were

targeted because of their crucial role in shaping children's futures, noting that good vision was essential for effective learning and academic development.

She, however, expressed concern over the shortage of eye care professionals in

rural communities, warning that the manpower gap was leaving residents vulnerable to unqualified practitioners and preventable blindness.

Chukwu disclosed that Cross River State had only two optometrists



underserved communities.

The NOA chairperson cited a 2022 survey by the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital (UCTH), which estimated that about 210,000 residents of Cross River State were living with visual impairment, with rural communities bearing a significant share of the burden.

in its civil service, describing the situation as alarming given the State's geographical spread and the number of residents requiring professional eye care.

"Right now, we are carrying out outreach in

Calabar in the Southern Senatorial Zone, but we have to pull optometrists from Calabar to serve other zones due to zero presence of professionals in those rural areas," she said, urging the State Government to urgently recruit and deploy optometrists to

She warned that limited access to qualified eye care professionals had left many rural residents relying on unqualified practitioners who, she said, often made incorrect diagnoses and prescribed harmful treatments that could result in irreversible

blindness.

"During a recent outreach in Ekori, Yakurr Local Government Area, we identified 18 blind individuals and 48 people with advanced cataracts requiring urgent surgery. These preventable cases are growing because eye problems are not caught early," she lamented.

Chukwu stressed that early detection and timely treatment could prevent many cases of avoidable blindness. She called for improved access to professional eye care, particularly in remote communities where residents face difficulties

reaching qualified practitioners.

To address the manpower shortage in the long term, she appealed to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calabar to establish a Department of Optometry, saying local training would help produce more professionals to serve communities across the State.

She noted that although Arthur Jarvis University had recently introduced an optometry programme, a similar department at the University of Calabar would expand training opportunities for indigenes and encourage more graduates to remain in Cross

River to provide eye care services.

"Cross River is a vast state, and reaching many remote communities is extremely difficult. If UNICAL establishes a Department of Optometry, more indigenes can train locally, graduate and stay back to serve. That is the most effective way to lighten the burden on the few of us serving the entire State," Chukwu added.



OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN ODUKPANI LOCAL GOVERNMENT CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA



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UKPONG ETIM ASIDO**
THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN
OF ODUKPANI LGA

A BIRTHDAY *Felicitation*

TO
**HIS EXCELLENCY,
APOSTLE SENATOR DR
PRINCE BASSEY EDET OTU**

On this eighteenth day of the tenth month, you came into this beautiful world carrying a rare calling and the radiant light of the extraordinary, not only to shine as a star but to become a guiding light in the service of humanity. This special day marks another milestone in your life as our dear Governor, His Excellency, Apostle Senator Dr Prince Bassey Edet Otu. We join the good people of Cross River State and well-wishers across the nation to celebrate the man behind the mandate, the human spirit behind the office and the values that continue to give meaning to our tier of governance in leadership.

As our great leader, you are always our first responder to the aspirations of the people. The People-First philosophy has found expression in developmental interventions across the State, including but not limited to investments in critical infrastructure, road construction and rehabilitation, healthcare, education, agriculture, youth empowerment, human-capital development, security and economic growth. Your administration's efforts to attract investment and position Cross River for greater economic opportunities, including the progress recorded around the Bakassi Deep Seaport, have strengthened the State's prospects for sustainable development. Your commitment to tourism, enterprise and digital transformation has also continued to project Cross River beyond its traditional frontiers. Through the Season of Sweetness, you have sought to give practical meaning to the promise of a more prosperous and inclusive Cross River.

Beyond the State House of Assembly, the digital library, the local government commission and the Governor's Lodge and office, there is a deeper bond that makes this occasion particularly meaningful to us in Odukpani. You are not simply the Governor of Cross River State but first our great son. Your touch on our community and homes holds a special place in our collective consciousness as the gateway to the state. Odukpani proudly identifies with the profound dynasty of your honour that put our land in the limelight.

To many of us, Your Excellency is also a fatherly figure. You have inspired many through your accessibility, generosity of spirit and belief in the potential of the people. Your leadership has given many young people and professionals opportunities to find relevance in service and contribute to the development of our State.

As you enter another chapter of life, our prayer is that Almighty God will continue to grant you sound health, uncommon wisdom and greater grace for the enormous tasks ahead. From Odukpani to every corner of Cross River State, we celebrate your renewed journey and wish you a rapturous victory in the forthcoming election.

Happy Birthday,

Your Excellency,
**APOSTLE SENATOR DR
PRINCE BASSEY EDET OTU.**

*People-First Leadership...
A Greater Cross River*



***Hon. Martins Achadu* (Ph.D)**
CHAIRMAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
CROSS RIVER STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

CELEBRATION OF GRACE AND PURPOSEFUL LEADERSHIP

On behalf of myself and the entire people of Yala II State Constituency (Ukelle Nation), I heartily celebrate His Excellency, Apostle, Distinguished Senator, Dr. Prince Bassey Edet Otu, Governor of Cross River State, on his 67th birthday anniversary celebration.

Your faith in God, commitment to good governance, and unwavering People First philosophy reflect a leadership vision centred on the welfare, dignity and progress of Cross Riverians. Your dedication to building a peaceful, prosperous and thriving Cross River State is worthy of recognition and celebration.

May God grant Your Excellency renewed strength and divine wisdom for greater accomplishments in this great service to our dear state.

Happy Birthday, Your Excellency!

HON. MARTINS ACHADU (Ph.D)
Member Representing Yala II State Constituency.

MEMBER REPRESENTING YALA II STATE CONSTITUENCY



CALABAR SOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL



CALABAR SOUTH CELEBRATES

A GOVERNOR OF IMPACT, A LEADER OF THE PEOPLE AND A CHAMPION OF PROGRESS

On behalf of the Government and good people of Calabar South Local Government Council, I, Pst. Hon. Patrick Archibong, Executive Chairman, heartily celebrate His Excellency, Apostle Sen. Prince Bassey Edet Otu, the pragmatic, visionary and people-centred Governor of Cross River State. Your People First mantra has transcended a political slogan to become a purposeful philosophy of governance, placing the welfare, dignity and aspirations of Cross Riverians at the heart of government.

Through strategic investments in infrastructure, human empowerment, education, healthcare, agriculture, security, youth and women development, your administration is steadily rewriting the narrative of Cross River State, restoring hope, creating opportunities and bringing government closer to the people. As a grassroots administration, Calabar South proudly identifies with your vision, achievements and unwavering commitment to inclusive and people-oriented governance.

Your Excellency, we reaffirm our unalloyed solidarity and support for your administration and your developmental agenda. May Almighty God continue to grant you wisdom, strength, sound health and divine direction as you lead Cross River State to greater heights. When the people come first, development becomes a shared experience. We celebrate you, we honour you, and we stand with you.

Happy birthday your Excellency!

Pst. Hon. Patrick Archibong
Executive Chairman, Calabar South Local Government Council





GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIGERIA
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND REGULATORY AGENCY (TRAMRA)
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
CALABAR



PRESS RELEASE

***ALL ABANDONED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS
WITHIN CALABAR METROPOLIS TO BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY***

The Cross River State Traffic Management and Regulatory Agency (CR-TRAMRA) hereby issues a public notice to all vehicle owners, companies, and the general public.

It has been observed with serious concern that numerous **abandoned vehicles, wrecks, and derelict automobiles** are parked and left on public roads, streets, highways, and major roadways within Calabar Metropolis, causing obstruction to traffic, defacing the environment, constituting a security risk, and posing a danger to road users and pedestrians.

The Agency hereby directs **ALL OWNERS OF SUCH VEHICLES** to remove them from all public roads, streets, highways, and road reserves within Calabar Metropolis **on or before Friday, October 16, 2026.**

Failure to comply with this directive will result in the Agency moving in to **remove, impound, and auction out such vehicles in line with Part 1 Section 4 C and D of Cross River State Traffic Management and Regulatory Agency Law No 2, 2015.**

No abandoned vehicle will be exempted from this operation.

The Agency appeals to all residents, vehicle owners, and business owners to cooperate with this exercise in the interest of safety, free flow of traffic, a clean and beautiful Calabar especially as we approached the carnival season.

