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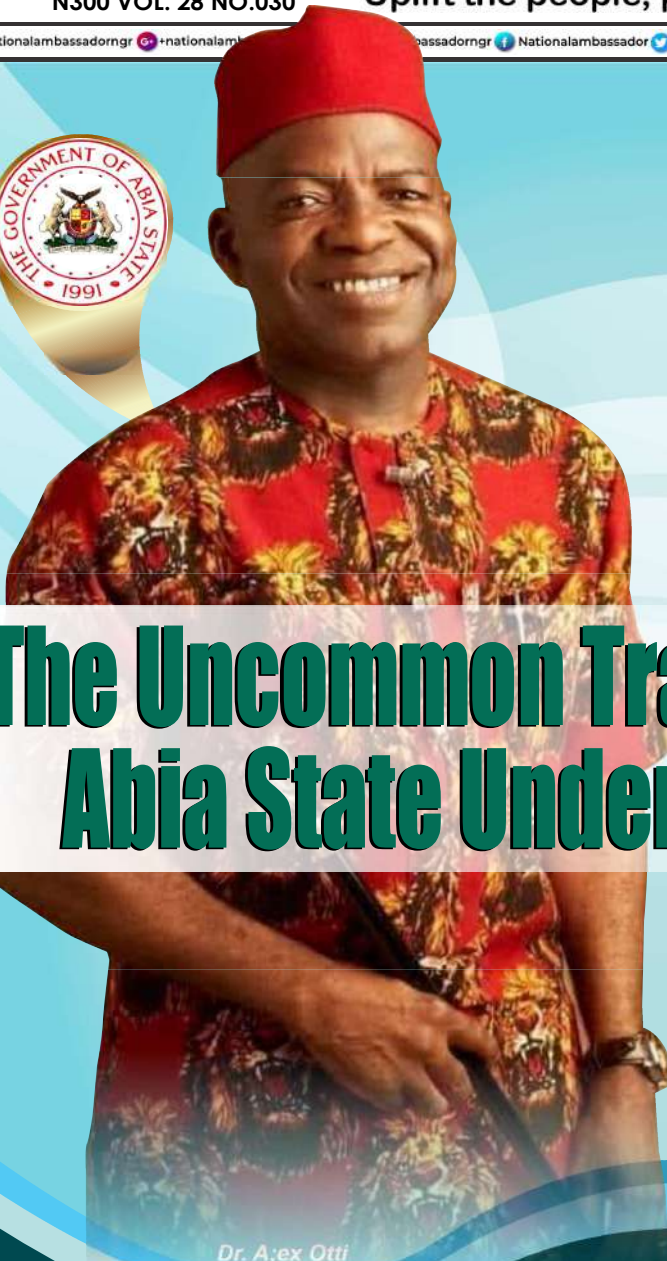
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## **The Uncommon Transformation Of Abia State Under Governor Otti**

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**EDITORIAL: Gov Otti's 3rd Anniversary: Reform, Renewal And The Imperative Of Continuity**

## Gov Otti's 3rd Anniversary Celebration

# PROLOGUE: Abia's Story of Decay, Resilience and Rebirth

By Jones Ike

**A**bia State is a vital component of Igbo land. The Igbo people are widely renowned for their hard work, resourcefulness, strong sense of social justice, quest for excellence, and deeply rooted republican values. Historically, the region has produced distinguished leaders across diverse fields of human endeavor—leaders whose commitment to excellence and sound values has contributed immensely to the advancement of modern science, technology, medicine, economics, law, and the arts. Through these accomplishments, they brought pride not only to themselves and their families, but also to their region and the nation at large. However, this pride was, over time, punctuated by the poor leadership outcomes of those entrusted with the governance of the state.

Truth be told, Abia State—created in August 1991 from the old Imo State—began its journey under military administration, which did little to advance its development. Indeed, military rule in Nigeria, which lasted for nearly three decades, has little record of meaningful progress to its credit. In comparative terms, Abia's experience under military rule from 1991 to 1999 fell below the national average.

The civilian administration of Dr. Ogonnaya Onu, elected in 1992, offered a glimpse of hope. However, this hope was short-lived, as his government was abruptly terminated by the Abacha coup of November 1993.

In fairness to the military administrations in the state, it must be acknowledged that they maintained a degree of stability in governance. Basic administrative systems—such as salary payments, recruitment processes, discipline, and promotions within the civil service—were upheld with a reasonable level of consistency. This ensured operational efficiency, even though there was little or no progress in infrastructural development.

With Nigeria's return to democratic rule in 1999, expectations were high. The people anticipated not only the continuation of administrative efficiency established under military rule but also a significant leap in infrastructural development and the fulfillment of their collective aspirations.

Unfortunately, these expectations were not met.

Particularly high hopes were placed on the youthful and charismatic governor, Chief Orji Uzor Kalu, who won the 1999 gubernatorial election. His early performance in infrastructure initially raised optimism. However, these hopes were gradually and systematically eroded as his administration devolved into a transactional system characterized by greed, graft, disregard for established rules, and elements of family dominance.

Perhaps the most damaging outcome of this era was the erosion of discipline within the civil service. Favoritism became widespread, with loyalists promoted over more qualified senior officers. Recruitment processes were compromised, and fiscal discipline weakened. These developments laid the foundation for the stagnation and eventual decay the state would experience in subsequent years.

Matters worsened as political tensions escalated. Chief Kalu's confrontational stance toward federal authorities triggered internal crises within the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). Much of his later years in office were consumed by political battles with influential party members at the federal level, including ministers, legislators, and other stakeholders.

Between 2002 and 2007, Abia State was engulfed in political turmoil, frequently making national headlines.

By 2007, as Chief Kalu exited office, his political structure succeeded in installing his Chief of Staff, Chief T. A. Orji, as governor—despite the latter being under detention at the Kirikiri Maximum Security Prison over allegations of financial misconduct.

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### Abia's Story of Decay, Resilience and Rebirth

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Chief T. A. Orji, who contested under the Peoples Progressive Alliance (PPA), was unable to rise above the entrenched culture of mediocrity and inefficiency established by his predecessor. Instead, his administration sustained and deepened the politics of exclusion and the transactional sharing of state resources among a small ruling elite and their associates.

Fiscal indiscipline worsened, budgetary processes were routinely ignored, and transparency in public procurement remained elusive. Even the limited infrastructural efforts initiated during the previous administration were either neglected or abandoned.

By the time he left office, Abia State had entered a phase of widespread deterioration across virtually all sectors.

Amid this decline, a counter-movement began to emerge. A professional reform-oriented group, led by the highly accomplished Dr. Alex Chioma Otti—who resigned his position as Managing Director of Diamond Bank—stepped forward to challenge the entrenched status quo.

His entry into the political arena significantly altered the dynamics of the struggle to reclaim the state from the grip of a long-standing political cabal that had dominated governance since 1999.

In the 2015 elections, Dr. Okezie Ikpeazu of the PDP was declared winner after a highly contested process. However, his administration performed even worse than that of his predecessor. His tenure became widely associated with systemic looting, fiscal recklessness, administrative inefficiency, and severe infrastructural decay.

By the time he left office in 2023, Abia State had acquired the unfortunate reputation of being one of the least developed states in Southern Nigeria.

During the twilight of his administration, both urban and rural infrastructure had collapsed. Roads were in deplorable condition, healthcare systems were largely non-functional, and medical personnel were frequently on strike or leaving the service.

The education sector fared no better. Many tertiary institutions lost accreditation for key programs, while both staff and students suffered from poor infrastructure and inadequate accommodation. Workers, both teaching and non-teaching, were owed salaries spanning several months, and in some cases, years.

Security also deteriorated, as criminal gangs took control of parts of several local government areas.

Urban environments became overwhelmed by filth, with refuse clogging major roads and public spaces.

The worst affected were civil servants and pensioners, who endured irregular salary payments and accumulated arrears. Morale within the public service reached an all-time low.

During this "locust years" period, Aba—the famed Enyimba City and pride of the Igbo people—suffered the most severe decline, degenerating into a severely dilapidated urban center with some of the worst road networks in the country.

Perhaps most troubling was the conduct of the ruling political class during this period. Detached from the suffering of the people, they operated like mercenaries within their own land—exhibiting arrogance, insensitivity, and disregard for public welfare, while the masses yearned desperately for change.

Consequently, Abia State's human development indicators declined sharply, reinforcing its negative reputation.

The turning point came with the election of Dr. Alex Chioma Otti on March 18, 2023. He was sworn into office on May 29, 2023 amidst an ongoing industrial action by organized labor, which had to be persuaded to suspend its strike to enable the new administration to commence operations.

Dr. Otti's victory symbolized the collective resolve of the Abia people to break free from decades of misrule. It marked the culmination of a long and courageous struggle that began as far back as 2015—one in which citizens resisted intimidation and manipulation to usher in a government committed to transparency, efficiency, and accountability.

Three years into his administration, Dr. Otti—who campaigned on a clear vision to restore Abia's lost glory and reposition it as a leading state significant progress toward realizing that vision.

The evidence supporting this transformation forms the subject of the subsequent sections.



## Gov Otti's 3rd Anniversary Celebration

### The Institutionalisation of A Smart, Good Governance System

**R**ight from inception, Governor Otti was intentional about his agenda for the state. His vision and mission were clearly articulated in the opening statements of his 42-page manifesto document, and they read as follows:

- Vision

To restore the glory of Abia State and make her a truly number one state in Nigeria – God's Own State.

- Mission

To establish a responsive, efficient, and accountable government that will sustainably develop Abia State for the welfare, security, and progress of all Abians.

No assessment of Governor Otti's performance over the past three years can be considered objective or complete without reference to these foundational commitments.

Dr. Alex Chioma Otti envisioned reversing the fortunes of Abia State—from its unfortunate status as one of the least developed states in Nigeria—to a truly leading state. When this vision was first made public, many regarded it as an impossible mission. However, Dr. Otti did not merely present an aspiration; he clearly articulated the vehicle through which this transformation would be achieved.

That vehicle, as outlined in his mission statement, is the establishment of a responsive, efficient, and accountable government capable of delivering sustainable development for Abia State.

Three years down the line, the steady movement toward the realization of this vision has become an everyday reality.

- MEASURABLE PROGRESS AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Several development indices now suggest that Abia is rapidly overtaking many other states in key sectors. A few practical examples will suffice:

The state's inherited debt burden of ₦192 billion has been reduced by over 60%—a feat unmatched by any other state in Nigeria within a similar time frame.

Within three years, the administration has constructed over 414 quality roads, spanning more than 860 kilometers—another record that stands out nationally.

Over 200 health centers have been constructed and made functional across the 184 wards of the state.

Tertiary institutions have regained accreditation for courses that were previously lost.

Public sector buildings are being renovated and retrofitted at a pace rarely seen elsewhere in the country.

Workers' welfare has significantly improved, with salaries consistently paid on or before the 28th day of every month since May 29, 2023.

Beyond these measurable indices, what many now refer to as the "Abia Miracle" is reflected in the lived experiences of millions of citizens who now feel the tangible impact of governance in their daily lives.

#### THE FOUNDATION:

##### A SMART GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

This transformation did not happen by chance. It is the result of a bold vision backed by a clear and actionable mission—anchored on the establishment of a responsive, efficient, and accountable government.

Simply put, Governor Otti set out to institute a smart governance system as the instrument for achieving his goals.

Upon assuming office, he embarked on fundamental institutional reforms that have led to the emergence of a smart and effective governance structure. This structure has enabled the rapid transformation of Abia—from one of the least developed states in Nigeria to one of the fastest-growing within just three years.

This remarkable turnaround is what is now widely referred to as the "Abia Miracle."

- GOVERNOR OTTI'S GOOD GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE UNVEILED

- Merit-Based Appointments

Professionals with proven track records are appointed to key positions, regardless of gender, class, or ethnicity.

- Rule of Law

Governance is driven by due process, legality, and institutional integrity.

- Leadership by Example

Governor Otti leads from the front, setting high standards of discipline, hard work, and transparency.

- Empathy for the Vulnerable

The government has developed very robust policies that supports the weak and the vulnerable in the society through institutional mechanism.

- MDA REFORMS

Governor Otti has reinvigorated the Abia State Civil Service by:

Promoting merit-based recruitment, promotion, and discipline

Restructuring of Ministries for efficiency

Combating ghost workers, absenteeism, and workplace truancy

Regular training and retraining of public sector personnel

- DIRECT LABOUR MECHANISM

To fast-track service delivery and reduce costs, the administration introduced direct labour in key ministries such as:



- Works

Lands and Housing

Abia State Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA)

- This approach leverages in-house professionals, enhances their capacity, saves public funds, and ensures quality project delivery.

These reforms have transformed the workforce into a more efficient and professional service, significantly improving productivity.

Encouraging project execution through direct labour mechanism at minimal cost

- TIMELY PAYMENT OF WORKERS' SALARIES

In keeping with the biblical principle, "A worker deserves his wage," Governor Otti pledged during his May 29, 2023 inauguration that salaries would be paid on or before the 28th of each month.

This pledge has been faithfully upheld.

Previously, salary payments were irregular and arbitrary. Today, salaries, entitlements, and allowances are consistently paid, greatly improving staff morale and productivity—reinforcing a hallmark of good governance.

- RECOVERY OF GOVERNMENT ASSETS

Governor Otti has demonstrated strong commitment to accountability by:

Establishing a State Panel on the Recovery of Government Funds and Assets, chaired by Justice Mrs. Duruoha (Rtd)

Commissioning a Visitation Panel for Abia State University in 2024

These efforts are aimed at curbing corruption and restoring accountability in public institutions.

- FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Strict adherence to budgetary provisions ensures proper utilization of public funds

Transparent payment cycles are maintained

The Accountant-General is mandated to release funds within 72 hours of approvals

- STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Governor Otti has leveraged both local and international networks to attract investments and support through platforms such as:

Transition Council

Global Economic Council

Security Trust Fund etc.

- A CULTURE OF HARD WORK

Governor Otti's legendary work ethic has redefined leadership in Abia. Known to sleep less than four hours a night, he consistently drives government operations forward.

His relentless dedication has inspired his team and established a governance tempo that ensures prompt and efficient project delivery.

- RESTORING TRUST THROUGH ACCOUNTABILITY

Public funds are no longer siphoned off. The Due Process Office ensures value-for-money in all procurements, and the culture of looting state resources has been decisively dismantled.

As a result, investors and development partners now see Abia as a credible destination for business.

- STRICT ADHERENCE TO BUDGETARY PROVISIONS

The Government runs a system where MDA's adhere strictly to budgetary provisions.

- INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

Governor Otti's administration reflects inclusivity across all zones, communities, and gender lines.

Women now occupy critical leadership roles across key institutions. Positions held by women include the The Commissioners for Tertiary Education, Poverty Alleviation and Social Inclusion, Women Affairs, Accountant-General, Chairman Civil Service Commission, Primary Education Board, Provost Abia State College of Education (Technical) and several other high profile positions.

Women hold approximately 75% of Permanent Secretary positions in the state

- WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The administration maintains:

Weekly State Executive Council meetings

Monthly Expanded Executive Council meetings

These meetings ensure collective decision-making, accountability, and timely resolution of challenges with clearly defined execution timelines.

- CONCLUSION: THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW ABIA

The New Abia that has emerged through these institutional reforms—collectively referred to as the Good Governance Structure—is not a fluke.

It is the result of deliberate policies, disciplined execution, and a people-centered governance system instituted by Governor Otti.

This transformation has:

Reawakened hope

Restored pride

Repositioned Abia as a model of transformation

This phenomenon is now widely known as the "Abia Miracle"—the product of which is a truly "New Abia".

**News**

**Abia Governor Flags Off Reconstruction Of 100-Bed Okpuala Ngwa General Hospital Project**

By Amarachi Uzoukwu

Governor Alex Otti of Abia State has flagged off the reconstruction of a 100 bed, Okpuala Ngwa General Hospital in Isiala Ngwa North Local Government Area.

He described the project as a major step towards restoring quality healthcare services to the area and reviving a facility of historical significance to the former Eastern Ngwa zone and the state at large.

Speaking at the foundation-laying ceremony, Governor Otti, lamented the long neglect of the public health facility in the region despite improved resources and technology.

He said that founding fathers of the state did their best in maintaining public health facilities that served the people, but expressed displeasure that their efforts were not consolidated as the facilities were allowed to decline.

"In the olden days, this used to be a major hospital in the whole of Abia State and the then Eastern Ngwa area.

"If our forefathers, with limited resources, were able to maintain hospitals like this, it is a shame that we all failed in our time with all the technology, education and money.

"And with what we have come here to do today (ground breaking), that's why I insisted that I have to perform the foundation laying ceremony", Governor Otti said.

The governor also announced that general hospitals in Arochuku and Obingwa LGAs have been completed and are awaiting inauguration, adding that the Okpuala Ngwa project was prioritised due to its strategic importance and would be delivered within record time.

He also said that portions of the hospital land allegedly acquired illegally had been recovered by the government.

"I want to sound a note of warning that every land belongs to the state, so those who want to head to court we will wait for them in court.

"You cannot steal government property and be pretending to be a big man. So we have taken back our land and this hospital.

"Like the Honorable Commissioner has told us, it's going to be a state of the art hospital and we have a budget for it.

"We already have awarded it and the job has started; so there is no story and it will be done in record time", Governor Otti said.

Earlier, the Commissioner for Health, Prof. Enoch Uche, had said the project aligns with the administration's healthcare transformation agenda aimed at ensuring each local government area has a functional general hospital.

Prof Uche explained that the 100-bed facility would include maternity and surgical wards, accident and emergency units, theatres, laboratories, radiology services, children's ward, blood bank, ambulance services, and a general outpatient department.

The commissioner added that eight general hospitals are currently under construction across the state, while five secondary healthcare facilities have already become operational.

He described the hospital as a legacy project with deep historical relevance to the people of Okpuala Ngwa and Isiala Ngwa North Local Government Area.

**Traditional Rulers In Ibeku Counter Libation Against Governor Otti**

By Okechukwu Ubani

Some traditional rulers from different communities in Ibeku Egwu Asaa, Umuahia North Local Government Area of Abia State, have carried out a counter-libation ceremony. They said the aim was to cancel an earlier ritual that was allegedly directed against Governor Alex Otti.

The earlier ritual was said to have been performed by a former Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Charles Ogbonnaya.

The matter became known after a video went viral on social media. In the video, Ogbonnaya was seen pouring water on the ground and holding a kola nut while calling on the ancestors.

During the act, he accused Governor Otti of

disrespecting traditional practices. He also claimed that the governor was running the state from his private home in Nvosi, Isiala Ngwa South LGA, instead of from the Government House in Umuahia.

The video sparked different reactions from the public. Some people saw it as part of cultural expression, while others believed it was a political statement that could cause tension. Because of this, traditional rulers in Ibeku land decided to respond.

In response, the monarchs and community leaders from different clans came together and performed their own libation. They said their purpose was to cancel the earlier ritual and prevent any negative effect it might have.

The ceremony was done openly to show their

clear position on the issue.

The traditional rulers explained that although Charles Ogbonnaya is an indigene of Ibeku land, his action was not approved by them. They said that such traditional practices should not be carried out by one person alone without the knowledge or permission of recognized traditional leaders.

They also said they were not fighting him personally, but they did not agree with how the ritual was done. According to them, proper steps were not followed, and there was no consultation with the rightful custodians of the land before the act took place.

The monarchs added that the earlier ritual did not represent the opinion or authority of Ibeku traditional rulers. They called for peace, unity, and proper communication when dealing with cultural

matters, especially those that could affect the wider community.

During their own libation, the traditional rulers said that any negative words or actions directed at Governor Otti had been cancelled.

They prayed for his safety, peace, and success in office, and wished him well in leading the state.

The royal fathers also said they were satisfied with Governor Otti's performance so far.

According to them, his government has brought visible improvements, and they encouraged him to continue working for the development of Abia State.

The monarchs warned against using the name of Ibeku land for political issues or personal disagreements.

They urged all indigenes to respect traditional institutions and avoid actions that could bring misunderstanding or division in the community.



Governor Alex Otti.

**Otti Appoints New Leadership For Ariaria International Market**

By Amarachi Uzoukwu

Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti, has approved the appointment of a new leadership team for the Ariaria International Market in Aba, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen market administration and improve operational efficiency within the state's commercial ecosystem.

The appointments, according to the Abia State Government, are intended to reposition the market for greater productivity, improved security, better sanitation and enhanced engagement among traders and other stakeholders.

This was contained in a press statement signed by the

Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Emmanuel C. Meribole, who stated that the appointments received the approval of Governor Otti and take immediate effect.

The government explained that the move forms part of ongoing reforms aimed at restoring the market's status as a leading commercial destination in Nigeria and beyond.

The newly constituted leadership will be headed by Chief Polycarp Muojiuba as chairman, while Mazi Ufere Iyama will serve as vice chairman.

Other members of the leadership team include Christian Nwachukwu who

is to serve as secretary, Okechukwu Godswill, assistant secretary, Ikechukwu Alex Uzukwu, treasurer, Chizoba Onyeukwu as chief security officer and Christian Chukwuma as provost.

Also appointed are Francis Madubuike, chief task officer, Chief Ugochukwu Nwaeze, Financial Secretary, Mrs Chinwe Onwura, woman leader, Mrs. Chibuzo Umeonyimba, assistant woman leader and Kingsley Egbeogu as public relations officer.

Other members include Chief Chinedu Udechukwu, Uzoma Nwakpa, Mrs Chidinma Obia, Eitelbarth Ugha and Chief Chukwuemeka Mgbajaka.

The statement further

called on traders and all interest groups within the market community to support the new management team in order to ensure smooth administration and sustained commercial activities.

"The state government urges all traders, unions, stakeholders and members of

the market community to cooperate fully with the new leadership in the collective interest of maintaining peace, order and commercial excellence within the market."

The statement also reaffirmed the state government's determination to transform Ariaria

International Market into a more vibrant economic hub.

"Government further reiterates its commitment to restoring the glory of Ariaria International Market as a leading commercial hub in Nigeria and beyond," the statement said.

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# Editorial

## GOV OTTI'S 3RD ANNIVERSARY: REFORM, RENEWAL AND THE IMPERATIVE OF CONTINUITY

Three years after assuming office as Governor of Abia State, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, has significantly altered the governance narrative of a state that, for decades, symbolized institutional decay, infrastructural collapse, and administrative lethargy. The difficult task of restoring public confidence in government and rebuilding the foundations of development has, within a relatively short period, become a visible reality in Abia State.

The significance of Governor Otti's administration lies not merely in the projects executed, but in the restoration of governance itself. For years, Abians yearned for purposeful leadership capable of translating public resources into measurable development outcomes. Today, from Aba to Umuhia, from Ukwa to Arochuku, the evidence of a determined reform agenda is increasingly difficult to ignore.

The transformation witnessed across Abia State within these three years is both tangible and far-reaching. Long-abandoned roads that once crippled economic activities and frustrated residents have received urgent attention. Aba, Nigeria's renowned commercial hub, is gradually reclaiming its place as a centre of enterprise through strategic road rehabilitation, improved drainage systems, and urban renewal initiatives. The governor recognized early that economic revival cannot occur where infrastructure is absent—a principle that has guided interventions across multiple sectors of the state.

Above all, the Otti administration has pursued reforms in public finance management with uncommon discipline. The regular payment of salaries and pensions has restored confidence among workers and retirees who were previously subjected to uncertainty and neglect. This alone represents a major shift in governance culture. A government that honours its obligations, creates stability, boosts productivity, and stimulates local economic activity.

Equally commendable are the administration's interventions in healthcare and education. Across the state, efforts to rehabilitate primary healthcare centres, equip hospitals, and improve access to medical services have renewed hope among

ordinary citizens. In education, school rehabilitation, teacher recruitment, and renewed attention to learning infrastructure signal a clear recognition that human capital development remains the foundation of sustainable progress.

Reforms in sanitation and environmental management have also produced visible improvements, particularly in urban centres. Areas once overwhelmed by refuse and disorder now reflect better coordination and a growing sense of environmental responsibility.

While these changes may appear modest to outsiders, to residents who endured years of neglect, they represent a restoration of dignity.

Importantly, Governor Otti's leadership style has projected seriousness, accountability, and urgency in governance. At a time when public trust in political leadership continues to decline nationally, Abia's experience demonstrates that transparent governance and prudent management of public resources can still deliver tangible results. The administration has shown that leadership is not about rhetoric, but about measurable impact on the lives of the people.

However, while celebrating these gains, it is crucial to emphasize that sustainable development requires continuity. Three years, though impactful, are insufficient to completely reverse decades of systemic decay. Institutional reforms, infrastructural renewal, and economic rebuilding are long-term processes that demand consistency and protection from political disruption.

The greatest danger to reform-oriented governments in Nigeria often arises when policies are abandoned midway due to shifting political interests.

Abia cannot afford a return to an era defined by abandoned projects, unpaid salaries, weak institutions, and lack of direction. The momentum generated under the present administration must therefore be consolidated and sustained beyond immediate political cycles.

Sustaining these reforms requires collective responsibility. Government must continue to deepen transparency, strengthen institutions, and ensure that development reaches rural communities alongside urban centres. Citizens, on their part, must protect public infrastructure, support lawful governance, and demand accountability without descending into destructive partisanship.

Governor Alex Otti's first three years in office have undeniably repositioned Abia State on the path of recovery and growth. While challenges remain, the administration has demonstrated that visionary leadership, fiscal discipline, and political will can indeed transform society.

The task ahead is not only to applaud ongoing reforms, but to preserve and strengthen them. For Abia, continuity of purposeful governance is no longer a luxury; it has become a developmental and political imperative.

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## Nnenna Oti Bus Terminal

Dear Editor

In the words of Jack Kemp, "The power of one man or woman doing the right thing for the right reason, at the right time, is the greatest influence in our society."

Prof. Nnenna Oti is a profound example of that Power!

In her time as VC FUTO, she was called to serve as the Returning Officer of the Abia Guber Elections 2023. The rest is history!

One woman, doing the right thing for the right reason, at the right time, has had the greatest influence on Abia's present day trajectory.

Nnenna Oti is a living example of why Free and Fair Elections are critical to our Development as a Nation.

If you do not understand the import of Nnenna's decision, then you may have to go back to our tears in the 2015 Abia Guber Elections; and the impact of the single decision of yet another woman, Prof. Selina Oko - and the eight years that followed.

It is critical that monuments are built for the likes of Nnenna Oti - less we forget.

Our present democracy and development, in Abia, did not come cheap and should never be taken for granted.

A monument, named in honour of the woman that ushered in the change in Abia's trajectory, courtesy of putting her seal on a free and fair election is a befitting immortalisation of the woman.

It is also a loud affirmation of the critical importance of Free and Fair Elections to Development and the importance of a single man in the right place, at the right time for the right purpose.

Immortalising her also reflects on the character of our leader, Gov. Alex C. Otti and also shows our eternal gratitude as a people, to the Almighty Father, in using HIS daughter, Nnenna Oti, as an instrument, to take back His State.

Truly, we are God's Own State!

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# News

**Rural Female Farmers Receive Fertilizer From Mrs Otti, Ministry**

Chibunna Ikeokwu

The Office of the Wife of the Governor of Abia State, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, has distributed fertiliser to rural female farmers across the state to improve yields and strengthen food security.

The exercise, held at the Ministry of Agriculture complex, targeted women farmers in rural communities as part of efforts to raise agricultural productivity and increase household incomes.

Speaking at the event, Mrs. Priscilla Otti commended Governor Alex Otti for his administration's commitment to transforming agriculture in Abia.

She said the initiative aligned with the government's agenda to empower women, reduce poverty, and ensure sustainable food production.

"Abia is blessed with fertile land. With the right support, Abia will become a leading hub for food production in Nigeria," she said.

"Governor Otti's support and the shared vision of the Ministry of Agriculture made this possible because he believes governance should be practical. This is not going to be a one-time support to our rural women farmers. The governor's commitment to agriculture is evident in the policies and programmes being rolled out, and we will continue to complement those efforts," she stated.

The Commissioner for Women Affairs, Dr. Maureen Agukwa, said the intervention would ease the burden on female farmers and encourage more women to go into commercial agriculture.

"This is a practical step to help our women farm better and harvest better," she said.

The Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Agriculture, Chris Enweremadu, said women remained the backbone of food production in the state. He noted that the distribution went beyond supplying fertilizer to improving livelihoods and transforming food production in Abia.

The Commissioner for Poverty Alleviation and Social Protection, Ngozi Felix, added that the programme would contribute directly to reducing rural poverty and improving livelihoods, particularly for women who make up a large share of the state's farming population.

"Supporting women in agriculture is an investment in food security," she said.

One of the beneficiaries, Mrs. Nnenna John, thanked the wife of the governor for the support, saying the fertilizer would help farmers achieve a better harvest in the current season.

## Otti's 3<sup>rd</sup> Year In Office: Abia Govt Holds Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service

By Amarachi Uzoukwu

The Abia State Government has held an interdenominational thanksgiving service as part of activities marking the third year in office anniversary of Governor Alex Otti.

The service, which took place at the Umuahia Event Centre, Okpara Square, attracted a large gathering of Christian faithful drawn from different denominations across the state, who came to express gratitude to God for the peace and developments recorded in the state under the present administration.

Speaking at the service, Governor Otti, disclosed that part of his early commitments upon assumption of office included rededicating the state to God in prayers.

