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# State Police: Cobham Dismisses Fears of Political Intimidation

By Kingsley Agim




The Cross River State Commissioner for Information and Orientation, Pastor Ekpenyong Cobham, has dismissed concerns that state governors could use state police to intimidate political opponents, insisting that the country's prevailing security challenges make decentralised policing imperative.

Cobham described fears of possible political interference in the proposed state police system as unwarranted, citing the Cross River State Government's Homeland Security Services as an example of how a locally established security outfit could

operate without being used to persecute political opponents.

Speaking to newsmen on the proposed establishment of state police, the commissioner said Cross River had gained valuable experience in managing a local security outfit through its Homeland Security Services.

“Cross River State already has a security system, which is the Homeland Security Services. But that is not to say it will translate into the State Police. From it, we have so far gathered the requisite experience in running a localised security apparatus,” he said.

He explained that the establishment of state police would require each state to domesticate the proposed legislation through its House of Assembly before putting the necessary institutional and operational structures in place.

According to him, the process would entail establishing appropriate administrative structures, recruiting qualified personnel and providing the necessary training, either through newly established facilities or existing police training institutions.

“What’s expected now is for the different states to localise the State Police Bill. The process has to commence in the State House of Assembly before a proper structure can come into effect, including the recruitment of qualified personnel and setting up training formations or using existing police facilities.

“This is because we must draw inspiration and experience from the Nigeria Police Force system. We have the requisite mindset to commence actions in line with the Bill,” Cobham said.

He expressed confidence in Cross River’s readiness to commence the necessary legislative and administrative processes, suggesting that the state’s Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice might already be working towards the required steps.
The commissioner maintained that decentralised policing would enhance security because officers familiar with the language, culture, terrain and peculiarities of their communities would be better positioned to identify security threats and respond effectively.

Citing Calabar South, where he resides, Cobham said the area had become considerably more peaceful following the deployment of Homeland Security Services personnel, despite its previous reputation for insecurity.

He argued that the country’s worsening security situation had made locally responsive policing increasingly necessary, noting that the peculiar security challenges confronting individual states required solutions that a centralised policing structure might not adequately provide.

Cobham stressed that the overriding consideration in establishing state police should be the protection of lives and property, noting that the consequences of allowing insecurity and violence to escalate had made the need for effective security arrangements more urgent.

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# UNICAL Powers Into Clean Energy Era, as VC Commissions Campus CNG Station

## ...urges students, staff and host communities to guard the facility

By Nakanda Iyadim



The University of Calabar has joined the Federal Government's clean energy drive with the commissioning of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station on campus. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Offiong Efanga Offiong, has charged the entire University community to protect the facility.

Prof. Offiong, who commissioned the station at the Hogan Bassey Open Pavilion, urged students, staff and other members of the community to take collective responsibility for safeguarding it against vandalism and any form of security threat.

He commended FEMADEC Energy Limited for its partnership, dedication and diligence in delivering the project. He also thanked the Director of Physical Planning, Arc. James Ikpi, for identifying a suitable location.

The Vice-Chancellor said the Federal Government's intention to make the station accessible to the University and its surrounding communities




aligns with the vision of his administration. University facilities, he explained, should serve beyond the campus walls.

"If the University exists only for its students and staff, then we have failed. We must also make a positive impact on our immediate community," he said.

He praised President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda, noting that the CNG initiative offers private and commercial motorists a cheaper energy alternative, with the potential to cut transport costs for students and the wider community.

The Station Manager, Mr. Solomon Ndamdi, described the station as an extension of the FEMADEC Energy Limited Group, established in line with the Federal Government's drive to promote CNG as an alternative fuel. He noted that CNG is produced from natural gas that would otherwise be released into the atmosphere, and that it is a safe, cost-effective fuel when properly handled.

He cautioned against smoking, naked flames and any other activity that could endanger lives within the station.

The Managing Director/Executive Director of the Midstream-downstream Infrastructure Fund (MDGIF), Mr. Olawola Adama, disclosed that the project was initially proposed for over 52 federal universities, but only 20 were eventually selected, with UNICAL among the beneficiaries.

He said plans are underway to train and engage local personnel in formal skills training for effective service delivery. The project will also be extended to student buses and tricycles so that students can benefit directly. He thanked the University for its warm reception, the Federal Government for its investment, and the Ministry of Gas for its




supervisory role.