Ojie, Gabriel Osang
Tramra Public Relations Officer [T.P.R.O]
TRAMRA, Cross River State 08105981692



C'River, UNFPA Partner to Track Impact of Life Skills Education in TVET Centres

By Itam Offor



The Cross River State Ministry of Education, in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), has conducted a specialized training workshop to enhance monitoring, data

collection, and reporting for the Out-of-School Comprehensive Life Skills Education (OOS-CLSE) programme across selected Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centres in the State.

Held from October 7 to 8, 2026, at the UNFPA Office in Calabar, the two-day capacity-building workshop was themed "Strengthening the Use of OOS-CLSE Monitoring and Evaluation Tools." The



initiative is designed to equip programme facilitators with practical skills to utilize monitoring and evaluation (M&E) instruments effectively, maintain precise records, ensure data integrity, and generate reliable insights for future decision-making. Speaking

on behalf of the Commissioner for Education, Senator Professor Stephen Adi Odey, the Ministry's Focal Person and Director of Education, Mrs. Evelyn Ogozi, commended UNFPA for its steadfast support. She described the training as both timely and transformative,

emphasizing that robust M&E frameworks are vital for strengthening vocational education and enhancing outcomes for young people.

In his remarks, the UNFPA Cross River Sub-Office Head of Office and Programme Coordinator, Dr.



Andrew Kirima, reaffirmed the organization's commitment to advancing evidence-based programming for out-of-school adolescents and youth.

"This partnership with the Cross River State Government through the

Ministry of Education is apt and welcome, reflecting our shared vision to ensure that the implementation of the out-of-school Comprehensive Life Skills Education programme in the state is evidence-based through the TVET programme," Dr. Kirima stated.

He revealed that the UNFPA-backed OOS-CLSE initiative is currently active across five TVET centres in Cross River State, with phased expansions planned for additional centres as resources permit.

Dr. Kirima noted



that the curriculum bridges vital gaps by pairing vocational training with essential life skills, empowering young people to make informed life choices, foster healthy relationships, and safeguard their personal wellbeing.

He added that effective tracking mechanisms are

crucial for measuring progress and ensuring accurate activity and results reporting.

The training sessions were led by Dr. Toriola Femi-Adebayo, who facilitated practical demonstrations on the proper application of M&E tools, accurate data collection, age- and sex-disaggregated reporting, data

quality standards, confidentiality, and participant safeguarding.

The sessions placed strong emphasis on consistent documentation to enhance oversight and institutional learning.

Participants engaged in hands-on group exercises focused on completing monitoring



templates, capturing demographic metrics, and evaluating implementation milestones.

These interactive sessions also provided a platform to address common reporting challenges and formulate strategies to elevate data consistency

across participating centres.

Reflecting on the experience, participants including Comrade Archibong Bassey, Mrs. Onne Aho Ibia, and Mr. Ate Emmanuel praised the workshop's relevance, noting that it significantly deepened their understanding of monitoring and evaluation

mandates.

This ongoing collaboration between UNFPA and the Cross River State Ministry of Education highlights a mutual dedication to transparency, accountability, and the enhanced delivery of life skills education for vulnerable youth across the State.



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C'River Government Extends Crackdown on Unapproved Schools to Three LGAs

By Patricia Ogbeche



The Cross River State Government has extended its crackdown on unapproved schools to three local government areas, identifying 15 schools operating without the required Approval to Operate (ATO) in

Calabar Municipality, Odukpani and Yakurr.

The enforcement exercise, conducted by the Department of Quality Assurance in the Ministry of Education, is part of the government's

ongoing efforts to sanitise the education sector, enforce compliance with established regulations and ensure acceptable standards for teaching and learning.

The Commissioner for

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Education, Senator Professor Stephen Odey, Esq., said the exercise was not intended to witch-hunt school proprietors but to ensure that every school operating in the State meets the prescribed requirements for establishing and managing educational institutions.

Odey stressed that the government remained committed to promoting quality education by ensuring that learners have access to safe, conducive and suitable environments that support effective teaching and learning.

He noted that the

future of children remained paramount to the State Government, adding that no school should be allowed to operate outside the regulatory framework designed to protect learners and uphold educational standards.

The

Commissioner warned that the enforcement exercise would continue across all 18 local government areas of the State until the objectives of the ongoing education sector clean-up were achieved.

In Calabar Municipality, eight schools were identified for operating without the required approval. They are Prestige International Nursery/Primary and Secondary School, M/M Highway; God's Vision Standard School, No. 7 Okanmba, Bacoco; Falcons Academy Nursery/Primary School, Slaughter, Nassarawa; and Falcons Academy Secondary

School, Slaughter, Nassarawa.

Others are Bridgeway Group of Schools, Town Hall, Obot Okho, Bacoco; Davdy Royal Schools, 16 School Road, One Man Country; Help of Christian Schools, Road 2, after Save Side Hotel, One Man Country; and Flaglozy Secondary Schools, Ediba.

In Odukpani Local Government Area, the affected schools are Christ Infant Academy, Odukpani Central; Presbyterian Nursery/Primary School, Odukpani Central; and Apostolic Church Kings Nursery/Primary School, Esin Ufut, Adiabo.

Four schools were identified in Yakurr

Local Government Area: God's First School Academy International School, Nko; Presbyterian Model Secondary School, Nko; New Spring International School, Nkpani; and Agoi Ibami Heritage School, Yakurr.

The Ministry of Education reiterated its commitment to enforcing compliance with school registration and operational requirements, assuring that quality assurance measures would continue across the State to protect learners and promote acceptable educational standards.

C'River Marks World Egg Day, Highlights Poultry Support, Rising Production Costs

By Arit Ubi



The Cross River State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to improving nutrition and strengthening poultry production as it joined the global community to celebrate World

Egg Day 2026, highlighting the nutritional value of eggs, support for farmers and challenges confronting the poultry industry.

The celebration, held on Friday, October 9, in

Calabar, brought together government officials and industry stakeholders to examine the contribution of eggs to healthy living, food security and economic



development. The event was held under the theme, "Protein that Powers and Protects."

Flagging off the celebration on behalf of Governor Bassey Edet Otu, the Commissioner for Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries Development, Chief Dr. Francis Edet Ekpenyong, described eggs as

an affordable source of high-quality protein essential for healthy growth, physical strength, immunity and food security.

Ekpenyong outlined government interventions to strengthen poultry production, including support for hatcheries and feed mills through public partnerships, improved access to credit, enhanced

veterinary and vaccination services, farmer training and stronger market linkages under the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) programme. He also encouraged women and young people to participate in poultry farming and urged producers to adopt improved production





practices and biosecurity standards.

Earlier, the Director of Livestock, Mrs. Glory Ekpenyong, highlighted the nutritional benefits of eggs, describing them as a valuable source of essential nutrients that support muscle development, brain function and general well-

being. She noted that egg production also sustains livelihoods and stimulates local economic activities, stressing the importance of collaboration among government, researchers and producers to keep eggs accessible and affordable.

The Chairman of the Poultry Association of

Nigeria, Cross River State Chapter, Engr. Umagu Valentine, raised concerns over the rising cost of feed, flooding, limited access to finance and inadequate veterinary and technical services, which he said were placing considerable pressure on poultry farmers.

Umagu disclosed



that feed accounted for more than 60 per cent of total production costs, warning that the burden threatened the sustainability of poultry businesses and farmers' ability to maintain output, pay workers and ensure a steady supply of eggs to consumers.

He called on the State Government, financial institutions and development partners to address the challenges confronting producers, particularly the high cost of feed and limited access to affordable credit. He also commended

Governor Otu for supporting the poultry industry and acknowledged efforts to improve access to vaccines, extension services and development opportunities through L-PRES.

As part of the celebration, the Ministry visited five schools to



educate pupils on the nutritional benefits of eggs and encourage healthy eating habits. During an interactive session at the National Council of Women Societies (NCWS) School, pupils discussed the importance of eggs in their diets and their contribution to healthy growth.

One of the pupils, Daniella, said eggs helped children grow and

develop strength, encouraging her classmates to eat them because they contained essential vitamins and minerals. Other pupils, including Greatness Osoyo Okware Ogbey and Elizabeth Antoga Guim, also highlighted the nutritional benefits of eggs.

The Headteacher of the school, Mrs. Mary Okpene, commended the organisers for

taking the awareness campaign to pupils, describing it as an opportunity to promote healthy eating habits from an early age. She encouraged parents to include eggs in their children's diets, noting their contribution to physical and mental development.

