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# Editorial

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## Osun, Ademola Adeleke, Two Years After

As Senator Ademola Adeleke marks two years as Governor of Osun State, it is an opportune time to reflect on the impact of his leadership and the initiatives he has implemented. Osun Spring notes that since taking office, Adeleke has demonstrated a commitment to transforming the state through various key initiatives that address pressing issues faced by the citizens.

One of the most significant areas of focus has been infrastructure. The emphatic focus of Governor Ademola Adeleke's administration on infrastructure is evident in the continuous construction of roads across the entire state and major construction in Osogbo, the Osun state capital.

Recognizing that a strong educational system is vital for the future of Osun State, Adeleke has prioritized reforms that enhance funding, improve infrastructure, and support teachers. These efforts aim to provide students with a better learning environment and equip them with the skills necessary for success in a rapidly changing world.

Osun Spring also notes that Adeleke has made strides in healthcare, working to improve medical facilities and services across the state. His administration's emphasis on making healthcare more accessible reflects a deep understanding of the challenges faced by many residents.

Furthermore, the introduction of youth empowerment



programs has been a pivotal aspect of his governance, providing young people with opportunities for skills acquisition and job creation, thus fostering a sense of hope and purpose, especially with the introduction of loans to business owners through corporative societies.

As he approaches this milestone, it is clear that Governor Adeleke's initiatives in infrastructure development, education, healthcare, and youth empowerment are laying the groundwork for a brighter future for Osun State. His leadership is

marked by a genuine desire to uplift the community and address the needs of the people, making this two-year mark a significant chapter in the state's ongoing development.

Osun Spring however admonishes the Governor to continue on the good path his administration took off from, ensuring that the people of Osun is the priority at all time.

Osun Spring also calls on the people of Osun to pay attention to the developmental strides of the government and support government where necessary and also point out other things needed to

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## Hardship: What is the way out?

By Olajide Adeniyi

When Asiwaju Bola Tinubu declared that "Hope is here" in Kogi state in the build up to the 2023 presidential election, and went on to assure that "You will never see hardship again", the impression among Nigerians was that their days of harrowing will be over once he secure the presidential seat. It was tempting and easily swayed many Nigerians, including those from Kogi state, to embrace his choice at the poll, turning down Tinubu's two challengers for the seat.

But sixteen months in the saddle, things are turning out entirely differently to expectations as hardship faced by Nigerians appeared to have escalated beyond what it was when President Tinubu made his promise. The prevailing realities have propelled a wave of questions from Nigerians, which revolves around just one question—what is the way out?

On a mere look, that question looks easy and should not take any long to answer. I have seen many Nigerians throwing up all sorts of answers for the challenges facing Nigeria. But the truth is, the situation Nigeria is in is not as easy as it looks, and overcoming it requires touching at the root cause of the problem, not just the symptoms.

At the heart of the problem is Nigeria's unproductive tendency, which many seem to ignore. While Nigeria's population is estimated at over 200 million and still growing, it relies on importation for most of what it consumes. From clothing to household items, Nigeria go to other countries to buy them, hence creating a situation where a significant part of its wealth is shipped overseas.

The implication of this unwholesome practice is the huge demand on dollar, which is the currency of global trade, leaving naira, which is Nigeria's legal tender inherently weak. Let me make something clear here, there is nothing wrong with people having preference for foreign items or services, but it becomes problem for Nigeria simply because we do not have the export to measure up with whatever we import. We just import and have little to nothing to export abroad to earn us the greenbelt, which our naira is wage against.

It was so bad that until recently, Nigeria imported petroleum products for its domestic market despite having a huge deposit of crude oil. In 2022, for instance, Nigeria incurred a bill of \$20

billion to import petroleum products for local consumption, significantly impacting the impact of the revenue that the export of crude oil brings for citizens.

With the Dangote refinery entering the picture, the perception of most Nigerians is that the worst may be over us, and just like a wind, the problem facing Nigeria may go away. But it is not that easy, and a recent document by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) made this obvious. In its 'Monetary, Credit, Foreign Trade, and Exchange Policy Guidelines for the Fiscal Years 2024-2025' published on Tuesday, Nigeria's apex bank observed that "Lower crude oil earnings, fuel subsidy removal, rising import bills and increased external debt servicing obligations could pose downside risks for the accretion to the external reserve."