The Cross River State Coordinator of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), Mrs. Joy Okor-Odey, said the project responds directly to the Presidential CNG Initiative (Pi-CNG), which aims to deliver cleaner, safer and more affordable fuel to Nigerians.

She explained that the MDGIF mandate is to catalyse investment across the gas value chain and deepen gas utilisation. This includes establishing CNG refuelling stations, vehicle conversion centres and a clean transport ecosystem in universities nationwide.

Mrs. Okor-Odey said the FEMADEC station is designed to serve both the University and its host community, promote sustainable transport and create shared economic value. Because UNICAL's is one of only four stations commissioned so far, she stressed, it must be protected jealously.

She thanked Governor Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu for providing an enabling environment for the investment, and commended the Vice-Chancellor, FEMADEC and the MDGIF for their partnership, execution and funding. She urged students and the University community to take ownership of the project and become ambassadors of the clean energy transition.

Highlights of the event included the official commissioning, a tour of the facility, and live demonstrations, including an engine conversion.

# C'River Govt Assesses Erosion Disaster, Assures Osok Residents of Attention

By David Asu




The Cross River State Government has assured residents of Osok community in Odukpani Local Government Area that the major gully erosion disaster affecting the area will receive serious attention, following an assessment visit by the Cross River State Emergency Management Agency (CR-SEMA) and the Nigerian Red Cross Society.

The assessment team, led by the Director-General of CR-SEMA, Mr. Efa Nyong, visited the community to ascertain the extent of destruction and evaluate the risks posed by the advancing erosion to residents, property and critical infrastructure.

The erosion has reportedly destroyed properties, damaged residential buildings and severely compromised the surrounding terrain, leaving parts of the community vulnerable to further destruction.

Of particular concern is the threat to a major high-




tension electricity transmission structure, which risks being undermined by the advancing erosion, potentially exposing critical power infrastructure to damage.

Speaking during the visit, Nyong expressed concern over the situation and conveyed the goodwill of Governor Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu to the affected residents, assuring them that the state government would give the incident serious consideration.

He explained that the assessment was necessary to establish the full extent of the damage and identify appropriate measures to address the threat, protect lives and property, and prevent further damage to critical infrastructure.

“We are here to assess the situation, establish the extent of the damage and identify the risks posed by the advancing erosion, particularly to lives, property and critical infrastructure,” Nyong said.

He added that the findings from the exercise would provide relevant information for determining the necessary interventions to mitigate the impact of the disaster on the community.