C'River Lands Ministry Celebrates Retired Permanent Secretary, Other Staff

By Afiong Ndem



The Cross River State Ministry of Lands has celebrated its retired Permanent Secretary, ESV. Gold Okpo Ita, and other retired staff members at a special send-forth ceremony in recognition of their years of dedicated service and contributions to the growth and development of

the Ministry.

The ceremony brought together management staff, heads of departments, family members and friends of the retirees to reflect on their professional journeys and acknowledge their roles in advancing the Ministry's mandate.

In a series of

tributes and goodwill messages, senior officials and heads of departments commended the retirees for their dedication, professionalism and commitment to public service. They highlighted their achievements and the lasting impact of their contributions to the Ministry over the years.



The new Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Philomena N. Nyiam, who represented the Commissioner for Lands, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang, at the event, commended the retirees for their years of dedicated service and contributions to the Ministry. She acknowledged the value of their experience and institutional knowledge, noting

that their commitment had helped sustain the Ministry's operations and advance its responsibilities within the state's public service.

Nyiam also encouraged serving staff to draw lessons from the retirees' professional journeys by upholding discipline, teamwork and a strong sense of responsibility in the discharge of their

duties. She stressed the importance of continuity and effective collaboration in maintaining the Ministry's standards and ensuring that its work continues to contribute to the development of Cross River State.

The ceremony also provided an opportunity to reflect on the importance of experience,



institutional knowledge and teamwork in building an effective public service. Participants acknowledged the professional relationships and enduring bonds forged through years of working together in pursuit of the Ministry's objectives.

A solemn moment was observed as participants stood for a minute's silence in honour

of two deceased colleagues, paying tribute to their memories and recognising their contributions to the Ministry.

The event featured the presentation of gifts to the retirees as tokens of appreciation for their years of service and dedication. This was followed by the cutting of a commemorative cake and a toast to their health, happiness and

fulfilment in retirement.

The send-forth ceremony served not only as a celebration of the retirees' achievements but also as a reminder of the value of dedicated public service and the importance of recognising those who have contributed to institutional development.





GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIGERIA
CROSS RIVER STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

5th October, 2026.

INTERVIEW FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS

The underlisted persons (see list attached), who applied for various positions as medical officers through the Cross River State Civil Service Recruitment portal, have been adjudged successful in their applications.

In view of the above, they are invited to attend an oral interview with originals of their credentials, at the Civil Service Commission's conference room, New Secretariat Complex, Calabar, according to the schedule hereunder:

DATE	CADRE	TIME
Wednesday 7 th October, 2026	Medical Officers I Medical Officers II	10:00am
Thursday 8 th October, 2026	Principal Medical Officers I Principal Medical Officers II	10:00am

Grateful, for compliance.

 5/10/26
Sir Maurice Effiwatt, KSJI, JP⁺
Chairman

MEDICAL DOCTORS				
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S/NO	APPLICATION NO	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT PHONE	GENDER
1	001/91028343IA	WILCOX IDO EGAZI	8103174416	MALE
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3	001/07030419IU	DAVIES ETTA ENYIOFEM	8039112051	MALE
4	001/90117287CN	JOHN IMOKE IDAKA	8069603959	MALE
5	001/00911684HY	FELIX UROM OHAN	8038385484	MALE
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2	002/94073616HL	EDIMA MICHAEL OLORY	7038597841	FEMALE
3	002/16933390NR	AKPANG AKPANG OLORY	7038839166	MALE
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3	005/39253417GC	DAVID ODEY INYAMBE	8068389655	MALE
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3	006/89541374WZ	ONETE UKAM ONETE	7067921704	MALE
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CALABAR SOUTH				
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2	009/47028528CE	BASSEY BASSEY EDEM	8063686379	MALE
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2	011/48674793JL	BIGMAN URUBUKEH ETERIKA	7038582618	MALE
3	011/70471276OE	AJILEYE DAVID DAVID ASHUA	7059597826	MALE
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3	018/18868313DU	SUNDAY ENO UBANA	7041463392	MALE
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C'River Shuts 20 More Illegal Schools in Education Sector Clean-up

By Patricia Ogbeche

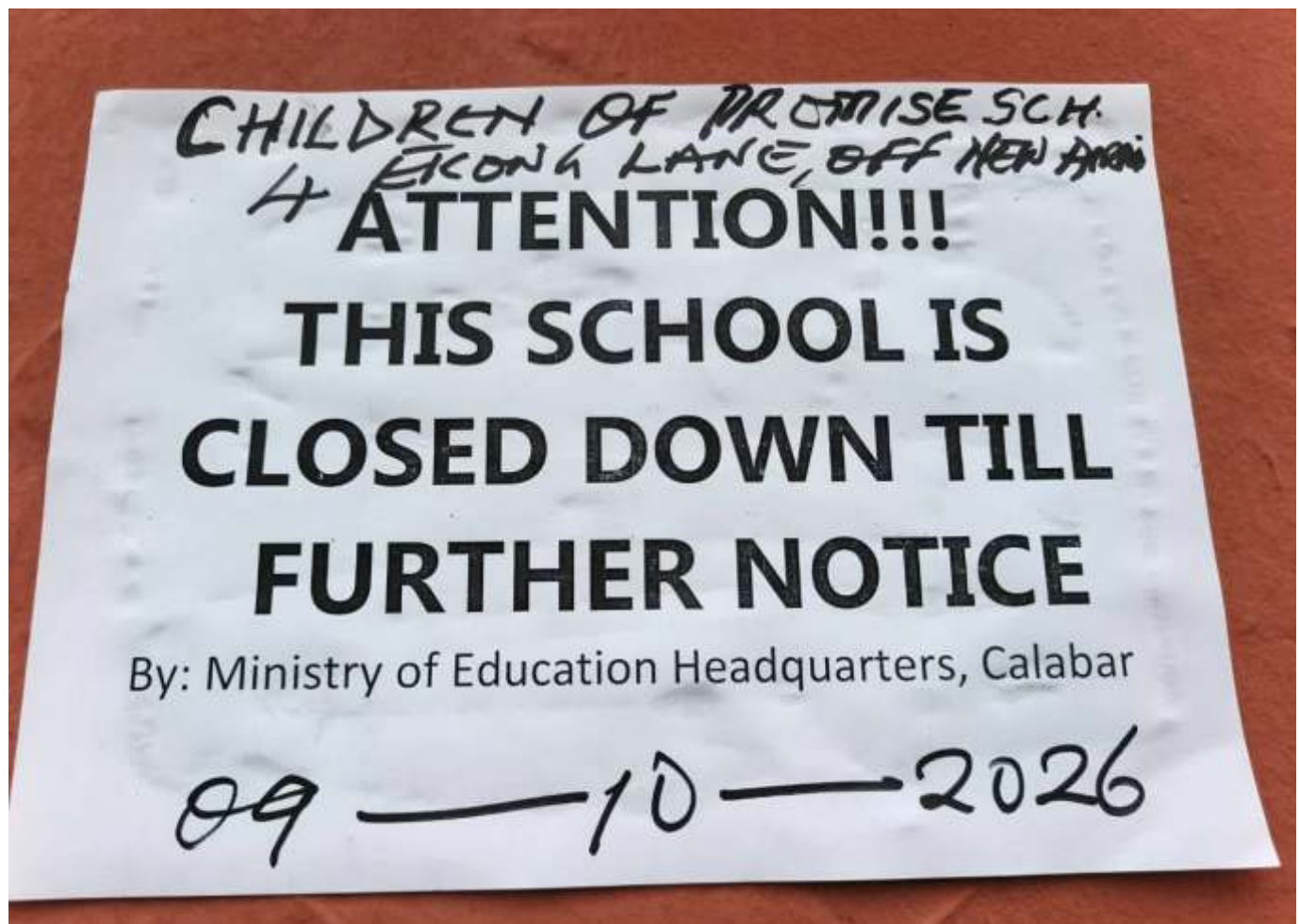


The Cross River State Government has stepped up its crackdown on illegal schools, shutting down 20 more institutions operating without the required Approval to

Operate (ATO) in Calabar Municipality, Calabar South, Odukpani and Akamkpa Local Government Areas as it intensifies efforts to rid the education sector of unapproved

operators.

