

ABIA STATE GOVERNMENT

# MONTHLY UPDATE

*2nd  
Anniversary  
Edition*

## GOVERNOR OTTI RETURNS ALL GLORY TO GOD AS HE CELEBRATES

2ND ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE,  
ASSURES ABIANS OF GREATER  
DIVIDENDS OF DEMOCRACY.

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TO BOOST TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICES ACROSS  
THE STATE.







Welcome to another interesting and informative edition of the Abia State Government's monthly update.

This edition is specifically packaged because it coincided with the Month of May, marking the 2nd anniversary in office of the Executive Governor of Abia State, His Excellency Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, hence it is christened the 2nd anniversary edition.

In this report, we have provided a summary of the activities of the Governor, alongside some Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) of the Government for the month of May. Additionally, we included pictures highlighting some of the numerous achievements of Governor Otti over the past two years in office.

While celebrating his two years of effective, people-centered governance, which has brought visible achievements across the 17 Local Government Areas of the state, Governor Otti gave all the glory to God. He emphasized that the accomplishments would not have been possible without divine support. He thanked Abians and residents for their unwavering support and equally expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the appointees of the Government who had worked tirelessly with him to bring dividends of democracy to the people.

Still on his 2nd anniversary in office, Governor Otti assured the people of the state that his achievements in the past two years, which they are celebrating, are nothing compared to what his accomplishments will be in the remaining two years.

The Abia State Government and MTN Nigeria have signed a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a strategic partnership for the digital transformation of the State.

Also within the month, Governor Alex Otti, OFR, expressed the readiness of his administration to partner with serious investors to build the Abia Stadium City.

The State Government has acquired 20 electric buses to enhance the transportation of people, goods, and services across the State.

These and many more you will see in this anniversary edition of the Abia State Government update for the month of May 2025.

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**G**overnor Otti attended the 2025 International Workers' Day celebration held at the Umuahia Township Stadium. He assured that his administration will always prioritize and put the workers' welfare first, ensuring that they are justly compensated for their contribution to the growth of the economy. The Governor, who titled his speech, "PARTNERSHIP FOR TRANSFORMATION," appreciated workers for embracing the work ethics and standards of the New Abia and assured them of his commitment to their wellbeing.

"Let me thank the workers in our State for genuinely embracing the work ethics and standards of the New

Abia. I am glad that the 9 am to 5 pm orientation is gradually fading away from our work environment."

The New Abia work ethic does not permit anyone leaving the office when there are still files to be attended to or tasks to be executed. You do not go home because it is 5 pm; you go home because you have effectively completed the tasks you outlined at the beginning of the day.

"My commitment to Abia workers is that we shall always put you first because you deserve no less. We are eternally grateful for your continued support and prayers for the administration, Gov. Otti stated.





**G**overnor Alex Otti, OFR, announced the full takeover of the Aba Mega Mall by the Abia State Government as his administration has paid off vested interests. Governor Otti disclosed the acquisition and full takeover of the mega-mall on Sunday, 4th May, during the grand finale of a 3-day Mega Crusade of the Lord's Chosen Charismatic Revival Ministries, which was held in Aba Mega Mall Complex in Osisioma LGA of the State. The Governor, whose presence electrified the religious gathering, said, "I want to say that the place where you are, before now, there was a dispute. But just about three weeks ago, we resolved the dispute, paid off everybody that was being owed, and the place has reverted to the State Government."







Governor Otti, received in audience a delegation of Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), led by the alternate Chairman of the Board, Ambassador Sunday Adoli, who paid him a working visit. They applauded Governor Alex Otti's leadership style and said that his policies align with the values NEITI represents.

"Abia State, under your (Gov. Otti) leadership, is fast becoming a reference point. We have followed with keen interest and the transformational reforms you have introduced. Reforms that prioritise fiscal discipline, infrastructure renewal, access to quality health care, education, urban regeneration and corporate governance. These are not political statements.

"As an agency that promotes transparency and accountability in the extractive industries, NEITI is particularly pleased to note your commitment to fiscal openness and your emphasis on the social contract between government and citizens.

"This aligns perfectly with the values that NEITI represents, values anchored on proven results, youth, public trust and sustainable development," Amb. Adoli noted.



**H**is Excellency Dr. Alex Otti OFR, alongside the Secretary to the Federal Government (SGF), Senator George Akume attended a two - day National Stakeholders' Retreat and Board Meeting of Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) held at Jubilee Hall- Sun Heaven Hotel, Umuahia the State Capital. The Governor called on stakeholders in the extractive industry to pay attention to the new ecosystem with respect to the business of exploration of mineral resources. In a speech titled, "Prosperity Through Transparency," Governor harped on the need for NEITI to set up systems that are pro-Nigeria in terms of reporting industrial accountability to avoid a repeat of the costly mistakes of the past.



"NEITI would do well to pay close attention to the evolution of this new ecosystem with respect to the business of exploration of mineral resources. It should set up systems that are pro-Nigeria in terms of reporting and industrial accountability to avoid a repeat of the costly mistakes of the past.

"Stakeholders are encouraged to pay attention to the

unfolding dynamics of the old and new energy order to enable the development of appropriate paradigms for optimizing operations and cutting out sharp practices within the extractive industry. Whatever happens, the best path for us will be to embrace the new opportunities that are bound to come with the transition to low and non-carbon energy sources," Gov. Otti stated.



**T**he Governor received in audience a delegation of Course 47 of the Armed Forces Command and Staff College of Nigeria, led by the Deputy Commandant and Director of Studies of the command, Rear Admiral Aniefok Uko. The delegation came to Abia as part of the senior course curriculum called environmental study tour of Nigeria army, with the theme "Harnessing Grassroots Intelligence for Enhanced Internal Security." Governor Otti used the opportunity to charge the security agencies to pay attention to intelligence gathering in order to nip issues of insecurity in the bud.

"A lot of times, if you pay attention to intelligence, you will be able to nip in the bud majority of the cases before they happen. So, pay attention to intelligence. It's good that, that is what this course is about too. "

We have also held a strong view that security starts from intelligence. Thorough and well put together intelligence would always predict and sometimes put the forces in a state of readiness," Gov. Otti stated.





**G**overnor Alex Otti, held his monthly **State Security Council Meeting**. Briefing the media after the meeting, the special adviser to the Governor on Security matters, Navy Commander MacDonald Ubah (Rtd.) reiterated the commitment of the State Government to sustain the calm and peaceful atmosphere in the State. He thanked all heads of government security agencies in the State for attending the routine monthly security council meeting to evaluate the level of security around the

State with a view to strengthening and consolidating the gains. The Special Adviser to the Governor on Security Matters, Rtd. Navy Commander MacDonald Ubah commended the cordial and harmonious working relationship between the State and the security agencies including the collaboration among the various security agencies in intelligence gathering and information sharing to combat crime and criminality.

**T**he State Government has announced the commencement of a comprehensive statewide tax enumeration and automation exercise, targeting **N120 billion Naira Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) target for 2025**. The Commissioner for Information, Prince Okey Kanu, who disclosed this in a press conference in Umuahia, highlighted the achievements of Governor Alex Otti's administration over the past 23 months, noting significant progress in infrastructure, urban renewal, education, healthcare, and economic empowerment. "The government is unlocking every viable avenue of Internally Generated Revenue. We are confident that with the support of our people, we will meet and even surpass our 120 billion Naira target by year-end," Prince Kanu stated.

The Information boss emphasized that the enumeration and automation exercise, being undertaken in partnership with Access Bank, will be integrated with the Abia State Social Identification Number (ABSSIN). He added that the initiative would create a robust database of residents and businesses, enhance revenue forecasting, and strengthen equitable tax administration across the state.

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**A**bia State Government has commenced the construction of a befitting Governor's Office in Government House, Umuahia. speaking during a Sabbath worship held at the Unity Chapel, Government House, Umuahia, Governor Otti explained that he delayed the commencement of work in Government House because it was not a priority at the beginning of his administration, saying that though the Government House was important, it was not as important as many other things that have direct impact on the people of the State.

"So, the challenge was, which one do we do first? As a student of economics, we have brought with us a

scale of preference. And, we sat down and said, okay, everything is important, some are more important than others. We didn't think this place (Government House) was more important than your salaries. We didn't think this place was more important than the primary healthcare centres. We didn't think it was more important than our schools. We didn't think it was more important than making education free at basic level so that our children and those who cannot afford to pay will have the opportunity that you and I had.

"We didn't think this place was more important than the roads that were dilapidated, the offices that were decrepit..." the Governor stated







**Aba Promise Kept Carnival:** The Aba community mobilized themselves and rolled out the red carpets thanksgiving carnival tagged PROMISE KEPT CARNIVAL, converging at Umuagbai Secondary School premises, Port Harcourt road, Aba in celebration Governor Alex Otti, OFR, for keeping to his promise of reconstructing and completing the dilapidated Port Harcourt Road, abandoned for over 3 decades by previous regemes.

Governor Otti, who recalled his efforts in fixing the Port Harcourt Road as against the attacks of the noisy opposition, said that he replies the shameless opposition with performances. He also revealed that the amount of money spent by the immediate past administration in the reconstruction of Port Harcourt road, which was not realized was much more than what his government spent in realizing the Road.