The governor further disclosed that one of the key promises made during his spiritual commitments was the construction of an ecumenical centre in Umuahia.

According to the governor, the project will be financed entirely through private means, without recourse to public funds.

He said; "We vowed that we are going to build an ecumenical centre in Umuahia for God.

"The ecumenical centre is not going to be built by government money. No one dime from the state government



will go in there".

Governor Otti said that he had already secured the land for the project as far back as 2009, noting that the site previously housed Elite Construction.

The governor expressed appreciation to the fathers of faith for their united prayers for the state, as well as to the women who interceded for divine intervention in the state.

He noted with satisfaction that, years after those spiritual efforts and the emergence of his administration, the state has witnessed significant positive change and is on the part of steady growth.

Governor Otti also thanked the founder, Living Word Ministries, Dr. Okorie for his steadfastness and encouragement over the years.

He recalled that during his 2014 governorship bid, despite alleged pressure and warnings from the then administration discouraging association with him, Dr. Emma Okorie remained supportive.

The governor noted that this act of loyalty attracted repercussions at the time, including the demolition of a fence at the clergyman's

residence, yet his commitment to their relationship and shared conviction remained unshaken.

He added that despite past experiences, forgiveness remains central to his administration's values.

The governor urged Christians to remain steadfast in their faith and unwavering in their service to God.

Earlier the Founder and President, Living Word Ministries, Dr. Okorie, in a sermon titled "Where there is No Vision the People Perish", described Governor Otti as a

"God-sent" leader on a mission to deliver the people of Abia.

Dr Okorie who drew his text from Exodus 3:1-10, recalled how the Israelites suffered years of bondage in Egypt before God raised Moses to deliver them after hearing their cries.

The clergyman likened the biblical account to the situation in Abia, stating that the state had experienced setbacks over the past 24 years because of leadership lacking vision.

He argued that Otti's emergence as governor reflected God's response to the prayers of the people who had cried out for deliverance from hardship and poor governance.

"I believe with all I have seen Gov. Otti encountered God just like Moses did at the burning bush. I believe he did not just take up governance; he encountered God."

He further described the governor as a man with a divine mandate, vision and a servant-leader committed to transforming Abia.

Also, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Umuahia, Dr Michael Ukpong, in his word, urged Governor Otti to remain focused and not be distracted from his good works.

He assured the governor of God's guidance and support as he continues in service, adding that with faith and commitment to righteousness, no opposition would prevail against the governor.

The bishop noted that his message extended beyond the governor to include appointees, collaborators and civil servants serving in the state government.

He reminded public office holders of their accountability before God and called for collective efforts to sustain the developmental progress being witnessed in Abia.

"Let us make concerted efforts to ensure that the good works witnessed in Abia under this administration will be sustained", Ukpong charged.

The thanksgiving service featured praise and worship, thanksgiving prayer and will as prayer for continued security in Abia, among others.

## Gov Otti Names Umuahia Bus Terminal After Prof. Nnenna Oti

By Amarachi Uzoukwu and Offor Okkechukwu

Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, has commissioned the newly constructed multimodal bus terminal in Umuahia and named the facility after the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO), Prof. Nnenna Nnennaya-Oti, in recognition of her integrity and courage during the 2023 governorship election in Abia State.

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony of the Nnenna Oti Bus Terminal on Wednesday, Governor Otti said the honour was in appreciation of the professor's steadfast commitment to truth and fairness while serving as the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Returning Officer during the election that brought his administration into office.

The Governor noted that Prof. Oti symbolized the courage and patriotism displayed by individuals who resisted pressure and defended the integrity of the electoral process.

According to him, the gesture was not only to honour Prof. Oti but also to celebrate all those who stood against electoral manipulation and injustice.

"This terminal has been named after Professor Nnenna Nnennaya-Oti, the courageous INEC Returning Officer who demonstrated uncommon

integrity in the discharge of her duties during a high-stakes election assignment here in Abia.

"In 2023, by standing firmly on the side of truth and refusing to compromise the electoral process, she reminded us that ordinary people can achieve extraordinary results by simply saying no – no to manipulation, no to injustice, and no to conspiracy against the will of the people," the Governor stated.

Governor Otti added that the recognition also extends to electoral officials, security personnel, party agents, and citizens who resisted intimidation and protected the sanctity of the electoral process.

In his address titled "Raising The Bar," the Governor outlined his administration's vision for an integrated urban transport system, stating that Abia State had moved beyond road construction into developing modern transport infrastructure.

He described the terminal as a major milestone in the State's infrastructure renewal programme and a reflection of the administration's ambitious development agenda.

"The days of playing small are over. We shall no longer confine ourselves to the margins or think less of our abilities because we belong to the lineage of dreamers, thinkers, and

builders," he said.

Governor Otti disclosed that the terminal was designed to accommodate over 340 buses simultaneously and was built with emphasis on accessibility, passenger comfort, safety, and environmental sustainability.

He explained that the project forms part of a broader integrated transport network linked to recently completed junction improvement projects, bus shelters, and electric bus services across the State.

According to him, 20 electric buses are currently operating on intra-city and inter-city routes, while an additional 20 buses are expected in the coming weeks and another 30 buses before the end of the year.

He further revealed that the terminal is equipped with independent power and water systems to ensure uninterrupted operations.

The Governor urged residents, particularly members of the host community, to take ownership of the facility and protect it from vandalism and misuse.

He warned that the government would not tolerate indiscriminate waste disposal, vandalism, or theft, stressing that offenders would face the full weight of the law.

Governor Otti also

emphasized the importance of tax compliance, noting that internally generated revenue remains essential for sustaining infrastructural development.

In her remarks, Prof. Nnenna Oti said she merely carried out her responsibilities in line with her conscience and commitment to doing what is right during the 2023 governorship election.

"I simply did what I have always done all my life – to do the right thing. I stood for the truth, and I will continue to stand for the truth because the mandate of the people must always prevail," she said.

The professor expressed optimism about Nigeria's future and urged citizens to continue to uphold truth, integrity, and justice.

Earlier, the Commissioner for Transport, Mr. Chimezie Ukegbu, described the commissioning of the terminal as a major milestone in the State's transport reform agenda under Governor Otti.

He noted that the facility would help restore order, improve traffic flow, enhance passenger safety, and promote efficient urban transportation while stimulating commerce and increasing internally generated revenue.

The event also featured a minute of silence in honour of the late former Commissioner for Transport, Comrade Sonny Onwuma, whom Governor Otti described as a dedicated public servant whose contributions to the transport sector would remain memorable.



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## Congratulations TO AN INDEFATIGABLE NATIONAL LEADER OF OUR DEAR PARTY

**His Excellency**

**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR**

on the occasion of his

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**ANNIVERSARY**

IN OFFICE AS GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE.

Your Excellency Sir,

**From Promise to Performance: Celebrating Three Transformative Years of the Rebuilding Abia Vision**

A historic moment in the transformation journey of our dear State is marked as Your Excellency, our dear Governor, celebrates three remarkable years in office as the Executive Governor of Abia State.

On this special occasion, I heartily congratulate Your Excellency - an embodiment of excellence, a visionary leader, reformer and servant of the people whose courageous and people-oriented leadership has redefined governance and restored hope to millions of Abians across the State.

In just three years, Your Excellency, your administration has become a standard example of purposeful leadership, fiscal discipline, transparency, accountability and inclusive development. Through your commitment to good governance, Abia State has witnessed unprecedented infrastructural renewal, socio-economic transformation and institutional reforms that have directly impacted the lives of ordinary citizens.

One of the most defining legacies of your administration remains the historic delivery of over 414 quality road projects spanning more than 860 kilometers across the State, powering the mobility economy, reconnecting communities, boosting commerce, improving and saving lives and opening new frontiers of development for our people. Beyond infrastructure, your government has rekindled public confidence in leadership through reforms in education, healthcare, security, sanitation, workers' welfare, digital governance and social services.

Your Excellency, your administration has proven that leadership anchored on competence, integrity, preparedness and genuine love for the people can truly transform society within a short period. Today, Abia State proudly stands as a model of responsive governance and sustainable development in Nigeria.

For me personally, having the opportunity to be part of the new Abia history, a history defined by legacy, sustainable impact and good governance, remains one of the greatest honours of my life. Your leadership inspired a generation of young political actors and renewed faith in public service as a tool for societal transformation.

Your Excellency, as you mark this historic third anniversary in office, I pray for greater wisdom, strength and divine guidance upon your Excellency, your family and cabinet members.

On behalf of my family, the Abia political family and the National Secretariat of our great Party, the Labour Party, I salute and celebrate Your Excellency's extraordinary leadership, courage and transformational accomplishments.

I look forward to greater victories ahead in the 2027 elections.

Congratulations once again, Your Excellency.



**RT. HON. IHEANACHO OBIOMA**  
National Secretary, Labour Party



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# GOODWILL MESSAGE TO GOVERNOR ALEX CHIOMA OTTI OFR

**ON HIS THIRD ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE**

On behalf of the State Working Committee (SWC), leaders, stakeholders and members of the Labour Party in Abia State, I heartily congratulate our performing Governor, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, on the occasion of his third anniversary as the Executive Governor of Abia State.

Three years ago, Abians made a bold decision anchored on hope, competence, credibility and the desire for a new Abia. Today, history has vindicated that decision as your administration continues to redefine governance and restore confidence in leadership across our dear State.

Your Excellency, within a short period in office, your administration has remarkably changed the narrative of Abia State through massive infrastructural renewal, road reconstruction, urban transformation, improved security architecture, reforms in education, healthcare development, environmental sanitation, prompt payment of workers and pensioners, and people-oriented economic policies that have repositioned Abia as one of the fastest-rising states in Nigeria.

Across Aba, Umuahia and the various local government areas, Abians can now visibly see and feel the impact of purposeful governance. Roads abandoned for decades have been reconstructed, confidence has returned in governance, investors are showing renewed interest in the State, and the image of Abia has been positively transformed before Nigeria and the international community.

Beyond infrastructure, your transparent leadership style, fiscal discipline, courage in decision-making and commitment to good governance have restored dignity and pride to the people of Abia State. Today, Abians proudly identify with their State because campaign promises are no longer mere political slogans but practical realities being delivered across sectors.

As a party, we are proud that the Labour Party produced a leader whose performance has become a reference point in governance and transformational leadership. Your



administration has continued to prove that leadership driven by sincerity, competence and genuine concern for the people can truly change society.

We wish to assure Your Excellency that the Labour Party in Abia State remains fully behind you. We shall continue to walk side by side with you, support your vision and mobilize our structures across the 17 local government areas and 184 wards to ensure that the transformational agenda of your administration continues uninterrupted.

Without doubt, Abians have seen the difference. They have seen promises converted into action, and they believe strongly in your leadership. That is why we are confident that your second term is guaranteed as the people remain committed to sustaining the new Abia you have built.

As you mark this important milestone, we pray that God Almighty will continue to grant you wisdom, strength, sound health and divine guidance as you continue to lead Abia State to greater heights

*Signed:*

**HON. PETER AZUBUIKE**  
Chairman, Labour Party, Abia State





## HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

TO YOUR EXCELLENCY,

**DR. ALEX  
CHIOMA OTTI, OFR,**

ON YOUR REMARKABLE THREE YEARS OF

**IMPACTFUL AND  
PURPOSEFUL LEADERSHIP**



*Your Excellency,*

On behalf of my family, the appointees and the entire workforce of Government House Umuahia, I heartily congratulate you, the First family and indeed all Abians on the auspicious occasion of your 3rd year anniversary as the Governor of Abia State.

Over the past three years, your administration has continued to redefine governance not just in Nigeria but in the whole of Sub-Saharan Africa through visionary leadership, integrity, courage, and unwavering commitment to the welfare of Ndi Abia. Your bold reforms, infrastructural renewal, prudent management of public resources and people-oriented policies have restored hope, confidence and dignity of Abians across the State, Nigeria and the international community.

Indeed, your government has become a shining model of transformational leadership, driven by competence, transparency and a genuine passion for service. From road infrastructure and healthcare delivery to education, security and economic revitalization, the positive impact of your administration is visible and deeply appreciated by Abians and non Abians alike.

As you mark this significant milestone, we celebrate your resilience, dedication and remarkable achievements in building a new Abia founded on excellence, accountability and sustainable development.

May the Almighty God continue to strengthen, guide and grant you greater wisdom as you advance the noble task of transforming Abia State and launching Abians as a people to the next phase of visible and undeniable prosperity.

Congratulations once again, Your Excellency, on this memorable 3rd anniversary in office.



*Signed*

**Pastor Caleb Ajagba, Ph.D**

Chief of Staff to the Governor  
Abia State.





## NUJ, Adobe Team Train 100 Journalists on Digital Media, Content Creation Skills

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The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), FCT Council, in collaboration with Lifestyle Hues and the Adobe Express Team, has trained 100 journalists in Abuja on digital media and content creation skills aimed at enhancing productivity and multimedia storytelling.

The one-day capacity-building workshop brought together journalists from both public and private media organisations across the Federal Capital Territory.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Chairman of the NUJ FCT Council, Comrade Grace Ike, reaffirmed the council's commitment to equipping journalists with modern communication tools and global best practices to remain relevant in the evolving media landscape.

She noted that the media industry has undergone significant transformation, making it necessary for journalists to embrace innovation and digital storytelling techniques.

According to her, tools such as Adobe Express have become essential for designing visuals, editing multimedia content, and presenting news in more engaging formats.

"I believe this training is one of many steps we are taking to ensure that our members remain competitive, relevant, and impactful. The way information is presented has evolved, and journalists must also adapt to these changes," she said.

Ike commended Lifestyle Hues and the Adobe

Express Team for supporting the initiative and urged participants to make the most of the training by actively engaging and applying the skills acquired in their various newsrooms.

Also speaking, Brand Marketing Consultant and Adobe Partner Ambassador, Ayodotun Akinfenwa, said the training was designed to empower journalists and content creators with practical digital communication skills.

She explained that journalists must be able to independently create designs, presentations, announcements, and online content to improve efficiency and visibility in the digital space.

According to her, professionals who fail to showcase their work online risk missing opportunities despite having relevant experience and expertise.

"Tools like Adobe Express help journalists work faster, create engaging content, and improve information dissemination. If you are not showing up online, it may appear as though you are not doing anything," she said.

Akinfenwa also called on media organisations in both the public and private sectors to invest more in the training and retraining of journalists on emerging digital and artificial intelligence tools.

She stressed that journalists play a critical role in shaping society and must remain at the forefront of technological advancement in communication.

Participants at the workshop described the training as timely and impactful, while calling for more initiatives to strengthen professional capacity in the media industry.

# Nigerian Children Are Custodians of Nation's Future - Tinubu

**P**resident Bola Ahmed Tinubu has described Nigerian children as custodians of the nation's future, stressing that the country's progress depends on how well it protects, educates and empowers its younger population.

He made the statement through the Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Imaan Suleiman-Ibrahim, during the 2026 National Children's Day celebration held in Abuja.

Tinubu said a nation that listens to its children is deliberately investing in its own future, noting that this year's theme, "Future Now: Promoting Inclusion for Every Nigerian Child," underscores the need to ensure that no child is left behind due to disability, social status, background or location.

According to him, Nigeria's future is already reflected in classrooms, playgrounds, internally displaced persons camps and rural communities, adding that inclusion must go beyond policy statements to practical implementation.

The president reaffirmed the Federal Government's commitment to expanding access to quality education, healthcare, nutrition, digital opportunities and social protection for children across the country.

He also announced that



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu

2026 has been designated as the "Year of Families and Social Development," describing strong family structures as essential to national stability and child development.

Tinubu highlighted ongoing reforms under the Renewed Hope Agenda, including investments in primary healthcare, maternal support, nutrition programmes, STEM education, youth empowerment initiatives and the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFund).

He further disclosed that government is reviewing the Child Rights Act and National Child Policy, while strengthening efforts to combat child abuse, child marriage, female genital mutilation and other forms of violence

against children.

The president urged children to shun drug abuse, cultism, cybercrime, bullying and violence, and instead embrace discipline, education, patriotism and integrity.

"Never stop believing in yourself and never stop believing in Nigeria," he told the children.

Earlier, the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Nyesom Wike, represented by the Permanent Secretary of the FCTA, Asmau Mukhtar, said the celebration offered an opportunity for reflection and renewed commitment to child welfare.

She explained that although Children's Day is traditionally marked on May 27, the 2026

celebration was held on May 25 due to the upcoming Salah public holiday.

Wike reaffirmed the FCT administration's commitment to child protection, inclusive education and healthcare, particularly for vulnerable children and children living with disabilities.

The FCTA also commended UNICEF Nigeria and other development partners for supporting child protection systems and improving oversight of orphanages and care homes in the territory.

A child representative, Jessica, speaking on behalf of Nigerian children, called on government to ensure free education and a safer environment for children across the country.

She urged children to avoid drugs, cultism and bullying, and pledged that they would grow into responsible future leaders.

"We ask our leaders to hand over to us a Nigeria we can be proud of - a Nigeria where every child belongs," she said.

The event featured cultural performances, speeches and goodwill messages from government officials, development partners, teachers, parents and child rights advocates.

## WAVE Trains Abia Farmers on Cassava Virus Prevention and Management

By Ekebusi Precious

**T**he Central and West African Virus Epidemiology (WAVE) Programme of the National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI), Umudike, in collaboration with BioRisk-CORAF and the Abia State Agricultural Development Programme (ADP), has organized a one-day Farmers' Field Day Training on Cassava Virus Management aimed at strengthening food security and safeguarding cassava production in Abia State.

The training, held at the ADP premises in Umuahia, brought together farmers, extension agents, researchers, and other agricultural stakeholders to enhance their understanding of cassava viral diseases and improve their capacity for disease identification, prevention, and management.

Speaking during the event, the Country Director of the WAVE Programme, Dr. Chukwuemeka Nkere, said the initiative formed part of ongoing efforts to prevent the introduction and spread of Cassava Brown Streak Disease (CBSD) and other cassava viral diseases across West Africa.

According to him, the WAVE Programme collaborates with research institutions, governments, regulatory agencies, extension workers, and farming communities to strengthen disease surveillance, encourage early detection, and promote best practices in cassava production.

Dr. Nkere explained that although Cassava Brown Streak Disease is currently confined to East Africa, it remains a major threat to cassava production across the continent due to its devastating impact on crop yield and root quality.

He noted that the training was designed to create awareness among farmers and stakeholders while equipping participants with practical knowledge and skills for identifying symptoms of cassava viral diseases and implementing effective prevention and management strategies.

The WAVE Country Director further disclosed that the programme continues to conduct nationwide monitoring and surveillance for cassava viral diseases alongside advocacy campaigns, awareness

programmes, and training workshops for farmers, extension agents, National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs), and other stakeholders.

He commended the Abia State Agricultural Development Programme for its commitment to grassroots agricultural extension services, describing the partnership as critical to the success of disease prevention and management interventions.

Declaring the training open, the Programme Manager of Abia ADP, Mr. Okoro Nleanya, described cassava as one of Africa's most important food security crops and a major source of livelihood for millions of smallholder farmers.

Mr. Nleanya stated that the training focused on practical approaches to disease prevention and management, including early planting, the use of improved disease-resistant varieties, clean planting materials, and digital extension technologies.

He appreciated the WAVE Programme for partnering

with Abia ADP to bring the intervention closer to local farmers and also commended Governor Alex Chioma Oti, OFR, for supporting agricultural extension services and farmer empowerment initiatives in the State.

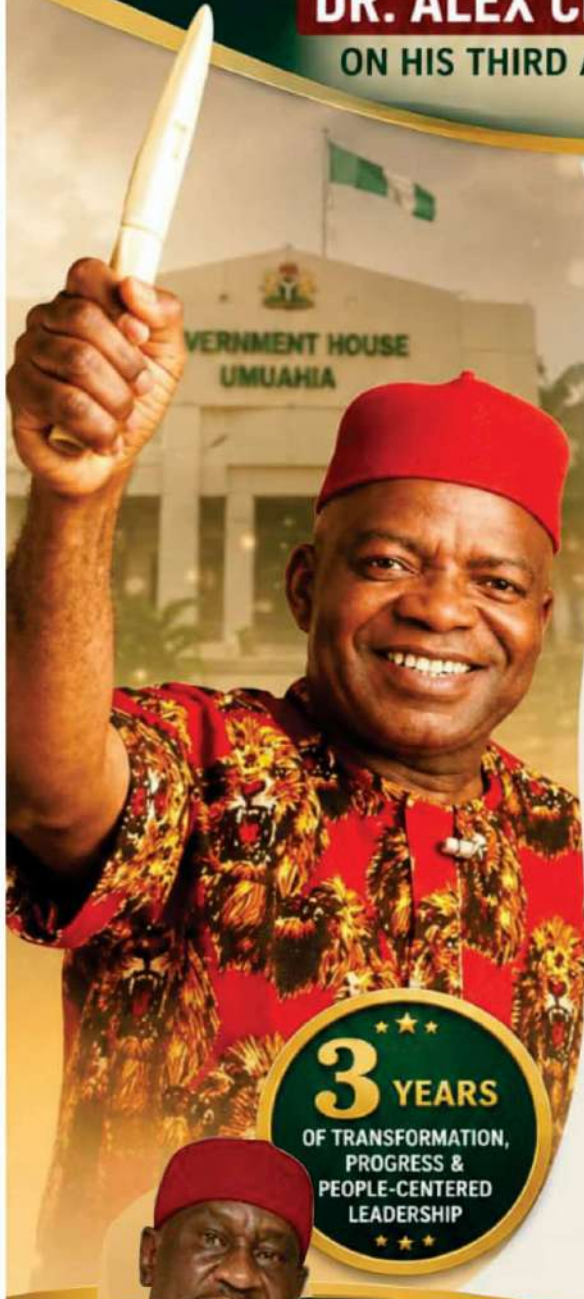
The ADP Programme Manager urged participants to actively engage during the training and share the knowledge gained with other farmers in their communities to promote healthier cassava farms and increased productivity across the State.

Some participating farmers, including Mrs. Helen Iheanacho and Mr. Chibuikwe David, described the training as timely and impactful, noting that it provided them with practical measures for identifying cassava diseases, preventing outbreaks, and improving cassava production in their communities.



# CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE,  
**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR,**  
ON HIS THIRD ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE



The Management and Staff of the **Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Abia State** heartily congratulate **His Excellency, DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR,** Governor of Abia State, on the occasion of his three years anniversary in Office.



Your administration has continued to redefine governance through visionary leadership, bold reforms and people-oriented policies that have brought visible transformation across the 17 Local Government Councils of the State.



We commend your unwavering commitment to grassroots development, infrastructural renewal, institutional reforms, and the ongoing innovation in information and communication Technology through the **Abia TechRise** initiative, which is positioning Abia as a leading hub for digital innovation and youth empowerment in Nigeria.



Your achievements in governance, transparency, economic revitalization, and service delivery have continued to attract growth, investment, and sustainable development across the State.



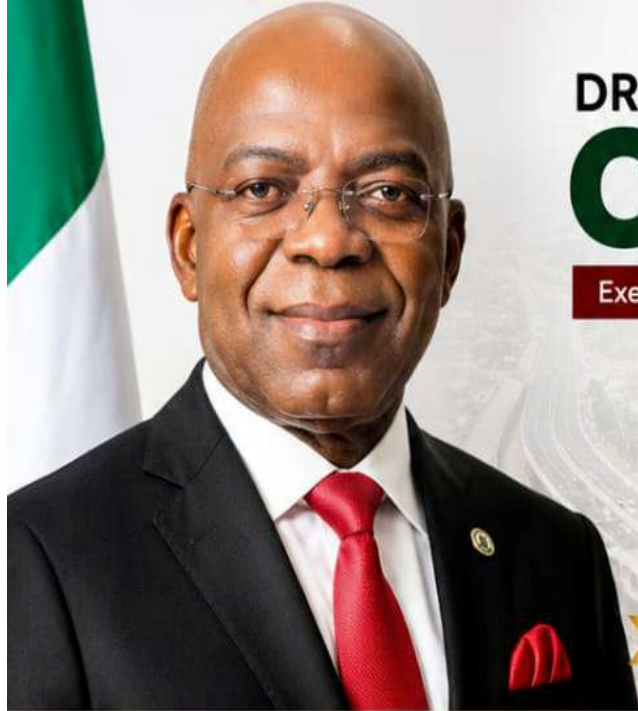
As you mark this significant milestone, we pray for greater wisdom, strength and success as you continue to lead Abia State to greater heights.

*Congratulations*  
**your Excellency.**

*Signed:*  
**HON. PRINCE SIR UZOR NWACHUKWU**

**Honourable Commissioner**  
Ministry of Local Government and  
Chieftaincy Affairs, Abia State.





*Heartfelt*  
**CONGRATULATIONS**

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR**  
 Executive Governor of Abia State

On the Occasion of His

**3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
 IN OFFICE

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Infrastructure Renewal
- ✓ Healthcare Transformation
- ✓ Education Advancement
- ✓ Power & Energy Reforms
- ✓ Security Enhancement
- ✓ Economic Growth
- ✓ Youth Empowerment
- ✓ Diaspora Engagement
- ✓ Digital Governance
- ✓ Investment Promotion

The Office of the Chief Executive Officer / Executive Secretary, Abia State Diaspora Commission, heartily felicitates and congratulates His Excellency, Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, the visionary and transformative Executive Governor of Abia State, on the remarkable occasion of the Third Anniversary of his purposeful, people-oriented, historic administration, and its global diaspora community.

Your Excellency, the past three years have undeniably ushered in a new era of responsible governance, strategic leadership, infrastructural rebirth, institutional reforms, economic revitalisation, and renewed hope for Ndi Abia both at home and in the diaspora. Your administration has remained a shining example of visionary governance driven by competence, transparency, accountability, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

History will forever remember your emergence as the leader who restored confidence in governance and repositioned Abia State from years of stagnation to a fast-rising model of development and innovation in Nigeria.

As you celebrate this historic Third Anniversary in office, we salute your resilience, visionary leadership, and uncommon dedication to the service of humanity.

*We pray that Almighty God will continue to grant you divine wisdom, strength, sound health, and greater grace to sustain the noble vision of building a New Abia that generations yet unborn will be proud of.*

Congratulations, Your Excellency, on three impactful years of transformational leadership and outstanding service to Ndi Abia.



*Signed:*  
**Rev. Dr. Annie N. Onu**  
 CEO/Executive Secretary,  
 Abia State Diaspora Commission



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TO HIS EXCELLENCY

DR, ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR



ON THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF

TRANSFORMATION IN ABIA STATE



Three years ago, Abia began a new conversation with destiny. A weary land found fresh footsteps. Hope returned to the streets. And governance once again acquired a human face.

Today, as Your Excellency marks three remarkable years of purposeful leadership, we celebrate not just projects commissioned, but confidence restored... not just roads rebuilt, but a people reborn.

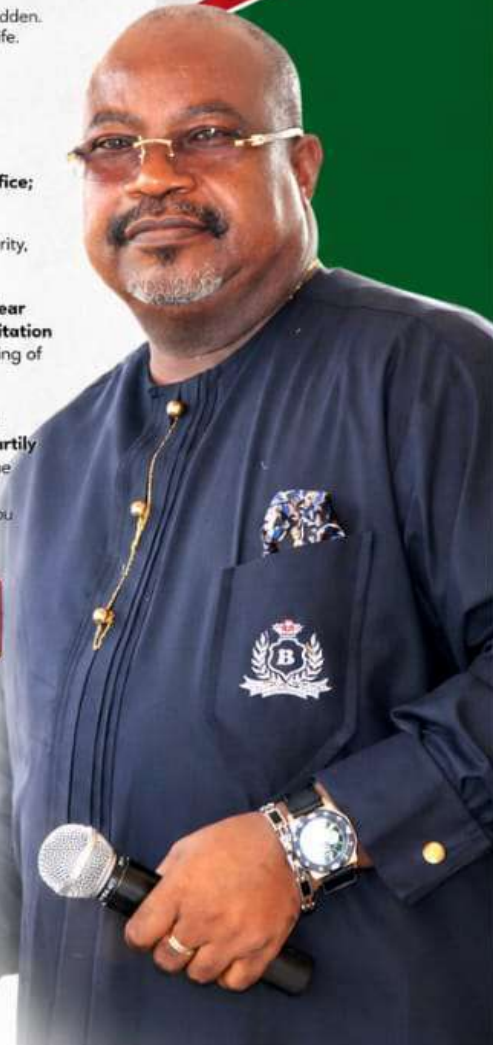
From Aba to Ohafia... From Ukwa to Arochuku... The evidence stands like daylight that cannot be hidden. Roads abandoned for decades now breathe with life. Public institutions are awakening. Discipline has returned to governance. Transparency now sits at the table of leadership. And Abians once ashamed to speak of home now speak with pride again.

Your Excellency, you did not merely assume office; you confronted history. You challenged the culture of impossibility. You proved that government can work when sincerity, courage, and vision walk together.

As one who has witnessed the journey of our dear State through many seasons, I say without hesitation that your administration has redefined the meaning of leadership in Abia State.

On behalf of my family, friends, associates, and supporters across Abia North and beyond, I heartily congratulate you on this milestone and pray that the Almighty God will continue to grant you wisdom, strength, divine protection, and greater grace as you continue the noble task of rebuilding our State.

The people have seen the difference. The land itself bears witness.



HIS EXCELLENCY DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR GOVERNOR, ABIA STATE

Congratulations, Your Excellency. Abia is rising.