The latest enforcement exercise, carried out by the Department of Quality Assurance in the Ministry of Education, underscores the



government's determination to ensure that all schools operate within the law and provide children with properly authorised and monitored learning environments.

Commissioner for Education, Senator (Prof.) Stephen Odey, on Friday, warned

that any school shut down for operating without the required approval must not reopen without official authorisation from the appropriate government authorities.

He stressed that proprietors who defy the closure order would face appropriate sanctions, adding

that the government would not compromise the future of children by allowing unapproved schools to operate unchecked.

Odey reaffirmed that the enforcement exercise would be extended to all 18 local government areas of the



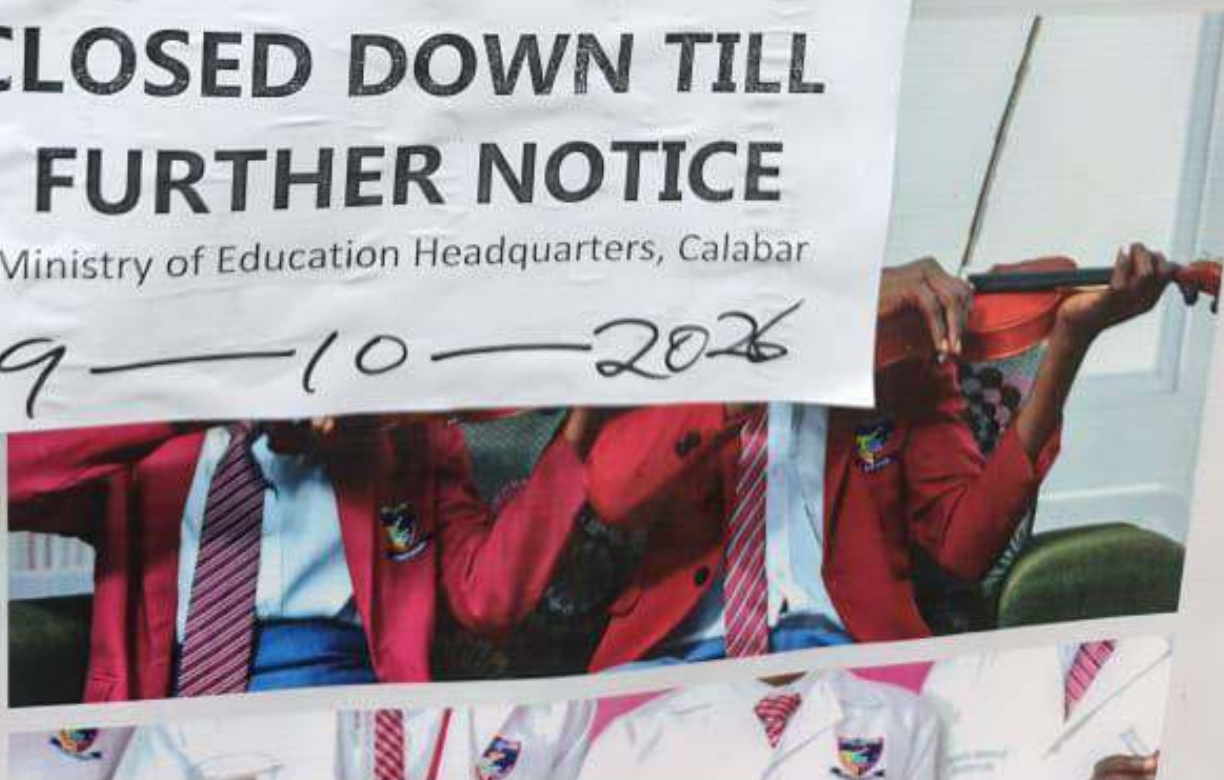
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FURTHER NOTICE**

By: Ministry of Education Headquarters, Calabar

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state, demonstrating the government's resolve to enforce compliance with established educational standards and protect learners from inadequately regulated institutions.

According to the Commissioner, the exercise is aimed at

safeguarding pupils and students, upholding educational standards and ensuring that all schools meet the state's regulatory requirements before commencing operations.

In Calabar Municipality, the

affected schools are Impact Group of Schools, 112 Atamunu; Gospel Beacon Academy, 25 Etonko Street; and Divvy Bliss Schools, 71/73 Eta Agbor, opposite the MTN office.

In Calabar South, the closed schools are Warriors Seed Academy, 8 Engo



Street, off New Airport; Children of Promise Christian School, 4 Ekong Lane, off New Airport; Future Amazing International Schools Limited, 21 Amika Utuk, off Goldie; Glad Tidings Academy, 15 Ene Ita Street; and Panorama International Schools, 10 Jeb's Layout.

In Odukpani Local Government Area, the affected institutions are De-Royal Academy School, Esine Ufot, Adiabo; Maria Assumpta Nursery/Primary School, Esine Ufot; Success Kids Nursery/Primary School, Esine Ufot, Adiabo; Delightful International

School, Akim-Akim; Sparkling Academy, Akim-Akim, Qua Clan; Goodness Academy, Ayuk Aba, Akim-Akim; and Joanleff Excellent Institute, Old Pamol Clinic, Akim-Akim Road.

The five schools shut down in Akamkpa Local Government Area



are Creative Brain International School, Abi Mfam Camp 2; St. Luck's Anglican Nursery/Primary School, Ndingane; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Aningeje; Hot Brain Academy, Abiati; and Armour Christian International School, Abiati Road.

The Ministry of Education has

urged school proprietors across the state to comply with established regulations and obtain the necessary approval before commencing operations, warning that failure to meet the requirements would attract appropriate sanctions.

The state government has

pledged to sustain its monitoring and enforcement activities across all 18 local government areas to eliminate illegal school operations, protect the integrity of the education system and ensure that children receive education in approved learning environments.



GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA

MINISTRY OF WEALTH CREATION AND EMPLOYMENT
NEW SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, CALABAR

Ref: CR/MWC/AD/26/VOL. II/85

5th October, 2026

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

RE:92 REGULAR RECRUITS INTAKE FOR TRADES AND NON-TRADES MEN AND WOMEN/RECRUITMENT INTO NIGERIAN NAVY BASIC TRAINING SCHOOL BATCH 39

The Cross River State Government wishes to inform all young Cross River State indigenes from Ages 18 to 22 to take advantage of the on-going online registration for the 92 Regular recruits intake for Trades and Non-Trades Men and Women into the Nigerian Army as well as the on-going recruitment Exercise into the Nigerian Navy Basic Training School Batch 39.

The Nigerian Army 92nd recruitment Exercise is to run from 9th September to 21st October, 2026 while that of the Batch 39 recruitment of the Nigerian Navy Basic Training School commenced on Friday, 2nd October, 2026 and it is expected to close on Saturday, 31st October, 2026.

All interested and qualified Candidates are hereby advised to go online and visit <https://recruitment.army.mil.ng> for the Nigerian Army 92nd Regular recruits intake for Trades and Non-Trades Men and Women as well as www.joinnigeriannavy.navy.mil.ng for the Nigerian Navy recruitment exercise 2026 for Batch 39 into the Basic Training School, to carefully review all eligibility guidelines, requirements and available Trades for each exercise before filling the application form and uploading all documents as requested, please.

Applicants are further directed to note that all recruitment application forms are free of charge throughout the processes and only single valid application shall be permitted while all multiple online applications shall be disqualified.

All interested and qualified applicants should please take note and be guided accordingly as the State Government expects maximum participation by our Men and Women **so that the State Slots would not taken by other States in the Federation.**

For more details and clarifications, contact the Employment Desk Officer in the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment, New Secretariat Complex, Calabar.

e-signed:
Hon . Patrick Egbede
Commissioner



OFFICE OF THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER



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NIGERIAN ARMY RECRUITMENT



92 REGULAR RECRUITS INTAKE FOR TRADES/NON-TRADESMEN AND WOMEN

GUIDELINES

- The application is free for interested candidates.
- Applicants are to apply once. Multiple applications will lead to outright disqualification.
- Interested candidates are advised to log on to <https://recruitment.army.mil.ng> to complete online registration.
- Note: Recruitment into the Nigerian Army is a call for National Service with a competitive process and thus not a Guaranteed form of Employment.