"But, we have always ignored them. And we have continued to ignore them. We respond with performance. But, there is a response I want to give. "So, listen to the response. In 2017, they awarded this Port Harcourt Road. The amount at that time was N9.8 Billion. And they paid out the entire money. But the Road was not done.

'So, when in 2025, the Road cost N36.5 Billion, they started making noise. So, I said, since you people understand mathematics, the average exchange rate in 2017 was N333 to a Dollar. Now, if you apply that,



the N9.8 Billion was actually USD29 Million (equivalent)

"In 2025, at the average exchange rate of N1,600, N36.5 Billion is actually USD22.8 Million equivalent. So, let us do the math."USD29 Million and USD22 Million, which one is higher? But, the real issue is that in 2017, USD29 Million was spent, and no Road was done. In 2025, USD22 Million was spent and a standard Road is done and delivered for use" Gov. Otti explained.

Governor Otti thanked Aba people for their sustained support for him right from 2015 when he contested the Governorship election for the first time and said that Aba has been giving him massive support since



then.

Speaking on behalf of the Aba business community and the Aba Landlord's Association, Chief David Ogba Onuoha, Chief Leo Nnodi Okoye, Chief Alphonsus Odigbo and the Chairman of the occasion, Ide John Udeagba said that they decided to put the event together to show appreciation to the Governor, and emphasized that though he has done great things in Aba, but Port Harcourt Road is top among others.

They described the event as not just a celebration of restoration but a vote of confidence on the Governor, adding that with his achievements, he has already completed political campaigns for his re-election.



**W**ithin the month in review, Governor Alex Otti, OFR, lauded Nigeria's First Lady, Mrs. Oluremi Tinubu, CON, for distributing food items to vulnerable groups in Abia as part of her Renewed Hope Initiative (RHI) and Social Investment Food Outreach Programme. Speaking at the event held at the International Conference Centre, Umuahia, Governor Otti commended Mrs. Tinubu for appreciating the pains many individuals and families are passing through in the face of economic challenges and providing succor to them.

"Being the wife of the President has not stopped our dear First Lady from being mindful of the grassroots population on whose votes everyone holding a political position in the country draws their powers. Today's event is a proof that the poor and vulnerable in our country have a reliable friend in the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. We are glad to receive you and appreciate your generous sentiments to our great State in matters connected to the welfare of women and young people, the less privileged and those hit by the shipwrecks of life, Gov. Otti stated.

Governor Otti stressed that the challenge of poverty



in Nigeria and its manifestations require a holistic economic development programme that prioritizes job creation for different demographics, especially

women and young children. Mrs. Tinubu was represented by the wife of the Vice President, Hajia Nana Shettima.



**A**iso within the month in review, The Presidential Candidate of the Labour Party in the 2023 general election, His Excellency, Mr. Peter Obi within the month extolled the achievements of Abia State Governor, His Excellency Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, within 2 years in office, stating that evidence abound everywhere that one doesn't need to tune to the radio to know what the Governor is doing. Mr. Peter Obi was speaking during a Special Anniversary Sabbath Service held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Aguiyi Ironsi Layout, Umuahia. He noted that the two years anniversary of Governor Otti is worth celebrating as he has shown two years of impactful leadership with a difference.

"We have come to celebrate Two years with a difference. People have always said that they need eight years, they need ten years, they need twenty years. But, I've always said that one day can make a difference.

"Everybody is seeing it in Abia. You don't need to tune to the radio. You don't need people to tell you. There's a difference. And that's what we're celebrating today.

"It is difficult to govern Nigeria, especially when you want to do it right. Continue to remember the Governor and the Commissioners who are helping him in prayers. Do the same thing for Nigeria; that God should touch all of us who are leaders. Touch our hearts to use public money for public good. It is not our money."





**G**overnor Alex Otti, OFR, attended the Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service, to mark his 2nd Year Anniversary in office which was held at the premises of Ibeku High School, Umuahia. Speaking during the event, the Governor told Abians to expect multiple commissioning of projects in the State within the next 30 days. "After the 2nd Anniversary, at the minimum, 30 days, we are going to be commissioning projects."

"We have 200 Primary Healthcare Centres spread across the 184 wards. Information available to me is that at the minimum, half of them are ready for commissioning."

"We have Schools, including our Smart Schools. We have 20 of them (Smart Schools), at least 2 of them should be ready for commissioning by now and 18 of them are receiving serious attention."

"We have another 221 Schools at different stages of rebuilding and retrofitting, they would also be ready."

"A lot of Roads have been completed, and will be commissioned within the next 30 days," the Governor assured. The project commissioning has already commenced.







**F**ormer Governor of Ekiti State, Mr. Ayodele Peter Fayose has commended Governor Otti for his visible achievements and impactful governance in the State, saying that he is doing well for the ordinary Abian and improving quality of lives. Mr. Fayose gave his commendation when he visited Abia State and toured some of the ongoing and completed project sites of the Governor Otti's administration. He described Governor Otti's performance as impressive and impactful especially in key areas of the economy, including road infrastructure, healthcare, and education among others.

In his words, "The Governor is doing well for the ordinary Abian, improving the quality of life and bringing them close to civility, so I am more than impressed with what I saw. I have physically gone round, because the governor insisted that I must see, because he wants a sincere opinion. And that put me to the point that I was at the state capital, Umuahia where I saw things for myself. I was also able to see some of the community maternity healthcare centres. All sectors, we have seen, and it is quite impressive," Fayose stated.







As part of the activities marking his 2nd anniversary in office, His Excellency Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, chaired a joint Executive Council Session, with the leadership and Members of the Abia State House of Assembly, during which he signed 18 Executive Bills into law bringing to 30 the number of executive bills signed into law in just 2 years in office. Governor Otti disclosed that the new Laws encapsulate thoughtful legislative provisions for achieving his Government's vision in critical areas such as performance-based administration, accountability, and delivery of good governance. He commended the State House of Assembly for its focused leadership and commitment to the new Abia and for providing strong legislative support to the programme and policy outlays of the Executive branch of Government. Some of the 18 bills signed into law include; Abia State Senior Citizens Law 2025, Abia State Road Maintenance Agency (repeal) law 2025, Abia State Estate Development Agency (Repeal) Law 2025, Abia State Orientation Agency (Amendment) Law 2025 among others.

The Attorney General of the State and Commissioner for Justice Barr. Ikechukwu Uwanna revealed that with the 18 laws, some agencies have been moved from reporting directly to the office of the Governor to their line Ministries for optimal performance.

**T**he Executive Governor of Abia State, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, attended the May 27th Children's day celebration and took the traditional March-Past salute from Abia Pupils and Students at the Umuahia Township Stadium, Umuahia. In a speech titled "Celebrating the Stars of Tomorrow," Governor Otti assured that never again will education be taken to the background in Abia State. In his word, "As a government, we shall continue to give priority attention to programmes and policy choices that would have positive impact on the future of Abia children

"I can assure you that never again will education be relegated to the background in the state of heroes like Michael Okpara.

"We have awarded contracts for the retrofitting and expansion of hundreds of public primary and secondary schools in the first instance.

"Things are expected to get even better in the months ahead as additional schools have been marked for structural improvements following the injection of funds from the Universal Basic Education Commission."







**A**s part of activities marking his second anniversary in office, Governor Alex Otti, OFR, attended the special Anniversary Lecture delivered by Dr. Kalu Idika Kalu at the JAAC Building, Umuahia. Speaking during the event, he said that he will commit the remaining two years of his first term in office to institutionalizing the reforms that have been initiated by his administration. "We shall commit the remaining two years of this term to institutionalizing the reforms that have been initiated. Collectively, we shall make Abia the hub of transformational ideas. We shall not be tired of listening to new ideas, for that is the path to continuous growth and progress," Gov. Otti stated.

In his lecturer on the theme, "Two Years of Transformation: Sustaining the Momentum" a former Minister of Finance, Dr. Kalu Idika Kalu commended the sterling leadership Governor Alex Otti has provided in the State within 2 years in office. He identified the attention the Governor has given to health sector, education, social infrastructure among others as laudable, saying that he was not surprised that Dr. Otti's administration has done well. He added that Governor Otti's focus on growth and development has made him popular beyond Abia State.







**H**is Excellency Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, attended the grand finale of the activities marking his 2nd year anniversary in office held at the Umuahia Township Stadium. Speaking during the event, the Governor disclosed that his administration has so far committed over N40 Billion in offsetting arrears of salaries and pensions owed by previous administrations in the State, adding that his government has ended the dark era of owing civil servants and pensioners in the State.

"When we came in, salaries were being owed. Pensions were also being owed. Some of our institutions of higher learning, including the Abia State University Teaching Hospital, had lost accreditation.

"Within 24 months, we have spent well over N40 billion in payment of arrears of salaries and pensions. And, I'm glad to report to you today that as we speak, I'm not sure we are owing anybody.

"At the moment, one of our vendors is working to ensure that we digitalize our operations. Computers have been made available, and very soon, the old practice of carrying files up and down will be a thing of the past.

"By the end of this year, December 31, precisely, if you are in any part of Abia State, you can be sure to get network and Internet connectivity.

"Of course, the first ever Abia Digital Mall, and that is to be completed with other e-commerce platforms so that you can, from the comfort of your home, place an order and the goods will be delivered right to your

doorstep," Gov. Otti stated.