Courtesy: CHIEF DR. DAVID OGBA ONUOHA BOURDEX, MFR, OON Mayor Emeritus, Ohafia LGA --- Ugo'Ena" Nde Abiriba Enachioken



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO  
**HIS EXCELLENCY,**

**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR,**

ON THREE YEARS OF  
**TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP**  
**IN THE ENVIRONMENT SECTOR**

**T**he Honourable Commissioner for Environment, **Mr. Philemon Asonye Ogbonna, FCA**, Management and entire Staff of the Ministry heartily congratulate His Excellency, Dr Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, on the remarkable giant strides and achievements recorded in the environment sector within the past three years of your purposeful and visionary administration.



Your Excellency, your administration has demonstrated uncommon commitment towards environmental sustainability, urban renewal, sanitation reforms, erosion control, waste management / circular economy, recovery of our forest reserves, restoration of the sanitary inspectors, beautification of cities, and the restoration of public confidence in governance.



Through your transformational leadership, Abia State is witnessing a new era of environmental consciousness and infrastructural renewal that continue to positively impact the lives of Ndi Abia.



Under your watch, the environment sector has experienced strategic reforms aimed at creating cleaner, healthier, safer, and more habitable communities across the State. The consistent support given to the Ministry of Environment has greatly enhanced operational efficiency and strengthened efforts towards environmental protection and sustainable development.



Your Excellency's dedication to building a modern and environmentally responsible Abia State remains inspiring and commendable. Your passion for excellence, accountability, and people-oriented governance have continued to set a new standard in public service delivery.



As you celebrate three impactful years in office, we commend your achievements and pray for greater wisdom, strength, and divine guidance in your unwavering commitment to a New Abia.

*Congratulations, Your Excellency.*



OF IMPACT,  
 OF PROGRESS,  
 OF A NEW ABIA.

*Signed:*

**Mr. Philemon Asonye Ogbonna**  
 Honourable Commissioner for Environment





# CELEBRATING THREE YEARS OF PURPOSEFUL LEADERSHIP AND TRANSFORMATION IN ABIA STATE

I, Chief Mrs. Orijei Okwara Emele, the Managing Director of Bluegiraffe Development Ltd, heartily congratulate **His Excellency, Dr. Alex Otti, OFR**, The Action Governor of Abia State, on the successful celebration of your **3rd year anniversary in office.**

Over the past three years, your administration has continued to bring positive changes and visible development across Abia State. Your leadership has given the people renewed hope, confidence, and a stronger belief in good governance. Many residents can now see and feel the impact of your policies and commitment to the progress of the state.

Your remarkable achievements in the education sector deserve special recognition especially the establishment of Smart Schools. The renovation and rebuilding of schools, improvement of learning facilities, encouragement and support for teachers, and your dedication to providing quality education for children have shown your deep concern for the future of Abia State.

These efforts are already creating better opportunities for young people and laying a strong foundation for long-term development.

Your administration's focus on transparency, accountability, infrastructure, and human capital development continues to inspire many citizens and investors.

The positive transformation taking place in different sectors is a clear sign of purposeful and people-oriented leadership. We are particularly very proud to be associated with this success story.

As you mark this important milestone, I pray that Almighty God will continue to grant you wisdom, strength, good health, and greater grace to continue your good works for the peace, growth, and development of Abia State.

**Congratulations once again on your 3rd year anniversary in office.**

HIS EXCELLENCY

**Dr. Alex Otti, OFR**

The Action Governor of Abia State



SIGNED:

*Orijei Okwara Emele*

**Chief Mrs. Orijei Okwara Emele**  
 Managing Director  
 Bluegiraffe Development Ltd





## ABIA STATE RURAL ACCESS AND AGRICULTURAL MARKETING PROJECT (ABIA RAAMP)

**FELICITATION! FELICITATION!! FELICITATION!!!**

Congratulations to an outstanding Governor, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR on reaching the milestone of three years in office!

Your unwavering commitment to rural road infrastructural development and agricultural marketing enhancement through the Abia State Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (Abia RAAMP) is commendable. Your vision and support, especially through the prompt payment of counterpart funds for this project, will not only *connect rural communities* but also empower local farmers, stimulating *economic growth and prosperity* across our dear State.

Your dedication has brought about positive changes that benefit us all. Cheers to many more years of progress and prosperity under your leadership.



**DR ALEX OTTI** OFR  
GOVERNOR ABIA STATE

Engr. Amarachi Kalu  
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PROJECT COORDINATOR, ABIA RAAMP



MINISTRY OF  
BASIC AND SECONDARY  
EDUCATION  
ABIA STATE

Bravo to  
**EDUCATION-FRIENDLY**

GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE,

**DR ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR**

Three years on, the transformation in Abia's education sector speaks boldly for itself. Through the visionary leadership of His Excellency, **Dr Alex Chioma Otti, OFR**, the AbiaFIRST initiative has restored hope, rebuilt public confidence in our schools, expanded access through free and compulsory basic education, improved teacher welfare, and introduced smart learning for the future.



RENOVATED SCHOOLS



DIGITAL CLASSROOMS



INCREASED ENROLLMENT



STRATEGIC REFORMS

From renovated schools and digital classrooms to increased enrollment and strategic reforms, Abia is setting a new benchmark in public education.

On behalf of the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, I heartily congratulate our indefatigable Governor on this remarkable milestone and reaffirm our commitment to sustaining these gains for the benefit of every Abia child.

SIGNED:

**Elder Goodluck Chinedu Ubochi**

Honourable Commissioner,  
Ministry of Basic and Secondary  
Education, Abia State





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**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR.**  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF  
ABIA STATE



**INVESTING  
IN EDUCATION,  
BUILDING  
TOMORROW  
TOGETHER.**

...Education for Development

# Congratulatory MESSAGE



ON THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF

**HIS EXCELLENCY,  
DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR.**  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

**O**n behalf of the Management, Board Members, Staff, Head Teachers, Teachers, School-Based Management Committees, Pupils and the entire Basic Education family in Abia State, I, **Lady Ezihe Lydia Onuoha**, Executive Chairman, Abia State Universal Basic Education Board (ASUBEB), heartily congratulate and celebrate His Excellency, Dr Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, Executive Governor of Abia State, on the remarkable occasion of the 3rd Anniversary of your purposeful, transformational and people-oriented administration.

This historic milestone is not only a celebration of time in office but also a celebration of visionary leadership, uncommon courage, administrative excellence, and the rebirth of a new Abia, founded on transparency, accountability, innovation, and sustainable development.

Within the past three years, Your Excellency has redefined governance and restored confidence in public leadership through monumental achievements that have continued to place Abia State on the path of accelerated growth and prosperity. Across every sector of the state economy, your administration has demonstrated capacity, competence and commitment to rebuilding the foundations of governance and delivering democratic dividends to Ndi Abia.

In the education sector in particular, your administration has achieved unprecedented milestones through strategic interventions and deliberate investments aimed at repositioning basic education to global standards. Under your dynamic leadership, ASUBEB has witnessed a new era of transformation marked by:

- ✓ Massive rehabilitation, renovation and construction of public school infrastructure across the 17 Local Government Areas of the State
- ✓ Provision of modern learning facilities, furniture and instructional materials to schools
- ✓ free and compulsory education to all Abia child
- ✓ Prompt attention to teachers' welfare, motivation and capacity building programmes
- ✓ Strengthening of quality assurance mechanisms to improve learning outcomes
- ✓ Digitalization and strategic reforms in the basic education system
- ✓ Enhanced school enrollment and retention through child-friendly learning policies
- ✓ Support for teacher development initiatives and continuous professional training
- ✓ Repositioning of School-Based Management Committees (SBMCs) for community participation and accountability
- ✓ Effective collaboration with UBEC and development partners to attract impactful educational projects
- ✓ Introduction of strategic policies geared towards restoring excellence, discipline and innovation in public schools.

Today, Abia's education sector stands as a shining model of purposeful governance and visionary leadership. Schools that were once neglected are now being transformed into conducive centres of learning, while the hope of the average Abia child has been renewed through your unwavering commitment to human capital development.

Your Excellency, your administration has gone beyond promises to practical performance. From road infrastructure to healthcare delivery, security enhancement, environmental sanitation, civil service reforms, youth empowerment, economic revitalization, digital governance and infrastructural renewal, the evidence of your transformational touch is visible across every part of Abia State.

Indeed, your leadership has inspired confidence, restored dignity to governance and repositioned Abia as a fast-rising model of development in Nigeria. Your achievements within three years remain historic, impactful and second to none.

As we commemorate this great milestone, we sincerely commend your passion for educational advancement and your steadfast support for ASUBEB in driving reforms that are laying a solid foundation for future generations. Your visionary investment in education remains one of the greatest legacies of your administration and a testament to your belief that education is the bedrock of sustainable development.

We pray that Jehovah continues to grant you divine wisdom, strength, sound health and greater grace as you continue to steer the affairs of Abia State towards greater heights.

**Congratulations once again, Your Excellency, on your outstanding and transformational 3rd Anniversary in office.**

(Signed:  
**Lady Ezihe Lydia Onuoha**  
Executive Chairman  
Abia State Universal Basic Education Board )





## THE ABIA STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH



*Heartily Felicitates*

HIS EXCELLENCY  
**Dr. Alex Otti** (OFR)  
THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE



# ON HIS 3 YEARS ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE

Your Excellency, your emergence on the political firmament of Abia State has continued to yield the desired dividends of democracy. Indeed, Abians are proud and happy with their beloved Governor, "Chioma Ndi Abia," the Health Purveyor, whose administration has repositioned the healthcare system and restored hope to the people. Within the last three years, the health sector has witnessed tremendous and unprecedented achievements, including:

- § Abia State emerged South East Champion in the PHC Leadership winning a prize award of \$500,000 from Gates and Melinda Foundation and UNICEF
- § Construction of three (3) world-class Specialist Hospitals, one in each Senatorial zones of Abia State.
- § Renovation, equipping, and functionalization of over 200 Primary Health Care facilities across the State.
- § Ongoing Renovation/construction of 8 General Hospitals
- § Upgrade/Functionalization of 5 Secondary Health facilities.
- § Abia State University Teaching Hospital (ABSUTH), Aba regained lost accreditation status.
- § Upgrade of Abia State School Nursing and Midwifery to College of Nursing Sciences and Accreditation of the institution by NBTE and NMCN
- § Recruitment and deployment of 821 healthcare workers across the State.
- § Upgrade of healthcare workers' salaries through the implementation of a New Salary Scale - ASHWOSS
- § Domestication of CONHESS for Primary Healthcare workers in Abia State a New Salary Scale
- § Implementation of the Abia Healthcare Rebirth Initiative in partnership with Quantus Medical Foundation, USA.
- § Digital in Health & Telehealth Project: Completion of the pilot phase in many public hospitals in Abi State.
- § Onboarding of the Abia Rural Emergency Medical Services and Maternal Transport System (RESMAT).
- § Upgrade of Abia Specialist Hospital, Umuahia with establishment of an Intensive Care Unit (ICU).
- § Expansion of coverage in Abia Health Insurance enrolment from 40,000 to over 190,000.
- § Strategic collaborations with global health organizations.
- § Abia rated No. 1 State in Emergency Response Preparedness by the SBM Intelligence Health Preparedness Index.

Your Excellency, these milestones are eloquent testimonies of your visionary leadership, commitment to holistic governance, and unwavering passion for the wellbeing of Ndi Abia.

Once again, congratulations to the Health Purveyor of Abia State on this memorable three years anniversary celebration.  
Long live Abia State.  
Long live Ndi Abia.  
Long live His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR.



**PROF. ENOCH  
OGBONNAYA UCHE**  
ABIA STATE COMMISSIONER  
FOR HEALTH



HIS EXCELLENCY  
**Dr. Alex Otti**  
(OFR)  
Governor Abia State

# News

## Eno Assures Continuous Opening Up Of Rural Roads In Akwa Ibom

By Lovina Emole

The Akwa Ibom State Governor, Pastor Umo Eno, has said his administration will continue to open up roads in rural areas for the free flow of goods and services, in order to stimulate the economy of the state.

Fielding questions from Government House Correspondents shortly after his inspection of ongoing projects in Nsit Ubium and Eket local government areas, the governor said his government was committed to delivering people-centric projects in line with the ARISE Agenda, to improve living conditions, boost rural connectivity, and stimulate growth across the state.

The governor, who once again appreciated the people of the state for nominating him as governorship candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for the 2027 general elections, reaffirmed his commitment to prioritizing the interest of the people in his development agenda.

"I'm very interested in opening up rural communities because accessibility to markets, schools, and farms is very necessary for rapid economic growth of our people and our State.

"As we are opening up the rural communities, we are helping the movement of goods to the city, and we are also contributing to lowering the prices of these products," he said.

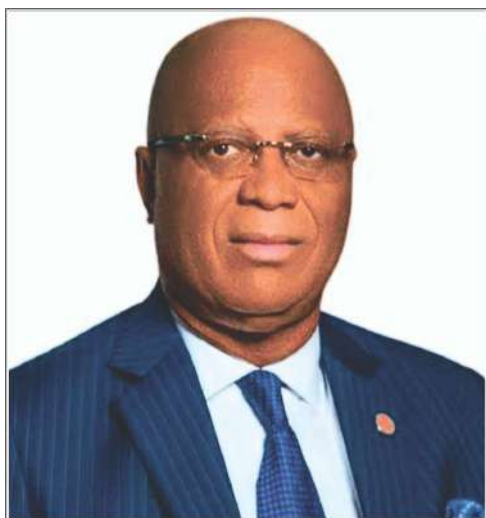
Governor Eno expressed satisfaction with the pace and quality of work at some of the

project sites visited, and admonished contractors not to relent on their work, but ensure that they keep to the projects' delivery terms.

Giving a detailed overview of the Nsit Ubium - Eket Road, the Commissioner for Works, Prof. Eno Ibanga, disclosed that it is a 2.4km dual-carriage way with 120m bridge which, according to him, will greatly pave the way for communities along the axis to thrive economically.

Some of the projects the governor visited were the ongoing 2.4km Ofriyo Road with 120-metre span bridge linking Nsit Ubium and Eket local government areas, the General Hospital and the Model Primary School in Nsit Ubium, as well as the dualization of the 11.6km Ikot Imoh - Strabag Junction- Eket Road.

The Governor was accompanied on the inspection by the Commissioner for Works, Prof. Eno Ibanga; Commissioner for Information, Hon. Aniekan Umanah; alongside some contractors and notable stakeholders including; Uwem Stephen Okoko, Managing Director, Hensek Integrated Services Limited, Chief Faysal Harb, Managing Director, Bulletin Construction Company, and Aiman Saiman, Managing Director, Amitec Construction, Sir Monty Uko, Emmanuel Enoidem, SAN, and other community leaders.



Governor Umo Eno,



Gov. Alex Chioma Otti

## 2027: Umunneochi Monarchs Back Otti For Second Term

By Amarachi Uzoukwu

The Umunneochi Traditional Rulers Council has endorsed Abia State Governor, Dr Alex Otti, for a second term in office and adopted him as its sole candidate for the 2027 governorship election in the state.

The royal fathers made the declaration recently during a courtesy visit to the governor in his office at Nvosi, Isiala Ngwa South Local Government Area.

Speaking on behalf of the delegation, the Chairman of the Umunneochi Traditional Rulers Council, Eze Franklin Ohanaezim, alongside Eze Okechukwu Chukwudi and other monarchs, commended Governor Otti for what they described as his exceptional leadership and transformative achievements, particularly in restoring security and peace in Umunneochi Local Government Area.

The traditional rulers recalled the period of heightened insecurity and widespread kidnapping that once engulfed Umunneochi before the emergence of the current administration, noting that residents endured severe hardship and lived in constant fear.

According to them, Umunneochi was among the first local government areas to benefit from Governor Otti's intervention, and lauded his swift and decisive response to the security crisis immediately after assuming office.

The monarchs further described the governor as a leader divinely positioned to restore the lost glory of Abia State. They stated that their visit was not only to express appreciation for his efforts but also to offer prayers for the continued success of his administration.

They assured him of their commitment to mobilising support for his re-election and declared that he would not need to campaign in Umunneochi ahead of the 2027 elections.

Eze Chukwudi, who said he played an active role in community security efforts during the height of the crisis, recounted the challenges faced by residents and security agencies at the time.

He said: "We in Umunneochi are the first beneficiaries of this administration's good governance. Even before you were officially sworn in, you had already started addressing security challenges in our area.

"We went through hell in Umunneochi during the height of insecurity and kidnapping. Our people lived in fear, security agencies were overwhelmed, and even the police checkpoints had to be abandoned because criminals could attack and kill officers.

"But today, peace has returned, and people can move freely again because of the decisive actions of Governor Alex Otti".

Responding, Governor Otti thanked the traditional rulers for their support and goodwill, stating that his administration assumed office with a clear vision and strategic plan to address the challenges confronting the state.

He said: "We came with a clear vision. We were very clear in our minds. The development of our state could not have happened with the level of insecurity we had at that time.

"And that was why shortly after we were sworn in, we swung into action to recover parts of Umunneochi and Isuikwuato.

"Some of those parts had been taken over by hoodlums and bandits. And we also deployed technology as much as we had at that time because it was early days.

"The rudimentary technology we had at that time pointed to a few flashpoints. So we set up Operation Crush, funded it very well, and also

selected the personnel.

"Those who couldn't do the battle, we gave them clear mandates. And in no distant time, we managed to restore sanity in Umunneochi, particularly".

The governor also recalled that his efforts to tackle insecurity in the area were initially misconstrued by some individuals who allegedly attempted to introduce ethnic sentiments into the issue.

"There were areas that were 'no-go' areas. Some people who wanted to manipulate the process wanted to make it an ethnic affair, up to the point of going to report me to the Sultan of Sokoto.

"They didn't know that the Sultan had been my friend for over 20 years. They went to the Sultan and told him that I'm tribalistic. The Sultan told them that he knows me like his son and that I am not tribalistic.

"So they eventually came here. After our meeting, I showed them that it was not an ethnic war. It was about restoring sanity, law and order in Umunneochi", he said.

Governor Otti expressed appreciation to the people of Umunneochi for their support, noting that their co-operation significantly contributed to the success of the administration's security efforts in the area.

He also urged political leaders in Umunneochi to work closely with traditional institutions in order to sustain peace, stability and development in the local government area.

Among dignitaries present during the visit were the member representing Umunneochi State Constituency, Hon. Mathias Umeh; Commissioner for Lands and Housing, Mr Chaka Chukwumerije; Mayor of Umunneochi Local Government Area, Hon. Sunday Aforuobi; Senior Special Assistant on Public Communication, Mr Dodo Okafor, and other government officials.

## Gov Otti's 3rd Year Anniversary Celebration

# Completed And Ongoing Projects Under Gov Otti Administration

**S**ince assuming office in 2023, the administration of His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, has embarked on an unprecedented infrastructure renewal drive across Abia State, with a strategic focus on road rehabilitation, urban renewal, erosion control, drainage expansion, and rural connectivity.

Through the Ministry of Works and other intervention agencies including the Greater Abia Development Authority (GADA), Greater Ohafia Development Authority (GODA), ASOPADEC, and the Ministry of Environment, the government has successfully executed and commenced hundreds of critical projects spanning Aba, Umuahia, Ohafia, Arochukwu, Ukwu, Isiala Ngwa, Ikwuano, Umunneochi, Bende and other parts of the State.

From major highway reconstruction and urban road dualization to direct labour interventions, flood control systems, bridge construction, erosion remediation, street lighting, drainage desilting and rural access roads, the projects reflect the administration's commitment to restoring public infrastructure, improving economic activities, easing transportation, and enhancing the quality of life for Abians.

The following are completed, ongoing, and proposed projects being constructed under the transformational leadership of Governor Alex Chioma Otti, OFR.

### COMPLETED DIRECT LABOUR PROJECTS

1. Patching and Maintenance Work at Aba Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (4.8km)
2. Patching and Maintenance Work on Otuka Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
3. Palliative Work at Oloroko Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (2.2km)
4. Maintenance of Oloroko Road from Mobil Aba Road to Holy Ghost College, Umuahia, Umuahia North & Umuahia South LGA
5. Maintenance of Ohobo Road to Uchenna Junction by Aba Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
6. Patching and Maintenance Work on Ikot Ekpena Road (Phase I), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (9.275km)
7. Patching and Maintenance Work on Lagos Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
8. Patching and Maintenance Work from Police Check Point to International Conference Centre (Ogurube Layout), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
9. Patching and Maintenance Work within Commissioners Quarters Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.35km)
10. Patching and Maintenance Work at Road 2, Low-Cost Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North, (0.47km)
11. Patching and Maintenance Work at Umuahia-Uzuakoli Road (Ossah Road to Ubari 2nd Gate), Umuahia, Umuahia North, (9.7km)
12. Palliative Work on Umuahia-Uzuakoli Road (Trade More/Ubari 2nd Gate to Uzuakoli), Umuahia, Umuahia North, (7km)
13. Patching and Maintenance Work at Niger Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North, (1.25km)
14. Grading of High Court Entrance, Umuahia, Umuahia North,
15. Desilting, patching and overlay of Ndume Otuka, Umuahia, Umuahia North,
16. Desilting of drainages (Azikiwe Road LHS Aba), Aba, Umuahia North, (1.669km)
17. Desilting of adjoining roads from Azikiwe to Jubilee (both sides), Aba, Aba South, (7.352km)
18. Grading and clearing of Ohiya-Umugo-Nsukwe Auto Mechanic/Auto Spareparts Industrial Cluster, Umuahia, Umuahia South, (1.3km)
19. Direct Labour maintenance of failed sections and potholes along Umuezegu-Eziaba-Amaku-Eziama-Isieketa Road, Isiala Ngwa North & Isiala Ngwa South, (20.5km)
20. Rehabilitation of Isieketa Road Junction, Isiala Ngwa South, (0.25km)
21. Patching and Maintenance Work at Enugu Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North,
22. Patching and Maintenance Work at Orpet-World Bank Housing Estate-Agbama Roads, Umuahia, Umuahia North, (2.2km)
23. Maintenance Repair of Bata to Salad Market Junction, Aba, Aba South & Aba North, (0.672km)
24. Desilting of Azikiwe Road Drains (RHS), Aba, Aba South, (1.669km)
25. Desilting of Queen's Road Drains (Azikiwe to School Road Junction), Aba, Aba South, (0.51km) Desilting of Omuma Road Drains (Osusu by Omuma to Omuma by Cemetery Road), Aba, Aba South, (1.38km)
26. Desilting of Cemetery Road Drains (Omuma to Cemetery Market), Aba, Aba South, (1.332km)
27. Maintenance Repair and Asphalt Overlay of Jubilee Road, Aba, Aba South, (1.652km)
28. Maintenance Repair and Asphalt Overlay of Queen's Street, Aba, Aba South, (1.105km)
29. Installation of Solar Powered Street Light along Old Express and MCC Roads, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa, (3.4km)
30. Desilting of drains at Hospital Road, Aba, Aba South, (19.66km)
31. Desilting of drains at St. Michael's Road, Aba, Aba South,
32. Desilting of drains at Pound Road, Aba, Aba South,
33. Desilting of drains at Park Road, Aba, Aba South,
34. Desilting of drains at Azikiwe by Mosque to School Road (Main drain), Aba, Aba South,
35. Desilting of drains at Okigwe Road to Ama Ogbonna (RHS), Aba, Aba South,
36. Desilting of drains at Ama Ogbonna to Faulks Road Junction (Osusu Road, both sides), Aba, Aba South,
37. Desilting of drains at Faulks Road Junction and Tunnels, Aba, Aba South,
38. Desilting of drains at Osusu by Omuma to Omuma by Cemetery (both sides), Aba, Aba South,
39. Desilting of drains at Omuma by Cemetery to Cemetery Market (both sides), Aba, Aba South,
40. Desilting of drains at Ngwa Road to Waterside, Aba, Aba South,
41. Installation of street light along Jubilee Road, Aba, Aba South,
42. Demolition of building at No. 5 Akanu Street, , ,
43. Emergency Repair of Amuvi-Amakohia Road, Arochukwu, Arochukwu,
44. Maintenance Repair and Asphalt Overlay of Queen's Street/Part of Ehi Road, Aba, Aba South, (0.5km)
45. Closure of Road Medians at Umuwaya Road by Isigate up to Gariki Junction, Umuahia, Umuahia North, (0.2km)
46. Grading of Access Road of Umuru, Isiala Ngwa South,
47. Drain Desilting of Osusu Road (Umuocham Road to Ukwu Apu), Aba, Osisioma Ngwa, (2.16km)
48. Emergency Repair of Opobo Junction - Azumini - Obehie Road, Obingwa, Ukwu East & Ukwu West, (70km)
49. Patching and Maintenance Work at World Bank Housing Estate Internal Road (Road O), Umuahia, Umuahia North, (1.03km)
50. Patching and Maintenance Work at Uwalaka Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
51. Maintenance of BCA Road (from BCA Junction to New Secretariat), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
52. Patching and Maintenance of Road to New Government House, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
53. Patching and Maintenance Work along Old Umuahia - Ubakala Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.4km)
54. Patching and Maintenance Work at Ntigha Mbawsi Road (Phase 1), Isiala Ngwa North LGA (11km)
56. Patching and Maintenance Work at Ntigha-Mbawsi-Nvosi Road (Phase 2), Isiala Ngwa North LGA
57. Maintenance of Finbarrs Road, Umuahia (Phase 1), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.73km)
58. Maintenance of Finbarrs Road, Umuahia (Phase 2), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.7km)
59. Patching and Maintenance of NNPC - Nkwoegwu Road and spurs, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.8km)
60. Clearing of Access Road at Nkwoegwu, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
61. Patching and Maintenance Work at World Bank Housing Estate Internal Roads (Road C), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.3km)
62. Patching and Maintenance Work at Uzuakoli Road (from Cooperative to Uwalaka Street), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.886km)
63. Patching and Maintenance Work at Asaba Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.92km)
64. Grading of Cottage Hospital Road, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.35km)
65. Maintenance of Old Umuahia - Ubakala Road, Umuahia, Umuahia South LGA (1.4km)
66. Grading of Omuopara Ring Road, Umuahia, Umuahia South LGA
67. Remedial Repairs of Opobo Junction to Obehie Road, Obingwa, Ukwu East & Ukwu West LGAs
68. Maintenance work at St. Michael's Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (1.049km)
69. Maintenance work at Pound Roads by Mosque Road, Aba, Aba South LGA
70. Maintenance/repair of Ogbor Hill Bridge to Opobo Road Junction, Aba, Aba South LGA
71. Maintenance of Amuvi - Nkwunabo Road in Arochukwu, Arochukwu LGA (0.938km)
72. Maintenance work at York Street to Azikiwe Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.37km)
73. Patching and Maintenance Work along Orpet-Umuafai-Umuana-Lodu Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (2.5km)
74. Maintenance of Onyenweaku Street, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.13km)
75. Patching and Maintenance Work in FMC Umuahia (Road leading to Emergency Ward), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.26km)
76. Direct Labour Repair Works linking East Street to Ngwa Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.35km)
77. Direct Labour grading of Barracks Road to Ibom Spur, Arochukwu LGA (1.62km)
78. Hugh Goldie Road, Arochukwu LGA (1.264km)
79. Direct Labour repair of Opet/Umuafai/Umuana/Lodu Road (asphalt overlay works), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (2.5km)
80. Maintenance Work at Express Tower, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.15km)
81. Patching and maintenance work at Macaulay Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.52km)
82. Direct Labour drainage repair works along Opet/Umuafai/Lodu Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.2km)
83. Patching and maintenance of Government House internal roads, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.51km)
84. Patching and maintenance of Azikiwe/ Aba Road to BCA/Ikot Ekpena Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
85. Patching and maintenance of Michael Okpara Auditorium, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.1km)
86. Repair of Ministry of Finance Internal Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.145km)
87. Drain desilting at Aba Owerri Road, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA & Aba North LGA & Aba South LGA (13km)
88. Desilting of tunnels at Immaculate Avenue, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA
89. Repair of Ama Ogbonna, Mosque by Clifford, School Road by Mosque, and Kamalu, Aba, Aba South LGA (1.824km)
90. Palliative works on Constitution Crescent and Park Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (1.15km)
91. Rehabilitation of Factory Road (Bata-Railway crossing) and desilting of drains, Aba, Aba South LGA (3.2km)
92. Patching and maintenance work at New Road (from Sons of Mary to Stanpol Junction by Aba Road), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1km)
93. Maintenance of Okigwe Road (from Cooperative to Uwalaka), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.76km)
94. Reconstruction of Ibe Nwachukwu Street, Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.2km)
95. Reconstruction of Ukpo Avenue, Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
96. Reconstruction of Hon. Mathew Ibe Street, Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
97. Reconstruction of Second Gate, Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
98. Reconstruction of Chizy Iboko Drive, Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
99. Reconstruction of Sir Nwogu Street, Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.34km)
100. Maintenance of Professor Umezurike Street, Arochukwu LGA (0.44km)
101. Patching and maintenance work at School Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.96km)
102. Maintenance of Jombo Offor Lane, Arochukwu, Arochukwu LGA (0.5km)
103. Repair of Leru - Ngodo Road (Phase 1), Umunneochi LGA
104. Repair of Leru - Ngodo Road (Phase 2), Umunneochi LGA
105. Repair of Leru-Ngodo Road Phase 3 up to LGA HQ Nkwoagu, Umunneochi LGA
106. Asphalt overlay of Bata-Railway crossing, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.672km)
107. Bata - Brewery Road repairs (up to binder course), Aba, Aba South LGA (0.318km)
108. Repair of Eketa - Obikabia Aba Road, Isiala Ngwa South & Obingwa LGAs (19.5km)
109. Direct Labour asphalt overlay of Obikabia-Osusu Isialangwa Road, Isiala Ngwa North & Isiala Ngwa South LGAs (2.1km)
110. Maintenance of Shoprite Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.28km)
111. Maintenance of Bende - Itumbuzo Road, Bende LGA (9.96km)
112. Construction/repair of drainages and desilting of drains at Itumbuzo Road, Bende LGA
113. Shoulder works (latering and asphaltting) and solar street lights at Eketa-Obikabia Road, Isiala Ngwa South & Obingwa LGAs (8.2km)
114. Direct Labour fencing of Ministry of Works Area Office, Arochukwu LGA (0.0435km)