The Nigerian Army wishes to inform the general public that the online registration for 92 Regular Recruits Intake Exercise for Trades/Non-tradesmen and women will commence from 9 September to 21 October 2026 for all interested and qualified candidates.

REGISTRATION STEPS

- Apply online via the recruitment portal <https://recruitment.army.mil.ng>.
- Log into the above mentioned link using your username and password earlier generated.
- Complete the application form, upload photos, print a copy and complete the Candidate Entry as appropriate.
- Candidates should ensure they submit their application online after posting their Photo Card. Failure to submit online will lead to disqualification.
- Ensure you bring duly signed copies of the following documents to your screening centre: Photo Card, Declaration by Applicant, Parent/Guardian Form, Certification by LGA Chairman/Secretary, Certification by Divisional Police Officer and Commander's Form.

RECRUITMENT INTO THE NIGERIAN ARMY IS FREE

BASIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be single, Nigerian citizen by birth, and must possess National Identity Card (NIC) and Bank Verification Number (BVN) Slip.
- The name and date of birth on the NIC must correspond with those on the BVN and all other credentials.
- Applicant must be mentally, physically and psychologically fit in accordance with Nigerian Army Standard.
- Applicant must have no criminal conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction.
- Applicant must possess at least a minimum of 4 passes, including English Language, in not more than two sittings in WAEC/CE/NECO/NABTES/NAAB.
- In addition to the above qualifications, those applying as tradesmen/women must also possess a TRADE TEST/CITY AND GUILD CERTIFICATE.
- Applicant must possess a valid Birth Certificate endorsed by the National Population Commission, Hospital or local government council. Age declaration endorsed by a competent court can also suffice.
- Applicant must be at least 18 and 22 years for non-tradesmen and women, while tradesmen and women must not be more than 26 years by 21st October 2026.
- Applicant must not be less than 1.68 metres and 1.65 metres tall for males and females candidates respectively.
- Applicants must apply using their State of Origin and not State of Residence.
- Applicant must possess a valid Certificate of State of Origin.

BENEFITS OF SERVING IN THE NIGERIAN ARMY

1. Career stability and progression with clearly defined promotion criteria.
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5. Social integration with people from various tribes and religions.
6. Good welfare such as access to comprehensive medical care for personnel and their families.
7. Pension and Gratuity on retirement.
8. Opportunity to serve your country both within and outside Nigeria.
9. Post Service Opportunities.

ALL DOCUMENTS WILL BE VERIFIED FROM THE APPROPRIATE ISSUING AUTHORITIES. ALL THOSE WITH FAKE DOCUMENTS WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE FOR PROSECUTION.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- Candidates are to make their own way to the recruitment centre.
- No Special access for recruitment.
- All screening of potential recruits will be conducted at the screening/assessment centre of origin.
- Candidates are to bring documents (proof of address) in the form of the last 3 consecutive bills.
- Screening, including the interview, is an integral part of the selection process and candidates are not allowed to skip any part of the process.
- Multiple screenings of the same candidate are not allowed.
- Candidates must ensure all required documents are submitted, including the necessary and necessary documents.
- Candidates must not bring any weapons or firearms to the recruitment centre.

- A candidate will be withdrawn from the list of candidates if they fail to show up for recruitment.
- Candidates are advised to ensure they have all the necessary documents and are not allowed to bring any weapons or firearms to the recruitment centre.
- Candidates must come with their own ID card.
- Candidates are advised to carefully study the instructions at the recruitment centre and follow the instructions of the staff.
- Recruits of recruitment candidates for screening should be submitted to the Nigerian Army website by the recruitment centre.
- Qualified candidates must be reported to the recruitment centre by the recruitment centre staff.



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RECRUITMENT INTO THE NIGERIAN ARMY IS FREE

Major General IM Abdullahi
 Chief of Administration (Army)
 for Chief of Army Staff



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APPLICATION FOR RECRUITMENT EXERCISE INTO THE
NIGERIAN NAVY BASIC TRAINING SCHOOL **BATCH 39**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **The Nigerian Navy Recruitment Exercise 2026 for Batch 39** commences from **2 to 31 October 2026**. The online registration and other recruitment processes are **FREE OF CHARGE** and **no payment should be made at any point to anyone throughout the Exercise**. Interested and qualified applicants are to apply at www.joinnigeriannavy.navy.mil.ng

2. Only a single valid application is permitted, multiple online applications shall be disqualified.

3. Applicants are to print out the under listed documents after completion of application online:

- Acknowledgement Form.
- Parent/Guardian Consent Form.
- Local Government Attestation Form (To be signed by a military officer of the rank of Commander in the NN or equivalent in the AFN or Police officer of the rank of Superintendent of Police and above or Local Government Chairman).
- Guarantor's Certification Form.

ELIGIBILITY

4. Applicants must be Nigerian citizens by birth and possess National Identification Number (NIN).

5. Applicants must not be less than 1.69m height for males and 1.65m height for females.

6. Applicants must be medically, psychologically and physically fit and must meet the Nigerian Navy medical and employment standards.

7. Applicants must be free of any previous conviction(s) on criminal grounds by a court of law.

GUIDELINE FOR APPLICANTS

8a. Applicants with O'Level/SSCE results must be between the ages of **18 and 22 years** as at **31 December 2026**. They must possess a minimum of 5 credits including Mathematics and English in not more than 2 sittings in WAEC/NECO/GCE/NABTEB not older than 2020.

b. Applicants with OND/NCE must be between the ages of **18 and 26 years** while those for Chaplain/Imam Assistant and Drivers/Mechanic must be between **18 and 28 years** of age as at **31 December 2026**. They must possess a minimum of 5 credits including Mathematics and English in not more than two (2) sittings in WAEC/NECO/GCE/NABTEB not older than 2015.

c. Tradesmen applying for the following categories must possess Trade Test certificates as well as a credit in English Language with minimum of 4 passes in other subjects in WAEC/NECO/GCE/NABTEB not later than 2017:

- (1) Tailoring
- (2) Carpentry
- (3) Plumbing
- (4) Masonry
- (5) Welding
- (6) Electrician
- (7) Painting
- (8) Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technology.

d. Applicants applying for professions allied to medicine must possess ND from recognized training institutions in Nigeria and a valid practicing license.

e. Applicants applying as sportsmen/women are to present evidence of their experience, which shall include certificates and medals.

f. All applicants must be proficient in the use of English Language, inability to communicate in basic English Language shall lead to disqualification at any stage of the Recruitment process.

NOTE

9. The date and venues for the recruitment examination shall be communicated in due course.

10. Successful applicants will undergo basic military training and on completion will be recruited into the Service of the Nigerian Navy as Ordinary Seamen.

11. For further information, see the instruction page on the website www.joinnigeriannavy.navy.mil.ng from **2 October 2026** or call the following support lines from **Monday to Friday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM: 09036059234** or email: recruitment@navy.mil.ng

Signed:
Navy Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATEWIDE ENFORCEMENT OF NAFDAC BAN ON SACHET ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND BOTTLES BELOW 200ML

In line with the ban imposed by NAFDAC on alcoholic beverages in sachets and PET/glass bottles below 200ml, the Cross River State Consumer Protection Agency shall be embarking on a statewide enforcement exercise. All manufacturers, distributors, dealers, retailers and consumers are advised to ensure strict compliance.

✓ PROHIBITION

- Sale, distribution, or possession of alcoholic drinks in sachets is strictly prohibited.
- Sale or distribution of alcoholic drinks in PET or glass bottles below 200ml is strictly prohibited.
- Display, advertisement, or promotion of the banned products is prohibited.

✓ ENFORCEMENT

- Effective Date: 26th September 2026.
- Statewide enforcement exercise commences across all Local Government Areas in Cross River State.
- Inspection of shops, markets, distributions, and retail outlets will be conducted by authorized officers.
- Seizure and confiscation of prohibited products will be carried out.

✓ PENALTIES

- Confiscation and destruction of all banned alcoholic products.
- Fines in accordance with State Consumer Protection Laws and NAFDAC Regulations.
- Closure/sealing of premises found in violation.
- Prosecution of offenders where applicable.

SIGNED: MANAGEMENT

Cross River State Consumer Protection Agency

Date: 26th September 2026 • Address: Okoi Arikpo House, Calabar



GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER

Ref:CR/MWR/

Date: 21st September, 2026.