Beyond offsetting arrears of salaries and pensions owed by previous administrations in the State, the Governor highlighted some of the achievements of his administration health, education, waste management, road infrastructure, institutional reforms and securing and keeping the State Safe among others.







**I**n recognition of Governor Otti's towering and excellent performance in just two years in office which has brought unprecedented transformation, visible and impactful development in Isiala Ngwa and across the State, the 'Oha Isiala Ngwa People' of Isiala Ngwa North and South Local Government Areas organized a grand civic reception and appreciation in honour of Governor Alex Otti, OFR. The event which held at Sam Ihesiulor Stadium, Okpuala Ngwa saw the gathering of over 10,000 Isiala Ngwa people including captains of industries, political leaders, religious leaders, traditional rulers, artisans, trade associations, markets opinion leaders, illustrious sons and daughters of Isiala Ngwa North and South who flew in from different parts of the country and abroad to show and voice their excitements about the good works of the Governor



in the last two years. They thanked the Governor for his good works in Isiala Ngwa and across the State and made a passionate plea to him to seek reelection in 2027 and at the same time adopting him as their sole candidate backing it up with a document signed by all the elected public officeholders from Isiala Ngwa North and South.

Responding, Governor Otti thanked the Oha Isiala Ngwa and the organizers of the programme, saying that he was humbled and dumbfounded by the massive show of love from his people. He promised to do more. He on the spot acceded to their request to fix Sam Ihesiulor Stadium and make it a proper stadium as he directed the Commissioners for works and Sports and Youth Development to interface with the organizers of the civic reception to get it done.






On the call for him to contest for a second term in office, he thanked them, saying that he will consult God before taking any decision for 2027.







**A**bia State Government (ABSG) held a special night of tributes in honour of the Late Commissioner for Labour and Productivity, Comrade Sunny Okebugwu Nwanganga Onwuma who passed on recently. Speaking during the Night of Tribute held at JAAC Building auditorium, Umuahia, the Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti appreciated the interventions and the way Comrade Onwuma approached issues from day one their parts crossed as well as his rip-cracking jokes.

"It was a pleasure working with him (Onwuma). We followed him until he passed on. Every time, he had a way of deflecting tension and making light of every situation." It is difficult to be reminded that he will no longer be with us in EXCO, he will no longer be the bridge builder. "You know, any time there is labour issue, I will pick up my phone and I would call him and he will come back with results. So, it is very difficult to accept that he is no more," the Governor stated.





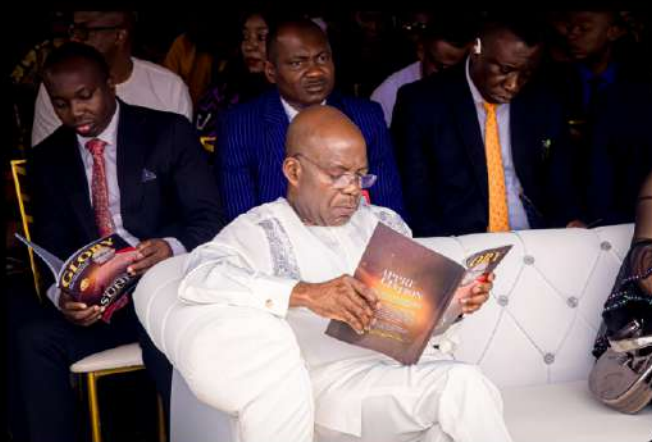
**T**he remains of the former Commissioner for Labour and Productivity in Abia State, Comrade Sunny Okebugwu Nwanganga Onwuma was laid to rest in his country home, Ihie-Obuaku, Isiala Ihie Autonomous Community in Ugwunagbo LGA.

Speaking at the burial ceremony conducted by the Anglican Church at the Community Primary School, Mbaso Ihie-Obuaku, the Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti expressed deep pain in bidding farewell to Comrade Sunny Onwuma, whom he described as his friend and brother.

He narrated how the government fought to save his life but noted that perhaps, God had a different purpose for him.

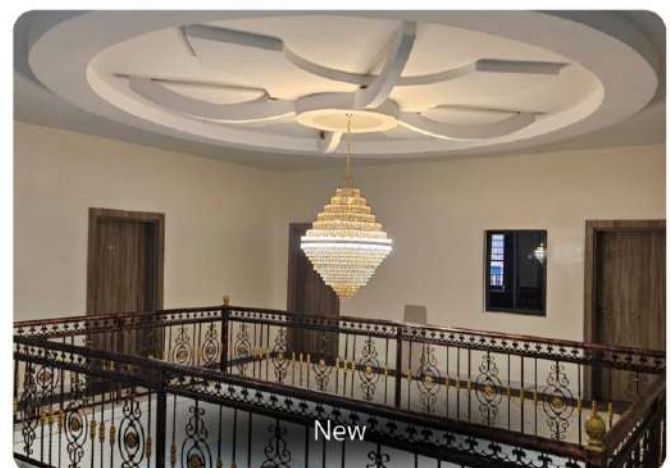
"It is very painful to be here to bid farewell to a colleague, a friend, a brother, a strong voice in the cabinet of Abia State Government.

"When this started, I feared for a day like this, though somehow, I was convinced that it was not going to be. We fought for him to be alive, but we lost the fight. And I believe that God had a different purpose, and that's why this happened.



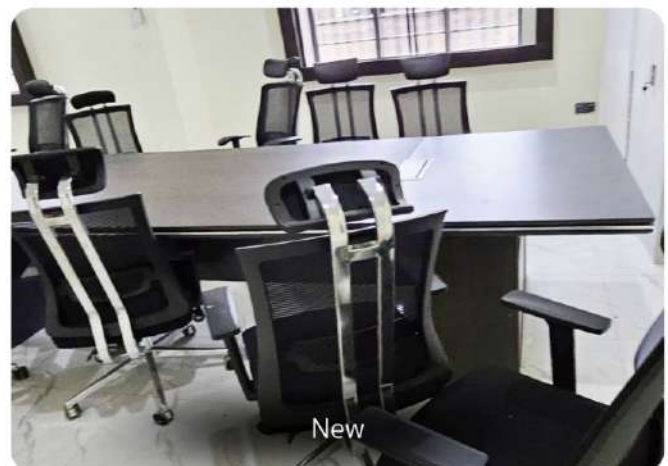
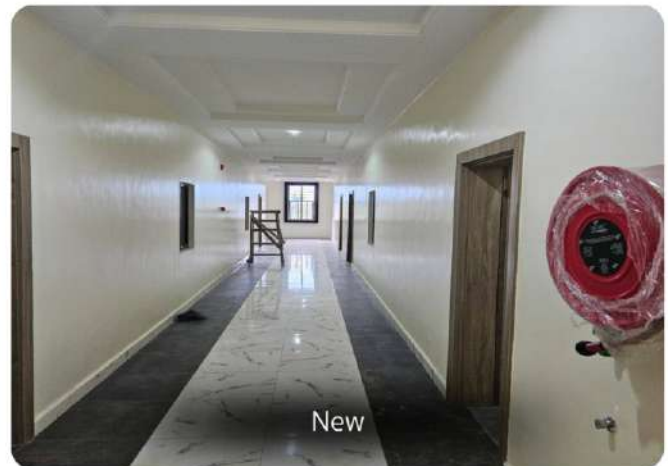


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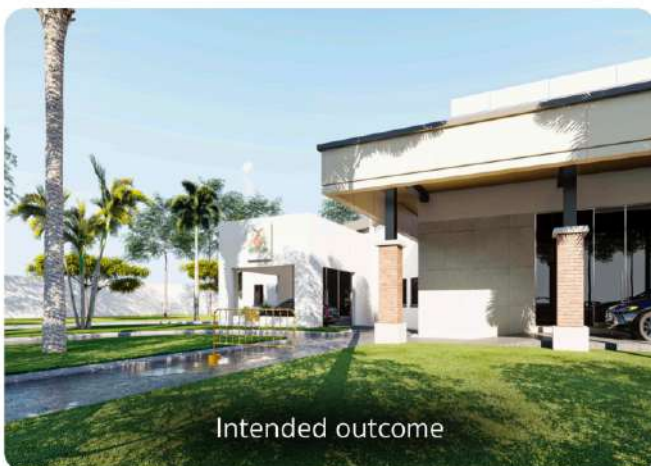


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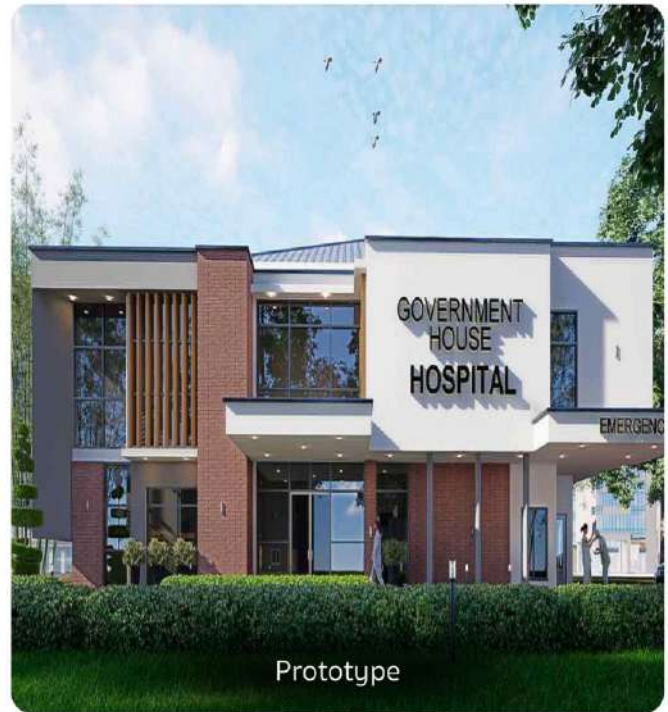


## Renovation and remodelling of Okpara Auditorium, Umuahia





## Building of a new Government House Clinic





## Official Flag-Off of the National Immunization Plus Days (NIPDs) Campaign:



**H**er Excellency, Mrs. Priscilla Otti, was ably represented by the wife of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Adaeze Emetu, at the official flag-off ceremony of the National Immunization Plus Days (NIPDs) campaign held in Umuahia South Local Government Area. The campaign, jointly executed by the National Primary Health Care Development Agency and the Abia State Ministry of Health, is aimed at delivering life-saving vaccines to children across the state. In her goodwill message, Mrs. Otti emphasized the critical importance of immunization in safeguarding the health and future of Abia's children. She called on mothers, caregivers, and community leaders to ensure no child is left behind in the state's drive to achieve full immunization coverage.