In plain terms, the policy of selling crude oil to local refineries sounds good to the hearing of Nigerians, however, is likely to impact the country's foreign exchange earnings. This is so because crude oil happens to be Nigeria's main source of foreign exchange and taking it out of the picture, which is what the naira for crude sale deal is about, may leave the country with the challenge of making up the numbers.

To get my drift well, take a look at Nigeria's trade figures for the year 2022. In that year, Nigeria earned a total of \$70.7 billion foreign exchange from export, and out of that amount, \$45 billion, which is 64.2 percent, came from crude oil sale. The balance of \$25.7 billion derived from other products will not be insufficient to offset the \$67.6 billion importation bill incurred by Nigeria in the 2022 fiscal year.

What the above goes to suggest is that Nigeria needs to ramp up its foreign exchange revenue earnings to fill the holes that the loss of crude oil exports may cause. Although, this won't be easy but it is possible. True, there is this prospect from gas, but Nigeria must be careful not to repeat the mistake it made with oil. This is why I share the sentiments of many Nigerians that are looking inward by taking agriculture seriously, which it seems to have a cooperative advantage in the global economy landscape.

Nigeria is blessed with the soil and weather that could be leveraged for large-scale agriculture practice. In fact, the

country has a population that will not only make it produce the food for the world but also raw materials that could fetch it a steady source of foreign exchange through export. What I think has been missing is that there has been no serious effort to tap on the huge potentials that agriculture holds for the country.

Oftentimes, we hear fanciful speeches by leaders, but no action follows. By now, there should be a national policy to aggressively focus investment on agriculture output and its value chains, ensuring that each state produce what they have comparative advantage on. This can be achieved by committing, let us say, for instance, 5 percent of the cumulative revenue to the federation account every month for a period of three years, and this money is invested in setting up farm settlements in at least each of the 774 local governments, procurement of mechanized equipments, installations of storage facilities in strategic locations, expansive irrigation system, logistic network and other critical areas that will unleash wealth for the people.

In all of these, young people should be encouraged to accept the business side of agriculture, putting the most productive segment of the country's population to work. With this, Nigeria will grow its production in agriculture exponentially, ensuring that it can not only feed its citizens without worry but also have more left to export to earn foreign exchange. In 2022, Australia made a princely sum of \$79.1 billion from its agriculture exports, and in the same year, the total amount that Nigeria made from crude oil was \$45.6 billion.

When this happens, Nigeria will see an encouraging upswing in the value of Nigeria's local tender, naira, and what this will mean for the people is an improvement in their purchasing power. This will gradually ease off the inflation currently ravaging the country and, by extension, significantly reduce the hardship faced by Nigerians.

So, the way out of the current hardship, as I see it, is focusing on production, and agriculture holds much promise in this regard. But the deeper question now will be, is the Tinubu-led administration ready to go beyond just words and take actions? Well, time will tell.



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## Osun Is Gradually Moving From A Construction Site To A Remodeled State, Says Governor Adeleke

In this interview with SOLA ISOLA, the Osun State Governor, Senator Ademola Adeleke revealed that Osun state is moving from a construction site to a remodeled state, he also spoke about some of the achievements of his administration in two years.

**I**t's been two years since you became Governor of Osun State, how can you describe the journey so far?

Thank you, well there is no perfect word to describe the journey but I must say that it is a. Interesting journey. Days of decision making, days of non stop series of meetings between my team and I, but you can see and I am sure the people of Osun can now see the difference between us and the other people who just want to be in power for the sake of the title.

We have focused our energy on the growth and development of Osun State and I promise that this is what we'll continue to do till 2030.

**You said 2030 with so much confidence, what gave you the assurance of a second term?**

Its simple arithmetic. We carry out survey on a periodic basis from the people of Osun State and it is evident that the love and support we are getting is real, the people are satisfied with what we are doing and no they will continue to support us because we will also continue to do more.