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115. Repairs at Umunwanwa-Ogbofinibe gully erosion site, Umuahia South LGA
116. Rehabilitation of Factory Road Umuahia and spur (Public Utilities Gate/Railway Quarters), Umuahia North LGA (0.97km)
117. Afara Road behind Golden Guinea Breweries, Umuahia North LGA (0.89km)
118. Law Anosike Road beside Golden Guinea Breweries, Umuahia North LGA (0.12km)
119. Maintenance of Factory Road Extension through Isiama Afara to Afara Technical College gate, Umuahia North LGA (1.7km)
120. Direct Labour reconstruction of Old Court Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.561km)
121. Direct Labour maintenance of Okpara Avenue with spurs, Umuahia North LGA (1.2km)
122. Eze Desmond Oguguo Road (between Okpara Avenue and Factory Road), Umuahia North LGA (0.19km)
123. Okpara Avenue Extension (Okpara Avenue to Factory Road by ABSIIDP), Umuahia North LGA (0.1km)
124. Okpara Road Extension beyond Ojukwu Bunker to Isiama Afara, Umuahia North LGA (0.9km)
125. Eze I. O. Kanu Avenue, Isiama Afara, Umuahia North LGA
126. Maintenance of Library Avenue (Bank Road), Umuahia North LGA (0.9km)
127. Isiama Afara Ring Road to Ukwu Ugba and Lux Mundi University, Umuahia North LGA (1.7km)
128. Repair/Patching of Nkata Ibeku Road, Umuahia North LGA
129. Grading at Ututu, Arochukwu LGA, Isuikwuato LGA and Bende LGA
130. Painting of bumps in Umuahia and environs (Phase 1), Umuahia North LGA
131. Painting of bumps in Aba and environs (Phase 1), Aba South & Aba North LGAs
132. Patching and maintenance of isolated potholes along BCA-Azikiwe and Winners/Ehimiri Roads, Umuahia North LGA (2.1km)
133. Patching and maintenance works at Ehimiri Housing Estate Ring Road, Umuahia North LGA (3.45km)
134. Repair/maintenance of Otu-Uka Road / Ochendo Bypass, Umuahia North LGA
135. Patching/Maintenance of Amachara Express Road, Umuahia North LGA (0.4km)
136. Emergency repairs of Ugwunagbo LGA Mother and Child Hospital Road, Ugwunagbo LGA
137. Repair/Patching of Umuakakah Nkata Road, Umuahia North LGA
138. Patching of some failed sections along Aba Road, Umuahia North LGA
139. Repair/Patching of Crowther Street, Umuahia North LGA
140. Repair/Patching of Item Street, Umuahia North LGA (0.32km)
141. Repair/Patching of Ohafia Street, Umuahia North LGA
142. Repair/Patching of Abiriba Street, Umuahia North LGA
143. Repair/Patching of Abiriba Street (Phase 2), Umuahia North LGA
144. Repair/Patching of Cameroun Street, Umuahia North LGA
145. Repair/Patching of Bonny Street, Umuahia North LGA
146. Demolition and installation of speed bumps along Umuahia-Ururuka Road (Isi Court to Amakama), Umuahia South LGA
147. Patching of isolated potholes along Ikot-Ekpen Junction - BCA Road, Umuahia North LGA (1km)
148. Maintenance of Secretariat Road (Jovit Eatery to Abia Newspapers), Umuahia North LGA
149. Maintenance of Warri Street, Umuahia North LGA (0.2km)
150. Maintenance of Warri Street (Phase II), Umuahia North LGA (0.33km)
151. Overlay of some failed portions of Lagos Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.95km)
152. Maintenance of Bende Road (from Umuahia to Bende LGA), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (3.2km)
153. Maintenance of Abam Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1km)
154. Maintenance of Kaduna Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.65km)
155. Maintenance of Okwulehie Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
156. Maintenance of Olokororo Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
157. Maintenance of Eket Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.86km)
158. Maintenance of Eket Street (Niger Road to Calabar), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.28km)
159. Maintenance of Nkwere Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
160. Desilting at Umunkpeyi Mbawsi, Umuahia North LGA (1km)
161. Maintenance of Owerri Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.4km)
162. Construction and maintenance of drainage system at Ehimiri Housing Estate Spur to Ahiaeke-Okwuata Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.3km)
163. Maintenance works along Agbama Housing Estate Road (1st Transformer to F-Line), Umuahia South LGA
164. Maintenance of Trinity Road Afara (Uchenna bus stop to Afara Technical College gate), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.4km)
165. Maintenance of Trinity College Road (Isiama Afara to Factory Road Extension), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
166. Direct Labour estimate for repair of Adaelu Road from Mobile Police Office to Geometric Power Gate, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1.666km)
167. Direct Labour demolition and reconstruction of drains along Adaelu Road (Mopol Base to Geometric Gate), Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.5km)
168. Maintenance repair of Afara Oriogwu to Isi Court, Umuahia North & Umuahia South LGAs
169. Patching and maintenance repair of Ekwuruke Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.3km)
170. Patching of isolated potholes along Aba Road (Abia Tower to Enugu/PH Express), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (11km)
171. Direct Labour overlay/runoff control of Vision Africa to CONOIL (Ndume Otuka bypass), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.6km)
172. Repair/Patching of Awolowo Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.12km)
173. Maintenance of Okwulehie Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
174. Repairs of Aba North LGA roads and compound, Aba North LGA
175. Maintenance repair of washout at Amaeke Abam, Arochukwu LGA
176. Rigid pavement treatment of railway crossing along Aba Road/Old Umuahia, Umuahia South LGA (0.1km)
177. Reconstruction of Late HRM Eze Ezo Ukandu Ring Road, Isuikwuato LGA (0.98km)
178. Repair of failed portions of Nkwoagu-Amuda Isuochi Road, Umunneochi LGA (1.64km)
179. Repair of failed portions of Leru flyover/tunnel junction to Ngodo Isuochi Road, Umunneochi LGA
180. Patching and overlay of road from Government House to Commissioners' Quarters, Umuahia North LGA
181. Expansion of Bata Roundabout, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.2km)
182. Maintenance of Nkwere Street Phase II (Umuwaya to Niger Street), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
183. Maintenance of failed sections of Dozie Way Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.3km)
184. Reconstruction of Obiora Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.478km)
185. Maintenance of Osisioma Flyover, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.2km)
186. Grading/Palliative work on Enachoken's Palace Road, Ohafia LGA
187. Umuocham Road Aba repairs (Aforule-Ukwu Apu), Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1.757km)
188. Umule Road Aba repair, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1.151km)
189. Repair and asphalt overlay of Justice Obisike Orji Crescent - Eze Akomas, Aguiyi Ironsi Layout, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.576km)
190. Repair works and asphalt overlay of Umuocham Road (Umule Junction to PH/Enugu Expressway), Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1.014km)
191. Maintenance of Old Goods Shed Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.8km)
192. Direct Labour asphalt overlay, lane marking and street lighting of Obiora Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.478km)
193. Maintenance of Winners' Way, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
194. Grading/palliative works from Civil Service Commission to Winners Way, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
195. Paving of Abia State Civil Service Commission premises, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
196. Direct asphalt overlay of Dozie Way Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.3km)
197. Maintenance of Ugwueke Road (Alayi to Ndiagbo II), Bende LGA (13km)
198. Patching of potholes/maintenance of failed portions on Ugwuavo-Obinkita Road, Arochukwu LGA
199. Repair of Utughugwu Road, Arochukwu LGA
200. Construction of Ugwu Court Ring Road, Abiriba, Ohafia LGA (1.85km)
201. Direct labour construction of a double cell 2m x 2m box culvert and asphaltting at Ugwu Court Abiriba, Ohafia LGA
202. Grading of Umuebereaja Link Road, Isuikwuato LGA
203. Patching and Maintenance of Obowo Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.5km)
204. Maintenance of Obikabia Aba Roundabout by Ukaegbu Road, Obingwa LGA
205. Repair of collapsed drain and asphaltic pavement on Ukaegbu Road, Aba, Obingwa LGA
206. Rehabilitation of Ndoki Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.79km)
207. Extension of repairs of Ndoki Road through Etche Road to Ngwa Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (1.4km)
208. Direct Labour rehabilitation of Amuzukwu-Mbom-Umueze Road (Phase 1), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1km)
209. Patching and Maintenance of Oboro Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
210. Special repair on Ikot-Ekpen Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.446km)
211. Patching of isolated potholes on Asaba Street, Amuzukwu, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
212. Patching of potholes and maintenance of failed portions/drainage at Olokororo Road (Holy Ghost College - Ahiaukwu), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (2.23km)
213. Patching of road at Uwalaka by Ossah Road Junction, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
214. Direct Labour protective ancillary works on Dozie Way, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.3km)
215. Maintenance of Dozie Way Junction by Ikot-Ekpen Road and spurs, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.15km)
216. Zero potholes patching on Aba-Owerri Road, Aba, Aba South LGA
217. Zero potholes patching on Ezeogu Street, Aba, Aba South LGA
218. Zero potholes patching on Georges Street, Aba, Aba South LGA
219. Zero potholes patching on Eziukwu Road (Factory Road to School Road Junction), Aba, Aba South LGA
220. Zero potholes patching on Ochefu Street, Aba, Aba South LGA
221. Zero potholes patching on Osusu Road (Ama Ogbonna to Faulks Road), Aba, Aba South LGA
222. Zero potholes patching on Asa Road, Aba, Aba South LGA
223. Zero potholes patching on MCC Road, Osisioma Ngwa LGA
224. Zero potholes patching on New Umuahia Road (Ururuka) from Obikabia Junction to Umuobiakwa, Obingwa LGA
225. Zero potholes patching on Azikiwe Road (Eziukwu Road to East Street), Aba, Aba South LGA
226. Zero potholes patching on Ozuitem Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.38km)
227. Zero potholes patching on Igbere Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.751km)
228. Zero potholes patching on Udi Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
229. Direct Labour drain desilting of Aba-Owerri Road from Osisioma Junction to Bata (Phase 2), Osisioma Ngwa LGA & Aba North LGA & Aba South LGA (13km)
230. Direct Labour desilting of underground tunnel from Kingdom Hall Street borrow pit through Umuocham Road to Okpu-Umuobo waterside (Phase 2), Osisioma Ngwa LGA (5.349km)
231. Placement of access slabs on Okigwe Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
232. Drain repairs on Obowo Street, Oboro Street and Ozuitem Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
233. Reconstruction of Market Road, Aba (Asa Road to Eziukwu Road), Aba South LGA (0.744km)
234. Reconstruction of Tenant Road, Aba (Asa Road to Eziukwu Road), Aba South LGA (0.74km)
235. Reconstruction of Cameroun Road, Aba (Asa Road to Eziukwu Road), Aba South LGA (0.711km)
236. Reconstruction of School Road, Aba (Asa Road to Eziukwu Road), Aba South LGA (0.729km)
237. Patching of potholes along International Conference Centre - Ikot-Ekpen Road - Ubakala Express Junction, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA
238. Patching of potholes on Umuokpara Street off Okigwe Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.264km)
239. Direct Labour repairs of Clifford Road (Asa Road to Railway), Aba, Aba South LGA (0.741km)
240. Reconstruction of Ehi Road, Aba (Queens Road to Eziukwu Road), Aba South LGA (0.5km)
241. Rehabilitation of Palm Lane, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.41km)
242. Maintenance of Old Timber Road (World Bank Housing Estate to Olokororo Road), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.525km)
243. Direct Labour repairs of Eziukwu by Clifford Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.09km)
244. Maintenance of Umuobasi Street (Finbarrs to Bende Road),

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241. Rehabilitation of Palm Lane, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.41km)
242. Maintenance of Old Timber Road (World Bank Housing Estate to Olokoro Road), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.525km)
243. Direct Labour repairs of Eziukwu by Clifford Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.09km)
244. Maintenance of Umuobasi Street (Finbarrs to Bende Road), Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.84km)
245. Reconstruction of Rufus Obi Road, Umuokogbuo Isuikwuato LGA
246. Direct Labour repairs of subsidences along Bende Road (Phase 1 - Isieke), Umuahia North LGA (0.15km)
247. Maintenance repair of Igbere Road (Igbere Junction to Onu Roundabout), Bende LGA (1.76km)
248. Construction of 1,223 m drain along Obehie-Ezendioma Road, Ukwu West LGA
249. Construction of 60m x 7.3m spur with drainage and catchment pit on Domicious Street off Olokoro-Holy Ghost College to Ahia Ukwu Road, Umuahia South LGA
250. Direct labour repairs of subsidences along Bende Road (Phase 2 - Ajata), Umuahia North LGA (0.244km)
251. Rehabilitation of 112m failed section and maintenance of isolated potholes in Umuasua Road, Isuikwuato LGA (0.112km)
252. Maintenance work at Hospital Road, Amaekpu/Okagwe, Ohafia LGA (0.923km)
253. Reconstruction of Afikpo Street, Eziukwu Aba, Aba South LGA (0.48km)
254. Construction of internal roads within NYSC Orientation Camp, Igbere, Bende LGA (0.79km)
255. Patching of potholes, maintenance of failed portions, concrete works, earthworks and asphaltting of Isi Court to MAHCOHTECH-Ahiaukwu Olokoro, Umuahia South LGA (2.6km)
256. Direct Labour maintenance of Umuahia-Bende Road (Ajata, Umuahia-Bende), Umuahia North & Bende LGAs (14.5km)
257. Repair of washout on stone pitched section along Ukaegbu Estate Junction by Aba Road, Umuahia North LGA
258. Repair of failed portions of Road P off upstairs line in World Bank Housing Estate, Umuahia North LGA
259. Direct labour rehabilitation/maintenance of Bende Road Phase 2 (CH 4+000 - CH 10+000), Umuahia North LGA (6km)
260. Reconstruction of Milverton Avenue, Aba, Aba South LGA
261. Direct labour rehabilitation/maintenance of Bende Road Phase 3 (CH 10+000 - CH 19+500), Bende LGA (9.5km)
262. Construction of Ohobo bypass off Aba Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.24km)
263. Reconstruction of Isieketa-Obikabia Road, Isiala Ngwa South & Isiala Ngwa North LGAs (8.3km)
264. Earthworks and concrete works on IBB Road from Dozie Way to Ahiaeke, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.5km)
265. Asphaltting of IBB Road from Dozie Way to Ahiaeke including road marking and street lights, Umuahia North LGA
266. Rehabilitation/overlay of Mbom-Umueze Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (2.4km)
267. Direct Labour maintenance of Calabar Street, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.98km)
268. Maintenance of approach roads to Enyimba Stadium, Aba, Aba South LGA
269. Desilting of tunnel along Milverton Road, Aba, Aba South LGA
270. Repair of failures on Osisioma Flyover, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.2km)
271. Desilting of underground tunnel along Eziukwu Road, Aba (Phase 1), Aba South LGA
272. Construction of Ahiaema-Umuikaa Ring Road, Okwu Olokoro, Umuahia South LGA (1.21km)
273. Maintenance of potholes and failed portions along Signpost-Nkwoegwu-Afugiri-Umuyota Road, Umuahia North LGA (1.4km)
274. Maintenance of Chief Nkoro Street, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.47km)
275. Direct labour rehabilitation of Chief Nkoro-Alozie Street, Abayi, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.231km)
276. Reconstruction of Amagu-Ohuru Road, Obingwa LGA (1.8km)
277. Desilting of underground tunnel along Asa Road, Aba, Aba South LGA
278. Repair of Ehilegbu bridge-end of Emelogu Bridge, Aba South LGA
279. Umuoba Road washout, Aba North LGA
280. Direct Labour construction of Atani Primary School Road drain, Arochukwu LGA (0.77km)
281. Construction of Afikpo Street off Aguiyi Ironsi Layout, Ugba Ibeku, Umuahia North LGA (0.17km)
282. Construction of Eluoma Road, Uzuakoli, Bende LGA (0.577km)
283. Repair of approach to Oyibo Bridge, Umuahia South LGA
284. Reconstruction of Akanu-Abia Road, Ohafia LGA (8.375km)
285. Construction of Gabriel Nwosu Road, Abayi, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.232km)
286. Direct labour rehabilitation of Ndiawa-Leru Road, Isuochi, Umunneochi LGA (1.5km)
287. Construction of speed bumps within Umuahia metropolis, Umuahia North LGA
288. Reconstruction of Ajiwe Street, Umungasi, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.342km)
289. Construction of Southern Approach to Mmuri Bridge, Ohafia LGA (0.51km)
290. Desilting and reconstruction of failed drain section of Emelogu Street, Aba North LGA
291. Production and installation of safety signage barriers along eroded section on Umuahia-Bende Road, Umuahia North LGA
292. Construction of isolated section on Uturu-Okigwe Road before Abia State University campus, Isuikwuato LGA
293. Construction of Ogbnammiri Drive at Ehimiri Extension and spur, Umuahia North LGA (0.7km)
294. Desilting of Osusu Road (Faulks Road to Ama-Ogbonna), Aba South LGA
295. Construction of Northern Approach to Mmuri Bridge, Ohafia LGA (0.79km)
296. Maintenance and asphalt overlay of Abiriba Roundabout to Oriekwa Junction, Ohafia LGA (3.3km)
297. Repair of embankment washout on Brewery Road Extension, Aba South LGA (0.626km)
298. Reconstruction of Umuatoko Road, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1km)
299. Construction of Uzoama Spur through Corpers Lodge off Aba Road, Afara, Umuahia North LGA (0.4km)
300. Direct labour construction of Justice Okoroafor Close, Afara, Umuahia North LGA (0.3km)
301. Construction of St. Michael's Drive and spur by direct labour, Umuahia North LGA (0.65km)
302. Construction of drainages and drainage outfalls along Ogbnammiri and St. Michael's Drive, Ehimiri Extension, Umuahia by direct labour, Umuahia North LGA (2.5km)
303. Direct Labour lane marking and street lighting of Umuocham Road from Afule to Port Harcourt Expressway (Tonimas), Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (2.7km)
304. Leveling of the football pitch at Commissioner's Quarters, Umuahia North LGA
305. Direct asphalt overlay, lane marking and streetlights on Umule Road (Ukwuapu to Faulks Road), Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1.588km)
306. Installation of solar streetlights at Ahaba Imenyi, Isuikwuato LGA
307. Leveling of farmland and cart away at Nvosi (for flood discharge), Isiala Ngwa South LGA
308. Construction of 107m reinforced drains (500x500x100mm) and catchpit with fence at Nvosi, Isiala Ngwa South LGA
309. Construction of ACETA Internal Roads, Arochukwu LGA
310. Patching of potholes and asphalt overlay of Ututu Street, World Bank Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.44km)
311. Repair works on extension of Nigeria Brewery Road to Bata Junction-Opobo Junction Road, Aba, Aba South & Obingwa LGAs (1.175km)
312. Reconstruction of Madonna Hospital Road off Aba Road to New Road, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (1.25km)
313. Phase II (details not provided)
314. Repair/maintenance of Road 4, Area 1, Agbama Housing Estate, Umuahia South LGA (0.57km)
315. Umunkpeyi-Umuru Okpokiri Road, Isiala Ngwa South LGA (8km)
316. Construction of drains and drainage outfalls along Rufus Obi Road, Umuokogbuo, Isuikwuato LGA (2.5km)
317. Repair of Enugu-Ukwu Road with drains in World Bank Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.295km)
318. Repair of Health Centre Road with drains in World Bank Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.81km)
319. Construction of Road 11, Low Cost Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.6km)
320. Reconstruction of Umuobialam-Umuokogbuo Road with drainage, Isuikwuato LGA (0.9km)
321. Construction of Umulolo-Umuobia Road, Umuahia South LGA (0.755km)
322. Construction of Kingdom Hall Street, Abayi, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.55km)
323. Construction of Christ the King Avenue off Aguiyi Ironsi Layout, Ugba Ibeku, Umuahia North LGA (0.27km)
324. Construction of line drain at Road P, World Bank Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.24km)
325. Construction of Sen. Adolphus Wabara Road off IBB-Ahiaeke Road, Umuahia North LGA (0.12km)
326. Construction of Awomukwu-Umusokoro Road, Ikwuano LGA (1.1km)
327. Maintenance of Umueze-Agbo Emede Road, Umuahia North LGA (2.7km)
328. Construction of Umusokoro-Umugo Road, Ikwuano LGA (0.8km)
329. Earthworks and asphaltting of Nigeria Police Headquarters premises (Phase 1), Umuahia North LGA (348.4m<sup>2</sup>)
330. Maintenance of Amuzukwu-Umuezeagwu Road, Umuahia North LGA (2.2km)
331. Maintenance of Nwogu Street, Aba, Aba South LGA
332. Maintenance of Nwala Street, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.955km)
333. Rehabilitation of Etche Road, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.799km)
334. Maintenance of failed sections of Osisioma Flyover, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.6km)
335. Reclamation of Ariam Usaka Ring Road, Ikwuano LGA
336. Maintenance of Bende-Itumbuzor Road Section I, Bende LGA (9.8km)
337. Construction of Ken Ahia Avenue, Umuahia North LGA (0.27km)
338. Construction of Umuelia Spur by New Road-Afara, Umuahia North LGA
339. Maintenance and asphalt overlay of Abiriba Roundabout to Oriekwa Junction, Ohafia LGA (Phase II) (3.65km)
340. Direct Labour rehabilitation of Isuochi section of Old Enugu-Port Harcourt Road, Umunneochi LGA (13km)
341. Construction of drainage and carriageway maintenance along Maryland Road, Abiriba, Ohafia LGA (0.08km)
342. Construction of drains and drainage outfalls at Igbere Park, Bende LGA (0.12km)
343. Fencing of Ministry of Works land opposite Ministry of Works Office, Arochukwu LGA
344. Maintenance of Umunkpeyi-Ezuala-Umuru Nvosi Road, Isiala Ngwa South LGA
345. Maintenance of Obikabia Road by Obingwa Town Planning Authority, Obingwa LGA (0.09km)
346. Maintenance of failed sections on Federal Medical Centre internal roads, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (2.1km)
347. Maintenance of Aba Sports Club internal roads, Aba North LGA
348. Construction of Okpuala Umuiakama Nvosi Road, Isiala Ngwa South LGA (1.12km)
349. Construction of road in Mater Dei Catholic Cathedral, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.54km)
350. Palliative works along failed sections of Opobo Road (Opobo Junction to Mechanic Village), Obingwa LGA (3.6km)
351. Maintenance of failed portions on Bende-Ugwueke Road, Bende LGA
352. Grading of Ohiya Road, Umuahia South LGA (1.45km)
353. Reconstruction of Geometric Power to Guinness Road, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (2.66km)
354. Direct labour asphalt overlay of Adaelu Road from Osisioma Junction to Geometric Power Gate, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1.7km)
355. Construction of Oberete-Umuopara Road, Obingwa LGA (1.03km)
356. Maintenance of failed portion on road leading to Ugwunagbo LGA Secretariat, Ugwunagbo LGA (5.2km)
357. Emergency maintenance works at Isieketa Junction, Isiala Ngwa South LGA (35.66m<sup>2</sup>)
358. Construction of Umuebereaja Link Road, Isuikwuato LGA (1.7km)
359. Construction of Crystal Park Street, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.96km)
360. Construction of Chris Uche Road off Uzuakoli-Ohafia Road, Igbere, Bende LGA (0.22km)
361. Reconstruction of Umubioko-Umunga Amakama Road Phase 1, Umuahia South LGA (0.45km)
362. Reconstruction of Aroamano-Ekearo Road, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1.72km)

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**ONGOING DIRECT LABOUR PROJECTS:**

1. Installation of reinforced concrete slabs over open manholes and drains across Umuahia North LGA2. Modernization of Aba-Owerri Road, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa & Aba North & Aba South LGAs (6.5km)
3. Maintenance of Uburu-Ihechiowa Road, Arochukwu LGA (1.7km)
4. Construction of Prof. Dickson Uduma Street, Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.313km)
5. Construction of Umuochi Road, Okaiuga Nkwoegwu, Umuahia North LGA (1.28km)
6. Construction of Road 5, Area 5, Agbama Housing Estate, Umuahia South LGA (0.61km)
7. Owerinta-Umuochela-Amapu Umuvo Road, Isiala Ngwa South LGA (4.3km)
8. Construction of 600m drain with 7 catchpits for erosion control in Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia North LGA (0.6km)
9. Avo Nipupe flood control works, Ubakala, Umuahia South LGA (2km)
10. Repair of Road 4, Area 5, Agbama Housing Estate, Umuahia South LGA (0.59km)
11. Rehabilitation of Umuaku Road, Aba North LGA
12. Construction of Oriaku Street, Aba, Aba South LGA
13. Construction of Olokoro-Ikwuano Road Phase I, Umuahia South & Ikwuano LGAs (0.65km)
14. Construction of Olokoro-Ikwuano Road Phase II, Umuahia South & Ikwuano LGAs (0.95km)
15. Maintenance of roads around Ogurube Layout, Umuahia North LGA
16. Construction of Amaoba-Nnono Road, Ikwuano LGA (1.3km)
17. Restoration of failed pavement and erosion control works at Alayi-Item Road, Bende LGA
18. Construction of Works Road, Arochukwu LGA (0.907km)
19. Direct labour construction of Uzoama-Ohokobe Afaraukwu Road to Polycn Junction off Aba Road with drainage, Umuahia South LGA (0.55km)
20. Construction of drainage at Utughugwu Road, Arochukwu LGA (0.596km)
21. Construction of link road from Chief Nkoro Street to Udeagbala Road, Aba, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.39km)
22. Rehabilitation of Bourdex Avenue, Aba North LGA (0.303km)
23. Construction of Obikabia-Umuoleke Road, Isiala Ngwa North LGA (1.9km)
24. Maintenance of Ikonne Street, Aba, Aba South LGA (0.903km)
25. Construction of Nzeadibe Street, Agbama off Olokoro Road, Umuahia South LGA (0.67km)
26. Maintenance of Alayi-Amokwe Item Road, Bende LGA (7.67km)
27. Construction of Ojuda Street, Abiriba, Ohafia LGA (0.78km)
28. Construction of Atani Spur, Arochukwu LGA (1km)
29. Construction of Amaba Ukwu Spur, Bende LGA (1km)
30. Construction of Ndi Uvere Road, Arochukwu LGA
31. Construction of Bende-Ndiwo-Amaudo Itumbuzor Road Phase 2, Bende LGA (3.85km)
32. Construction of Ukpai Agwu Ukpai Close, Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia, Umuahia North LGA (0.17km)
33. Construction of Mazi PC Okoro Avenue, Arochukwu LGA (0.22km)
34. Construction of link road from Port Harcourt-Enugu Expressway at Amavo to Port Harcourt-Enugu Old Road at Ninoyi, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.75km)
35. Construction of Nkemka Jombo Ofo Avenue, Arochukwu LGA (1.59km)
36. Construction of Azu Oze Road, Amuvi, Arochukwu LGA (0.78km)
37. Additional concrete works at Amaoba-Nnono Road, Ikwuano LGA (1km)
38. Construction of St. Patrick's School Crescent, Agbama, Umuahia South LGA (0.28km)
39. Clearing and earthworks on Umuokoroala-Okpuala Link Road to Umuokehi-Okpuala Afugiri, Umuahia North LGA (0.56km)
40. Construction of access road into Umuobia Housing Estate, Umuahia South LGA (1.43km)
41. Drain desilting along Faulks Road, Aba North LGA
42. Construction of Okporoenyi-Isinpku Road, Bende LGA (1km)
43. Maintenance of Akara-Ovim Road Phase 1 (Akara Junction to Ovim Bridge), Isuikwuato LGA (4.71km)
44. Maintenance of failed sections of Obinulo Roundabout-LGA Secretariat Gate Nkwoagu Isuochi, Umunneochi LGA (8.6km)
45. Maintenance of failed sections of Nkwoagu Junction to Nkwo Mbala, Isuochi, Umunneochi LGA (5.2km)
46. Construction of Road 10, Federal Low Cost Housing Estate, Umuahia North LGA (0.4km)
47. Construction of Umuogo Road, Ubakala, Umuahia South

LGA (1.02km)

48. Construction of Umuezeke-Ofeme Nkpa Road, Umuahia North & Bende LGAs (4.7km)
49. Construction of drainage outfall at Awom-Ukwu Umuosoko Road, Ikwuano LGA (0.45km)
50. Construction of Ukpo Avenue, Ehimiri Housing Estate, Umuahia North LGA (0.265km)
51. Rehabilitation of internal roads in Nigerian Navy College of Accounts and Finance, Owerinta, Isiala Ngwa South LGA (0.915km)