## Virtual Participation in Human Rights Training for Law Enforcement Agencies:



**H**er Excellency participated virtually in a significant Human Rights Training organized by Vision Spring Initiatives (VSI) at the Police Officers' Mess Hall in Umuahia. The training focused on equipping police officers and law enforcement agents with the requisite knowledge and skills to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls. In her address, Mrs. Otti commended the organizers for the timely initiative and described law enforcement officers as frontline defenders of human rights. She advocated for the establishment of specialized gender desks in police stations across the state, adequately equipped and staffed by trained personnel to provide responsive services in collaboration with community stakeholders.





## Participation in Gender-Based Violence Training for Young Girls:

**H**er Excellency personally attended a gender-based violence (GBV) awareness training session organized by Vision Spring Initiatives at the Aguigi Ironsi Hall, Umuahia. The session targeted young girls and aimed at empowering them with knowledge, confidence, and strategies to combat GBV in their communities. Addressing the participants, Mrs. Otti reaffirmed her office's unwavering resolve to pursue justice for all survivors of gender-based violence. She encouraged young girls to speak out against any form of abuse and avoid situations that may compromise their safety or dignity. Her message was one of courage, self-worth, and vigilance.





## World Red Cross Day Celebration:

**M**rs. Priscilla Otti, represented once again by Mrs. Adaeze Emetu, joined the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Abia State chapter, in commemorating World Red Cross Day at the Wonderland Event Center, Isicourt, Umuahia South.

In her remarks, Mrs. Otti paid tribute to the selfless humanitarian service of the Red Cross and its volunteers. She lauded the organization's impact in disaster response, health education, and community development. Reaffirming her support, she assured them of her readiness to partner in ways that would enhance their capacity to serve humanity more effectively.







### Children's Day Celebration:

**H**er Excellency joined her husband, His Excellency Governor Alex Otti, at the Umuahia Township Stadium for the 2025 Children's Day celebration. This year's theme, "Stand Up, Speak Up: Building a Bullying-Free Generation," underscored the administration's focus on safeguarding children's rights and mental well-being.

The event featured a vibrant parade, educational displays, and cultural presentations by children from schools across the state. Governor Otti reaffirmed his administration's resolve to overhaul the educational system to ensure that Abia's children receive quality, globally competitive education—while Her Excellency emphasized the importance of instilling values of confidence, kindness, and responsibility in the younger generation.





## Courtesy Visit by Menstrual Health Advocates:

**H**er Excellency welcomed a delegation of civil society organizations working on menstrual hygiene management and education to her residence in Nvosi. The courtesy visit focused on opportunities for collaboration to improve menstrual health awareness and access to sanitary products for schoolgirls and women in underserved communities. Mrs. Otti expressed her full support for menstrual health advocacy, emphasizing that no girl should miss school or suffer indignity due to lack of menstrual hygiene products. She pledged to champion policies and partnerships that prioritize the health and dignity of women and girls across Abia State.







**G**overnor Oti attended a reception organized by the Management of Geometric Power after the commissioning and tour of Aba Power's new 2 X 15 MVA, Ogbor Hill Sub - Station by former President Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR. The Governor disclosed plan by the State Government to buy over the Umuahia ringed fence of the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) in order to provide steady power for the rest of the 8 LGAs not covered by the Geometric Power.





In a strategic move to enhance the power initiatives of Governor Alex Otti's led administration, the state government has submitted a bid for the acquisition of 60% interstate electricity asset of the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) in Abia State. The process of ring-fencing the eight LGAs situated in Abia Central and Abia North is ongoing.

#### Abia Light up:

- Installation of Solar Powered streetlights Completed in I. Aguiyi Ironsi Boulevard - Umuahia, Port Harcourt Road - Aba, Umuakaka - Nkata - Ibeku - Umuahia
- Remedial Work on Street Lights Completed: Bata Junction to Opobo Road at Aba, II. Correctional Facility Aba:
- Installation of Solar Powered USB charging pots in :20 locations across Abia State Completed.





**Power Improvement & Extension:**

Installation of 500KVA/33/ Transformer substation at Abia State Teaching Hospital (ABSUTH Completed)

33Kv line extension and Installation of 500KVA/33/ Transformer substation at College of Medicine - in progress

- Revamp of 2,5MVA/11KV Transformer Substation and control panels installation at Abia State University

- Statewide ABSG power investment audit completed and review of report in progress





**WASH:**

Okwoyi Isieke Ibeku Umuahia North:

I. Installation of Solar Powered Water Project with composite filtration system completed and ready for commissioning.

II. Abia State College of Education Technical - Arochukwu:

Rehabilitation/revamping of Water Scheme completed.

- Well development 6nos borehole (COMPLETED).

III. Aro Achara - Isiala Ngwa N. 80%

- Installation Solar Powered Water System & Reticulation in progress

IV. Umuetegha - Nvosi - Isiala Ngwa S 70%

- Installation of Solar Powered Water System & Reticulation in progress

V. College of Medicine - Aba

- Installation of Solar Powered Water Project in progress.

Open Defecation Free - Abia (Clean Nigeria Project)

- Pilot baseline assessment completed in Isiala Ngwa South local government area

- Construction of Pilot Modern Wash Facility at Okigwe Park - Umuahia 95%





**Renewable Energy Program:**

- Installation of 100Kwp Solar Power Multipurpose Clinic – Ugwunagbo: 50%
- Installation of ground mounted 60Kwp Solar Power CBT Centre Mbato Sec Sch. –Isiala Ngwa South.: 98%





**Special Report:**

20 May 2025: Summary of Nigeria Solar for Health Project Launch @ Abia State

**T**he Executive Governor of Abia State, His Excellency Dr. Alex Otti OFR, launched the Nigeria Solar for Health Project (NISHP) and inaugurated the State Steering Committee. The governor was represented by the Deputy Governor, His Excellency Engr. Ikechukwu Emetu FNSE.

The NISHP is a project that will provide 24/7 access to electricity, to health facilities and productive load users in Abia State.

The Nigeria Solar for Health Project (NISHP) is an European Union funded project with selected states (Abia, Enugu, Akwa Ibom, PLATEAU and Ogun) and implemented by NTU International A/S that aims to leverage Nigeria's renewable energy potential to enhance healthcare services and promote sustainable socioeconomic development.



The EU through the Delegation of the European Union to Nigeria and ECOWAS committed the sum of EUR 2,080,000 (approximately - NGN3,723,616,000 per state) for the capital expenditure and cost of technical assistance for deploying the solar systems.



Abia State Government in return, to support the project sustainability has committed the sum of EUR 624,000 (approximately NGN 1,117,084,800) for Retrofitting facilities, Warehousing, Power evacuation to PUEs, Operations and Maintenance, Security, Local staffing & Logistics.