A member of the opposition party recent went on radio and said that what my administration has done in two years is what Oyetola could not do in four year. In fact he said my administration is doing everything they advised Oyetola to do and he didn't listen to them.

Now if that is coming from a member of their party, then its obvious that even members of their party will vote for me and will vote for the PDP when 2026 comes.

**Reflecting on the journey, what is that one thing that you think has helped you to do so much?**

I think its the ability to do so much with so less. People have been asking questions, that where are we getting the money if we are not borrowing and the answer is simple, we have blocked the leakages and the deliberate loopholes inserted into our system by the outgone government, we have set our priorities right and we are focused on raising the Internally Generated Revenue of Osun State.

Now we are not even there yet, but the assurance that I have is the fact that we are making progress and I am confident that we will get

there.

I say if often that Osun is not a construct site but what we met on ground across all sectors is absolute rot, but now Osun is gradually moving from a construction site to a remodeled state and by the time we are done with the constructions, we'll have more resources to push development to places it is yet to get to.

**In a politically diverse State like Osun, what strategies are you employing to successfully promote the unity that exists, and in rallying the people to work collectively towards the State's development?**

Well, as a Governor, I am for everyone in Osun, irrespective of political association. Just like former President Muhammadu Buhari, I am for everybody and for nobody (laughter). This is why you will see me identify with all classes of the society and politicians of different parties on special events, like birthdays, or even attend functions. You will see me felicitates Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola and even my predecessor, Gboyega Oyetola, on their birthdays.

As hostile as Oyetola has been to me as a person and my government, I usually extend best wishes to him and act on it. When he appeared for his Ministerial screening last year, I mobilized all Senators from Osun who are members of my party to support him. That showed that I am not a hostile person. Across Osun, I regards and celebrate our Kabiyesi.

A few weeks ago, I was at the Ooni of Ife Palace to celebrate his golden jubilee and just recently, I was with the Kabiyesi of Iragbiji, and we exchanged warmth embrace. I am a free-minded person and that is why I operate an open-door policy. Irrespective of our social, political and religious differences, I see us as one and I am always interested in seeing us work together to move Osun State forward. So, that is basically the reason for the unity you talked about and I will continue to work for it.

**It has been noticed that your administration places emphasis on the use of local content, and specifically the involvement of Nigerian Engineers, in your**

administration's development projects. What informed that patriotic decision?

Our focus from the start was to reflate the economy and improve the skills of our people. The best way to do that is to entrust them with the projects we are executing across sectors and the experience so far has been rewarding.

In Osun now, you see people willing to earn honest living and engage positively.

So, most of the money invested in infrastructures revolves among our people, and that has helped to a certain extent, mitigate the impact of the economic hardship ravaging the country. You know, with the legacy projects ongoing across Osun, many of our engineers have an opportunity to broaden their knowledge, build more capacity and will definitely help their careers. In the future, Osun will benefit from the knowledge they must have garnered.

**With your background as a top player in the private sector and now as a Governor in public office, how would you rate compliance with professional ethics and standards in both sectors comparatively?**

I have to be fair; things are a lot different in private sector than in public service, in terms of professional ethics and standards. But I see the problem more of how public sector is viewed by most Nigerians. Many people see public service as dysfunctional and this weighs on the sector a lot.

When I came into office, I noticed the abundance of resources in the public service and wonder what was the issue until I realized that how we view public service is the problem. Most Nigerians, including you here, don't really care about public asset as we do to our private assets. This is wrong and must change.

In the time I have been in office, I have focused on making our public servants to see their work as a duty they owe to themselves. More importantly, I have implemented reforms in the public sector that rewards productivity. Before I assumed office, there were a lot of distortions in the service that significantly affect the morale of workers. This



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started with the restoration of the Permanent Secretaryship, a big source of motivation for workers to give their all to reach the peak of their career.

Then, I went ahead to implement the financial benefits of the promotion given to workers by my predecessor in 2019 that was not implemented. You can imagine that people were given promotion and for over three years, they earn nothing from it. They will be demoralized and this was why I ensured the implementation so that they can be assured that whatever they earned will be given to them.