PRESS STATEMENT:

STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF WASH POLICY REGULATIONS IN CROSS RIVER STATE

The Cross River State Government wishes to formally notify all Borehole Drilling Companies, Water Service Providers, Consultants, developers, Institutions, Communities, Households and relevant stakeholders that it is commencing the strict implementation and enforcement of all existing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) policy regulations governing groundwater development and water supply services across the Eighteen Local Government Areas of the State.

The State Government has observed with grave concern the increasing rate of indiscriminate Borehole drilling, operation of unregistered Water Service Providers, non-compliance with established technical standards, and the proliferation of unsafe water infrastructure in many parts of the State. These practice poses serious risks to public health, groundwater resources, environmental sustainability, and the welfare of citizens in general.

Government further wishes to place on record that access to safe and clean water is a fundamental right of every citizen. However, this right can only be guaranteed when water supply systems are developed and managed in accordance with approved standards and regulatory requirements. The era where individuals and companies operated without accountability in the water sector in the State is over.

Consequently, the Cross River State Government through the Ministry of Water Resources, in collaboration with relevant Regulatory Agencies and Stakeholders, shall immediately intensify implementation, monitoring, inspection, compliance verification, and enforcement activities throughout the State.

All Borehole Service Providers are hereby directed to comply with the following requirements:

Mandatory Registration and Licensing:

No individual, company, or organization shall engage in borehole drilling, rehabilitation, water supply installation, or related services without registration and licensing by the Cross River State Ministry of Water Resources.

Mandatory Permit and Authorization:

No borehole project shall commence without prior approval, permit, or authorization from the Ministry of Water Resources.

Compliance with Technical Standards:

All proposed boreholes projects must undergo the required geophysical and geological investigations before drilling.

Appropriate drilling methods, approved materials, well casing, grouting procedures, and water quality standards must be strictly adhered to.
Water quality testing shall be mandatory before commissioning and utilisation of any borehole facility.

Submission of Drilling Records:

All Operators must maintain and submit drilling logs, completion reports, pumping test records, and other relevant technical documentation as may be required by the Ministry.

Environmental Protection Measures:

All Service Providers must ensure environmentally responsible drilling practices and safe disposal of drilling waste to prevent pollution of groundwater and surrounding ecosystems.

The Government further directs all residents, institutions, schools, hospitals, hotels, industries, estate developers, and community organizations to engage only licensed and approved Borehole Service Providers. Citizens are encouraged to demand evidence of registration, permits, and water quality certification before making any payment for borehole services.

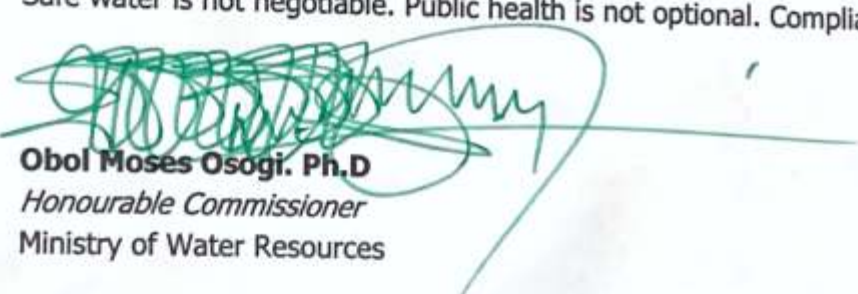
In this regard, the Government wishes to point out that Enforcement Teams shall be deployed across the State to identify and prosecute defaulters. Any individual or organization found drilling boreholes without authorization, operating without registration, violating established standards, falsifying records, or compromising public water safety standard shall face the full weight of the law, including sanctions, closure of operations, fines, and prosecution where applicable.

This exercise is not intended to frustrate legitimate businesses; rather, it is aimed at sanitizing the sector, protecting consumers, promoting professionalism, preserving groundwater resources, and ensuring that every citizen has access to safe and potable water.

The Government remains committed to achieving universal access to clean water and sanitation in line with national WASH objectives and Sustainable Development Goal 6. Such goals can only be realized through collective responsibilities, strict compliance, and effective enforcement.

The message is simple and unequivocal: all Borehole Service Providers must comply with WASH regulations or face the consequences of non-compliance.

Safe water is not negotiable. Public health is not optional. Compliance is mandatory.



Obol Moses Osogi. Ph.D

Honourable Commissioner

Ministry of Water Resources



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September 17th, 2026

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7.	All Peoples Party	DP	Yusuf Kabiru	Ofordile Peace Egobia
8.	Boot Party	BP	Adenuga Sunday	Mustapha Usman Turaki
9.	Democratic League of Africa	DLA	Memeh Samuel	Balogun Alex
10.	Labour Party	LP	Okereke Sunday Chibuzor	Konto Hajja Bintu
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13.	New Nigeria Peoples Party	NNPP	Dikwa Suleiman Mohammed	Abubakar Isah
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15.	Peoples Democratic Party	PDP	Senator Sandy Onor	Umaru Babangida
16.	Peoples Redemption Party	PRP	Donald Duke	Buba Musa
17.	Social Democratic Party	SDP	Adebayo Adewole Ebenezer	Bugaje Usman Mohammed
18.	Young Progressives Party	YPP	Chukwu Anita Zugwai	Egbeola Olawale Mertins
19.	Zenith Labour Party	ZLP	Nwanyanwu Daniel Danerechukwu	Hassan Khalid



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INEC ANNOUNCES 2027 CAMPAIGN TIMETABLE

The Independent National Electoral Commission has released the approved campaign periods for Nigeria's 2027 General Elections, in accordance with the Electoral Act 2026.

KEY CAMPAIGN DATES



PRESIDENTIAL & NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



Campaign opens
19 August 2026



Campaign closes
15 January 2027



Election day
16 January 2027



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Campaign opens
9 September 2026



Campaign closes
5 February 2027



Election day
6 February 2027



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- Campaigns may begin no earlier than **150 days** before an election.
- Every campaign must end **24 hours** before polling begins.
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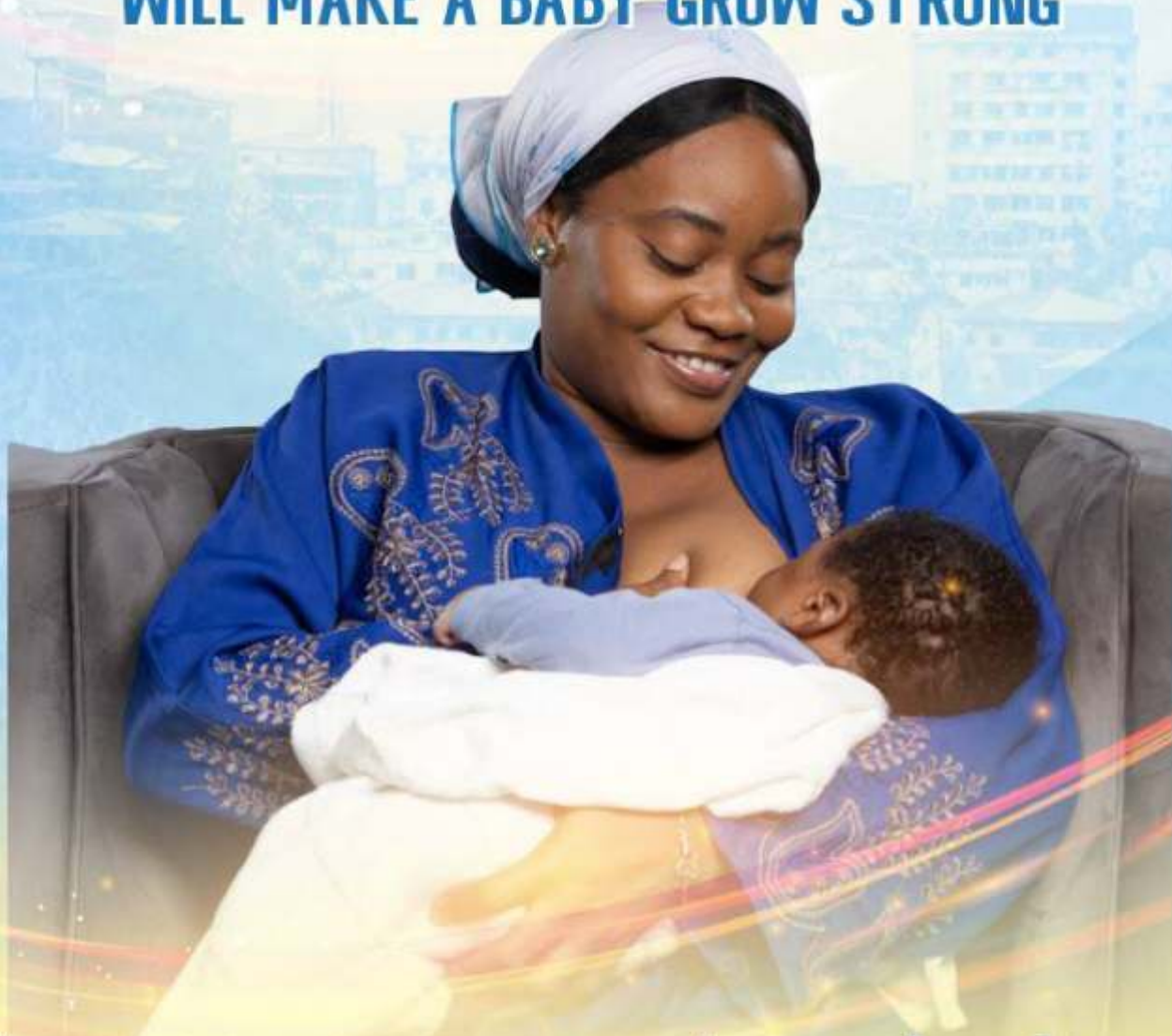