Reconstructed 6-Lane Aguiyi Ironsi Boulevard formerly called Ossah Road in Umuahia, the state capital

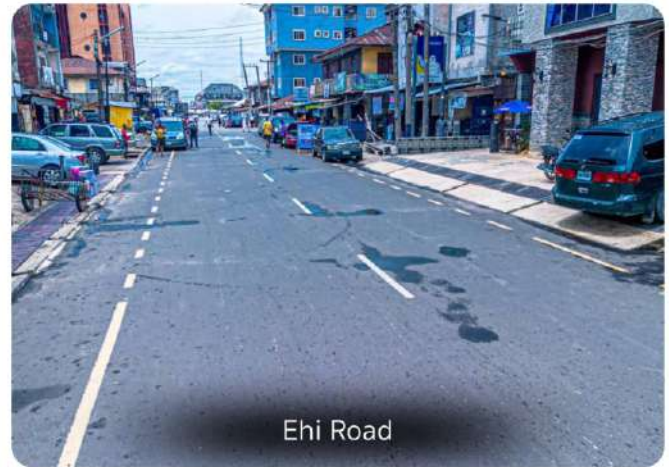




## Completed road projects



Abak Street



Ehi Road



Intersection of Afikpo Road & Cameroun Road



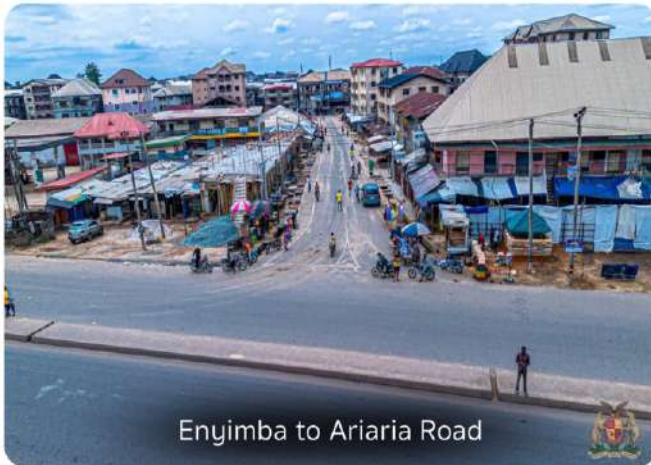
Umuode Road



Umuode Road interception  
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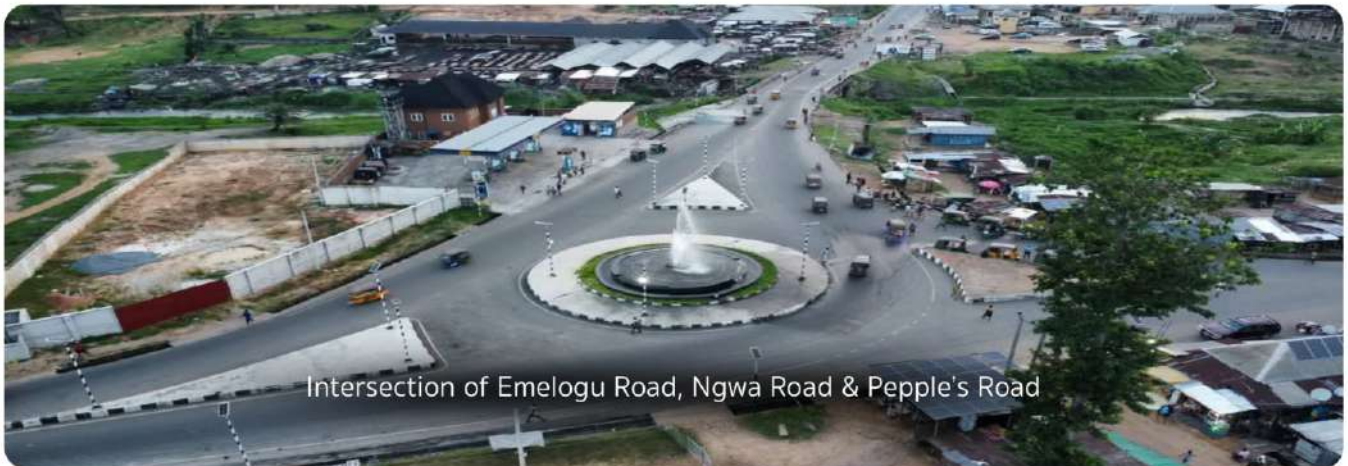




### Completed road projects



Market Road



Intersection of Emelogu Road, Ngwa Road & Pepple's Road



On-going construction of Omenuko Bridge



### Completed road projects



Clifford Road



Asa Road & Tenant Road



School Road



Port-Harcourt Road



Cemetery Road



### Completed road projects





### Completed road projects (Umuahia-Uzuakoli-Akara-Alayi-Abiriba Road)





### On-going road construction



Ohanku Road



Ohanku Road



Ohanku Road



Obohia Road



Ohanku Road



Obohia Road





### Abia Medical City site tour:

**W**ithin the month, the Abia State Commissioner for Health, Prof. Enoch Ogbonnaya Uche took the press on a tour of the site of the Abia Medical City Project located in Amapu Umuovo, Isiala Ngwa North LGA, extending to Isiala Ngwa South as well. Prof. Uche highlighted some of the features of the Medical City. According him, "This medical city is the first quaternary hospital in this country that would take care of all levels of complicated healthcare issues."

The Medical City sits on about 200 hectares of land covering seven communities within Isialangwa South and North LGAs, would cost \$1.3 billion and would be funded by development partners, MKP International Holdings with Abia State Government providing land, security and goodwill.

The Medical City would have a 1,000-bed ultra-modern healthcare facility that can cater for every healthcare need of the people.

"Apart from the ultra-modern medical facility, there also going to have a tourist city. The medical step-down hotel, there will be a five-star hotel and there will be another five-star tourist hotel.

"You're also going to have an ultra-modern oncology centre. As you may well know, cancer care is one of the reasons people leave this country for care abroad.

"Whether you are talking about radiotherapy, you're

talking about radiosurgery, radio-oncology, you're talking about emerging therapies, you're talking about the neuro chemotherapeutic agents.

"All those are going to be available here with the best-in-class medical experts that can come in from all parts of the globe to be part of the workforce in this place. So this ecosystem will also house a modern surgical center that can take care of laparoscopic surgeries, robotic surgeries.

"It will also take care of all forms of brain, spine, orthopedic, organ transplantation, cardiac transplant, and cardiac surgeries, name it, any level of surgery. There will also be a place for cosmetic surgery.

The Medical City would also have an ultramodern children's hospital, a fertility centre, ophthalmology centre, organ transplantation, diagnostic centre, a hub for digital health technologies among others.

The Medical City would equally have research institutes that will be affiliated with the best hospitals and universities in the world.



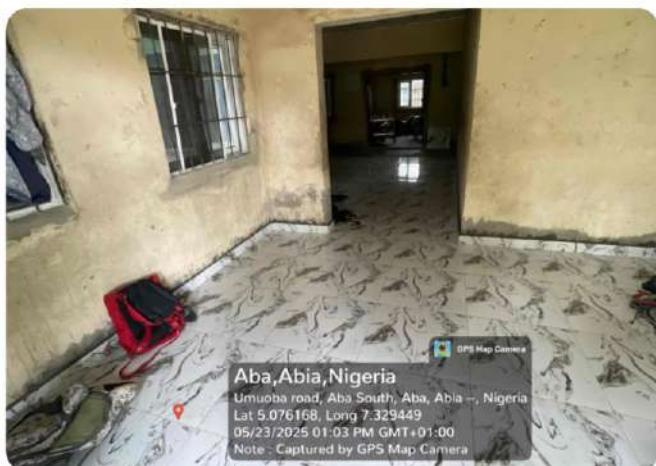
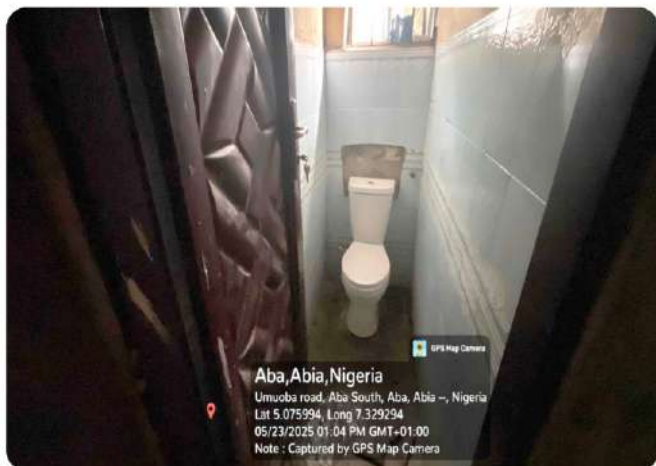


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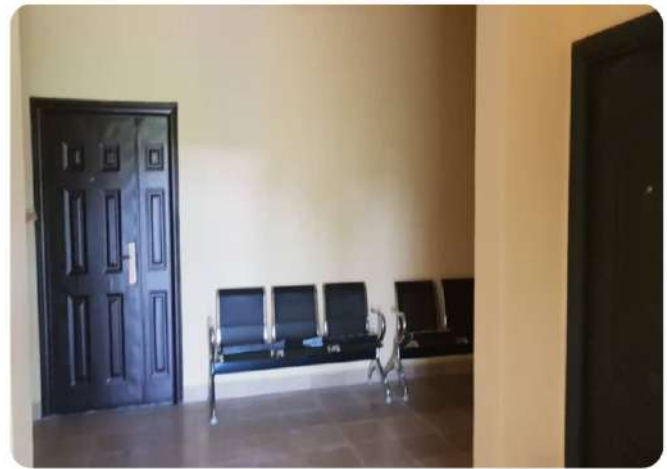


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**Abia Medical City Project**

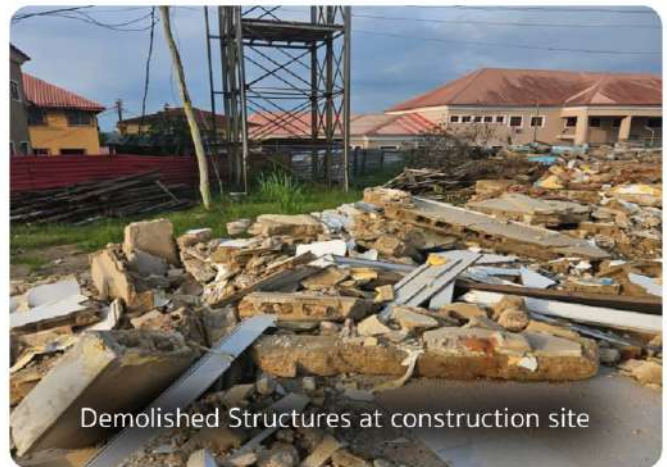




Ongoing construction of Abia Specialist Hospitals, Amachara, Umuahia South LGA and Umunneato, Bende LGA.