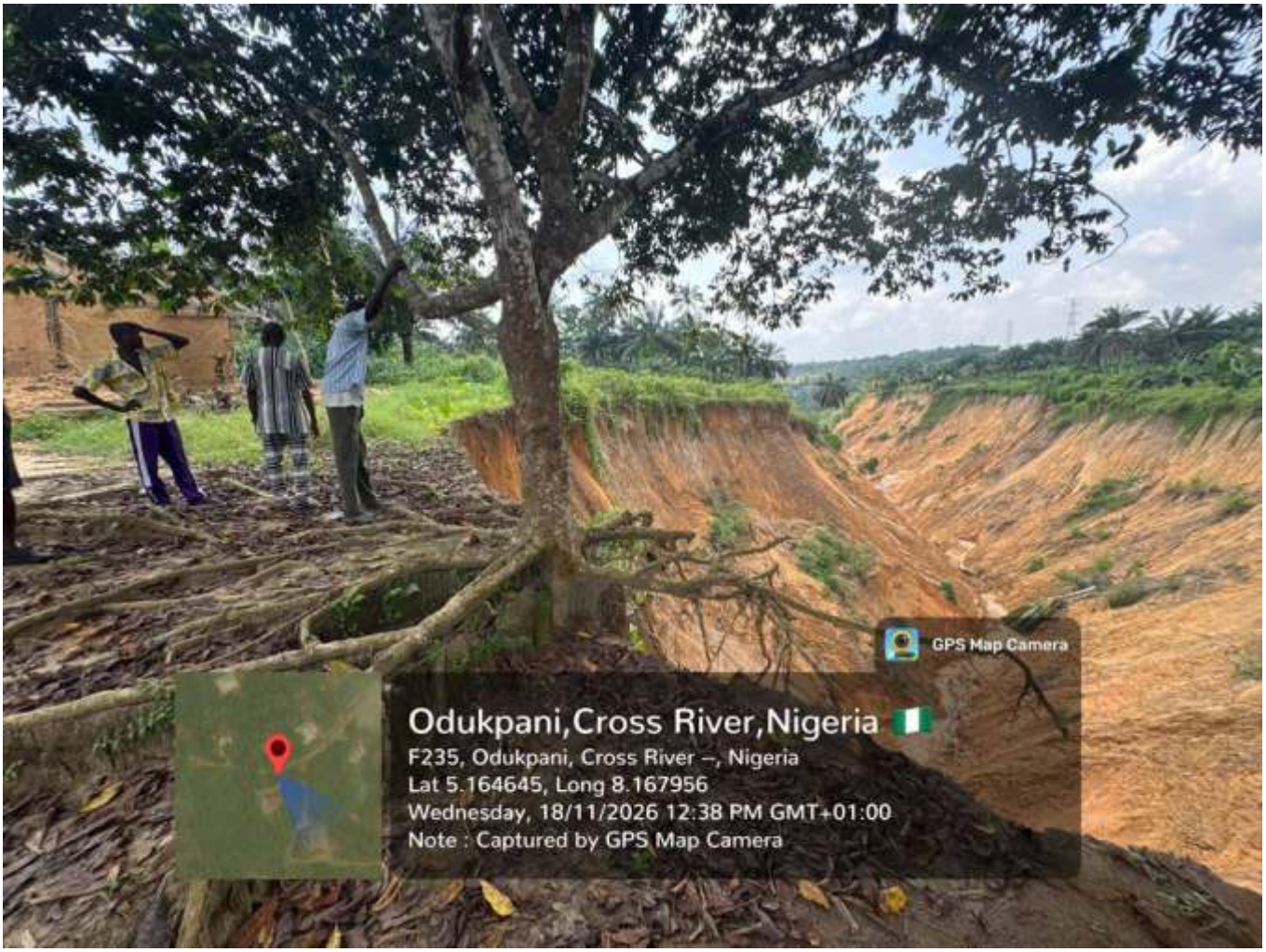
Also on the assessment team was the Disaster Management Officer of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Calabar Division, Mr. Agbor Okim, who participated in evaluating the disaster and documenting the losses recorded in the affected community.


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# UNICROSS Subjects 18 Academic Programmes to NUC Accreditation

By Kingsley Agim



The University of Cross River State (UNICROSS) has subjected 18 academic programmes across its campuses to accreditation by the National Universities Commission (NUC), as part of efforts to sustain academic standards and strengthen the quality of its programmes.

The accreditation exercise, which commenced this week, involves assessments of academic delivery, curriculum, staffing, students' records, teaching and learning facilities, as well as the capacity of the programmes to meet prescribed national and professional standards.

One of the NUC panels, led by Prof. Onome A. Davies, Chairman of the Accreditation Team for Hospitality and Tourism Management, paid an exit visit to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Francisca Bassey, in her office at the Calabar Campus on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, after completing its assessment of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management at the Ogoja Campus.

During the exercise, the panel examined the department's curriculum, staffing strength, academic records, teaching methods and practical training arrangements. It also inspected available facilities, including the food laboratory, kitchen, restaurant, classrooms and



other learning resources required for effective teaching and practical instruction.

Receiving the delegation, Prof. Bassey appreciated the panel members for their professionalism and constructive feedback, reaffirming the university management's commitment to academic excellence, quality assurance and continuous institutional development.

She assured the team that management would give due attention to its observations and recommendations, noting the importance of accreditation in evaluating academic programmes, identifying areas for improvement and ensuring compliance with established standards.

The Vice Chancellor reiterated her administration's determination to strengthen the university's academic capacity, improve teaching and learning facilities and provide an enabling environment for effective teaching, research and practical training.

Other NUC accreditation panels are expected to conduct similar assessments, plenary sessions and exit visits in the coming days as the exercise progresses across the university's campuses.