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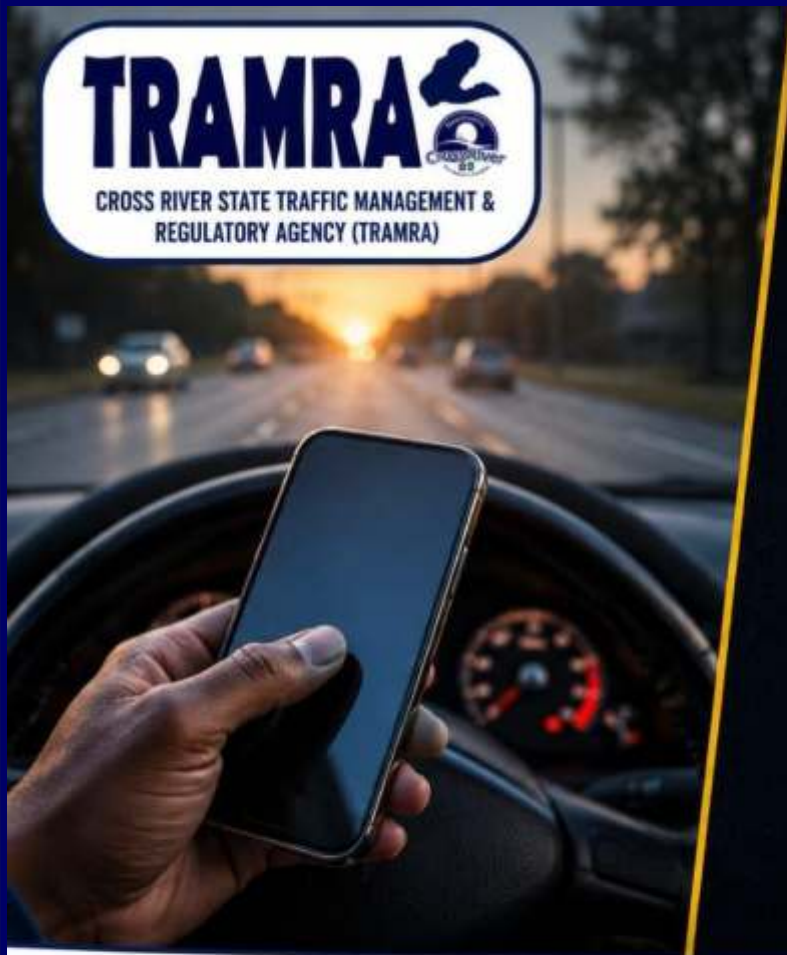
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PRESS RELEASE

EXTENSION OF THE SUSPENSION OF ALL SCRAP-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN CROSS RIVER STATE

Further to the Press Release dated the 23rd of February 2026, communicating His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu's approval of the suspension of all scrap-related activities, the Cross River State Government hereby notifies the general public that the suspension has been extended for a further period of one (1) month expiring on the 23rd August 2026.

As stated in the previous Press Release, the suspension was necessitated by the increasing incidents of vandalism, theft and destruction of public infrastructure by scavengers, scrap dealers and their agents, and the significant security threat posed to the State. This extension is intended to enable Government conclude the ongoing review of the laws, policies and regulatory framework governing scrap-related activities in Cross River State. The objective is to strengthen the regulatory regime, identify and protect legitimate operators, and implement measures that effectively prevent the infiltration of criminal elements into the sector.

Government regrets any inconvenience caused to legitimate businesses and law-abiding operators. However, the protection of public infrastructure, the preservation of public order and security remain paramount. Members of the general public are accordingly informed that the suspension remains in full force and that any person or organization found engaging in scrap-related activities in contravention of this directive shall be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law.



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SECTORIAL STRIDES is a special analytical column that chronicles and evaluates the achievements of the administration of Governor Bassey Edet Otu under the People First Agenda. Written by Kingsley Agim, the column takes readers beyond headlines and project commissioning ceremonies to examine the impact of government policies, programmes, and interventions across key sectors of the state's economy and public service.

Each edition will spotlight a specific sector, providing a fact-based assessment of milestones recorded by ministries, departments, and agencies, while highlighting how these achievements are

improving the lives of Cross Riverians and advancing the state's development objectives.

From infrastructure and healthcare to education, agriculture, tourism, economic development, and social welfare, etc, Sectorial Strides offers a comprehensive account of the administration's journey, achievements, and legacy, one sector at a time.

The inaugural edition focuses on the Infrastructure Cluster, examining the transformative investments in roads, power, water resources, transportation, aviation, and border community development that are helping to reshape Cross River State's socio-economic landscape.



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INFORMATION SECTOR

Gov. Otu: Repositioning Cross River's Information Sector for Transparency, Digital Governance, Global Visibility



Kingsley Agim, anipr

Information is the lifeblood of governance. It shapes public perception, inspires confidence, preserves history and connects government with the governed. Recognising this reality, Governor Bassey

Edet Otu made the revitalisation of Cross River State's information ecosystem a strategic component of his People First Agenda, transforming what had long been regarded as a routine government communication apparatus



into a dynamic instrument for transparency, citizen engagement and institutional efficiency.

Three years into the administration, the information sector has emerged as one of the state's most improved sectors, recording remarkable progress in digital transformation, public communication, media relations, broadcasting, institutional strengthening and archival documentation. The reforms implemented between 2023 and 2026 have not only modernised government information management but have also significantly enhanced Cross River

State's visibility on the national and international stage.

Prior to 2023, many of the structures responsible for government information management had suffered years of neglect. Critical communication infrastructure was outdated, public engagement had diminished, digital platforms were inactive, and the Ministry of Information operated with severe manpower and technological limitations.

Governor Otu's administration responded with deliberate investments





aimed at rebuilding the Ministry into a modern public communication institution capable of meeting the demands of contemporary governance.

For the first time in well over a decade, the Ministry underwent comprehensive institutional revitalisation. Modern ICT equipment was procured, digital workflows introduced, and office operations significantly improved through technology-driven systems. Equally significant was the recruitment of 20 new personnel (information officers), ending a manpower deficit that had persisted for more than 13 years and injecting fresh capacity into government information management.

These reforms improved operational efficiency while

laying the foundation for a more responsive and professional information service.

Perhaps one of the administration's most visible achievements has been the deliberate repositioning of Cross River State within the national media landscape.

Under Governor Otu, the Commissioner for



Information maintained consistent appearances on leading national television networks including Channels Television, AIT, ARISE News, TVC, NTA and other major platforms. These engagements provided opportunities to explain government policies, address public concerns, counter misinformation and showcase development initiatives across multiple sectors.

According to official records, Cross River's national media visibility rose dramatically from approximately 28 percent in 2022 to about 78 percent by 2025, representing one of the most

significant improvements in government media presence in recent years.