Also, I initiated process to defray the huge half salary debt I inherited and this has gone a long way to tell our workers that their efforts will not be neglected.

You know in the private sector, whatever is agreed as your benefit are given to you, and that serves as motivation for them to put in the hard work to deliver on set target. That is what we are trying to do in Osun and in no time, we will see our workers deliver optimally because they are professionals in their respective fields.

**Secondly, how is your administration enforcing compliance in the implementation of projects in Osun State?**

Very well. If you ask any of my aides about me, the first thing they will tell you is that I am strict with implementation. The same thing is applicable to the projects we are executing as I will never accept anything that falls short of specification.

Every here and there, I monitor the projects to ensure that those we gave the job are delivering to what we asked them. Most times, I visit sites of our projects without attracting attention to see things for myself and ensure strict compliance to specification.

Osun people can rest assured that their Governor will make sure they get value for the money expended on the various projects in the state.

**Sir, your administration is reputed to be a people-oriented administration. Apart from infrastructural development across the State, can you outline a few of the other initiatives that you have instituted to enrich the people's livelihood?**

Thank you for this. My kind of person is about enriching lives and this is a family trait that almost everyone in Osun knows very well. From the time I assumed office and now, we have pursued policies and interventions that will touch lives positively.

One of such is the over N3bn credit support cooperative societies in the state. The thinking is that, the fund will provide the needed credit to small-scale businesses and save them from the challenging experience many of them endured from lenders. Cooperative societies were chosen as means of providing the support because it is one of the most credible financial platform and spread across communities, making it possible to reach the people who actually needed the support.

This has helped a lot as many businesses were revived and this bears positively on the economy of the state.

We have constructed over 200km of roads across the state, we have two flyover construction ongoing in Osogbo, another one in Ileife, we have road dualization road on going in Ilesa, as well as Ede which will be commissioned soon, these road are dualized and we even installed solar powered street light on it.

Talking about Solar powered street light, we have installed the street from Akoda Junction to Nigeria Machine tools in Osogbo through Ogo Oluwa, Ola Iya, Ayetoro to Stadium. Now we are doing the same from Ilesa Garage to Stadium roundabout and we are not stopping there, its also in Ikirun if you go there you'll see it and we will have so much other road projects on going.

We reconstructed over 300 Primary Healthcare Centres and even schools across the state. We mean business.

**On a lighter note, Sir, you are widely known as someone who loves to dance. And in fact, we acknowledge that you do have the skills to beat some Gen-Z kids on the dance floor. Our readers would like to know: what does dancing do for you?**

Laugh! What many don't know, especially my critics is that, dancing has been a way to reflect the joy of God in my life and appreciate life better. By dancing, I understand what it means to be happy and always want to replicate the same to other people.

When you are with me and you look worried, I easily notice it and want to do anything within my reach to make the troubling moment



go away.

Earlier, I shared with you how our administration has been able to pay some of the money owed our workers and pensioners by the previous administration and this is basically because I don't like seeing another man suffer.

Those before us may feel differently but for me, it is not acceptable. But you know politics, they always try to find a way to discredit you. I am a happy man and I cannot hide the feeling. And, no one will say that dancing has affected my performance because by all measures, we have done better for Osun people than those who they say don't dance.

Governance is about delivery and to the glory of God, I have not faltered in this regard, because when you look across Osun, you will definitely acknowledge the impacts we are making. Is it in the welfare of our people, infrastructure or security, the records showed we did excellently well. And for that, we will dance and appreciate God Almighty for His Grace.

**Now, two years down, two more to go, what should the**

**people of Osun expect in the next two years?**

The people of Osun State have not seen anything yet, we will complete all the projects we have started, we will complete all the process to improve the livelihood and the well-being of our people and then we will start new projects.

At least, you must have heard that we will be laying foundation for a new airport, thats one of the development that we are set to embark on and you can imagine the kind of development that will bring to Osun when its completed.

Also, most of the projects we have done now, its the first phase of the plans we have and so we will unveil the second phase and the people of Osun will never regret that they voted for us.