The accreditation exercise, which is scheduled to continue into December 2026, reflects the commitment of the university management, under Prof. Bassey's leadership, to ensuring that UNICROSS academic programmes meet the required national and professional benchmarks.



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# Gov. Otu's Funding Commitment Earns UNFPA Commendation as 30 Health Workers Receive FP Training

By Kingsley Agim



The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has commended Cross River State Governor, Senator Bassey Edet Otu, for fulfilling the state's counterpart funding obligations, noting that the commitment is supporting the delivery of family planning services and the procurement of contraceptive commodities.

The UNFPA Programme Coordinator/Head of Office, Cross River State Sub-office, Dr. Andrew Kirima, gave the commendation during a five-day residential training for 30 healthcare providers on Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs), organised by the Cross River State Ministry of Health in collaboration with UNFPA.

The training, which commenced on November 16 and is scheduled to end on November 20, 2026, is holding at Franphinas Suites, Winner's Way, Esuk Utan, Calabar. The 30 participants, comprising 24 females and six males, were drawn from primary, secondary and tertiary







health facilities across the state to strengthen their capacity to provide quality family planning services.

Declaring the training open on behalf of the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Dr. Jonah Bassey Offor, welcomed the participants and urged them to approach the exercise with an open mind and a willingness to learn.

He encouraged the healthcare providers to take advantage of the practical sessions to improve their skills and ensure that the knowledge acquired translates into better service delivery in their respective facilities.

In a goodwill message on behalf of the Director-General of the Cross River State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, Dr. Vivien Mesembe Otu, Mr. Benjamin Elemi conveyed the agency's support for the training and the strengthening of family planning services across the state.








Dr. Kirima disclosed that Cross River had fulfilled its counterpart funding obligation for the second time, explaining that a significant portion of the funds had been committed to the family planning programme, including the procurement of contraceptive commodities.

He noted that despite the high demand for family planning services, access remained constrained by inadequate commodities, shortages of skilled personnel and limited equipment in some health facilities. He added that misconceptions and insufficient awareness also discourage some women and couples from accessing available services.

The UNFPA coordinator said the partnership with the state government was addressing these gaps





through facility renovation, provider training, equipment support and the procurement of essential commodities. He urged the participants to apply their newly acquired skills and use service data to guide the provision of methods that reflect the preferences of clients.

As part of its support for the training, UNFPA also procured and distributed intrauterine contraceptive device (IUD) insertion and removal kits, as well as implant insertion and removal kits, to all 30 participants to facilitate the delivery of these services in their respective health facilities.

Dr. Kirima further disclosed that the 30 healthcare providers undergoing the training would bring the total number of providers trained under the programme to 85, following an earlier cohort of 55. He also acknowledged the contributions of Dr. Shola and the State Family Planning Coordinator, Mrs. Katame Triumph, towards ensuring that the training took place before the end of the year.

Dr. Sola Toye, Reproductive Health/Family Planning Analyst, UNFPA Cross River State Office, urged the participants to make effective use of the training, stressing that the investment in building their capacity would only be worthwhile if the skills acquired were properly applied. He disclosed that monitoring and supportive










supervision would be conducted to assess their performance and ensure adherence to appropriate clinical procedures.

He observed that the state's family planning indicators had improved compared with the situation five years ago, but maintained that further progress would depend on consistent efforts by healthcare providers and relevant stakeholders.

Mrs. Katame Triumph, who outlined the overview of the training, said it was designed to equip family planning providers with the knowledge and practical skills required to deliver LARC services. She explained that the sessions covered family planning methods available in Nigeria, the introduction to Medical Eligibility Criteria (MEC), client assessment, ethics of privacy and confidentiality, management of side effects, infection prevention and control, balanced








counselling, record-keeping, health management information systems and contraceptive logistics management.

One of the participants and Deputy Provost of the College of Nursing Sciences, Calabar, Rev. (Mrs.) Rachael Eban, expressed appreciation to UNFPA and the State Ministry of Health for selecting a lecturer for the training.

She said the exercise had equipped her with additional knowledge and practical skills that would enable her to transfer the knowledge to student nurses at the college,




thereby extending the benefits of the training beyond the participating health facilities.