Demolished Structures at construction site



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Demolished Structures at construction site



### Design/Prototype





## Abia State Eye Health Management Bureau (Before Renovation)





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## Abia State Eye Health Management Bureau (After Renovation & retrofitting)



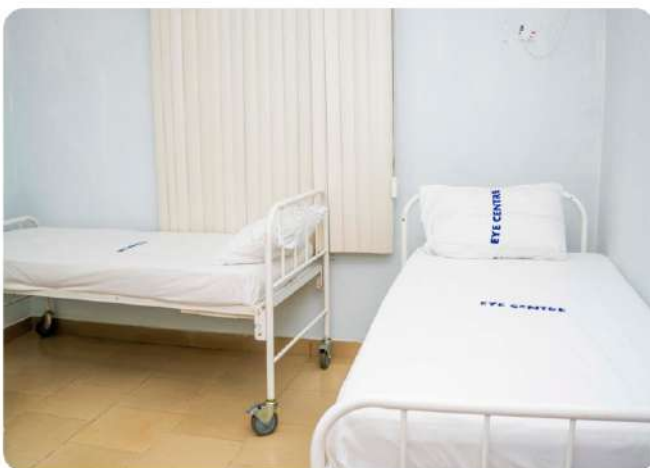


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**A**bia state government has provided the matching funds in a 10 billion Naira Abia State Government - Bank of Industry fund for SME's in the state. This is part of the Government's bold strategic moves to empower and support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the state through the provision of counterpart funding in a 10 billion Naira fund with Bank of Industry. This fund is meant to be accessed by SME's across various sectors. The state government has paid up its counterpart funds of 2 billion Naira, and Bank of Industry will provide the outstanding 3 billion Naira, bringing it all together to a total sum of 5 billion Naira in the first phase.

## Women Affairs

In a bid to reduce poverty and provide empowerment for the women in the state, the state Ministry of Women Affairs, through its Livelihood Collective Project, has built 60 sites across the 3 senatorial zones of the state, comprising both garri and oil palm processing sites. The distribution is as follows; 21 sites at the Isiala Ngwa North LGA, 20 sites at the Obingwa LGA, and 19 sites at Ohafia LGA, respectively.

## Science & Technology

**H**is Excellency Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, granted automatic employment to the 19 best graduating students of 510 digital training programme organized by Abia State Government in collaboration with the 17 Local Government Mayors facilitated by LearnFactory Nigeria. Governor Otti announced the automatic employment on Saturday, 10th May, during the graduation ceremony of the Abia TechRise ICT training programme held at JAAC Building Secretariat, Umuahia. He directed the State Head of Service, Mr. Benson Ojeikere to prepare the necessary documents of the 19 best performed graduands for necessary approval and ensure that they commence work on Monday, 12th May 2025. Governor Otti, who directed that another set of 850 trainees, representing 50 persons from each LGA of the State be taken for the second batch of the ICT training, further instructed that the graduands take

all the laptop computers bought for them for the training to enable them start business with the knowledge they have acquired.







**H**is Excellency Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, received the Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of MTN Nigeria, Mr. Karl Toriola who led a delegation of MTN Nigeria team to Abia State to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Abia State Government for a strategic partnership on digital transformation of the entire State. Governor Otti thanked the MTN team for choosing Abia for such all important strategic partnership and investment. He recalled how the partnership was proposed during the early days of the Government in 2023 to establish Abia State as a leading digitally-enabled economy in Nigeria, leveraging Technology to drive efficient governance, youth empowerment and socio-economic growth. The Governor promised to provide every support to make the partnership a success story.

The MoU covers six very important areas as follows:

1. Coverage of 100% of the population and space of the whole Abia with broadband access before year-end;
2. Device ownership scheme for Abia civil servants: this is a situation whereby MTN Nigeria Limited will finance the acquisition of laptops, smartphones, and Wi-Fi devices for Abia state civil servants;
3. Digital Governance: this refers to the provision of cloud services and dedicated cloud computing services;
4. The establishment of an Abia digital mall: this will involve the usage of multiple digital tools to drive SME growth in Abia State;
5. The provision of 4G and 5G services in Umuahia, Aba, and Ohafia before the end of the year; And
6. Provision of a digital marketplace to drive both e-governance and e-commerce in the state.







Abia State Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA) has commenced door-to-door collection of waste in some parts of Aba, Umuahia, and street-to-street collections in some parts of Abia North.

## Sports & Youth Development

Abia Warriors Football Club has qualified to play continental football for the first time in their history. That they did with one more match to go in the current Nigerian Professional Football League.



### ABIA STADIUM CITY:

**G**overnor Alex Otti within the month expressed the readiness of his administration to partner with serious private investors to build the proposed Abia Stadium City to create a better future and boost the economy of Abia State. speaking when he received in audience, a team of development partners led by the Managing Director, Irish Development Group (IDG) Mr. Nigel Neely, who came to present a master plan of the proposed Abia Stadium City in his office. The Governor said, "We've been on this stadium

project, and we've pushed very hard because we know what we want to achieve. Listening to you, you clearly know what to do."So, just looking at these highlights (the presentation), I know that the devil is in the details. It looks like something that can work. We have it out already, and I'm happy you have even gone ahead to inspect the site."So now, if it's largely private sector-held, then even when I'm not here tomorrow, they will run well because it also has to be sustainable."The Governor, who stressed that sustainability is key, said that the government could have 10% or 20% maximum investment and allow the rest to be owned by private investors.





At the recently concluded 22nd National Sports Festival tagged "Gateway Games Ogun 2024", Abia athletes made a significant improvement amongst all the South Eastern states, having amazed 12 Gold, 18 Silver, 38 Bronze, making it a total of 68 medals, thereby ranking 11th position on the festival table.

The Abia State Ministry of Sports and Youth Development, in partnership with Fifty1 Alliance, a leading sports business firm committed to advancing grassroots football and Youth Development in Abia State, kicked off and concluded the Abia State 5-Aside Super league competition.



The central and Local Organizing committees for the 1st Edition of the Abia State Para-Badminton International Tournament/All African Para-Badminton Championship has been inaugurated.



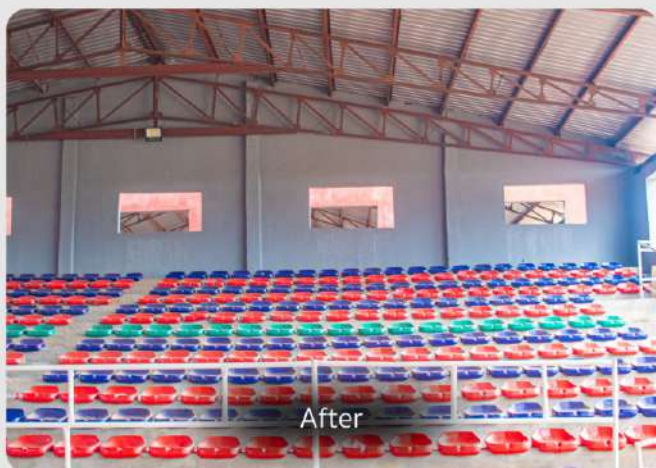


## Purchase of Coaster Buses for Abia Warriors Football and Abia State Sports Council



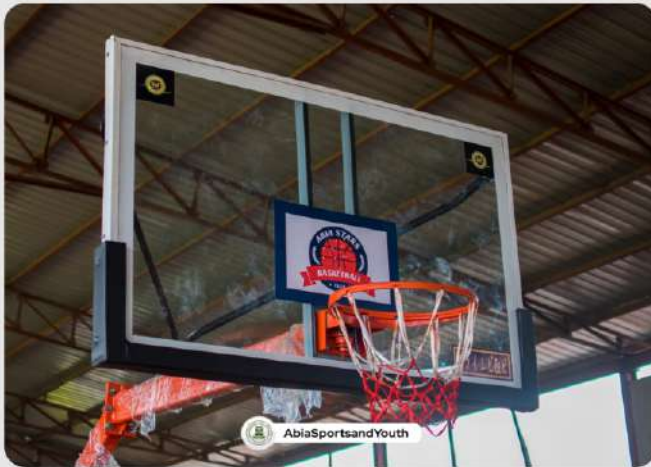


## Renovation and retrofitting of Indoor Hall sports hall at the Umuahia Township Stadium





## Purchase of new Sports Equipment





## Abia State Emergency Medical Services (Ambulances)





### Abia State Government Rolls out Electric Vehicles to boost transport.

**A**bia State has procured 20 electric buses which will be rolled out in the next 2 months. Governor Otti disclosed this while addressing Aba community who organized a thanksgiving carnival tagged 'Promise Kept Carnival' at Umuagbai Secondary School premises, Port Harcourt road, Aba in celebration of the Governor for reconstructing and completing Port Harcourt Road, abandoned for over 3 decades. He said that bus terminals are being built for effective transport system in the State. He further disclosed that the 20 procured electric buses will be for the first instance.

"In the next two months, not more than two months, our transport system will start working. So, if you go around, you will see the bus terminals we are building.