**What message do you have for the people of Osun state as you celebrate two years in office?**

The message is simple and clear, the good people of Osun State should continue to support us and we will continue to deliver good governance and ensuring that the dividends of democracy is shared across the entire state.

I also want to encourage my people to work and walk with us, we are on the journey of this development together, as your Governor, I can bot do it alone, so lets work together.



# health

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## Adeleke's Giant Efforts In Providing Access To Quality Healthcare Service In Osun

By Oluyl Isamotu

From the inception of the administration of Governor Ademola Adeleke in Osun, the sixth Executive Governor of the state have shown strong interest in provision of quality basic healthcare services for the good people of the state.

After his swearing-in on November 27, 2022, Governor Adeleke take the bold step of an action Governor who knows the enormous work at hand by visiting several facilities of the government sectors for an on-the-spot assessment and needs assessment, and one of those government facilities visited is a primary healthcare centre in Osogbo, the state capital.

The deteriorating level and dilapidated structure the Governor saw on that day made him to understand the level of rot the state health sector is, at the time.

Bearing in mind the five point thematic agenda of his government, Governor Adeleke understood the essence of a quality basic healthcare service for the good people of the state.

A Governor like Ademola Adeleke who's popularly known for putting the welfarism of his people in the first-line charge of his government should never be found wanting in the provision of quality healthcare services for the people of the state and this inform the reason why the government created a diverse layer of addressing the rot noticed in the health sector of the state.

Aside from creating a quick short term approach in addressing this rot through a medical outreach tagged "Imole Free Medical Outreach" which has catered for over 50,000 residents and indigent of the state, one of the major efforts in overhauling and revamping the Health Sector of the state from the rot noted is the action plan of the Governor to rehabilitate and upgrade the 332 focal primary healthcare centres in the state.

It is the belief of Asiwaju of Edeland that if the healthcare centres in the local areas and rural areas are well taken of and upgraded to a standard level, the workload on the secondary health facilities, comprehensive and tertiary health institutions in the state will reduce drastically as residents or indigent of the state would have gotten a proper healthcare service from those centres and not bother increased the burden on other health facilities of the state.

As a Governor that believes in grassroots development, Governor Ademola Adeleke also see the rehabilitation of the primary healthcare centres as a matter of necessity that will generate a



direct impact on the people of the state of his effort in the health sector. This inform the reason why the Governor mandated the Osun Primary Healthcare Renovation Committee led by its project coordinator and Special Adviser on Public Health, Dr Akindele Adekunle to see the need for a full-fledged rehabilitation and upgrades of all the focal health centres in the 332 wards of the state.

With the Governor's applaudable approach to primary healthcare system as a critical and pivotal to the overall success of the healthcare system in any state as it is the most accessible and first-line medical facility to the people, the Osun Primary Healthcare Renovation Project committee set out for an on-the-spot assessment and facilities inspection to all the focal primary healthcare centres in the state for need assessment. The situation witnessed can never be addressed as a situation where a previous administration in the state had claimed it spent a huge resources of the state on those

centres.

A claim by a previous administration in the state that it has spent state resources on those centres were found as a ruse and more of cosmetics as those centres were suffering from serious infrastructural degradation, no wonder a publication in December 11, 2021 in an online digital medium SAHARA REPORTERS with a screaming headline stated that, "Osun Primary Health Centres In Shambles Despite \$20.5 Million Revitalisation Grants"

In the report, a staff of one of the health centres allegedly renovated by that administration said, "The government only did a shady job when they came to renovate the health centre in 2020. We have long been cut off from the grid and the government's promise to ensure that we have electricity was not fulfilled. We use kerosene lamp during late night child labour," an official who pleaded anonymity for fear of backlash said.

Speaking further in the report, another staff said, "Except repainting and changing of the hospital's roof, nothing significant was done here. We thought the government had finally yielded to our pleas of renovating the decrepit hospital but we are surprised what we got afterwards. No water and other things to make the health centre serve the people better," she said.