Another participant, Mr. Wodah Denis, a Family Planning Provider at Obubra General Hospital, described the training as comprehensive and impactful, saying the sessions had improved his confidence in handling cases that previously left him uncertain about the appropriate services to provide. He appealed to the state government to recruit more health workers to address staffing shortages and excessive workloads in health facilities.

Esther Effiong, a Family Planning Provider at the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, said the training had enabled participants to learn new skills, correct previous misconceptions and improve their understanding of LARCs. She pledged to provide clients with proper counselling, support informed choices and share the knowledge with colleagues, while advocating regular training for newly employed health workers and graduates.

The training is expected to conclude on November 20 with practical sessions at the General Hospital, Calabar, and Primary Health Centre, Ikot Omin, Calabar, where participants will have the opportunity to demonstrate and consolidate the clinical skills acquired during the exercise.


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# UNICEF, IHS Towers Commend Cross River Over Oxygen Plant Maintenance

By Kingsley Agim



The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and global telecommunications infrastructure company, IHS Towers, have commended Cross River State for the effective maintenance and operation of its medical oxygen plant at the General Hospital, Calabar.

The commendation followed a joint supervisory visit by the two organisations to the Cross River State Ministry of Health Secretariat and the General Hospital, Calabar, on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, to assess the performance of the oxygen plant and other critical healthcare facilities.

Receiving the delegation at his office, the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, appreciated UNICEF and its donor partners for their continued support to the state, particularly at a time of global funding constraints.

Ayuk recalled that the oxygen plant in Calabar was established when the state had no functional medical oxygen facility, explaining that its successful operation encouraged the government to extend similar infrastructure to the General Hospitals in Ogoja and Ikom.

He described investment in healthcare as







fundamental to national development, noting that the visit provided an opportunity for the state and its partners to identify operational gaps and areas requiring improvement.

“The health of the nation is power; if you must invest in anything at all, healthcare is primary and fundamental. I see this visit as supportive supervision, not to find faults, but to identify areas where we can troubleshoot and strengthen the plant’s performance,” he said.

The Commissioner added that Governor Bassey Otu remains committed to the partnership, expressing the state’s readiness to expand access to medical oxygen in other general hospitals in line with the national Renewed Hope agenda for the health sector.

Conducting the delegation on the inspection of the oxygen facility, the Director of Medical Services, Dr. Stephen Agbor, who represented the Commissioner for Health, assessed the plant’s performance at over 90 per cent functionality, attributing its






improved operations partly to the installation of a solar power system.

According to him, solarisation has eliminated the facility's dependence on diesel, enabling consistent daily production and reducing operational costs.

He disclosed that the plant was not only meeting the oxygen needs of healthcare facilities within Cross River but was also supplying neighbouring states,

commending UNICEF and other development partners for their support in ensuring its effective operation and maintenance.

In her remarks, the

UNICEF Chief of Field Office for Enugu, Mrs. Juliet Chiluwe, expressed satisfaction with the condition of the plant, noting that it was well maintained and operating within the required




technical standards.

Chiluwe also commended the hospital for optimising the use of oxygen cylinders and sustaining production to meet demand beyond the state, describing its capacity to supply neighbouring hospitals and other states as encouraging.

She, however, recommended the extension of oxygen supply through internal reticulation to critical service areas, particularly the emergency and labour wards, to improve access for patients requiring immediate oxygen support.

Earlier, the delegation had inspected several departments of the General Hospital, including the labour ward, postnatal ward, dental unit and operating theatre, before proceeding to the medical oxygen plant.

At the facility, the Plant Manager, Engr. Ekara Akon, provided a technical briefing on its operations, explaining the booster compression system, oxygen-nitrogen separation process and cylinder inventory management.

The engagement was attended by the Ministry's Director of Administration, Mary Nton; Director of Public Health, Patrick Odu; other senior management and administrative officials, as well as representatives of UNICEF and IHS Towers.


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# Service Providers Sign MOUs To Support Spin Project Implementation In Cross River

By Blessing Enagu



The earlier identified and validated service providers engaged under the Sustainable Power and Irrigation for Nigeria (SPIN) Project have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Cross River State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU), formalising their engagement and establishing a framework for effective service delivery.

The signing ceremony, held in Yahe, Yala Local Government Area, marked an important milestone in strengthening collaboration between the project and the service providers, with clearly defined roles, responsibilities and expectations.