"We have paid for the 20 electric buses. So, they are bringing the buses to carry you and I, and the buses will be beautiful.

"You know the kind of buses you see abroad. That is the kind of buses you will see in Abia. The only difference is that these buses will not use petrol. It will not use diesel. It will not use gasoline. They will be electric buses," Gov. Otti stated.



**T**he leadership of the Abia State Tricycles Operators Union (ASTOPU) has given fuel palliative to tricycle operators in some parts of Aba, the Enyimba city in celebration of the road infrastructural strides of Governor Alex Otti.

Flagging off the exercise, the Abia State Commissioner for Transport, Dr. Chimezie Ukaegbu stressed the importance of commercial transport operators, saying that without a seamless transport system, the state would be under developed and described the operators as partners in progress.

Speaking also, the Chairman, Abia State Tricycles



Operators Union (ASTOPU), Mr. Victor Azubuike said they were moved to share the fuel in celebration of what Governor Alex Otti has been doing for the tricyclists and Abians at large. He added that the roads fixed by the Governor has made their businesses easy.

"Before now, we always go to mechanic for one thing or the other because of bad road network. But as I'm telling you today, we move everywhere freely, no potholes, nothing. Our machines are okay.

"We only go to mechanic only to change oil and all these minor things, unlike before."





## Ongoing construction of Abia Mega Transport Terminal





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## Mega Transport Terminal Project

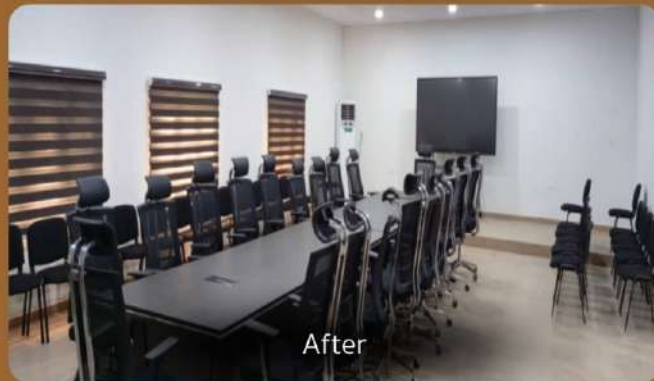




In its avowed commitment to develop the rural communities, Abia State Government (ABSG) has paid counterpart fund of N3.5 billion as requirement for the upgrade of roads and setting up of agro logistics hubs in about 10 LGAs of the state under the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Program (RAMP). The projects are expected to commence across the benefitting LGAs soonest.

## Renovation & Retrofitting of Public Buildings

Planning Commission building, renovated & retrofitted





## Construction works at School Of The Blind



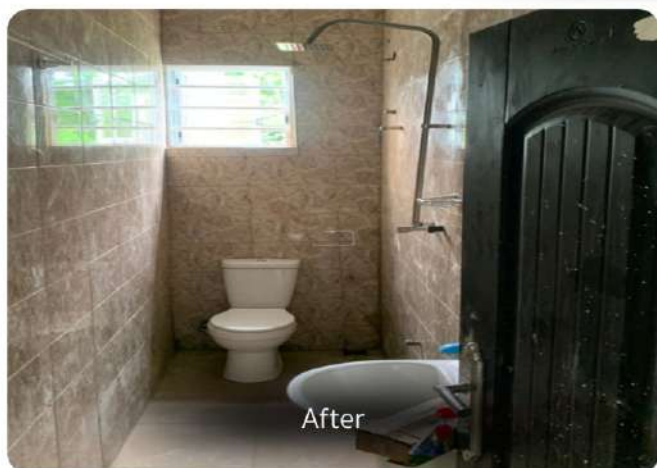


## Aguiyi Ironsi Conference Centre Umuahia renovated and retrofitted





## Chief Security Officer's Quarters Government House renovated and retrofitted





## Fishery Building, Ministry of Agriculture renovated and retrofitted



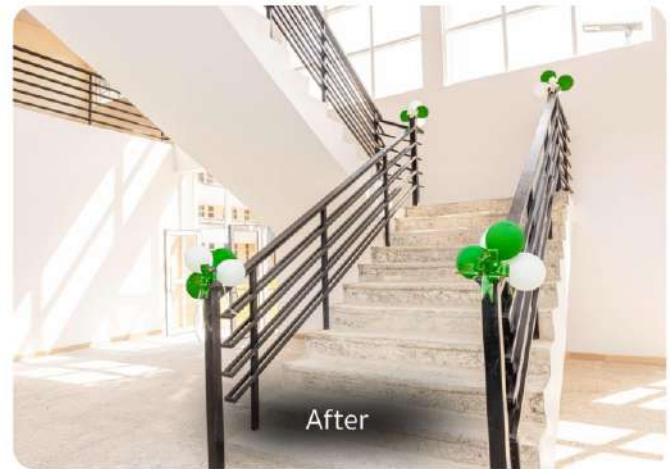


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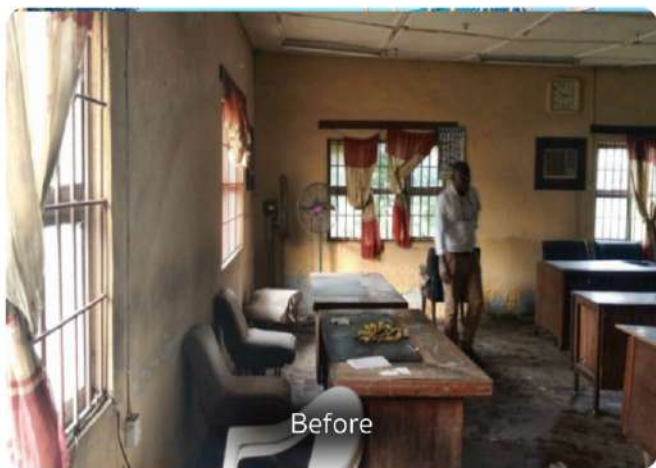
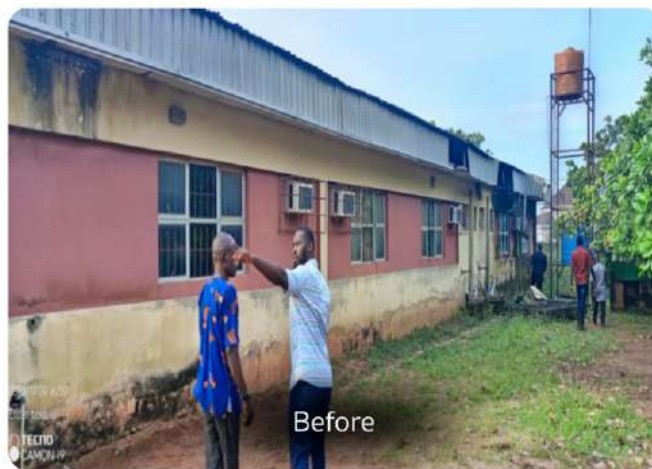


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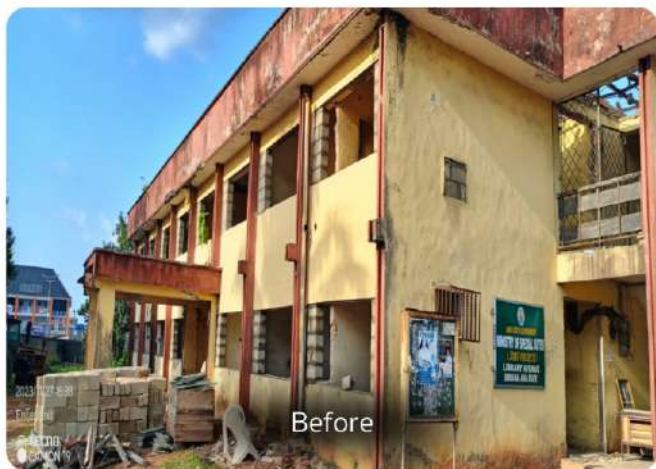


## Renovated Abia Newspaper and Publishing Office Block



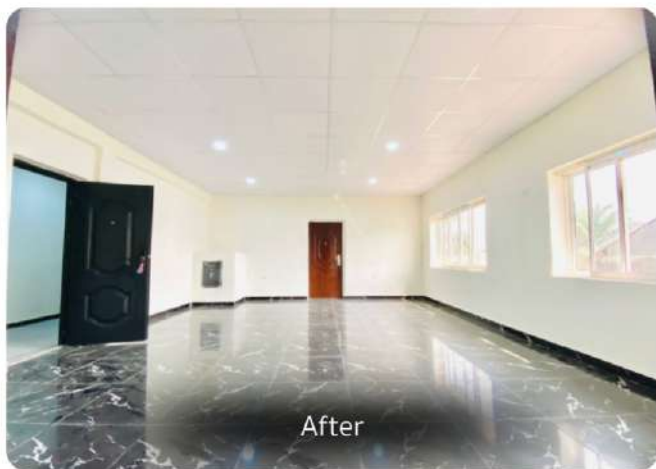


## Ministry of Agriculture Administrative Block renovated and retrofitted





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## Renovated Abia State Law Reform and Review Commission building