**COMPLETED ROADS ON CONTRACT:**

1. Rehabilitation of Emelogo Street, Aba North LGA (1.8km)
2. Rehabilitation of Green Avenue, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.55km)
3. Reconstruction of Umuimo Road, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1.03km)
4. Reconstruction of University Road, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (1.8km)
5. Construction and expansion of Ossah-Umuahia Road, Umuahia North LGA (3.5km)
6. Rehabilitation of Old Express Road, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (3.4km)
7. Rehabilitation of Kent Street/Ehi Road, Aba South LGA (1.1km)
8. Reconstruction of Abak Street and adjoining roads, Aba North LGA (1.07km)
9. Construction of Port Harcourt Road, Aba South LGA (6.8km)
10. Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of Umuoba Road, Aba North LGA (2.25km)
11. Reconstruction of Cemetery Road Phase II, Aba South LGA (1.7km)
12. Reconstruction of College Road with underground drainage system, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (0.32km)
13. Reconstruction of People's Road, Aba South LGA (2.2km)
14. Construction of Amuvi-Ndi-Okereke-Ozu Abam Road, Arochukwu LGA (30.5km)
15. Rehabilitation of Umuahia-Uzuakoli-Ohafia Road Section II (Umuahia-Abiriba Junction), Bende & Ohafia LGAs (22.5km)
16. Rehabilitation of Umuahia-Uzuakoli-Ohafia Road Section I (Umuahia-Uzuakoli), Umuahia North & Bende LGAs (22.64km)
17. Rehabilitation of Umuahia-Uzuakoli-Ohafia Road Section III (Abiriba Junction-Ebene Junction), Bende & Ohafia LGAs (22.5km)
18. Reconstruction of Ohanku Road, Aba South LGA (6.6km)
19. Construction of Omenuko Bridge, Arochukwu LGA (0.258km)
20. Expansion/Reconstruction of Nunya-Eluama Road, Isuikwuato LGA (11.5km)
21. Dualization of Onuimo Bridge-Abia Tower Road, Umuahia South LGA (5.95km)
22. Construction of Ahiaeke-Okwuta-Isieke Ibeku-Bende Road, Umuahia North LGA (3.788km)
23. Construction of Orpet-Umuafai-Umuana-Lodu-Ahiaeke Road, Umuahia North LGA (4.318km)

**ONGOING ROADS ON CONTRACT:**

1. Construction of Abayi Ariaria-Ahiaba-Oberete-Ebereti Omuma Road Phase 1, Osisioma Ngwa & Ukwu West LGAs (3km)
2. Reconstruction of Omuma Road Spur to Old Express (dualization linking Ifeobara and Uratta Pond), Aba South LGA (4.1km)
3. Construction of Ahaba/Umugo-Ikwuano/Ohuhu-Ikeala Nsulu/Isiala Ngwa North/Nchara Okolo Road, Ikwuano & Isiala Ngwa North LGAs (11.713km)
4. Dualization of Umuikaa-Umuene Road, Isiala Ngwa South LGA (8.1km)
5. Dualization of Owerinta Bridge-Umuikaa Junction Road, Isiala Ngwa South LGA (5.5km)
6. Reconstruction of Ekeakpara Road from Osisioma Junction to Ekeakpara Market, Osisioma Ngwa LGA (3.5km)
7. Reconstruction of Ohafia-Arochukwu Road, Ohafia & Arochukwu LGAs (41.4km)
8. Construction of Onuiyang-Okporoenyi-Obuoru-Ikwuano Road Section II, Bende & Ikwuano LGAs (6.8km)
9. Reconstruction of Obehie-Umudobia-Owaza Road, Ukwu West LGA (11.1km)
10. Reconstruction of Ntigha-Nbawsi-Umuala Road, Isiala Ngwa North LGA (11.45km)
11. Construction of Ohanze-Ntighauzo-Obete-Umuoha-Oberete-Akirikaobu Road, Obingwa & Ukwu East LGAs (12.6km)
12. Construction of Umuopara Ring Road, Umuahia South LGA (6.92km)
13. Construction of Mbala-Umuaku-Ngodo Road, Umunneochi LGA (11.27km)

14. Construction of Onuiyang-Okporoenyi-Obuoru-Ikwuano Road Section I, Bende & Ikwuano LGAs (7.15km)
15. Construction of Obohia Road, Aba South LGA (6.631km)
16. Construction of Umuogo-Nsukwe Ring Road, Umuahia South LGA (2.213km)
17. Construction and dualization of Obuaku Industrial City Road, Ukwu West LGA (1km)
18. Construction of Bende-Idima Abam-Ndi Okereke Road Section I, Arochukwu LGA (7km)
19. Construction of Bende-Idima Abam-Ndi Okereke Road Section II, Arochukwu LGA (13.5km)
20. Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of Uratta Timber Market First Gate Road, Aba North LGA (2.015km)
21. Construction of 25km Umuahia-Ikot Ekpene Road, Umuahia North & Ikwuano LGAs (25km)
22. Construction of Ariam Usaka Ring Road, Ikwuano LGA (13.51km)
23. Construction of Isieketa-Mba-Ekeokporo Mgbedeala Road, Isiala Ngwa South LGA (4.9km)
24. Construction of Avor Umuogidi-Umuola Eziana Ntigha Road, Isiala Ngwa North LGA (3.728km)
25. Construction of Ihechiowa Ring Road, Arochukwu LGA (9.35km)

**ROADS ON SURVEY AND DESIGN:**

1. Archbishop Charles Memorial College of Nursing Road, Obingwa LGA.
  2. Ndiolunbe-Nenu-Umunkiri-Umuomei Road, Obingwa LGA
  3. Reconstruction of Itukpa Ahia Orié Ossa - Ahia Nkwo Ossa Road
  4. Construction of Ututu-Isu-Ewe Road, Arochukwu LGA
  5. Akanu - Okai - Akeze Road, Bende LGA
  6. Construction of Ariam Usaka Ring Road, Ikwuano LGA
  7. Construction of Amaeke Abam - Umuhu Ezechi - Amamba Abiriba Road (16.92km)
  8. Construction of Abuma - Obialuoko - Obijoma - Ugwuogo - Ugwuakuma - Obinkita Ring Road (4.05km)
  9. Flood Control Study along Opobo Road, Ovom, Obingwa LGA (6.56km<sup>2</sup>)
  10. Ogurube Layout Storm Water Study / Watershed Analysis
  11. Construction of Mbubo - Aro Ajatakiriri - umuigu Road in Ikwuano & Isiala Ngwa North LGA
  12. Drainage Outfall at Mbala-Umuaku-Ngodo Road, Umunneochi LGA
  13. Construction of Bende-Idima Abam-Ndi Okereke Road Section I, Arochukwu LGA (7km)
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  25. Construction of Ihechiowa Ring Road, Arochukwu LGA (9.35km)
  26. Construction of Civil Service Link Road to Winners Way, Umuahia LGA (0.65km)
  27. Storm Water Study & Watershed Analysis of Aba Power Plant & Environs, Osisioma Ngwa LGA
- These are Road Projects Under the Ministry of Works. I will publish the Road Projects both completed and ongoing by Greater Aba Development Authority and the Greater Ohafia Development Authority including Flood and Erosion Control and recovery Road Projects by the Ministry of environment. There are also road projects done by ASOPADEC under this administration.

**Ctz. UKOHA, NJOKU UKOHA**  
Chief Press Secretary to the Executive Governor of Abia State.  
May 29, 2026

**Concluded**



# ABIA STATE GOVERNMENT ABIA STATE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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## Congratulations

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

# DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

On behalf of the Management and Staff of the Abia State Primary Health Care Development Agency, I heartily congratulate His Excellency Dr, Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) the Executive Governor of Abia State on the occasion of his remarkable achievements and impactful leadership in the State.

Your unwavering commitment to good governance, infrastructural development, healthcare transformation, and the welfare of Ndi Abia continue to inspire hope and confidence among the people.

Under your visionary administration, Abia State is witnessing tremendous progress across various sectors, especially in the health sector where your dedication to improving Primary Healthcare delivery is commendable.

We pray that God grants you more wisdom, strength and grace to continue delivering purposeful leadership and sustainable development for the betterment of Abia State.

Congratulations, Your Excellency on a very meritorious **three years** in office.



Signed:

**DR. KALU. ULU KALU**

Executive Secretary,  
Abia State Primary Health Care  
Development Agency.





ABIA STATE HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
ON YOUR  
**THREE YEARS**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
AS THE GOVERNOR OF  
**ABIA STATE**

On behalf of the board, management and staff of Abia State Homeland Security Agency, I heartily congratulate His Excellency,

**Dr Alex Chioma Otti OFR**

the Executive Governor of Abia state on the occasion of the celebration of his

**3rd Anniversary in Office**

As you mark this milestone, we celebrate not just the years, but the astronomical impact of your visionary leadership in the state. May the years ahead bring even greater progress, wisdom, and strength to fulfill the vision of a New Abia that works for all.

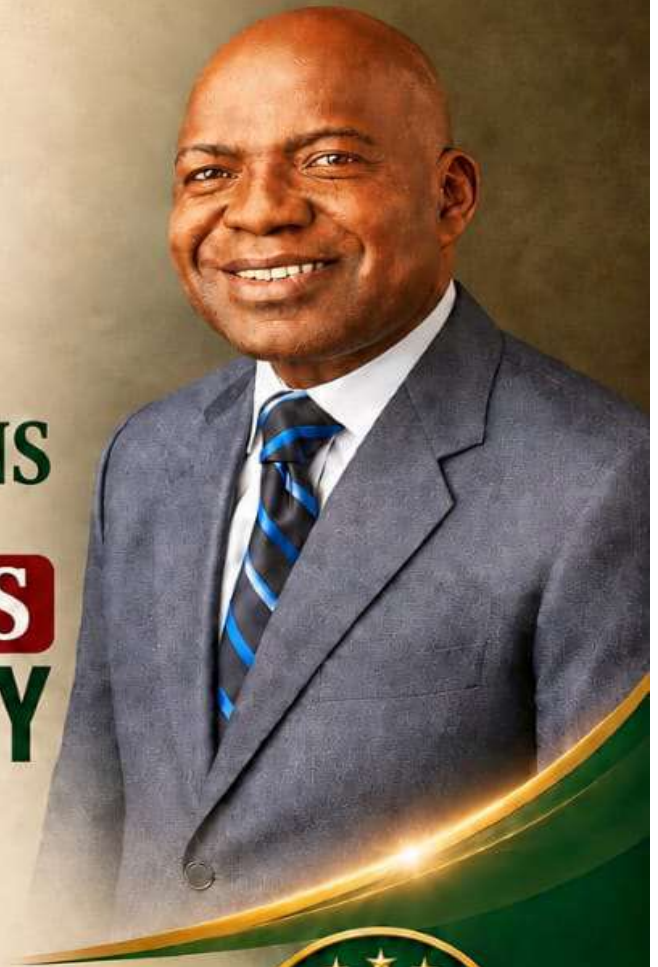
Congratulations once again, Your Excellency. Abia is proud, and the journey continues.  
**Otti till 2031!!!**

*Signed*

**Col. Chidi Kalu Ukoha (Rtd)**

**General Manager/ CEO**

Abia State Homeland Security Agency



# Gov Otti's 3rd Anniversary Celebration

## Agriculture

Since the inauguration of the administration of His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, Abia State has witnessed a renewed commitment to agricultural transformation aimed at repositioning the sector as a major driver of food security, economic growth, youth empowerment, and industrial development.

Through strategic reforms, innovation-driven programmes, mechanization initiatives, youth-focused interventions, and partnerships with national and international development agencies, the Ministry of Agriculture has continued to record measurable progress across the agricultural value chain.

From rice production and livestock development to youth agripreneurship, climate-smart farming, agro-processing, and large-scale investment partnerships, the Otti administration has laid a solid foundation for a modern and commercially viable agricultural economy in Abia State.

As Governor Alex Otti marks his third anniversary in office, the Ministry of Agriculture proudly highlights some of the major milestones and achievements recorded under the administration:

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

**Agricultural Development & Food Security**  
- Successfully launched the Abia Dynamic Farmers Database for targeted farmer interventions, with second phase enumeration currently ongoing.

- Cultivated 150 hectares at the State-owned rice farm in Owerinta with a recorded yield of 4.5 tons per hectare.

- Developed a business model targeting 8,500 hectares of rice cultivation across the State.

- Commenced Community-by-Commodity agricultural intervention programme across the

17 LGAs in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs.

- Procured agricultural inputs to support 15,000 farmers across the State for the 2026 cropping season.

**Youth Empowerment & Capacity Building**  
- 302 Abia youths successfully trained, empowered, and mentored through CSS agricultural training programmes.

- Additional 584 youth incubatees produced and prepared for empowerment.

- Through IFAD/LIFE-ND Programme:  
- 4,379 incubatees empowered across rice, cassava, poultry, and palm oil value chains in 100 communities.

- 276 incubatees supported with start-up working capital.

- Capacity building programmes conducted for incubatees, extension workers, and project staff to promote youth agripreneurship.

### Infrastructure & Agro-Processing

- Construction of:

- 30 poultry farms

- Mini oil mills

- Cassava processing plants

- Rice mills across various communities.

- Construction of greenhouse homestead vegetable farming cluster with irrigation facilities and borehole at Obingwaobi.

- Development of 35 hectares of cassava farmland for 15 incubatees in Ohambele, Ukwia East LGA.

### Strategic Partnerships & Investments

- Signed MoU with PRESCO and Nimbel Shaw for development of oil palm estates in Ukwia East and other LGAs.

- Signed MoU with Sudbratty for establishment of a €30 million cassava cultivation and processing plant on proposed

5,000 hectares for export purposes.

- Signed MoU with Milken Barns for livestock development beginning with the abandoned State-owned livestock farm at Okoko Item.

- Collaborated with PPP/IP Office in leasing recovered State-owned rubber, oil palm, cocoa, and cashew plantations.

**National & International Collaborations**  
- Abia selected among participating States in:

- Federal Government/AfDB Agricultural Programme (Phase 2 Tranche 2)

- World Bank FMAFS L-PRES Project

- Construction and equipping of a Model Veterinary Hospital currently ongoing in the State.

- 12 Abia youths trained under the Federal Government mechanization programme on tractor operation and maintenance.

- Lutheran World Relief Organization partnered with the Ministry to distribute manual water pumps to cocoa farmers.

**Livestock & Veterinary Services**

- Veterinary meat inspection equipment distributed to all 17 LGAs to ensure provision of wholesome meat for human consumption.

**Climate Change & Sustainability**

- Over 2,000 economic trees planted across the State to enhance carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation.

- Training programmes conducted on:

- Climate-smart agriculture

- Composting and waste reuse

- Black soldier fly maggot production

- Organic farming practices.

**AUDA-NEPAD Smallholder Farmers Initiative**

- Successfully flagged off the Innovative Strengthening of Smallholder Farmers Initiative.

- 1,900 smallholder farmers supported across:

- Cassava

- Oil Palm

- Plantain

- Rice

- Maize

- Poultry

- Fishery

- Vegetable farming.

- 830 farmers trained on modern agricultural best practices and record keeping.

**Production & Income Milestones**

- Average yields achieved:

- Rice: 4.2 tons/hectare

- Maize: 9 tons/hectare

- Poultry: 2.5kg average live weight.

- Income generated during first production cycle:

- ₦64.6 million by 340 poultry farmers

- ₦12.42 million by 50 rice farmers

- ₦55.08 million by 170 maize farmers.

**Nutrition & Community Development**

- Six Promoters Clubs on good nutrition established in community primary schools across the State.

### LOOKING AHEAD

With the strong foundation already laid, the Ministry of Agriculture remains committed to deepening reforms, expanding mechanized farming, attracting more agro-industrial investments, empowering farmers and youths, and ensuring sustainable food production across Abia State.

Under the leadership of Governor Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, agriculture is steadily reclaiming its place as a critical pillar of Abia State's economic transformation agenda.

## Local Government Service Commission

For decades, Nigeria's Local Government system has often been criticized for inefficiency, weak administration, poor welfare structures, and limited impact at the grassroots. In Abia State, however, the story has gradually begun to change under the administration of Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, whose reforms within the Local Government Service Commission are redefining governance, accountability, and service delivery across the 17 Local Government Areas of the State.

Since assuming office in May 2023, Governor Otti has pursued a deliberate strategy aimed at strengthening grassroots institutions, improving workforce management, enhancing staff welfare, modernizing administrative systems, and restoring public confidence in Local Government administration.

Under the leadership of Elder Nwokochah James Ebere (JP), Chairman of the Abia State Local Government Service Commission (LGSC), the Commission has implemented several reforms and oversight mechanisms designed to reposition the Local Government system as an effective driver of development, transparency, and community-based governance.

Through workforce development, pension reforms, agricultural initiatives, digital monitoring systems, and statewide oversight engagements, the administration has continued to lay the foundation for a more responsive and people-focused Local Government structure in Abia State.

Key Achievements of the Local Government Service Commission (2023-2026)

### 1. Strengthening Grassroots Governance and Oversight

Conducted a statewide two-week oversight and engagement tour across all 17 LGAs in 2025

Assessed operational efficiency, staff productivity, and administrative performance

Strengthened collaboration between political leadership and Local Government workers

Promoted transparency, accountability, and improved service delivery

### 2. Workforce Development and Capacity Building

Organized training and retraining programmes for Local Government personnel  
Improved administrative efficiency and modern governance practices

Issued certificates to participants after successful completion of training programmes

Enhanced professionalism and institutional competence within the Local Government system

### 3. Agricultural Development Initiative Across LGAs

Recruited 17 Agricultural Managers across the 17 Local Government Areas in 2025

Strengthened grassroots agricultural coordination and food security programmes

Supported farmers and rural agricultural development initiatives

Promoted agriculture-driven economic growth at the community level

### 4. Pension Reforms and Staff Welfare

Introduced contributory pension scheme for Local Government workers

Improved pension transparency and retirement security

Addressed long-standing pension irregularities and payment concerns

Strengthened welfare and confidence among Local Government employees

### 5. Promotion and Career Advancement

Approved implementation of the 2022 and 2023 promotion exercises

Addressed issues relating to career stagnation within the workforce

Improved worker morale and administrative efficiency

Renewed focus on staff welfare and productivity

### 6. Digital Reforms and Workforce Monitoring

Initiated upgrade of biometric attendance systems

Planned transition from thumbprint verification to facial recognition technology

Strengthened workforce accountability and attendance monitoring

Introduced measures to eliminate fraudulent practices within the system

### 7. Institutional and Administrative Reforms

Strengthened governance systems within the Local Government structure

Improved logistics and operational coordination across LGAs

Enhanced supervision and monitoring of Local Government operations

Reinforced institutional efficiency and grassroots governance structure

### 8. Co-ordination and Supervision Across the 17 LGAs

Assigned Commissioners to oversee and monitor Local Government operations

Improved co-ordination between State Government and Local Councils

Strengthened policy implementation and compliance mechanisms

Promoted uninterrupted administrative service delivery across LGAs

### Impact of the Reforms

Improved efficiency within the Local Government workforce

Enhanced transparency and accountability in administration

Strengthened grassroots governance and service delivery

Improved welfare and morale of Local Government employees

Expanded agricultural coordination and rural development

Increased confidence in the Local Government system

The reforms introduced within the Abia State Local Government Service Commission since 2023 reflect Governor Alex Otti's commitment to building a more transparent, efficient, and people-oriented grassroots governance structure.

Through pension reforms, workforce development, agricultural initiatives, institutional strengthening, and digital reforms, the administration has continued to reposition the Local Government system as a vital driver of development and public service delivery across Abia State.

Under the leadership of Elder Nwokochah James Ebere-led Commission, the LGSC remains central to the vision of a functional, accountable, and development-focused "New Abia."

# Gov Oti's 3rd Anniversary Celebration

## Sporting Renaissance

**S**ince assuming office in 2023, Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Oti, OFR, has transformed the sports sector in Abia State into one of the most vibrant and productive sectors of governance. Through strategic investments, infrastructural renewal, athlete welfare and consistent support for sporting activities, the administration has repositioned Abia as a major force in Nigerian and international sports.

Under the supervision of the Director of Sports, Abia State Sports Council, Comrade Obioma George, Abia athletes and officials have continued to excel at state, zonal, national and international competitions, winning medals, setting records and bringing glory to the state.

The achievements recorded within the last three years clearly reflect the administration's commitment to youth empowerment, talent development and sports excellence.

Major Achievements of Governor Alex Oti's Administration in Sports  
Grassroots and State-Level Development

Successfully organized the Abia State Governor's Secondary Schools Unity Games (ASGSUG) in March 2024 at Umuahia Township Stadium.

Revived grassroots sports competitions across the state.

Hosted several regional and national sporting events in Umuahia and Aba.

Created a peaceful and enabling environment that attracted sports technocrats and enthusiasts into Abia State.

Strengthened youth participation in sports development programs.

Infrastructure and Sports Facilities  
Renovated and equipped Indoor Hall A & B of Umuahia Township Stadium.

Improved sports logistics with the acquisition of a coaster bus for the Abia State Sports Council in March 2025.

Encouraged private sector participation in sports development, leading to the donation of an athletes' hostel camp by ex-international athlete, Mr. Innocent Theme.

Athlete Welfare and Motivation

Hosted and rewarded athletes and officials with cash awards totaling ₦75 million.

Improved morale and motivation among athletes and sports administrators.

Enhanced support for athletes representing the state at national and international competition

Outstanding Achievements at National and Regional Competitions

Athletics

Won 8 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze medals at the MTN Athletics Championship, Calabar (2024).

Secured 8 Gold and 1 Bronze medal at the National Basic Education Sports Competition, Bauchi (2026).

Received award as Best State in Athletics at the Bauchi competition.

Won 5 Gold, 4 Silver and 6 Bronze medals at MTN Champs Season Four,

Calabar (2026).

Won Gold medal at MTN Champs Season 4 Grand Finale, Ibadan.

Won Silver medals at Marathon races in Aba and Uyo.

Para Sports

Finished 2nd overall at the 2nd Para Games Abuja (2023) with:

16 Gold

8 Silver

11 Bronze medals

Won 9 Gold, 17 Silver and 17 Bronze medals at the 3rd Para Games Abuja (2026).

Won 4 Gold medals at the World Para Powerlifting Championship in Egypt.

Won 1 Gold and 1 Silver medal at the Para Powerlifting World Cup in Georgia.

Won Gold and Silver medals at the Paralympic Games France 2024.

Table Tennis

Won 2 Gold and 1 Bronze medal at the Offiong Edem Table Tennis Championship, Calabar.

Chinenye Grace Okafor won Gold at the Molade Okoya Thomas National Table Tennis Championship, Lagos (2025).

Won 2 Gold and 1 Bronze medal at Offiong Edem Table Tennis Championship, Uyo (2025).

Participated in the Senator Abiru

Handball

Abia female team secured 3rd position at Division One League in Edo State.

Abia Under-15 Female team emerged champions at the South-East Championship in Owerri.

Abia won double Gold in male and female categories at the National Under-12 and Under-15 Championship hosted in Umuahia.

Won 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medal at the 2026 National Handball Championship.

Boxing

Won 2 Gold medals at Yucateco Boxing League Lagos.

Won 1 Gold and 2 Silver medals at Yucateco Boxing League Rivers State.

Badminton

Won 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze medals at the Egypt Para Badminton Championship.

Won 2 Silver medals at Uganda Para Badminton Championship.

Won Bronze medal at the Para Badminton Championship in Spain.

Won Bronze medal at World Para Badminton Championship Bahrain.

Won 2 Silver and 3 Bronze medals



Comrade Obioma George, Director Of Sports, Abia State

South-East Shooting Championship in Umuahia with 5 Gold and 1 Silver medal.

Finished 1st at the South-East Scrabble Championship with:

5 Gold

5 Silver

5 Bronze medals

**Abia female cricket team secured 3rd position at PWE Under-17 Cricket Championship.**

Human Capacity Development and Administrative Reforms

Organized the 1st Abia IOC/NOC Sports Administrators Course for Coaches and Sports Secretaries.

Conducted Sports Council Staff Seminar involving officials from all 17 local government areas.

Improved professionalism and technical knowledge among sports administrators and coaches.

National Recognition for Abia Coaches

The exceptional performances of Abia athletes earned several state coaches appointments as National Coaches:

Coach Jude Ihuarulam – Para Powerlifting

Coach Ngozi Philip – Badminton

Coach Chinedu Usuala – Basketball

Coach George Chukwuma – Darts

Conclusion

Three years into office, Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Oti, OFR, has successfully repositioned Abia State as a powerhouse of sports development in Nigeria. Through visionary leadership, strategic investment and unwavering support for athletes and officials, the administration has restored confidence in the sports sector and created opportunities for young talents to thrive.

Today, Abia athletes are not only winning medals but are proudly representing Nigeria globally, while the state continues to gain recognition as a destination for sporting excellence.

Under Governor Alex Oti's leadership and the coordination of Comrade Obioma George-led Abia State Sports Council, the future of sports in Abia remains bright, promising and globally competitive.



Mixed Team Championship and Michael/Felicia Alabi Championship.

Basketball

Aba male team emerged 2nd position at the South-East Basketball Championship.

Successfully hosted the Fifty-One Alliance Basketball League in Umuahia.

Uturu Kings emerged champions of the league.

D-Stone Abia finished 5th position in the 2026 edition of the league.

Volleyball

Aba male volleyball team emerged champions at the South-South/South-East Volleyball Championship.

Successfully hosted Division 1 and 2 Nigeria Volleyball League in Umuahia.

at South-East Bet9ja Badminton Championship Enugu.

Teqball

Won 2 Gold and 2 Silver medals at the Teqball World Championship Qualifier in Aba.

Emerged champions at the 1st National Teqball League Aba with:

2 Gold

1 Silver

1 Bronze medal

Other Sports Achievements

Team Aba won 3 Gold and 1 Bronze at South-East Karate Championship, Enugu.

Abia won 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze medals to emerge champions at South-East Open Darts Championship.

Emerged overall winners at the

# Gov Otti's 3rd Anniversary Celebration

## Tertiary Education

**E**ducation remains one of the strongest foundations for sustainable development in Abia State. The tertiary education sector is witnessing a remarkable transformation under the administration of Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR. After years of infrastructural decay, unstable academic calendars, poor welfare conditions, and declining institutional standards, the State Government has embarked on comprehensive reforms aimed at repositioning higher education for excellence, innovation, and global competitiveness.

Since assuming office in May 29, 2023, Governor Otti's administration, through the Ministry of Tertiary Education, has implemented strategic interventions focused on infrastructure renewal, academic accreditation, staff welfare, institutional expansion, and human capital development across State-owned tertiary institutions.

The Ministry under the Honourable Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Prof Uche Eme-Uche, has witnessed unprecedented reforms, brought renewed confidence to Abia's tertiary education system, improved learning conditions for students, restored industrial harmony, and strengthened institutional capacity for effective teaching and research.

Under the supervision of the Ministry of Tertiary Education, the present government has continued to invest in projects and policies designed to create a modern, functional, and globally competitive educational environment aligned with the vision of the "New Abia."

Key Projects and Achievements of the Ministry of Tertiary Education (2023-2026)

### 1. Infrastructure Renewal Across State-Owned Institutions

Executed massive infrastructural rehabilitation projects across tertiary institutions

Restored stable electricity and improved water supply systems

Renovated student hostels and upgraded campus road networks

Commenced construction of large-capacity hostels and modern administrative facilities

Improved learning and residential environments for students and staff

### 2. Abia State University (ABSU), Uturu Development Projects

Completed electrification project to

restore stable power supply

Renovated three student hostels to improve accommodation standards

Ongoing rehabilitation of internal road network

Ongoing water reticulation project to improve water distribution

Construction of 5,000-bed male hostel currently ongoing

Construction of 5,000-bed female hostel currently ongoing

Construction of a modern cafeteria for students and staff in progress

internal roads at the Aba Campus

Ongoing road construction projects at the Osisioma Campus

Construction of 820-room male hostel ongoing

Construction of 862-room female hostel ongoing

Administrative block project at Osisioma Campus progressing steadily

Academic activities successfully commenced at the Osisioma Campus

recruitment of qualified academic and non-academic personnel

Strengthened manpower capacity across tertiary institutions

Promoted modern governance systems and professional development

Improved administrative efficiency within the education sector

### 7. Staff Welfare and Industrial Harmony

Addressed long-standing salary arrears in state-owned tertiary institutions

Restored confidence and morale among academic and non-academic staff

Achieved sustained industrial peace across campuses

Strengthened welfare systems and institutional stability

### 8. Sports and Extracurricular Development

Successfully organized the Maiden Edition of the Abia State Tertiary Education Sports Fiesta 2025

Promoted unity, talent discovery, and healthy competition among institutions

Encouraged student participation in extracurricular and sporting activities

Impact of the Reforms

Improved infrastructure and learning environment across tertiary institutions

Restoration of academic stability and accreditation standards

Enhanced staff welfare and industrial harmony

Expansion of student accommodation and campus facilities

Strengthened institutional governance and workforce capacity

Renewed public confidence in Abia's tertiary education system

Improved access to quality higher education in the state.

The achievements recorded by the Ministry of Tertiary Education between 2023 to 2026 reflect Governor Alex Otti's commitment to rebuilding the education sector and positioning Abia State as a centre of academic excellence and human capital development.