Speaking at the ceremony, the State Project Coordinator, Engr. Mrs. Justina John Ulafor, highlighted the objectives of the SPIN Project and underscored the importance of



collaboration among stakeholders in achieving its development objectives.

She emphasised the need for commitment, professionalism, accountability and effective coordination, urging the service providers to discharge their respective responsibilities diligently and in accordance with the project's standards and expectations.

Also addressing the service providers, the Project's Gender Officer, Dr. Asi James Ewezu, stressed the importance of transparency, accountability and strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the agreements. She encouraged them to demonstrate professionalism, dedication and a strong sense of responsibility in the execution of their assigned duties.

The MOUs were presented and reviewed with the respective service providers to ensure a common understanding of their obligations, expected deliverables and the conditions governing their engagement before the agreements were formally signed.

The ceremony was witnessed by members of the Bansara community, the Water Users Association (WUA), the Grievance Redress Committee and other relevant stakeholders, underscoring the project's commitment to community participation, transparency and inclusive stakeholder engagement.

The signed agreements provide an institutional framework for collaboration, coordination and accountability between the SPIU and the service providers. They also establish a basis for monitoring performance, assessing deliverables and ensuring that services are rendered in accordance with agreed standards and requirements.

The exercise forms part of the ongoing efforts of the Cross River State SPIU to strengthen the institutional and operational arrangements necessary for the successful implementation of the SPIN Project, particularly the Bansara Irrigation Scheme in Ogoja Local Government Area.








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# SPIN - Cross River Trains Stakeholders On Effective Grievance Management, Deploys Reporting Tools

By Blessing Enagu




The Cross River State Project Implementation Unit of the Sustainable Power and Irrigation for Nigeria (SPIN) Project has strengthened its Grievance Redress Mechanism( GRM) through a two-day training workshop for the Bansara Irrigation Scheme community-level Grievance Redress Committee and desk officers from relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the state.

The workshop, held on November 16 and 17, 2026, at Dannic Hotels, Calabar, focused on equipping participants with the knowledge and practical skills to receive, document, manage and resolve grievances that may arise during project implementation. A major highlight was the




constitution of the State-level Grievance Redress Committee and deployment of Grievance Boxes, Log Books and Toll-free lines to facilitate complaint reporting and documentation.

Declaring the workshop open, the Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture and Irrigation Development, Hon. Johnson Andiambey Ebokpo, KSM, said the successful delivery of the SPIN Project would require more than the provision of irrigation infrastructure, stressing the importance of responsible implementation, effective stakeholder engagement and the protection of the rights and interests of project-affected communities.

He described the project as an important opportunity for Cross River to advance its irrigation development agenda, strengthen agricultural production and improve rural livelihoods, in line with the People First vision of Governor Bassey Edet Otu and his commitment to sustainable food systems.

With preparations advancing for the Bansara Irrigation Scheme in Ogoja Local Government Area, covering approximately 650 hectares along River Ayar, with potential for expansion to 3,000 hectares, the Commissioner emphasised the need for a functional grievance redress system to address community concerns and build confidence in the project.

He noted that grievances should not be viewed as obstacles to development but as opportunities to identify concerns early, prevent potential conflicts and strengthen relationships between




project implementers and beneficiary communities. Commissioner Ebokpo who was represented by the Director Tree crop, ministry of agriculture and irrigation development, Mrs. Stella-Maris Odey charged committee members to discharge their responsibilities with fairness, diligence and confidentiality, particularly in handling complaints involving vulnerable persons and sensitive issues such as Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and Sexual Harassment (SH).

Earlier in her welcome address, the State Project Coordinator, Engr. Mrs. Justina John Ulafor, described the Grievance Redress Mechanism as a critical component of the SPIN Project, providing an accessible, transparent, timely and fair process through which project-affected persons and other stakeholders can express concerns and seek resolution without fear of intimidation or victimisation. She explained that the training was designed to strengthen the capacity of committee members to receive, document, track, investigate, escalate and resolve complaints appropriately, particularly as the state prepares for the implementation of the Bansara Irrigation Scheme.

The Coordinator urged participants to actively engage in the sessions and ensure that the knowledge acquired translates into a functional and responsive grievance management system.