While the renovation committee was on the field inspection and needs assessment, it was discovered that there are instances where a primary healthcare centre is sharing same toilet or dispensary with the residential area or members of the community it is sited. There are primary healthcare centres where reptiles and rodents also have their space within the labour ward of the centre. There are instances where staff of some centres had to contribute money before they may get water for their usage at their maternity centers. Lack of power supply was a constant trend within all the centres and this mitigate against health workers working at night in most of the centres even when the community where the centre is located are in need of 24-hour medical services at those centers.

Bearing in mind all these challenges, the renovation of these health centres begins in earnest and in phases.

Achieving the set goal of the Governor on the Revitalisation of the primary healthcare centres was not a tea-party. It was tough navigating the different terrain of the state on a daily basis. But despite the daily challenges, the drive of the Project Coordinator and Special Adviser on Public Health to the Governor, Dr Akindele Adekunle and the joy in contributing their quota to the advancement, progress of Osun State and the Imole administration was



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the inspiration that kept the project committee and other support team members going in achieving the targeted mandate of the Governor on the rehabilitation and upgrades of the primary healthcare system in the state.

The current intervention of Governor Ademola Adeleke's administration in the primary healthcare system in the state is being measured to meet up with the standard of W.H.O and that's the more reason why these centres are being ensure to be run on 24hrs Water and power supply through alternative means of power (solar energy) and equally provision of drugs with support of the Osun Primary Healthcare Board.

The benefits of the ongoing intervention in the primary healthcare centres is that, the attitude to work of the medical staff manning these health centres has swiftly changed. With the new lease of life being giving these centres, the punctuality of workers is now applaudable as they work with convenience and comfortability at their workplace now.

The intervention has now granted new quality basic healthcare service to the people in the grassroot as what they see as a privilege medical service before, as now become a norm.

By the time the intervention of Governor Adeleke in the primary healthcare system is completed, the rate of maternal mortality and malaria or other health issues would have reduced drastically within the health index of the state.

For the record, the following centres have seen the quality intervention of Governor Ademola Adeleke administration which are; ●Asunmo PHC, Sagba PHC, Olusokun PHC, Oke-Gada PHC, Alpolo PHC, Apaso PHC, Oja-Timil PHC, Owode-Ede PHC (EDE-NORTH LG)



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●Ede South LG; Jagunjugun PHC, Babasanya PHC, Ededimeji PHC, Olofan PHC, Kuye PHC, Alajue PHC, Loogun-Egbada PHC, Sekona PHC

●EGBEDORE LG; Olorunsogo PHC, Ido Osun MPHC, Alasan PHC, Ara 1, Ojo PHC, Awo PHC, Iragberi PHC, Iwoye PHC, Ikotun PHC  
●Ejigbo LGA; Ilawo PHC, Ayegbogbo PHC, Oke Ipadi MPHC, Isale Isolo PHC, Popo PHC

●IWO LG; Mosinola PHC, Isale-Oba PHC, Moseru PHC, Yidi Oba PHC, Alaye PHC, Feesu PHC, Ogburo MPHC

●Aiyedire LG; Popo PHC, Oluponna, Olori PHC, Ilaji Parapo, Idi-Ogun PHC, Ileogbo, Ayitedo PHC, Ileogbo, Omisore PHC, Oluponna, Amobi PHC, Kuta, Isale-Oba PHC, Kuta

●Olaoluwa LG; Bode-Osi PHC, Asa MDG PHC, Algon PHC, Ikire-Ile, Telemu PHC, Ogbaagba PHC

●Ife-North LG; Edunabon 1 MPHC, Yakooyo PHC, Oyere-Aborishade PHC, Onibambu PHC, Oyere 1, Akinlaalu PHC, Okooko PHC, Ipetumodu, Edunabon 2 PHC

●Ife East LG; Odo Iwara PHC, Iloro PHC, Okerewe 1, Omitoto PHC, Ilode 2, Ifelodun PHC, Yekemi PHC

●Ife South; Odesan PHC, Oke-Owona, Fayemi Ikija PHC, Ifetedo, Oke Amona PHC, Ifetedo, Garage Olode PHC, Onigbodogi PHC

●Area Office (Modakeke); Itaasin PHC, Adeowo PHC.