Through strategic investments in infrastructure, accreditation, staff welfare, and institutional reforms, the administration has continued to lay a solid foundation for sustainable educational growth and global competitiveness.

As the "New Abia" vision continues to unfold, the Ministry of Tertiary Education remains central to the government's agenda of empowering future generations through quality, accessible, and transformative education.



### 3. Abia State College of Education (Technical), Arochukwu

Secured full academic accreditation after more than 15 years

Completed electrification project within the institution

Completed water reticulation project for improved water supply

Ongoing renovation and rehabilitation of academic facilities

Strengthened teaching and learning environment within the college

### 4. Ogonnaya Onu Polytechnic, Aba

Completed rehabilitation of

### 5. Academic Accreditation and Institutional Stability

Secured accreditation for major academic programmes across State-owned institutions

Strengthened institutional governance and regulatory compliance

Improved academic standards and institutional credibility

Enhanced confidence among students, parents, and education stakeholders

### 6. Workforce Development and Institutional Capacity Building

Conducted competitive

# Gov Otti's 3rd Anniversary Celebration

## Chieftaincy Affairs

At the heart of any successful government lies its ability to effectively connect policy to people at the grassroots. Since 2023, the Abia State Ministry of Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs has played this critical bridging role by driving reforms in local governance, strengthening traditional institutions, deepening community engagement, and expanding youth empowerment initiatives across all 17 Local Government Areas of the State.

Under the coordination of Prince Uzor Nwachukwu, the Ministry has remained a key engine room for grassroots administration, ensuring that the transformation agenda of Governor Alex Otti is felt directly in communities, rural areas, and traditional institutions across Abia State.

### Key Activities and Achievements (2023–2026)

#### 1. Strengthening Local Government Administration

Co-ordinated smooth transition processes within Local Government Councils.

Supervised inauguration of elected Mayors and Deputy Mayors across all 17 LGAs.

Ensured alignment of Local Government operations with State policies.

Strengthened administrative coordination between State and Local Governments.

#### 2. Traditional Rulers and Chieftaincy Administration

Supervised recognition and coordination of traditional rulers across the State.

Managed regulation of autonomous communities and traditional leadership structures.

Mediated chieftaincy disputes and inter-community conflicts.

Collaborated closely with the Abia State Council of Traditional Rulers.

Reinforced peace, cultural identity, and stability within communities.

#### 3. Grassroots Sensitization and Community Engagement

Conducted statewide sensitization and mobilization tours in partnership with traditional rulers.

Covered LGAs including Isiala Ngwa South, Osiohoma, Umunneochi, Isuikwuato, Arochukwu, and others.

Promoted civic participation, peacebuilding, and security awareness.

Strengthened community-government communication and trust.

#### 4. Youth Empowerment: TechRise Programme

Implemented TechRise Cohorts 1, 2, and 3 digital empowerment programmes.

Trained youths in:

Digital literacy and ICT skills

Artificial Intelligence and emerging

technologies

Innovation and entrepreneurship

Expanded access to digital economy opportunities for Abia youths.

Co-ordinated logistics, mobilisation, and participation across LGAs.

#### 5. Grassroots Sports Development (Soccer Fest)

Organized Soccer Fest competitions across communities and LGAs.

Promoted youth engagement, unity, and talent discovery.

Encouraged peaceful coexistence through sports.

Strengthened social integration and community bonding.

#### 6. Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution

Established and supervised mediation panels across the State.

Resolved disputes involving:

Chieftaincy matters

Community leadership issues

Boundary disputes

Inter-community conflicts

Promoted reconciliation, peace, and long-term stability.

Prevented escalation of communal tensions through structured dialogue.

#### 7. Community Security Coordination

Strengthened collaboration between:

Traditional rulers

Local Governments

Security agencies

Community leaders

Enhanced grassroots intelligence sharing and early warning systems.

Supported rural security and community vigilance frameworks.

#### 8. Joint Agricultural Intervention Programme

Co-ordinated agricultural empowerment programmes across LGAs.

Supported projects in:

Poultry farming

Fish farming

Piggery production

Cassava cultivation and processing

Crop production initiatives

Promoted:

Youth participation in agriculture

Rural economic growth

Food security

Community-based entrepreneurship

Provided technical supervision and project monitoring.

#### 9. Community Development Monitoring

Monitored and supervised grassroots projects including:

Rural road development

Market infrastructure projects

Environmental sanitation programmes

Waste management initiatives

Solar-powered community projects

Ensured alignment of projects with

community needs.

#### 10. Joint Allocation Accounts Committee (JAAC) Coordination

Co-ordinated Local Government financial administration processes.

Oversaw allocation and financial collaboration between State and LGAs.

Strengthened transparency and accountability in Local Government funding.

Supported completion and commissioning of the JAAC administrative building.

#### 11. Traditional Institution Engagement

Maintained continuous engagement with traditional rulers.

Supported advocacy on:

Security awareness

Government programmes

Community development initiatives

Strengthened the role of traditional institutions in governance.

#### 12. Cultural Preservation and Social Values

Supported preservation of cultural heritage and traditional festivals.

Promoted indigenous values and community identity.

Reinforced unity and social cohesion across communities.

#### 13. Administrative Reforms and Capacity Building

Conducted training and capacity-building programmes for Local Government officials.

Strengthened governance systems and administrative efficiency.

Improved supervision, monitoring, and institutional performance.

Enhanced professionalism in grassroots governance structures.

#### 14. Oversight of Local Government Operations

Supervised administration across all 17 Local Government Areas.

Ensured compliance with State government policies.

Promoted accountability, transparency, and service delivery.

Strengthened co-ordination between LGAs and State institutions.

From 2023 to 2026, the Ministry of Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs has remained a critical pillar of the Alex Otti administration's grassroots transformation agenda. Through strategic programmes in youth empowerment, agriculture, peacebuilding, governance reforms, and traditional institution engagement, the Ministry has strengthened community participation, improved local governance systems, and deepened development across Abia State.

Its continued role as a bridge between government and the people remains central to building a more inclusive, peaceful, and economically empowered Abia.

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### Finance

**Three years after assuming office, Governor Alex Otti has continued to redefine financial governance in Abia State through strategic reforms, prudent management of public funds, and people-oriented policies. Under the leadership of the Commissioner for Finance, Mr. Uwaoma Ukandu, the Ministry of Finance has emerged as a major driver of the administration's rebuilding agenda, recording significant achievements in revenue generation, salary and pension reforms, debt reduction, transparency, and economic empowerment.**

Some of the major achievements recorded by the Ministry of Finance within the last three years include:

- Full adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) to promote transparency and accountability in public finance management.

- Significant improvement in Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) through

strategic reforms and digital revenue tracking systems.

- Elimination of multiple taxation through the establishment of a harmonised revenue collection framework.

- Payment of over a decade of pension arrears owed to retirees.

- Restoration of parity between core and non-core civil servants, alongside prompt payment of salaries and pensions on or before the 28th of every month.

- Clearance of longstanding salary arrears owed to workers in institutions such as ABSUTH, Hospital Management Board (HMB), College of Education Technical Arochukwu, and Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic, Aba.

- Full implementation of electronic payment systems and the Treasury Single Account (TSA) to block leakages and strengthen accountability.

- Sustained recovery of dividends and returns from state investment portfolios.

- Introduction of monthly operational support for heads of government schools

to eliminate illegal levies and reduce financial pressure on parents.

- Payment of 25 percent take-off contribution for civil servants under the Abia State Health Insurance Scheme.

- Consistent release of funds for capital projects across Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs).

- Allocation of 15 percent of the state's annual budget to the health sector for three consecutive years, in line with the African Union's Abuja Declaration.

- Sustained automation of the state's central payroll system to improve efficiency and accountability.

- Regular and timely reporting of the state's financial accounts.

- Introduction of structured compensation payments for individuals and communities affected by government projects.

- Repayment of over 65 percent of the inherited ₦192 billion debt without additional borrowing by the state government.

- Signing of a Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) with the Bank of Industry and launch of an interest-free revolving loan scheme targeted at supporting about 10,000 petty traders and small business owners with ₦100,000 each.

- Improvement in monthly stipends for traditional rulers across the state.

- Signing of an MoU with Radisson Blu for the redevelopment of the abandoned Enyimba Hotel into a world-class five-star hospitality facility.

- Enactment of a new pension law aimed at protecting pensioners and laying the foundation for the implementation of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) in Abia State.

- Full implementation of the ₦70,000 minimum wage for Abia workers.

- These achievements underscore Governor Alex Otti's commitment to fiscal discipline, transparency, and sustainable development, while positioning Abia State on a path of economic stability and inclusive growth.

### Primary Health Care

**Across communities in Abia State, a silent but impactful transformation is taking place within the primary healthcare system. From the renovation of health centres and expansion of cold chain infrastructure to intensive training of frontline health workers and improved maternal and child healthcare services, the state government has continued to reposition primary healthcare delivery for efficiency and accessibility.**

Driven by the healthcare reform agenda of Governor Alex Otti, significant investments have been made in infrastructure, manpower development, logistics, and quality healthcare services, especially within facilities operating under the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund (BHCPF).

Major Achievements in Primary Healthcare Development

- Infrastructure Upgrade and Facility Improvement

- Renovation of the Agency Complex to improve operational efficiency and service coordination.

- Expansion of the State Cold Store to strengthen vaccine and medical commodity storage capacity.

- Refurbishment of the State Walk-in Cold Room for improved preservation of vaccines and temperature-sensitive medical supplies.

- Flood control intervention carried out at the Agency Complex to protect infrastructure and improve the working environment.

- Procurement of one utility vehicle to enhance field operations and programme monitoring.

- Procurement and distribution of 41 laptops to Local Government Area teams to improve data management and reporting systems

- Renovation of Primary Healthcare Centres
- Several Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs)

across the state were renovated to improve healthcare access and service delivery, including:

- Ohafor PHC, Ohafia LGA
- Amaoba PHC, Ikwuano LGA
- St. Eugene PHC, Aba North LGA

- Umuobasi PHC, Osisioma LGA
- Capacity Building and Training of Health Workers

- Training of 184 Officers-in-Charge (OICs) on Leadership and Supportive Supervision (LSS) and Mentorship on Leadership and Supportive Supervision (MLSS).

- Engagement of 92 midwives to strengthen maternal and child healthcare services across health facilities.

- Training of 184 healthcare providers on the "Help Babies Breathe" initiative aimed at reducing neonatal mortality.

- Training of 51 nutrition officers on nutrition assessment and reporting.

- Retraining of 1,490 frontline healthcare workers on clinic processes and quality service delivery.

- Training of health workers on Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI).

- Logistics and stock control training for facility managers to improve inventory management and accountability.

- Training of all 184 implementing OICs on nutrition assessment and management.

- Retraining of 184 BHCPF facility data managers on revised National Health Management Information System (NHMIS) tools.

- Retraining of implementing facilities under the 368 BHCPF programme on financial management procedures.

- Family Planning and Maternal Healthcare

Services

- Conduct of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) training across the 13 Local Government Areas.

- At least 650 healthcare workers benefited from the LARC training programme.

- Continuous training and retraining of healthcare workers on IMCI under the BHCPF programme every two years, in line with quality of care standards.

- Improved Healthcare Service Delivery
- Elimination of stock-outs of essential drugs and medical consumables in Primary Healthcare Centres.

- Availability of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), educational banners, posters, and financial bookkeeping documents across BHCPF facilities.

- Engagement of cleaners and security personnel in PHCs to improve sanitation and facility security.

- Significant increase in patient attendance across BHCPF-supported facilities as reflected in DHIS2 records.

- Expansion of outreach healthcare services to communities across the state.

- These achievements underscore the commitment of the Alex Otti administration to revitalizing primary healthcare delivery, strengthening health systems, and ensuring that quality and affordable healthcare services remain accessible to residents across Abia State.



## ABIA STATE

### GOODWILL MESSAGE

On behalf of the management and staff of the Office of the Auditor-General, Abia State, I congratulate **His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, Governor of Abia State**, on his Third Anniversary in Office.

Within the past three years, the administration has recorded significant reforms in public finance management, infrastructure development, institutional governance and public service delivery across the State.

We acknowledge the administration's commitment to accountability, fiscal discipline and transparent management of public resources in line with established governance standards.

As Your Excellency marks this milestone, we commend the progress recorded in advancing economic growth and strengthening public institutions in Abia State.

We wish Your Excellency continued wisdom, strength and good health in the discharge of your responsibilities.

*Congratulations.*

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR

**3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
IN OFFICE

His Excellency,  
**Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR**  
GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE



*Signed*

**Mrs Ngozi Eke Ogbonnaya**  
Auditor General.



## Abia State Government Greater Ohafia Development Authority

GODA House • Ohafia, Abia State • Nigeria



GOV/GODA/005/260529/001 | 29th May 2026

His Excellency

**Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR.**

Executive Governor

Abia State Government House

Umuahia, Abia State

*Your Excellency Sir,*

### 3rd Anniversary Congratulatory Message

On the occasion of the 3rd Anniversary Celebration of the Government of Abia State, I heartily congratulate His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, and the good people of Abia State on this remarkable milestone.

Your Excellency's visionary leadership, courage, and unwavering commitment to infrastructural transformation and rural development have continued to restore hope and confidence across the State. The creation of the Greater Ohafia Development Authority (GODA) remains a clear demonstration of your wisdom and foresight in ensuring balanced development across Abia North.

We are equally grateful for the commissioning of key road projects within Abia North, which stand as enduring symbols of purposeful governance and a renewed commitment to the welfare of our people.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we pray for greater wisdom, strength, and continued success in your administration as you keep building a New Abia for all.

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ANNIVERSARY  
IN OFFICE

*Celebrating*  
VISIONARY LEADERSHIP,  
SUSTAINED TRANSFORMATION  
& A NEW ABIA FOR ALL



*Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Engr. Obinna A. Odum**  
Director General, GODA.





**MINISTRY OF  
 TRADE AND COMMERCE  
 ABIA STATE**

**CONGRATULATORY**

**Message**

The Ministry of Trade and Commerce, Abia State, under the leadership of the Honourable Commissioner, Dr. Mrs. Salome Obiukwu, warmly congratulates

His Excellency,  
**Alex Chioma Otti**  
 Governor, Abia State **OFR**

on the occasion of his  
**3rd year anniversary in office.**

This milestone reflects a remarkable journey of purposeful leadership, bold reforms, infrastructural renewal, and the steady rebuilding of public confidence in governance across Abia State.

His Excellency's focused attention on improving the ease of doing business, strengthening market systems, and expanding trade and investment opportunities has continued to reposition Abia State as a more attractive hub for commerce and enterprise.

We also acknowledge his commitment to inclusive economic growth, which has created broader opportunities for traders, entrepreneurs, and investors, while strengthening confidence in the state's economic direction.

The reforms recorded in public service delivery and institutional strengthening have further improved efficiency, accountability, and transparency across government operations.

As the State continues on this progressive path, the Ministry, together with the leadership and stakeholders across the various markets in Abia State, express strong appreciation for His Excellency's leadership and reaffirms their collective support and commitment, including full solidarity and electoral support as the 2027 election approaches.

Congratulations once again, Your Excellency, and we pray for continued wisdom, strength, and greater accomplishments in service to Abia State.



**Dr. Mrs. Salome Obiukwu**  
 Honourable Commissioner  
 for Trade and Commerce,  
 Abia State.



# THE NEW ABIA IS HERE TO STAY

“THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT; THOSE WHO DWELT IN THE LAND OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT HAS SHINED.”

ISAIAH 9:2

**Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR**  
Executive Governor Of Abia State

**Engr. KALU NTO**  
Transforming Abia, Building Our Future

## News

### Otti Flags Off 100-Bed Specialist Hospital in Abia

By Amarchi Uzoukwu

**A**bia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti, has commenced the construction of a 100-bed ultra-modern Specialist Hospital and Diagnostic Centre at Uumnato in Bende Local Government Area, ending over 40 years of abandonment of the former general hospital site.

The groundbreaking ceremony, held on Thursday as part of activities marking the governor's third anniversary in office, signaled the beginning of what the administration described as a world-class tertiary healthcare facility for Abia North Senatorial District.

The project will feature modern theatres, accident and emergency units, general outpatient departments, maternity wards, dental clinics, radiology departments and a fully equipped 100-bed ward.

Speaking during the ceremony, Governor Otti directed the contractor handling the project to complete the hospital within one year, assuring residents that the facility would be delivered on schedule.

According to him, every project initiated by his administration must meet strict timelines and quality standards.

The governor explained that the decision to demolish and rebuild the old

hospital structures followed expert recommendations that renovation would not achieve the desired standard.

“Anywhere we flag off a project, it means it will be commissioned, and commissioned in record time,” Otti said.

He noted that after assessing the facility, government discovered that rebuilding the hospital from the foundation was more practical and cost-effective than attempting to rehabilitate the decayed structures.

Governor Otti expressed confidence that the hospital would be ready for commissioning during activities marking his administration's fourth

anniversary next year.

To ensure effective monitoring and timely delivery, the governor constituted a four-member supervisory team comprising the member representing Bende North State Constituency, Hon. Nnamdi Ibekwe; the Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Ferdinand Ekeoma; House of Representatives hopeful for Bende Federal Constituency, Dr. Desmond Chima Anyasor; and the Deputy Mayor of Bende LGA, Lady Ifeoma Agu.

Earlier, the Commissioner for Health, Prof. Enoch Uche, said the project was in

line with Governor Otti's promise to establish tertiary healthcare facilities across the three senatorial zones of the state.

He explained that while the Abia State University Teaching Hospital would serve Abia South Senatorial District, the Amachara Specialist Hospital and Diagnostic Centre would cater for Abia Central, while the new Uumnato Specialist Hospital would serve Abia North.

Prof. Uche disclosed that the abandoned hospital, originally established in 1962, had suffered decades of neglect and decay.

He further revealed that consultants working towards securing Joint Commission International (JCI) certification for the hospital had already commenced work, stressing that the facility would meet global standards in healthcare delivery.

According to the commissioner, the new hospital would provide specialised medical services and bring quality healthcare closer to residents of Abia North.

Governor Otti also commissioned the newly completed Umuisi Primary Healthcare Centre and the Okafia Primary Healthcare Centre in Igbere, both located in Bende Local Government Area.



GOVERNMENT OF ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA  
**EZIUKWU ROAD MARKET TRADERS ASSOCIATION**  
*Care Taker Committee*

**Congratulatory  
Message**



**TO GOV. Alex Otti, OFR**  
**on His 3 years in Office**

**Y**our Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, Executive Governor of Abia State

On behalf of the traders of Ezikwu Market, the entire leadership of market chairmen across Abia State, and the management of Mosi Link Degrate Nigeria Limited, I heartily congratulate you on your remarkable two years of purposeful and visionary leadership.

Your unwavering commitment to the development of our markets and the transformation of trade infrastructure across the state has not gone unnoticed. Under your watch, Ezikwu Market and other commercial centres

have witnessed a new dawn of progress, safety, and productivity.

We deeply appreciate your support and reforms which continue to uplift the lives of ordinary traders and boost economic activity in Abia. Your leadership is a beacon of hope and a testament to what focused governance can achieve.

As you continue on this path of rebuilding Abia for greatness, we pray for divine wisdom, strength, and the grace to accomplish even greater milestones

Congratulations once again, Your

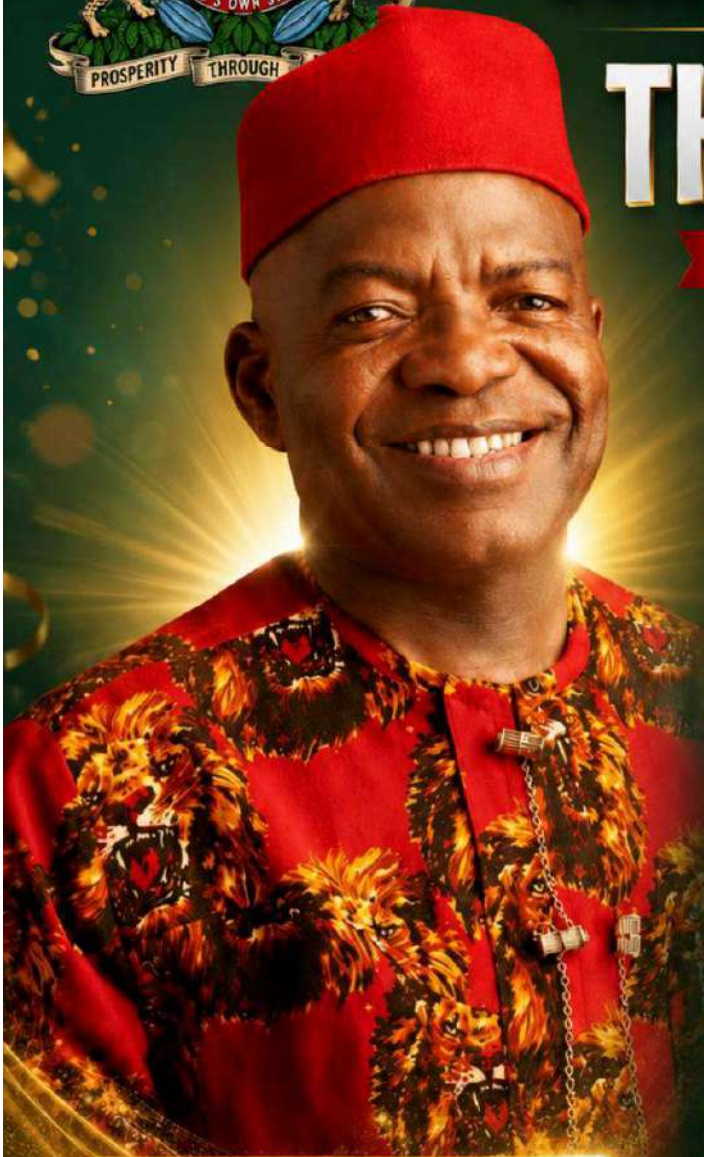
**Hon. Oba Moses**

**Chairman**

Ezikwu International Market Traders Assn. Aba  
And Chairman, of all Chairmen of Abia State Market Union



# Heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR THIRD YEAR IN OFFICE



**DR. ALEX C OTTI, OFR**  
GOVERNOR, ABIA STATE

On behalf of my family, the good people of Umunkaru, Umuawa Alike in Nkwoachara Political Ward, Umuahia North LGA and the management of Chuks and UC Nwaubani Investment LTD, I wish to congratulate our beloved performing governor, **DR. ALEX C OTTI, OFR** as he celebrates his third year in office.



#### VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

Your Excellency, your unwavering vision continues to set Abia on the path of progress and prosperity.



#### TANGIBLE IMPACT

Your dedication to good governance has brought meaningful transformation and renewed hope to our dear state.

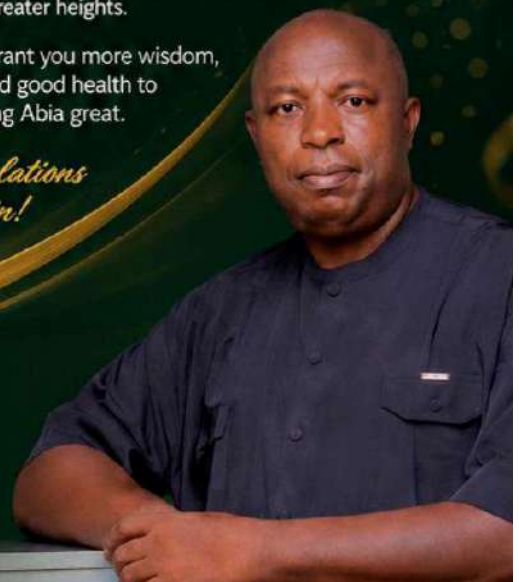


#### GRATITUDE & SUPPORT

We sincerely appreciate your service and pledge our continued prayers and support as you steer Abia to greater heights.

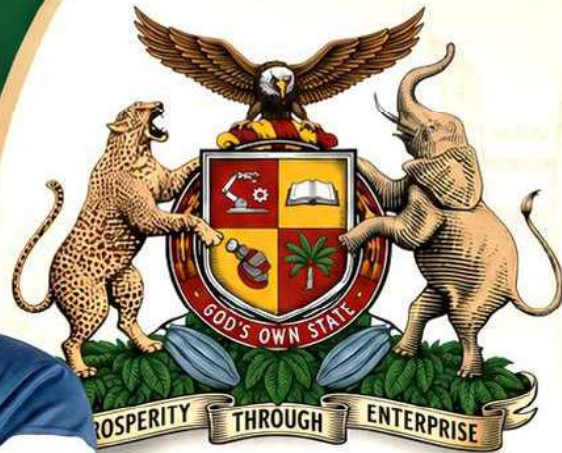
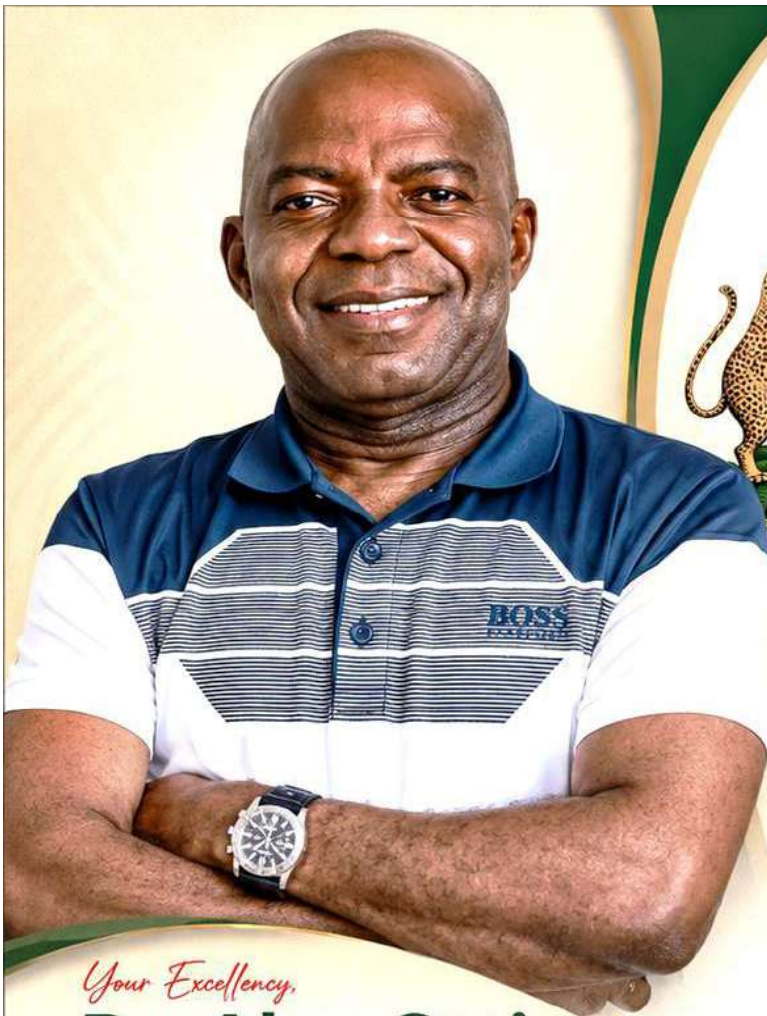
May God grant you more wisdom, strength and good health to keep making Abia great.

*Congratulations once again!*



*Signed:*

**Hon. Chukwunenye Nwaubani,**  
MD/CEO Chuks and UC Nwaubani Investment LTD,  
Umuahia, Abia State.



CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR  
**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**YEAR**  
ANNIVERSARY  
IN OFFICE

*Your Excellency,*

**Dr. Alex Otti,**

Executive Governor of Abia State

On behalf of myself and the entire Abia State athletics community, both at home and abroad, I warmly congratulate you on your third year anniversary in office as the Executive Governor of Abia State.

What you have accomplished within just three years is truly remarkable and transformational. Your visionary leadership, commitment to good governance, infrastructural renewal, transparency, and people-oriented policies have given Abians renewed hope and confidence in government once again.

Indeed, the level of development and progress witnessed across the state feels as though Abia State was newly created in 2023. Your administration has redefined governance and set a new standard for purposeful leadership in our dear state.

Your Excellency, keep on keeping on. We Abians, both at home and in the diaspora, are solidly behind you and proud of the direction in which you are leading our state.

May God continue to strengthen, guide, and grant you greater wisdom as you continue to serve our people.