Beyond publicity, the initiative strengthened transparency, improved policy communication and restored public confidence in government information.

One of the landmark achievements of the administration was the revival of the Ministry of Information's official website, www.moi.cr.gov.ng, which had remained inactive since 2015.

The restoration of the website was



accompanied by the establishment of official social media platforms on Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter), creating an integrated digital communication ecosystem capable of reaching citizens both within Nigeria and across the diaspora.

These platforms now provide timely updates on government activities, policy decisions, public announcements and developmental projects, ensuring that citizens receive information directly from official sources.

Government estimates indicate that the

digital platforms currently account for approximately 70 percent of the Ministry's publicity reach, with a target of increasing coverage to 95 percent by 2027 through full integration with the state's official digital platforms.

The daily publication and electronic distribution of government news bulletins to Ministries, Departments and Agencies have further strengthened real-time information dissemination and inter-agency communication.

One of the less publicised but highly significant reforms has been the



restoration of official government documentation.

For years, several statutory government publications had suffered irregular production, affecting record keeping and legal documentation.

The Otu administration reversed this trend through the commercial printing and publication of Government Gazettes, White Papers, Tender Journals and all enacted state laws, including the 2025 Appropriation Law.

These publications have strengthened

institutional memory, improved legal documentation, enhanced transparency and preserved important government decisions for future generations.

Similarly, the resumption and sustained production of official government bulletins since January 2023 has restored a vital information channel that had previously become inactive.

Another landmark achievement has been the revival of Giant Strides Magazine, the Ministry's flagship publication showcasing government projects, programmes and development



initiatives.

The magazine, which had not been published since July 2017, resumed publication in October 2023 and has remained consistent.

Within three years, seven editions have been completed, and more than 13,000 copies have been distributed across Nigeria.

Beyond public enlightenment, the publication now serves as an enduring documentary record of the Otu administration's developmental journey and a valuable archival resource for future generations.

Governor Otu's administration also demonstrated an appreciation for strategic storytelling as a tool for investment promotion and image building.

The production and nationwide broadcast of the documentary "Governor Otu @2" represented a significant milestone in government communication.

Aired on Channels Television, AIT, ARISE News, TVC, NTA and other national networks between May and June 2025, the documentary highlighted achievements across multiple sectors, projecting Cross River State to a nationwide audience and strengthening

investor confidence in the state's development agenda.

Combined with regular press briefings and sustained media engagements, these initiatives have ensured that government activities remain accessible, verifiable and visible.

While embracing digital communication, the administration equally recognised the importance of grassroots engagement.

Through sustained mass mobilisation campaigns, coordinated press releases, Information Officers deployed across Ministries, Departments and Agencies, and the Village Square Broadcast Programme, government information

reached communities that traditionally had limited access to digital media.

The Village Square initiative particularly strengthened communication with traditional institutions, promoted indigenous values and ensured that government policies were explained in culturally relevant ways.

This combination of digital innovation and community engagement has significantly expanded the reach of government communication across urban and rural communities alike.

CRBC's Digital Revolution

If the Ministry of Information experienced institutional renewal, the





Cross River Broadcasting Corporation underwent a complete technological transformation.

Over the last three years, CRBC evolved from a conventional broadcasting station into a modern multimedia organisation.

The Corporation introduced a fully paperless digital newsroom, enabling

real-time news production and significantly improving operational efficiency.

To guarantee uninterrupted broadcasting despite Nigeria's persistent power challenges, four television and radio studios were equipped with inverter systems, virtually eliminating on-air interruptions caused by electricity



outages.

Additional investments included the installation of a new 20/2-kilowatt radio transmitter, a 13KVA electrical substation, comprehensive remodelling of radio studios, reception areas, conference facilities and newsroom infrastructure, as well as the acquisition of a new operational vehicle.

These improvements have substantially enhanced staff productivity and broadcast quality.

Perhaps the most transformative

achievement at CRBC has been the expansion of its audience beyond traditional terrestrial broadcasting.

Television services were migrated to satellite and Free-to-Air platforms, while Radio Garden integration enabled global online radio streaming.

The launch of the Naija TV mobile application, migration to the GOtv platform and government-supported NIGOSAT carriage services further expanded access to Cross River programming.

Today, CRBC reaches audiences across more



than ten local government areas while simultaneously serving viewers and listeners across Nigeria and the international diaspora.

For the first time, Cross River's stories are being told simultaneously to local communities and global audiences.

Understanding the changing media landscape, has CRBC established a modern podcast studio through collaboration with diaspora media partners in the United States.

This initiative has opened new opportunities for digital content production while positioning the Corporation to compete within today's evolving multimedia environment.

Equally important was the expansion of indigenous language programming following the acquisition of National Broadcasting Commission thematic language licences.

Combined with tourism-focused programmes, these initiatives have strengthened cultural preservation while

promoting Cross River's rich heritage to wider audiences.

Strengthening Institutional Capacity

Beyond infrastructure and technology, the administration has invested heavily in institutional development.

Participation in national fora of Information Commissioners under the Progressive Governors' Forum has enhanced intergovernmental collaboration while improving policy coordination and professional networking.

The remarkable transformation recorded in the information sector has also attracted national recognition for the Honourable Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang, whose leadership has earned him several prestigious media and public communication awards from reputable professional bodies and organizations across the country. In further affirmation of Cross River State's growing influence in public communication, the Commissioner was unanimously elected Secretary of the Forum of Commissioners for Information in All Progressives Congress (APC)-governed states, a development widely regarded as a testament to the administration's innovative communication strategy, institutional reforms and outstanding

contributions to information management at both the state and national levels.

Coverage of major state ceremonies, including Democracy Day, Independence Day, Children's Day and anniversary celebrations of the People First Administration, has ensured that important moments in the state's history are professionally documented and preserved.

Meanwhile, the continued publication of over 173 editions of the Nigerian Chronicle and Weekend Chronicle has sustained the state's print media presence and enriched the historical archive of government activities.

Another significant milestone has been the near-completion of the comprehensive restoration of the Cross River State Newspaper Corporation complex, which was extensively vandalised and destroyed during the #EndSARS protests in 2020.

The rehabilitation of the corporation's facilities represents the administration's commitment to rebuilding critical public institutions and restoring the state's capacity for public information dissemination through its flagship newspapers.

In furtherance of this objective, the Otu administration has also procured modern digital printing equipment for the restoration of the Government Printing Press. When fully operational, the facility

will not only guarantee greater confidentiality in the printing of sensitive government documents, gazettes, white papers and other official publications, but will also position the state to generate additional revenue through commercial printing services for public and private organisations.

These complementary investments underscore Governor Otu's broader vision of rebuilding the entire government information value chain, from content creation and documentation to printing, publishing and distribution, while strengthening institutional self-reliance, improving operational efficiency and creating new economic opportunities within the information sector.

Ultimately, the achievements recorded in the information sector extend far beyond improved publicity.

They represent the deliberate construction of an open, digitally connected and citizen-focused governance system.

Through stronger communication channels, modern broadcasting infrastructure, revitalised institutional capacity, enhanced digital engagement, improved archival systems and broader media visibility, Governor Bassey Otu has repositioned information as a strategic instrument for development rather than merely a vehicle for publicity.

The reforms have strengthened transparency, increased citizen participation, expanded access to government information and restored confidence in public communication.

Three years after assuming office, Governor Bassey Edet Otu has transformed Cross River's information sector from a largely analogue, under-resourced system into a modern, technology-driven communication ecosystem.

From reviving dormant digital platforms and modernising government documentation to repositioning CRBC for global broadcasting and restoring Cross River's voice on the national media stage, the administration has demonstrated that effective governance depends as much on how government communicates as on what it delivers.

As the state advances toward deeper digital governance, broader citizen engagement and stronger institutional transparency, the reforms implemented between 2023 and 2026 have laid a durable foundation for an information sector that is not only more efficient and innovative but also better equipped to serve the people of Cross River State in the years ahead.







SECTORIAL STRIDES









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Refuse in the gutters blocks the drains



Use the skip bins closest to you



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A clean Environment starts with proper waste disposal



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His Excellency,
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Governor, Cross River State



Bassey Offiong Mensah, esq.
Commissioner for Environment,
Cross River State



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STEPS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IN CROSS RIVER STATE

- 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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