## Renovated and retrofitted Banquet Hall, Government Hall





## Renovated and retrofitted ST4 Building, Ministry of Agriculture





## Renovated and retrofitted RUWASA complex



Before Renovation



Before Renovation



Before Renovation



During Renovation



During Renovation



## Renovated and retrofitted RUWASA complex





## Renovation work at Federal College of Education, Ofeme





## State Secretariat - Fenced





## Renovation works at NYSC Secretariat





## Renovation of Commissioners Quarters





JAAC Building Umuahia completed by the administration of Governor Alex Otti





## Ovom erosion site (Before Reconstruction)





## Ovom erosion site (Ongoing Reconstruction)





Ongoing construction of the Office of Greater Aba Development Authority (GADA)





## Improved learning environment





## Renovation & retrofitting of public schools





Ongoing establishment of 20 smart schools across the 17 LGA of the state





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## The Agricultural Revolution







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## Training of 300 Abians at CSS farmers, Nasarawa state







300 CSS trained farmers empowered to start their farming business





## Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic The Transformations: Skill Acquisition Center





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## Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic: Sports facility





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## Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic: Construction of the first-ever Lecture Theatre (300-Seater Capacity)



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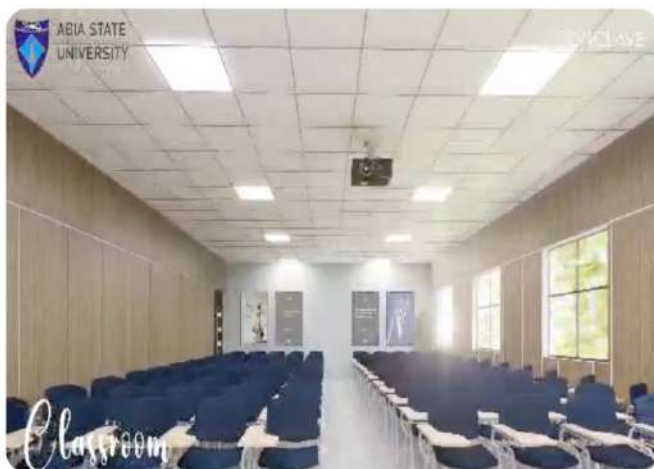
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## Abia State University: New Faculty of Law Building under construction





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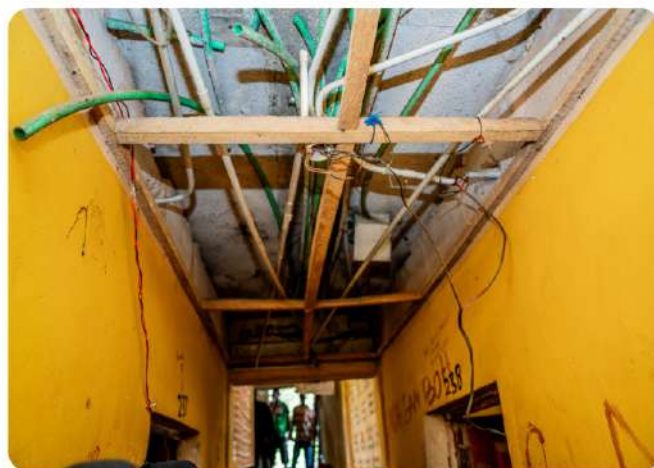
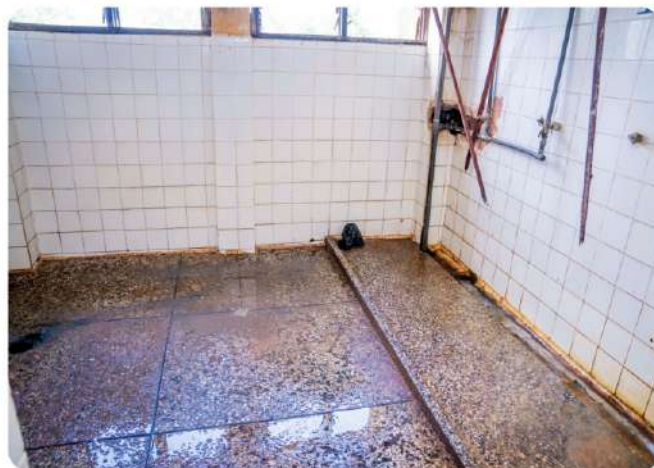


## Abia State University: Ongoing renovation of hotels



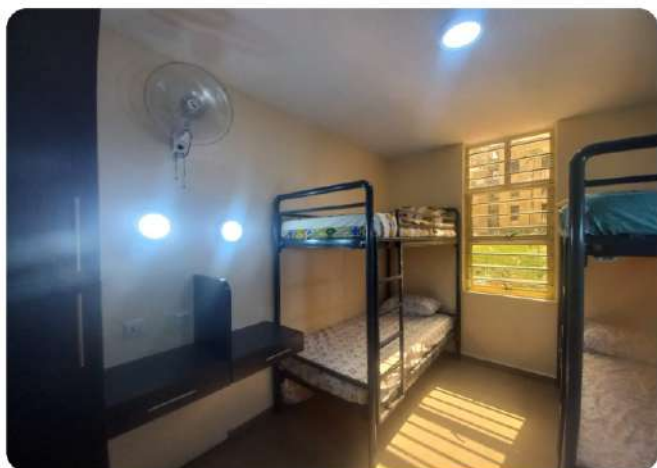


## Abia State University: Ongoing renovation of hotels (Before)





## Abia State University: Ongoing renovation of hotels (After)





## Abia State University: Ongoing landscaping





Huge Investment made in the Security architecture of the State.  
Abia has remained secure, safe and peaceful under the watch of Governor Alex Otti, OFR.







Ongoing construction of Modern Court Halls across the 17 LGAs of the State.







Prototype/Designs







Ongoing construction of the runway



Prototype



Prototype



Prototype





Ongoing construction of Abia International Textile Market Ekeoha





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- First Class B.Eng (Instrumentation and Control System); Madonna University.
- M.Sc, Control Systems Engineering University of Lagos
- PhD (Control of Drives) Umudike Nigeria.
- B.A (LAW) in view; Abia State University Uturu Abia State.
- Associate Professor of Control of Drives.

## PUBLICATIONS

Engr. Okoro C.K PhD has five (5) books and over Fifty (50) Local and International journal papers. He has patented two inventions.

## REVIEWER FOR NUMEROUS JOURNALS (LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL) NOT LIMITED TO:

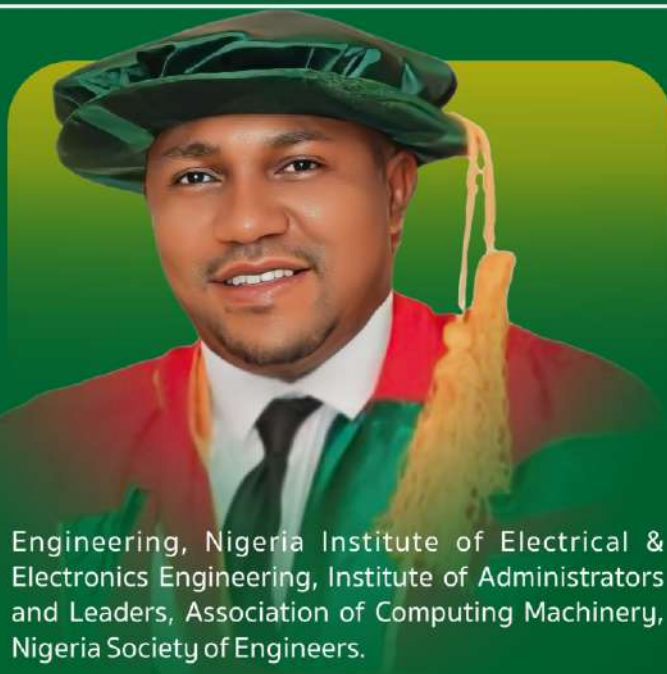
1. Journal for sustainable Agriculture and the Environment
2. International Journal of Energy Systems, Computers and Control
3. Nigerian Journal of Technology
4. The Annual Conference of the IEEE International Control Conference
5. Nigeria Society of Engineers (Electrical Division)

## NATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Served as collation/Returning Officer in 2015, 2019 and 2023 Governorship/National and State Assembly Elections. Technical Assistant to the Chairman of the Governing Council of MOUAU(2017-2021), Technical Assistant to Chairman of Governing Council, FEDPONEK(2024 till date)

## PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

He belongs to over five (5) bodies including Nigerian Association of Technologist in Engineering(Fellow), Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (Member), Institute of Electrical & Electronics



Engineering, Nigeria Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Institute of Administrators and Leaders, Association of Computing Machinery, Nigeria Society of Engineers.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Staff Adviser to:

1. National Association of Abia State Students (NAASS) 2018 till date
2. National Association of Nigerian Students, Abia State Axis(2021 till date)
- 3.Federation of Abam Students(2014 -2016)

General Secretary Idima Abam development Union(2016-2020)Coordinator Diploma Programme MOUAU(2014-2016)

## GRANTS ATTRACTED

European Union Embedded Artificial Intelligence Grant (2022-2026) Cost €86,000.00Has attracted over \$100M from International bodies and TETFUND.

Appointed the Rector, Abia State Polytechnic, Aba by His Excellency Dr. Alex Chioma Otti OFR in March, 2024.

## FAMILY/SOCIAL LIFE

- He is from Abam, Arochukwu LGA of Abia State.
- He is a Presbyterian.

Happily married with a wife, Mrs Geraldine Onyinyechi Okoro and blessed with three (3) children.