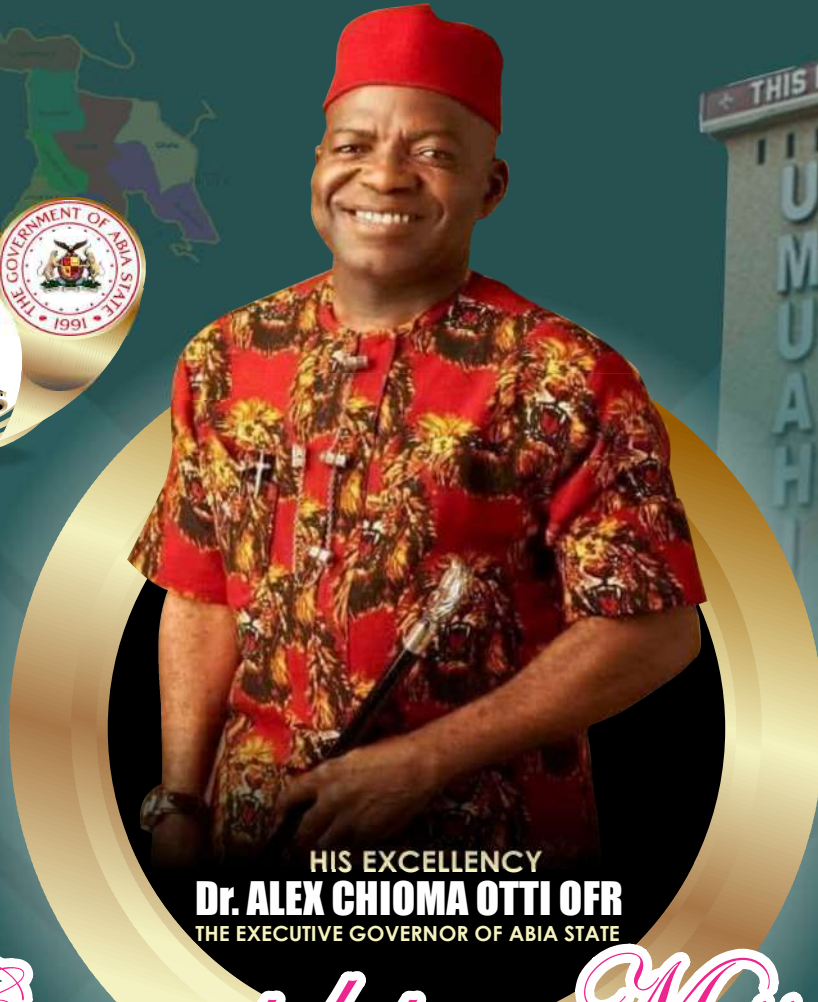
**Congratulations once again, Your Excellency.**

*Victor Okorie*  
**Victor Okorie**

Chairman,  
Abia State Athletics Association



# AvenTech Resources Limited



HIS EXCELLENCY  
**Dr. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI OFR**  
THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

## *Congratulatory Message* *On your 3 Years in Office*

I, Chief Mrs Ebere Nkele Agu, (Odi Uko Na Mba of Abam Onyerubi) and the Managing Director, AvenTech Resources Ltd, extend my heartfelt congratulations to a transformational leader, His Excellency, Dr Alex Chioma Oti, OFR, on a remarkable three years in office.

Your administration has continued to demonstrate visionary leadership, dedication to service, and a strong commitment to the growth and development of Abia State.

Within these three years, your numerous achievements in Infrastructure, Education,

Healthcare, Security, Youth empowerment, and Economic development have brought visible progress and renewed hope to the people.

Your passion for good governance and your tireless efforts toward improving the lives of citizens are truly commendable.

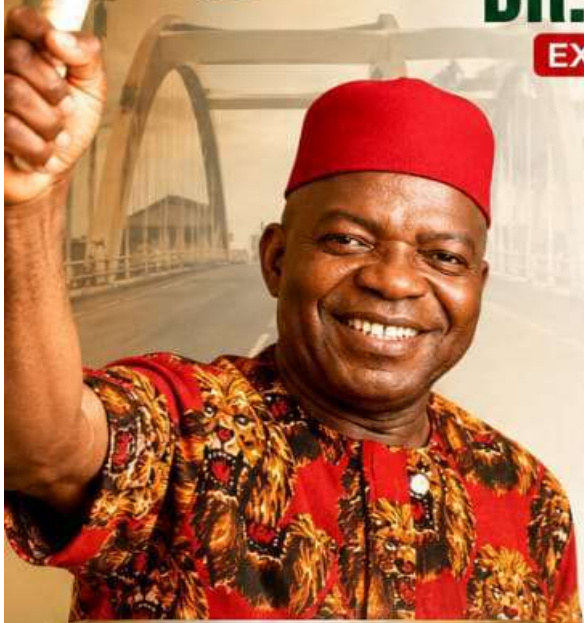
As you celebrate this important milestone, we pray for greater wisdom, strength, and grace to continue delivering impactful leadership and lasting achievements for the good of the State and its people.

Congratulations once again on three successful years of purposeful service.

**Signed:**

**Chief Mrs. Ebere Nkele Agu**  
(Odi Uko Na Mba 1 Of Abam Onyerubi)  
Managing Director, AvenTech Resources Limited





*Heartfelt Felicitation*  
TO HIS EXCELLENCY  
**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, OFR**  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

ON HIS **3<sup>RD</sup>** ★ ANNIVERSARY  
IN OFFICE ★ ★ ★

On behalf of my family and industrious people of **Abam Onyerubi**, I wish to felicitate His Excellency, **Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR)** the Executive Governor of Abia State on his **impactful, outstanding and meritorious 3 years in office** which has never been witnessed since the creation of **God's Own State**.

Your transparent leadership style is simply people oriented thereby raising administrative bar and reviving the hope of common man through provision of adequate healthcare facilities, good roads, employment opportunities, security and lots more.

**YOUR LEADERSHIP, OUR PROGRESS**

We believe that your relationship with **Nde Abam Onyerubi** will ever remain formidable and we as a people will remain grateful to you for:

- ✓ The reconstruction of long abandoned **Omenuko bridge** to an international standard which was a death trap to motorists and pedestrians.
- ✓ The construction of **Ozu-Ndi Okereke-Arochukwu road**
- ✓ The construction of **Bende-Idima Abam road**
- ✓ The construction of **Idima-Arochukwu road**
- ✓ The construction of **Amaeke Abam-Umuhu Ezechi road**
- ✓ The proposed **Abam General Hospital**
- ✓ Numerous political appointments and employments to our people.

*His excellency sir,  
we cannot thank you enough  
for all these and more.*



“ Wishing you long life and divine direction as you pilot the affairs of the state and your eventful 3yrs Anniversary.

*Congratulations!*

Signed...

**Chief Ogbonnaya Nwosu**  
(Okeosisi Abam)

Founder,  
Victoria Ezi Nwosu Charity Foundation  
Abia State, Nigeria.



## Discourse

# Governance As Dignity: The Abia Renewal Under Alex Otti

By Chidi Anselm Odinkalu

**F**or many citizens of Abia State, the past three years represent more than a political anniversary. They symbolize the return of hope, dignity, and public confidence after decades of governance failure that left deep scars on the State and its people.

That is why the administration of Governor Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, is increasingly being viewed not merely through the lens of infrastructure and projects, but as a broader effort to redefine the meaning and purpose of government in Abia State.

Abia occupies a deeply personal place in my history. From my childhood years in Aba to my early legal education connected to institutions in this State, Abia contributed immensely to my formation. It is therefore meaningful to witness a moment in which the prospects of the State now inspire optimism instead of despair.

For nearly twenty-four years after Nigeria's return to civil rule in 1999, Abia became a tragic example of governance disconnected from the people. Public trust collapsed. Infrastructure deteriorated. Civic order weakened. Institutions lost legitimacy. Enterprise suffered. Hope gradually disappeared.

The experience was not merely one of poor governance. It was what the Spanish language describes as *desgobierno* – "un-government" – a condition where leadership abandons responsibility and public institutions lose their moral and functional purpose.

During those years, governance became detached from the legitimate will of the people. Political power was sustained not through public trust but through manipulation and impunity. In such an environment, the interests of citizens naturally became secondary.

The consequences were devastating. A State historically associated with enterprise, discipline, and innovation became identified with infrastructural collapse, insecurity, and institutional decay. Aba, once one of the most vibrant commercial cities in West Africa, struggled under the weight of neglect and failed leadership.

This is why the significance of the current administration goes beyond roads, bridges, and public buildings. The deeper achievement lies in restoring belief that government can once again work for the people.

Across Abia today, visible signs of renewal are evident:

- urban regeneration projects in Aba and Umuahia;
- extensive road rehabilitation and reconstruction;
- improved public services;
- clearing of salary and pension arrears;
- investments in healthcare and education;
- cleaner urban environments;
- improved transportation and energy infrastructure.

In just three years, the administration has completed or commenced nearly 500 roads covering more than 1,000 kilometres across the State. Strategic projects such as Port Harcourt Road in Aba, the Umuahia-Uzuakoli-Abiriba Road, and Aguiyi Irons Boulevard have significantly improved mobility and commercial activity.

Yet infrastructure alone does not define progress. Physical projects can deteriorate if the institutional and civic foundations required to sustain them are absent.

The true foundation of development is intangible. It is located in the imagination and confidence of the people – in their belief that the future can be better than the past and that public institutions can serve collective interests rather than private ambitions.

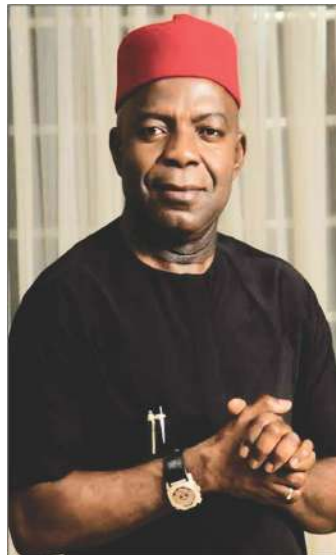
That is why Governor Alex Otti's most significant achievement may well be the restoration of dignity and hope to a people who had almost given up on both.

His administration appears driven by a philosophy that sees governance not merely as administration, but as a moral responsibility anchored on public trust, human dignity, and purposeful leadership.

This aligns remarkably with the spirit of Nigeria's Constitution, which provides that government exists primarily for the welfare and security of the people and that "human dignity shall be maintained and enhanced."

For years, Abians experienced the opposite. Governance diminished dignity instead of protecting it. Today, however, there is growing evidence that government once again cares about the ordinary citizen.

Three broad qualities appear to define the



Gov Otti

current administration:

- clear diagnosis of problems;
- coherent long-term strategy;
- and a crystallized value system.

The administration's strategy is evident in deliberate investments designed to reposition Abia as a productive enterprise economy.

Its priorities are clear:

- mobility and connectivity;
- energy and productivity;
- education and human capital;
- healthcare and social infrastructure;
- and public sector reforms.

The transformation of transportation infrastructure is already improving rural-urban integration and facilitating commerce. Improved road networks are reconnecting communities and stimulating economic activity.

Energy investments, especially around Aba, are helping industries recover productivity while also improving safety and reducing crime.

The administration's broader logistics and trade ambitions – including the proposed Azumini-Obeaku Seaport, Inland Dry Port, and Inland Waterways Corridor – demonstrate a vision that extends beyond immediate politics

toward regional economic competitiveness.

Education represents another major pillar of the administration's reforms.

By allocating approximately 20 percent of the State budget to education, the government is making a strong statement about the centrality of human capital to long-term development.

Public schools are gradually regaining competitiveness. Free and compulsory basic education is expanding access. Smart schools are emerging. UBEC counterpart funding obligations are being fully met.

Similarly, the healthcare sector is witnessing strategic investments focused on integrated and preventive care.

The administration has expanded health insurance coverage, upgraded hospitals and primary healthcare centres, recruited healthcare workers, and introduced targeted support systems for vulnerable citizens.

Particularly notable is the work of the Abia State Commission for Disabled Persons, which is supporting inclusive education through the deployment of therapists across the State – an initiative that has become a model nationally.

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Collectively, these efforts reflect a broader understanding that governance must first protect and enhance human dignity.

This idea is deeply rooted in Igbo philosophy and civilization. The Igbo worldview places high value on dignity, equity, wisdom, enterprise, and self-worth.

Historically, the people of this region rebuilt themselves after the devastation of the Nigerian civil war through resilience, communal effort, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Cities such as Aba, Onitsha, and Nnewi became symbols of post-war economic ingenuity and self-belief.

Unfortunately, decades of poor governance interrupted that trajectory and cost the region valuable years of development.

What is happening in Abia today therefore carries significance beyond the State itself. It raises an important possibility: that the South-East can become a model for governance, enterprise, and innovation in Nigeria.

The region may be geographically small, but that limitation can become an advantage if it embraces excellence in governance, productivity, and institutional accountability.

Nigeria may never hand any region progress freely, but regions can command national respect

through performance and competence.

Governor Otti's administration presents a challenge to the people of Abia and indeed the South-East: whether they are prepared to sustain and protect the foundations now being laid.

This responsibility cannot rest on one individual alone. Sustainable progress requires collective ownership, civic vigilance, and electoral accountability.

As Nigeria gradually approaches another election cycle, Abians understand perhaps more clearly than most Nigerians the consequences of leadership disconnected from public legitimacy.

A government that emerges without the genuine consent of the people rarely feels obligated to serve them. That lesson is painfully familiar in Abia's political history.

Encouragingly, the current administration has attempted to institutionalize development through a legally backed twenty-five-year development framework. This provides continuity beyond electoral cycles and reduces the risk of abrupt policy reversals.

The development plan focuses on:

- economic growth and resilience;
- human capital development;
- sustainable industrialization;
- digital transformation;
- healthcare and social infrastructure;
- institutional reforms and transparency.

Still, important opportunities remain ahead.

Abia must strengthen its professional services sector in law, finance, medicine, real estate, technology, and consulting to complement its industrial ambitions.

The State also possesses the potential to evolve into a regional hub for commercial dispute resolution and knowledge-driven enterprise.

Its growing concentration of universities presents opportunities for research, innovation, digital learning, and knowledge economy development.

The diaspora community equally represents enormous untapped potential. With improved governance and institutional credibility, diaspora investments can become a major catalyst for economic transformation.

Security remains another critical area requiring sustained attention. Encouragingly, improved safety has restored nightlife, business confidence, and industrial activity in many parts of the State.

Still, security must remain a long-term regional priority supported by intelligence-sharing, coordination, and social stability initiatives.

Three years into this administration, much has been achieved, but much more remains to be done.

Yet for the first time in many years, Abia appears to be rediscovering itself.

Hope is returning. Confidence is returning. The people are beginning to believe again in the possibilities of governance founded on legitimacy, competence, and care.

Ultimately, however, the future of these gains depends on the people themselves.

Abia now stands at a crossroads: whether to consolidate the foundations of renewal and dignity,

or to return to the failures of the past.

The choice is clear.

The sustainability of this transformation will depend not only on policies and projects but on the willingness of the people to defend accountable leadership, protect democratic legitimacy, and ensure that Abia never again descends into the era of "un-government."

For perhaps the greatest lesson of the last three years is this:

when government genuinely cares, society begins to heal, hope returns, and dignity becomes possible again.

# GRAVEL ENGINEERING SERVICES LTD



HIS EXCELLENCY  
**Gov. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI OFR**  
THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

## *Congratulations* On your **3<sup>RD</sup>** Years in office.

On behalf of the Management and Staff of Gravel Engineering Services Ltd, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to you, the very amiable and action-driven Governor, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, on your three years of purposeful leadership and dedicated service to the people of Abia State.

Over the past three years, your administration has demonstrated a strong commitment to rebuilding public confidence in governance through visible development and meaningful reforms. Your efforts in road infrastructure renewal, urban transformation, investment in education, improved healthcare delivery, economic revitalization, and strengthening public institutions have continued to redefine governance in Abia State.

Your focus on human capital development, teacher support, and opening the state to greater business and investment opportunities has inspired renewed hope among citizens.

As you mark this milestone, may wisdom, strength, and greater accomplishments accompany the years ahead. May your passion for service continue to translate into lasting progress, prosperity, and sustainable development for Abia State and its people.

Congratulations once again on three impactful years in office.

Best wishes for even greater achievements ahead.

Signed:  
**Arch. Uche Jude Uche**  
Managing Director  
Gravel Engineering Services Limited

# *Felicitation* MESSAGE

On Your

**3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**Years**  
*of*  
**Impactful**  
**ACHIEVEMENTS**



HIS EXCELLENCY  
**Dr. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI OFR**  
THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

I, Comrade Pius Ihekwaba Ngozioha (Abacha Ibeku), National Vice Chairman, NURTW Abia State Chapter, on behalf of my family and the entire drivers of Umuahia Zone, warmly felicitate with you—the legacy-driven and pragmatic Governor of Abia State, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti- OFR (Chioma Nai Abia)—on the successful completion of three impactful years of your first term in office.

As Abians and residents across the state mark this memorable day, May 29, 2026, we join millions in celebrating your uncommon achievements and visible transformation across all sectors of human, material, and infrastructural development. Indeed, your administration has redefined governance with results that speak boldly for themselves.

We, the members of NURTW Umuahia Zone, cannot hide our joy, appreciation and deep satisfaction with the giant and historic strides recorded in the transport sector. The massive rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of new road networks under your leadership have completely reshaped the socio-economic landscape of Abia State.

Across Umuahia, Aba, and our rural communities, over 140 road projects stand as solid testimonies of purposeful leadership. In Umuahia, notable improvements such as the rehabilitation of Aba Road, Otuka Road, Ikot-Ekpene Road (Phase 1), and the Umuafai-Okwuta Ring Road have greatly enhanced connectivity, eased movement, and boosted commercial activities.

Furthermore, the reconstruction of internal roads within Ehimiri Housing Estate clearly demonstrates your administration's commitment to ensuring that no part of the state is left behind in this new wave of development.

Of special note is the historic construction of the modern bus terminal in Umuahia—a landmark project that will not only improve transportation but also restore dignity, comfort, and efficiency to the daily movement of our people.

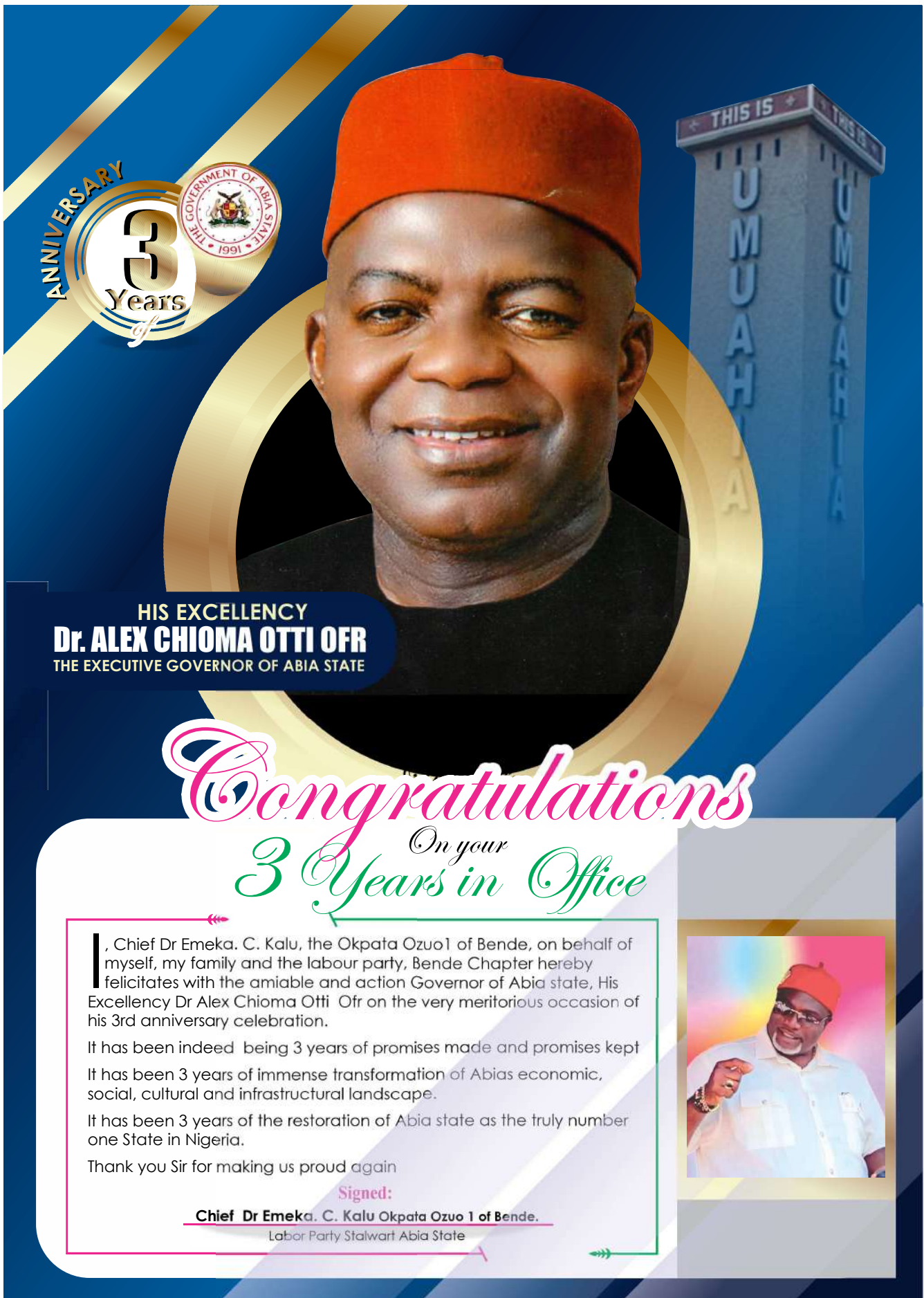
Your good works have spoken directly to the hearts of the people. It is therefore not surprising that the good people of Umuahia-Ikwuano have openly and proudly endorsed your second tenure ahead of the 2027 general elections.

Your Excellency, your leadership has rekindled hope, restored confidence, and set Abia State firmly on the path of sustainable progress.

Congratulations, Your Excellency. Keep moving Abia forward.

Signed:  
**Comrade Pius Ihekwaba Ngozioha** (Abacha Ibeku)  
National Vice Chairman, NURTW Abia State Chapter.





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THE GOVERNMENT OF ABIA STATE  
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**HIS EXCELLENCY**  
**Dr. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI OFR**  
 THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE


*Congratulations*  
 On your  
*3 Years in Office*

I, Chief Dr Emeka. C. Kalu, the Okpata Ozuo 1 of Bende, on behalf of myself, my family and the labour party, Bende Chapter hereby felicitates with the amiable and action Governor of Abia state, His Excellency Dr Alex Chioma Otti Ofr on the very meritorious occasion of his 3rd anniversary celebration.

It has been indeed being 3 years of promises made and promises kept  
 It has been 3 years of immense transformation of Abias economic, social, cultural and infrastructural landscape.  
 It has been 3 years of the restoration of Abia state as the truly number one State in Nigeria.

Thank you Sir for making us proud again

Signed:  
**Chief Dr Emeka. C. Kalu Okpata Ozuo 1 of Bende.**  
 Labor Party Stalwart Abia State



# Goodwill Message

TO

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

**Dr. Alex C. OTTI (OFR)**

*On the Occasion of His*



On behalf of the Abia State Ministry of Agriculture and farmers across the State, I warmly congratulate Your Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, on your third anniversary as Governor of Abia State.

Your administration has continued to demonstrate purposeful leadership through transparency, innovation, and impactful governance across key sectors of the economy, particularly in Agriculture.

The ongoing strategic reforms and investments in the

Agricultural sector have strengthened food production, enhanced farmer support, encouraged private sector participation, and positioned Agriculture as a key driver of economic growth in Abia State.

As you mark this milestone, we pray that God grants you continued wisdom, strength, and sound health to sustain the progress and deliver greater dividends of democracy to the people of Abia State.

Congratulations once again, Your Excellency.



Signed:

**Dr. Cliff Aghaeze, FCIB**

Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture  
Abia State

## Governor Otti's 3rd Year Anniversary Celebration

# Small And Medium Scale Enterprises

**I**n the last three years, Abia State has steadily re-emerged as a strategic destination for enterprise, manufacturing and industrial growth under the administration of Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR. With a governance approach centered on economic revitalization, private sector collaboration and sustainable industrial development, the administration has repositioned the state as one of Nigeria's rising business frontiers.

Driving this transformation is the Ministry of Industry and SMEs under the leadership of the Honourable Commissioner, Mazi Michael Enyinnaya Akpara, whose proactive policies and reform-driven initiatives have strengthened the foundation for entrepreneurship, investment and industrial expansion across the state.

From improving ease of doing business to facilitating access to finance, reviving moribund industries and promoting export-oriented production, the Otti administration has demonstrated a clear commitment to building a resilient economy powered by small and medium-scale enterprises.

Major Achievements of Governor Alex Otti's Administration in Industry and SME Development

Ease of Doing Business Reforms

Established a One-Stop Shop at the Abia Export Growth Lab in

Aba.

Simplified business registration and regulatory processes for entrepreneurs.

Reduced bureaucratic bottlenecks affecting startups and existing businesses.

Improved investor confidence and enhanced the business climate in the state.

Created a more efficient support system for SMEs seeking advisory and compliance services.

SME Financing and Economic Support

and international markets.

Industrial Revival and Economic Repositioning

Successfully facilitated the acquisition of Star Paper Mills from AMCON.

Advanced efforts toward the revival of Afro Beverages as part of the state's industrial recovery agenda.

Initiated strategic plans to restore dormant industries and reactivate production capacity.

Positioned Abia for

local manufacturers to access international markets.

Enhanced the visibility and acceptance of Abia-made products globally.

Strengthened Abia's participation in export value chains and non-oil economic activities.

Capacity Building and Entrepreneurial Development

Intensified training programmes at the Abia Export Growth Lab.

E q u i p p e d

Advanced revitalization efforts at the Abia Garment Factory.

Pursued policies aimed at restoring industrial productivity and manufacturing excellence.

Created pathways for employment generation and wealth creation.

Positioned state-owned enterprises for sustainable operations and profitability.

Building a New Economic Future for Abia

The administration

The Ministry of Industry and SMEs, under the leadership of Mazi Michael Enyinnaya Akpara, has remained instrumental in translating the Governor's vision into measurable outcomes that are positively impacting businesses and livelihoods across Abia State.

Conclusion

As Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, celebrates three years in office, the achievements recorded in the industrial and SME sectors stand as clear evidence of visionary leadership and purposeful governance.

Through bold reforms, strategic partnerships and sustained support for enterprise development, the administration has laid a strong foundation for industrial rebirth and economic prosperity in Abia State.

Today, Abia is steadily reclaiming its place as a center of commerce, manufacturing and innovation — a state where businesses can grow, industries can thrive and entrepreneurs can compete confidently on the global stage.

Without doubt, the ongoing transformation in the Ministry of Industry and SMEs reflects the broader vision of the New Abia agenda: building a productive, resilient and economically empowered state for present and future generations.



Partnered with the Bank of Industry to launch a ₦10 billion SME Matching Fund.

Expanded access to finance for small and medium-scale enterprises across different sectors.

Empowered local businesses to scale operations and improve productivity.

Supported job creation and economic inclusion through targeted SME interventions.

Strengthened the capacity of indigenous businesses to compete effectively in national

increased manufacturing output and industrial competitiveness.

Boosted investor interest in Abia's industrial sector.

Promotion of Made-in-Abia Products

Introduced the Abia Export Programme to promote indigenous products.

Organized Export Fairs aimed at showcasing "Made-in-Abia" goods.

Created opportunities for

entrepreneurs with modern skills in:

Packaging  
Quality control  
Branding  
Export procedures  
International market standards

Improved the competitiveness of SMEs in global markets.

Encouraged innovation and value addition among local producers.

Rehabilitation of State-Owned Industries

Commenced rehabilitation of the Enyimba Automated Shoe Company (ENASCO).

of Governor Alex Otti has continued to demonstrate that economic transformation is achievable through deliberate planning, strategic investment and support for local enterprise.

By prioritizing industrialization and SME development, the government has not only stimulated economic activities but also restored confidence among entrepreneurs, manufacturers and investors operating within the state.

## Governor Otti's 3rd Year Anniversary Celebration

# Power And Public Utilities

**H**is Excellency Dr Alex Chioma Otti's 3rd Year Anniversary Score Card Through The Ministry Of Power And Public Utilities Under The Leadership Of Engr Ikechukwu Monday The Honourable Commissioner.

Within the year under review 29th May 2023 till 29th May 2026 many projects have been accomplished while some are ongoing through the Ministry of Power and Public Utilities.

### LIGHT UP ABIA PROJECT.

His Excellency Dr Alex Chioma Otti on assumption of office in 2023 declared a state of emergency on Power Sector and approved the installation of Solar Street lights across the three Senatorial Zones of Abia. So far over 8,000 Solar Street lights have been installed in Umuahia Capital City and environs Abia and its environs, Government Offices as well as the local Government areas. This move has so far restored Night lives in both Urban and Rural communities in Abia State. The LIGHT UP project is still in view.

### DISTRIBUTION OF TRANSFORMERS AND ELECTRICITY GENERATING SETS.

The administration of Dr Alex Chioma Oti OFR, through the Ministry of Power and Public Utilities procured and distributed 53 units Transformers of various capacities to Communities, Ministry's MDAs, Secondary schools and other Higher Institutions. for instance

500KVA transformer Installed and energised at Federal Polytechnics Isochi.

500KVA transformer Installed and energised at Abia State College of

Education Technical Arochukuw.

Supplied and Installed 500KVA 33/0.400KV Transformer Substation at Amachara General Hospital Umuahia

Installation of 2000 KVA 33/0.400KVA Transformer Substation Electric Bus Vehicles at Umuahia Central Bus Terminal.

1MVA 33/0.400K transformer Substation at Abia State Civil Servants Secretariat Umuahia

Power Restoration at ABSU 5MVA 33/11KV injection Substation Uturu and 3 Number Upgrid from 300KVA to 500KVA 11/0.415 transformer Substations for the Abia State University Community Uturu.

Ukwa West, 33 communities got extension of Electricity.

Extension of 33KV line to Commissioner's quarters.

Extension of 33 KV line to Abia State Government House.

Extension of 33KV line to Abia Specialist Hospital Umuahia

Extension of 33KV line to JACK HOUSE. Just to mention a few.