The technical sessions were facilitated by Ituen Ekaette George, Environmental Safeguards Officer from the Federal Project Management Unit (FPMU), who took participants through key




aspects of grievance redress, including its principles, importance in project implementation, community participation, committee structures, roles, procedures and institutional responsibilities. Other areas covered included practical grievance management, social protection, social inclusion and the protection of vulnerable persons.

Particular attention was given to the appropriate handling of sensitive complaints, including Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) and Sexual Harassment (SH).

The State Project's Social Safeguards Officer, Mrs. Patience Mom, also highlighted the roles and responsibilities of line MDAs in GRM implementation and appreciated stakeholders for their active participation.

Through breakout sessions and scenario-based exercises, participants examined practical situations and explored appropriate approaches to receiving, documenting, referring and resolving different categories of complaints, with emphasis on confidentiality, sensitivity and adherence to established procedures.

The constitution of the State-level Grievance Redress Committee and deployment of Grievance Boxes, Log Books and Toll-free lines provided an institutional framework and practical tools for receiving, recording and tracking complaints at different levels of project implementation.

The initiative is part of efforts by the Cross River State SPIN Project Implementation Unit to ensure that community concerns are adequately addressed, stakeholder participation is strengthened and the implementation of the project is guided by transparency, accountability and respect for the rights of affected persons.




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# REMINDER: REMITTANCE OF FEES FOR GIANT STRIDES AND BIRTHDAY BULLETIN EDITIONS

Sequel to our earlier correspondence on the above subject, and as directed by the Honourable Commissioner, Pastor Ekpenyong Cobham, all officers who stood as surety for the placement of goodwill messages in the October 2026 edition of Giant Strides Magazine and the Special Birthday Anniversary Edition of the Daily Bulletin are hereby reminded to ensure prompt remittance of fees.

**The approved rates, after deduction of commission, are as follows:**

1. Giant Strides Magazine: N90,000.00
2. Special Birthday Bulletin: N63,000.00
3. Online Promotional Messages: N27,000.00

All concerned officers are required to liaise with their respective Chief Executive Officers and ensure that payments are made without further delay.

**All payments should be made into the Ministry's account as detailed below:**

Bank: Keystone Bank
Account No: **1006798265**
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Please note that failure to remit the funds promptly will result in deduction of the outstanding amount from your salary at source.

**For the avoidance of doubt, the list of affected MDAs/Groups and outstanding amounts is as follows:**

- Ministry of Water Resources - N153,000
- MIDC - N90,000
- Ministry of Social Welfare and Community Development - N90,000
- Bekwarra LGA - N63,000
- Calabar South LGA - N63,000
- Nigeria Immigration Service - N90,000
- Office of the Speaker - N90,000
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- Office of the Chief of Staff - N63,000
- Cross River State Health Insurance Agency (Online) - N27,000

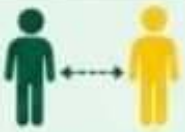
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Signed:
**Nakanda Iyadim**
Production Manager & Secretary, Audit Committee
For: Honourable Commissioner

# IPC measures for Ebola and Marburg disease

## Key recommendations

NCDC
NIGERIA CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

| | Best practice |
|---|---|
|  **IPC ring approach** | Use the IPC ring approach in health-care facilities and communities when a case is identified. |
|  **Hand hygiene** | Use alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) or soap and running water (if currently using chlorine, then implement a strategy to change to ABHR). |
|  **Screening** | Everyone should be screened using a no-touch technique at the first point of contact. |
|  **Patient placement** | Patients should be isolated in a single room and their well-being and visitors made a priority as safely as possible. |
|  **Personal protective equipment** | PPE should be selected based on risk of activity being performed. |
|  **Spraying health and care workers** | **Do not** spray health and care workers during PPE removal. |
|  **Health and care worker exposures** | Exposed health and care workers should be assessed and managed according to risk of exposure. |
|  **Waste management** | All waste generated should be treated as infectious waste, including heavily soiled linen. |
|  **Environmental cleaning and disinfection** | Clean and disinfect surfaces/environment by wiping in patient care areas. |
|  **Safe management of dead bodies** | **Do not** disinfect dead bodies. |

**Adapted from:** World Health Organization. *IPC measures for Ebola and Marburg disease: past and present.*



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