In the same vein Abia State Government through the Ministry of Power and Public Utilities recently procured 100 units of Transformers of various capacities ready for distribution to communities in dire need of it

### SOLAR POWER SYSTEM

100KVA SOLAR POWER SYSTEM INSTALLED IN BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF ABIA STATE (BCA)

Installation of 100KW Solar Power

Power System with 100KwH Battery Energy storage System at Multipurpose Hospital Obohia Ugwuagbo Aba

Installation of Solar Power System with 10KwH Battery Energy Storage System at Ekeoba Primary Health Centre

150 KVA Solar power System at Abia Specialist Hospital Umuahia

### ABIA ELECTRICITY MARKET

Abia State Government established ABIA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (ASERA) a parastatal under Ministry of Power and Public Utilities

ASERA has taken over Abia Electricity Market from EEDC also ASERA has issued electricity operational licences to 3 DISCO operators namely Aba Power, Geometric and NEWERA. The aim is to achieve steady power supply and boost economic activities in Abia State.

### WATER PROJECTS

Through the Ministry Government has constructed many boreholes while REHABILITATION OF MORIBUND WATER SCHEMES. are ongoing

The present Government has through the Ministry of Power and Public Utilities provided Water boreholes to various Communities, Ministries and Institutions of learning..

Construction of 12,500 Galons (50,000L) Water Reticulation and Storage Infrastructure at Abia State College of Education Technical Arochukuw

Rehabilitation Of CKC Regional Water Scheme Aba

Rehabilitation of Ariaria and Ubakala Water Schemes ongoing

Construction of Water borehole at Okwoyi Village.

Provision of Water to various Housing Estates. Eg:

Commissioner's Quarters  
Construction of new Water schemes for rural and urban development in the following areas Ohafia, Umunekuwa, Agbo, Isiadu lbeke, Amawo Oboro.. Etiti ASA. Obokwe and Aro Ajatakiri Ikwuano among others

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Rural Water Schemes in Nkporo, Umuobanenu, Ubakala, Uzuakli, Uturu, Okoko Item, Obegu Itungwa and Apanu Item

Rehabilitation of Water borehole and Reticulation at Nnamdi Azikiwe Secretariat Umuahia and many ongoing projects

### WATER AND SANITATION WASH

The Ministry through its agency Abia Rural Water and Sanitation Agency RUWASSA attracted and built a modern WASH Facility at Okigwe Park Umuahia where residents, commuters, traders and visitors will make use of the convenience such as urinal, toilet and bathroom at a very low cost. All in the bid to end Open Defecation

Through the Ministry of Power and Public Utilities World Bank has selected Abia State for \$700m Water project.

Catherine Daniel-Emeka DDO Information Unit MOPPU.

Improved market infrastructure and commercial coordination

Expanded entrepreneurship and SME support opportunities

Enhanced women and youth economic empowerment

Improved transparency through digital reforms and revenue systems

Strengthened industrial growth and manufacturing competitiveness

Increased internally generated revenue and economic activities

Improved ease of doing business across the State

The achievements recorded by the Ministry of Trade and Commerce between 2023 and 2026 reflect Governor Alex Otti's commitment to building a modern, investment-friendly, industrially competitive, and economically vibrant Abia State.

Through market modernization, export promotion, digital reforms, industrial support, entrepreneurship development, and strategic partnerships, the Ministry has continued to strengthen the foundation for sustainable economic growth and prosperity across the State.

As the vision of the "New Abia" continues to unfold, the Ministry of Trade and Commerce remains central to driving commerce, attracting investments, promoting industrialization, and expanding opportunities for businesses and residents across Abia State.

**E**conomic growth thrives where trade is encouraged, industries are supported, markets are modernized, and investors are given confidence to do business. In Abia State, the Ministry of Trade and Commerce has emerged as a major driver of economic revitalization under the administration of Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Oti, OFR, through strategic reforms and targeted interventions aimed at repositioning the State as a leading commercial and industrial hub in Nigeria.

Since May 2023, the Ministry has pursued a bold economic transformation agenda focused on investment promotion, market modernization, export development, entrepreneurship support, industrial expansion, and digital reforms. Through stakeholder engagement, institutional strengthening, and public-private collaborations, the Ministry has continued to create a more business-friendly environment capable of attracting investments, supporting indigenous industries, and expanding economic opportunities for residents of the State.

Under the leadership of the Honourable Commissioner, Dr. Mrs. Salome N. Obiukwu, the Ministry has implemented several initiatives that have strengthened commercial activities, enhanced export readiness, improved market administration, supported SMEs and vulnerable groups, and reinforced Abia's reputation as an emerging destination for trade, manufacturing, and agro-industrial development.

Key Achievements of the Ministry of Trade and Commerce (2023–2026):

### 1. Investment Promotion and Economic Expansion

Facilitated strategic engagements with local and international investors

Profiled over 45 foreign investors across strategic sector

Strengthened collaboration with PPP and Investment Promotion Offices

Prepared investment briefs, proposals, and concept notes to support economic development

Participated in investment summits and business development engagements

Improved investor confidence

through business-friendly reforms and institutional coordination

### 2. Market Modernization and Commercial Infrastructure Development

Aba International Market Renewal

Commenced remodeling and restoration of Aba International Market

Successfully re-established and relocated approximately 1,250 shops

Continued infrastructure renewal and market improvement efforts

Improved accessibility and commercial activities within the market

Ekeoha Shopping Centre Development

Governor Alex Oti approved remodeling of Ekeoha Shopping Centre in 2024.

Phase I construction successfully completed

A total of 988 shops fully completed and ready for allocation

Enhanced business environment and market organization for traders and investors

### 3. Industrialization and Manufacturing Support

Facilitated approval for establishment of a flour mill in 2024

Supported indigenous manufacturing and enterprise development

Promoted Aba-made products and industrial competitiveness

Strengthened engagement with manufacturing stakeholders and investors

Encouraged industrial expansion and economic diversification within the State

### 4. SME Development and Entrepreneurship Support

Organized business support and entrepreneurship programmes for SMEs and traders

Conducted capacity-building and sensitization programmes

Provided business advisory support and investment information

Strengthened entrepreneurship participation and sustainability among small businesses

Expanded access to business and market opportunities

### 5. Women and Youth Empowerment

### Programmes

Implemented empowerment programmes for widows, women traders, and single mothers

Conducted training sessions on production of liquid soap, perfumes, and air fresheners

Distributed financial support packages and business incentives to beneficiaries

Promoted economic inclusion and entrepreneurship development among vulnerable groups

Improved livelihoods and small-scale business participation

### 6. Export Promotion and Agro-Industrial Development

Export Growth Lab Initiative

Governor Alex Oti inaugurated the Export Growth Lab at Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic, Aba in 2025

Strengthened export readiness and export development programmes across the State

Supported value addition and export promotion activities

Export Promotion Achievements

Registered over 304 exporters in collaboration with the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC)

Conducted export sensitization and stakeholder engagement programmes

Improved agricultural export competitiveness and market access opportunities

Enhanced export quality control and produce grading standards

NAADI Strategic Engagement

Hosted the Nigeria Agribusiness and Agro-Industry Development Initiative (NAADI) team in Abia State

Strengthened agro-industrial investment and agricultural value chain development

Expanded opportunities for agribusiness partnerships and export growth

### 7. Produce Development and Agricultural Value Chain Support

Improved produce grading and quality assurance systems

Increased graded produce volumes within cocoa and palm kernel value chains

Conducted cross-training of Produce Officers on cocoa handling and EUDR

### compliance

Strengthened seminars, trainings, and stakeholder engagements within the produce sector

Enhanced export readiness and compliance with international standards

### 8. Digital Reforms and Revenue Transparency

Introduced digital payment systems for produce revenue collection

Reduced revenue leakages and improved accountability mechanisms

Strengthened transparency in revenue administration and monitoring

Improved records management and documentation systems

Enhanced operational coordination and investment facilitation processes

### 9. Market Coordination and Stakeholder Engagement

Improved peace and market coordination through inauguration of ASMATA executives

Strengthened stakeholder consultations and public sensitization programmes

Enhanced collaboration with market associations and trade groups

Improved compliance with government regulations and market administration systems

### 10. Strategic Partnerships and Institutional Collaboration

Strengthened collaboration with: Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC)

Public Private Partnership and Investment Promotion Office

Nigeria Agribusiness and Agro-Industry Development Initiative (NAADI)

Financial institutions and private investors

Manufacturing stakeholders and development partners

Expanded institutional synergy and investment opportunities across the State

### 11. Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening

Conducted staff training and retraining programmes

Organized entrepreneurship and investment facilitation training

Improved operational efficiency and institutional competence

Strengthened service delivery and export quality compliance systems

### 12. Strategic Events, Trade Fairs, and Business Expos

Successfully hosted and coordinated the 2nd Aba International Trade Fair

Organized export promotion and investor engagement programmes

Conducted entrepreneurship and business support events

Enhanced business networking, market exposure, and investment visibility

Major Projects Executed (2023–2026)

Aba International Market Remodeling

Ongoing restoration and modernization of market infrastructure

Improved commercial activities and trader accessibility

Benefiting traders and business owners across Aba

Ekeoha Shopping Centre Remodeling

Phase I reconstruction completed successfully

988 modern shops completed and ready for allocation

Improved organization and commercial activities within the shopping centre

Export Growth Lab

Completed export support facility in Aba

Enhanced export readiness and business support for exporters and SMEs

Digital Revenue Collection System

Implemented statewide digital revenue systems

Improved accountability, transparency, and monitoring of produce revenue

NAADI Strategic Agro-Industrial Engagement

Strengthened agro-industrial collaboration and agricultural investment opportunities

Expanded support for farmers and agribusiness stakeholders

Impact of the Reforms:

Increased investor confidence and business engagement

Strengthened export readiness and agro-industrial development.

## Gov Otti's 3rd Anniversary Celebration

### Abia ADP

Since assuming office on May 29, 2023, the administration of Governor Alex Otti has undertaken notable reforms and investments aimed at repositioning the Abia State Agricultural Development Programme (ADP). Established under Edict No. 6 of 1991, the ADP was designed to boost food production, strengthen extension services, and improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers through training and innovation.

Under the current administration, the agency has experienced renewed operational capacity, improved staff welfare, and expanded agricultural outreach across the state.

#### Key Achievements

##### 1. Infrastructure Revitalization

Restoration of long-abandoned water reticulation systems, enabling continuous agricultural operations such as poultry, fish farming, pepper nurseries, seedling production, and irrigation-supported farming.

Rehabilitation of the agency's staff bus, improving field mobility, extension services, and project supervision across communities.

Repair of a non-functional generator, restoring reliable power supply for laboratory work, equipment use, and daily operations.

Provision of laptops to enhance digital reporting, data management, and administrative efficiency.

##### 2. Staff Welfare and Institutional Strengthening

Approval of payment of 10 years of pension arrears owed to ADP retirees (2000–2010), providing long-awaited financial relief.

Appointment of experienced agricultural professionals as Programme Managers, reinforcing merit-based leadership and improving operational efficiency.

Increased monthly overhead allocation, enabling

regular field activities, Monthly Technology Review Meetings (MTRM), and improved programme delivery.

Inclusion of ADP staff in the ₦5 billion manpower training initiative for 2026, with ongoing training in digital tools, data collection, and farmer profiling.

##### 3. Agricultural Training and Capacity Building

Training of 103 extension agents and 200 farmers on climate-smart agriculture, post-harvest loss reduction, cassava disease control, and improved extension methodologies.

Capacity building for 120 students of the Magnate of Living Word Group on modern and sustainable farming practices.

Strengthened collaboration with research institutions to enhance knowledge transfer and improve agricultural extension services.

##### 4. Programme Delivery and Field Impact

Supervision of demonstration farms across all 17 LGAs under the Joint Agricultural Intervention Project

(JAIP), in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs.

Active participation in national and regional agricultural forums focused on agro-ecology, extension system reforms, and CAADP Kampala Declaration (2026–2035) implementation.

Partnership with NIRSAL to expand demonstration farms, reduce agricultural lending risks, improve farmer access to credit, and boost productivity.

The reforms recorded so far reflect a structured effort to rebuild the Abia ADP into a more functional, professional, and impact-driven agricultural institution. Through infrastructure upgrades, staff welfare improvements, capacity building, and strategic partnerships, the programme is increasingly positioned to support food security and agricultural transformation in Abia State.



## News

### Abia Assembly Confirms New BIR Chairman, Approves Infrastructure Financing Deal

By Chukwuemeka Chijioko

The Abia State House of Assembly has confirmed Mr. Uchenna Elekwachi as Chairman of the Abia State Board of Internal Revenue (BIR), following a legislative screening exercise conducted during plenary presided over by the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Ihuoma Emeruwa.

The confirmation followed what lawmakers described as a rigorous assessment process aimed at evaluating the nominee's competence, professional capacity, expertise, and eligibility for the office in line with the Assembly's constitutional oversight responsibilities.

After satisfying the lawmakers during the screening, Elekwachi was subsequently confirmed and directed to take a bow and leave the chamber in accordance with parliamentary tradition.

In another development, the House granted the request of the Abia State Government seeking legislative approval for the state's participation in the Federation Account Allocation Committee (FAAC) Receivables Discounting Programme to support infrastructure financing initiatives across the state.

The Assembly also considered a matter of urgent public importance raised by the Chief Whip and

member representing Umuahia South State Constituency, Hon. Emeka Obioma, over the worsening erosion menace affecting parts of his constituency.

Following deliberations, the House mandated the Ministry of Environment to urgently intervene in the affected areas alongside other erosion-prone communities across the state.

Meanwhile, the presentation of the report by the House Committee on Trade and Commerce on H.A.B. 28 – a Bill for a Law to Establish the Abia State Market Safety and Protection Agency and for related matters was stepped down and deferred to a future legislative sitting.

The House later adjourned plenary to Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.



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## Environment

**F**or many communities across Abia State, the rainy season once meant fear, destruction, displacement, and uncertainty. Homes were threatened by erosion, roads became impassable, farmlands were submerged, and lives were lost to uncontrolled flooding. Today, that narrative is gradually changing.

Driven by Governor Alex Otti's urban renewal and environmental sustainability agenda, the Ministry of Environment and Urban Renewal has embarked on aggressive interventions aimed at reclaiming erosion sites, controlling devastating floods, restoring damaged infrastructure, improving sanitation, and positioning Abia as an emerging leader in climate governance and environmental protection.

Beyond physical infrastructure, the ministry has also expanded Abia's presence in national and global climate conversations through strategic policies, international partnerships, and climate resilience initiatives designed to secure a safer and more sustainable future for communities across the state.

Key Achievements of the Ministry of Environment and Urban Renewal

**Flood and Erosion Control Projects**

Umuchoko-Umumukwu Ube Eteh, Nkata Ibeku, Umuahia North LGA

Successfully mitigated severe flooding that had previously claimed lives and destroyed property within the community.

Construction of:  
259 metres of drainage structures  
Stilling basins  
Box culverts for effective flood discharge and environmental stabilization.

The intervention restored safety and normal community life during rainy seasons.

Izy-Best Road, Umuobia Housing Estate, Umuahia South LGA

Controlled a rapidly expanding gully erosion that threatened residential buildings and infrastructure.

Construction of:  
550 metres of drainage channels  
Stilling basins  
Catch pits

Dual culvert systems linked to the community river channel.

Flood and erosion threats successfully mitigated, restoring residential confidence and economic activities within the estate.

Nigeria Correctional Service



Gov Alex Otti

Headquarters, Umuahia

Rehabilitation of poor drainage infrastructure within the correctional facility.

Reconstruction of damaged kitchen chimney used by inmates.

Construction of internal drainage systems to effectively channel floodwater into the city drainage network.

Retrofitting of inmate kitchen facilities for safer and improved use.

Ozuzu Agbama Housing Estate, Umuahia South LGA

Reclamation of a major erosion site measuring approximately:

8 metres deep  
12 metres wide  
150 metres long  
Construction of:  
290 metres of drainage systems

Hydraulic structures for soil stabilization and stormwater control.

The reclaimed road and surrounding environment are now fully accessible to residents and motorists.

Amayi Village, Amogwu Autonomous Community, Isuikwuato LGA

Emergency flood control intervention carried out in a heavily flooded community.

Construction of:  
Underground culvert systems  
Central catch pits  
Retaining walls  
Drainage channels

Floodwaters successfully discharged, submerged buildings restored, and damaged roads rehabilitated for community use.

Elder Ezeala Road, Umuobia Housing Estate

Construction of flood control drainage channels and hydraulic structures to address uncontrolled runoff and flooding.

Sustainable flood discharge system established into Umuobia stream.

Road restored for safe vehicular and

residential use.

Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Initiatives

Establishment of Climate Change Department

Creation and retrofitting of a dedicated Climate Change Department within the ministry.

Development of institutional structures to coordinate climate action and policy implementation.

First Statewide Climate Change Stakeholders Engagement

Organization of the first-ever climate change stakeholders' engagement at the International Conference Centre (ICC), Umuahia.

Engagement brought together stakeholders across sectors to contribute towards the development of Abia State's Climate Change Policy and Action Plan.

Draft climate policy and action plan currently nearing completion and validation.

Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

Conducted a statewide climate vulnerability assessment across all 17 local government areas.

Development of Abia's climate change profile to identify environmental risks and vulnerabilities.

Abia ranked 8th nationally on climate change governance and participation among the 36 states and the FCT.

Climate Change Community Assets Assessment

Conducted the first climate assets assessment across communities in the state.

Exercise aimed at attracting climate funding, interventions, and project partnerships.

Policy Development and International Recognition

Development and approval of:

Solid Waste Management Policy  
Scrap Metal Policy

Collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Abia emerged as a core state beneficiary of a €1 million Circular Economy Grant.

Participation for the first time at the global Conference of Parties (COP29) climate summit in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Abia's climate change policy documents were showcased before international climate financiers and organizations.

Environmental Sanitation and Waste Management

Successful conduct of monthly environmental sanitation exercises consistently throughout the administration.

Organization of environmental sustainability workshops in Aba and Umuahia to educate residents on best environmental practices.

Collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Environment to attract a Climate Smart Municipal Solid Waste Management Project for Aba.

Abia became the only South-East state selected for the intervention project targeting highly polluted urban areas.

Forestry and Community Engagement

Re-established relationships with forest host communities across several forest reserves including:

Ukpom Bende Forest Reserve  
Nkalunta Forest Reserve  
Eme River Forest Reserve  
Ohambele Forest Reserve  
Arochukwu Forest Reserve  
Ndi Okpo Forest Reserve, among others.

Strengthened collaboration with traditional rulers and host communities on forest conservation and environmental sustainability.

Mangrove Restoration and Conservation

Hosted the Director-General of the National Council on Climate Change Secretariat (NCCCS) on mangrove assessment and restoration initiatives.

Partnership aimed at promoting mangrove conservation and climate resilience within the state.

These interventions underscore the commitment of Governor Alex Otti's administration to environmental protection, climate resilience, urban renewal, and sustainable development, while improving the safety, health, and living conditions of communities across Abia State.

# Gov Otti's 3rd Anniversary Celebration

## Transport

**F**or years, transportation challenges in Abia State ranged from disorganised motor parks and inadequate public transit systems to poor traffic management and limited urban mobility infrastructure. Today, that narrative is gradually changing as the administration of Governor Alex Otti pursues an ambitious transport reform agenda aimed at building a modern, efficient, and technology-driven transportation system.

Through strategic investments by the Ministry of Transport, the state is witnessing major improvements in mass transit, traffic management, transport infrastructure, and mobility services. From the introduction of electric buses and smart payment systems to the construction of world-class transport terminals and railway expansion projects, the government's reforms are redefining public transportation and positioning Abia for economic growth and urban renewal.

As Governor Alex Otti marks his third anniversary in office, the transport sector has emerged as one of the visible pillars of his administration's infrastructure revolution.

### Key Achievements of the Transport Sector:

#### Urban Mass Transit Scheme

Procurement and commissioning of the first batch of 20 electric buses from Coscharis in December 2025.

The electric buses cover approximately 400 kilometres when fully charged.

Introduction of eco-friendly and affordable public transportation to reduce fuel dependency, vehicular emissions, and urban pollution.

Improvement in inter-city connectivity, especially between Aba and Umuahia.

Reduction in transportation costs through government subsidy.

Increased passenger demand and improved commuting experience for residents.

Provision of safer and more organized public transportation services.

Plans underway for the arrival of an additional 20 electric buses.

Operational Structure of the EV Bus System

Establishment of two major intracity operational zones:

- Aba Zone
- Umuahia Zone

Intercity operations currently cover:



Umuahia–Aba route  
Umuahia–Ohafia route  
Intracity shuttle services in Umuahia operate through major corridors including:

Isi Gate – Mission Hill – Tower  
Isi Gate – Isicourt – Ubakala  
Isi Gate – Umudike Junction – Secretariat – JACC Building

Civil servants and residents now benefit from improved and structured urban mobility through the Green Shuttle Bus Scheme.

#### EV Charging Infrastructure

Establishment of electric vehicle charging stations at:

International Conference Centre (ICC), Umuahia

Umuahia Central Bus Terminal  
Afro Beverages, Aba  
Introduction of Abia Connect Card  
Launch of the Abia Connect Card, a smart cashless payment system for the Green Shuttle Services.

Elimination of cash handling within the transport system.

Seamless and technology-driven ticketing experience for commuters.

Reduction of transport fares to sustain affordability for residents.

Bus Shelters, Bus Stops and Traffic Management

Construction of modern bus shelters, bus stops, and lay-bys across strategic locations in Aba and Umuahia.

Installation of traffic lights, road signs, and

junction improvement infrastructure.

Expansion of Traffic Systems Management (TSM) initiatives to improve road safety and traffic flow.

Ongoing road construction and rehabilitation projects supporting urban transportation development

**Umuahia Central Bus Terminal**  
Construction of the Umuahia Central Bus Terminal as part of the administration's transport reform initiative.

Development of a modern transport and commercial hub designed to provide safe, secure, and efficient public transportation services.

Facilities at the terminal include:

Vehicle drop-off areas  
Parking and loading bays  
Passenger waiting areas  
Ticketing booths  
Information desk  
Commercial spaces  
Public conveniences  
Lift and escalator systems  
Standby generator  
Transformer and solar inverter systems

The project is aimed at consolidating transport parks and loading points into a centralized terminal for improved regulation and service delivery.

The terminal is nearing completion and set to commence operations soon.

Osioma Central Bus Terminal, Aba  
Ongoing construction of the Osioma

Central Bus Terminal in Aba.

Project designed to further strengthen organized urban transportation and commercial activities within Aba metropolis.

Stakeholders Engagement and Transport Sensitization

Conduct of extensive stakeholders' engagement meetings involving transport operators and unions in Umuahia.

Collaboration with Planet Projects Limited to sensitize stakeholders on the benefits and objectives of the transport reform initiative.

Promotion of safety, discipline, orderliness, and improved public transport operations.

Abia State Airport Project  
Ongoing construction activities at the proposed Abia State Airport project site located at Nsulu.

#### Railway Transport Development

Collaboration between the Abia State Government and the Federal Government on railway construction projects.

Proposed railway line expected to cut across five local government areas in the state and connect with Port Harcourt.

**Construction work currently in progress.**  
Computerized Vehicle Inspection Centres  
Re-activation of the Abia State computerized Vehicle Inspection Centres in Aba and Umuahia.

Initiative aimed at improving road safety, reducing accidents, and ensuring compliance with vehicle standards.

Services provided at the centres include:

Visual inspection  
Underbody inspection  
Emission testing  
Headlight testing  
Suspension testing  
Brake performance testing  
Steering and alignment testing

Sensitization campaigns conducted for commercial and private vehicle operators on the importance of vehicle inspection compliance.

Intensified enforcement activities by Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO) across Aba and Umuahia.

These achievements reflect the determination of the Alex Otti administration to create a transport system that is modern, environmentally sustainable, economically viable, and capable of meeting the growing mobility needs of Abians.





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# Health

In line with Governor Alex Otti's vision of rebuilding Abia State through quality healthcare delivery, the Ministry of Health has continued to record significant milestones aimed at strengthening the health sector, improving access to medical services, and enhancing the welfare of healthcare workers across the state. Through strategic reforms, infrastructure renewal, manpower development, and innovative healthcare initiatives, the ministry has positioned Abia as one of the emerging models in healthcare administration in Nigeria.

Some of the major achievements recorded by the Ministry of Health include:

Abia State emerged first in the national Leadership Challenge, reflecting excellence, discipline, teamwork, and outstanding performance in healthcare delivery.

Renovation and functionalization of Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities across the state to improve access to quality healthcare services.

Equipping of Primary Health Care facilities with modern medical equipment to enhance service delivery.

Renovation and retrofitting of Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEMONC) facilities to strengthen maternal and child healthcare services.

Recruitment and deployment of 821 healthcare workers to address manpower gaps across health institutions in the state.

Upgrading of healthcare workers' salary structure to ASHWOSS, improving welfare and motivation among health personnel.

Re-accreditation of the College of Nursing Sciences, ensuring continued training of



qualified healthcare professionals.

Renovation of the Abia State College of Health Sciences and Management Technology to improve medical education and training standards.

Biomedical training programmes for biomedical engineers and other healthcare workers on equipment maintenance and repairs.

Implementation of the Abia Healthcare Rebirth Initiatives alongside Basic Life Support (BLS) training programmes for healthcare personnel.

Successful conduct of the 2026 Abia/ANPA Medical Outreach, providing healthcare services to residents across communities.

Establishment of the State Emergency Services and Maternal Transport System (SESMAT) to improve emergency response and maternal healthcare delivery.

Introduction of the Rural Emergency Services and Maternal Transport System (RESMAT) to strengthen emergency healthcare access in rural communities.

Launch of the Abia Digital Health Project aimed at modernizing healthcare administration and improving patient management systems.

Inauguration of the Climate Change Committee to address emerging environmental and public health concerns.

Significant increase in enrolment under the Abia State Health Insurance Agency (ABSHIA), which now stands at over 163,042 enrollees.

These achievements reflect the commitment of the Alex Otti administration to building a responsive, accessible, and efficient healthcare system capable of meeting the needs of Abians while improving overall public health outcomes across the state.



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## Abia State Basketball Association Hosts Successful 3x3 Open Championship

By Joseph Jacob



The Director of Sports, Comrade Otioma George (third left), the Chairman of the Abia State Basketball Association, Mr. Victor Okoro (second left) with other Board members.

The newly inaugurated board of the Abia State Basketball Association has hit the ground running with the successful organization of a two-day 3x3 Open Basketball Championship in Umuahia.

It would be recalled that while inaugurating the board members of the 35 sports associations in the state, the Governor of Abia State, Alex Otti, represented by the Deputy Governor, Ikechukwu Emetu, charged the various associations to develop their

respective sports in line with the present administration's policy of youth empowerment through sports development.

In response to that charge, the Abia State Basketball Association organized the 3x3 Open Championship, which attracted 12 male teams and three female teams from different parts of the state. The championship, held at the Umuahia Township Stadium indoor sports hall, brought together some of the finest basketball talents in Abia State and treated fans to two days of exciting, competitive, and entertaining basketball action.

A total of 12 teams battled for honours in the male category. The

participating teams included Apex, Court Kings, Wise Men, Lion Heart Hoopers, Phantom, Umudike Hoopers, Velocity Buckets, Basket Guardians, Todre, Threat Team, Under Dogs, and Umudike Storm. Each team displayed remarkable determination, discipline, teamwork, and resilience throughout the tournament, making the competition highly competitive from start to finish.

The female category also produced impressive performances as The Elites, Hoop Valkyries, and Star Girls competed fiercely for the championship title. The games highlighted the growing strength and potential of women's basketball in Abia State, with the players thrilling spectators through

their energy, passion, and outstanding talent on the court.

After two days of intense basketball action, Basket Guardians emerged champions in the male category following a series of outstanding performances throughout the tournament. Lion Heart Hoopers finished in second place, while Umudike Hoopers secured third position.

In the female category, Star Girls proved their dominance by clinching the championship title, while The Elites and Hoop Valkyries finished in second and third positions respectively.

Speaking at the end of the championship, the Chairman of the Abia State Basketball Association, Mr. Victor Ifeanyi Okoro, expressed satisfaction with the quality of competition, the level of organization, and the impressive performances displayed by the participating teams.

According to him, the championship represents only the

and basketball enthusiasts that the association remains committed to discovering and nurturing young talents while creating more opportunities for athletes in the state to compete and excel at national and international levels.

Mr. Okoro also commended the teams, officials, supporters, and sponsors for contributing to the success of the championship, noting that grassroots competitions such as the 3x3 tournament remain vital to the growth of basketball in the state.

One of the major highlights of the championship was the presentation of cash prizes to the winning teams as well as the donation of jerseys to participating clubs, a gesture aimed at supporting and encouraging the teams as they continue to develop the game at the grassroots level.

The successful hosting of the championship has further reinforced the commitment of the Abia State Basketball Association to reviving and promoting basketball across the state



The girls in action during the Open Championship

beginning of bigger plans and initiatives aimed at repositioning and developing basketball in Abia State. He further assured players, coaches,

while providing young people with positive opportunities through sports.

### SUDOKU

Puzzle By: Prince Blessing Lazarus

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All you have to do is fill the grid in such away that every 3X3 box and row and column, contains the numbers 1-9.



All the participating clubs