●Ife Central LG; Eleyele PHC, Sabo Olaolu PHC, Igboya PHC, Oja Tuntun PHC, Akarabata PHC, Enuwa PHC, Abagbooro PHC

●Atakunmosa West; Asawo PHC, Iyere PHC, Itagunmodi PHC, Ipoye PHC, Ifewara PHC, Inisa/Isaobi PHC, Oke-Oja PHC, Osu

●Atakunmosa East; Amuye-Fajoriji PHC, Igangan PHC, Itaapa PHC, Iperindo PHC, Iwara PHC

●Obokun LG; Ajedan PHC, Imesi-Ile, Ilare PHC, Ilase PHC, Esa-Oke PHC, Ibokun PHC

●Oriade LG; Erin-Ijesha PHC, Erin-Oke PHC, Ira-Ikeji PHC, Ere-Ijesha PHC, Ikeji-Ile PHC, Iloko PHC, Ipetu-Ijesha PHC, Obalende PHC

●Ilesa East; Okesa PHC, Ilemo PHC, Anaye PHC Ido Ijesha PHC, Oke Iro PHC, Oke Ooye PHC, Imo PHC, Ijamo PHC

●Ilesa West; Igbogi PHC, Orinkiran PHC, Idasa PHC, Ilaje PHC, Adeti PHC, Ikoti PHC, Ereja PHC, Oke-Iyin PHC

●Irewole LG; Omoda PHC, Moringbere PHC, Fidiwo MPHC, Ayedaade 2, Waasimi PHC, Ayedaade PHC, Atile PHC, Odeyinka MPHC

●Isokan LG; Oranran PHC, Ikoyi, Oke Alfa PHC, Apomu, Awala PHC, Total PHC, Ikoyi PHC

●Ayedaade LG; Wakajaye Town PHC, Wakajaye Junction PHC, Ijugbe, Oja Ale PHC, Ode-omu, Ile-Idi Asa PHC, Ode-omu, Akiriboto II PHC, Oke Odo MPHC, Orile-Owu, Oke-Elu PHC, Gbongan

●Osogbo LG; Ajenisuwa PHC, Oke-Osun, Olugunna PHC, Iludun PHC, Alekuwodo PHC, Oke Baale PHC, Mubarak PHC, Isale-Agbara PHC, Akede-Iyaloja PHC

●Olorunda LG; Oba Oke PHC, Oba Ile PHC, Atelewo PHC, Olude PHC, Kelebe PHC, Biiru Fagbemi PHC, Atiba PHC

●Orolu LGA; Bolounduro PHC, Ologele Ooye PHC, Asade PHC, Owoka Araromi PHC, Olufon PHC

●Irepodun LGA; Olobu PHC, Oke Eran PHC, Ilobu, Aromiwe PHC, Anwo PHC, Eyingbo PHC

●ODO-OTIN LG; Igbaye PHC, Ekosin PHC, Agbaye PHC, Okuku 2 PHC, Oyan 1 PHC, Inlisha PHC, Okuku PHC, Asaba PHC

●Ifedayo LGA; Temidire PHC, Ora MDG Akasin PHC, Ora, Oteu Village PHC, Oyi-Ayegunle PHC, Oke-Ila PHC, Oke Osun PHC, ORA PHC, Alagbede PHC.

●Ila LG; Ita Sapon PHC, Oke Ede PHC, Stadium PHC, Isedo, Dagbolu PHC, Iperin, Igbonnibi PHC, Adebisi Jaiyeola PHC, Adekunle PHC

●Boluwaduro LGA; Omi Eran PHC, Otan-Ayegbaju, Oke Omi PHC, Otan-Ayegbaju, Iresi PHC, Erija PHC

●Ifelodun LGA; Ponjo PHC, Ikirun, Oke Amola PHC, Ikirun, Oke Afo PHC, Ikirun, Dagbolu PHC, Obaagun PHC, Eko-Ende PHC, Olonde PHC, Ikirun, and IBA PHC

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Water storage stand after renovation



Solar inverter system for powering the facility



after renovation



# Investment In The Health Of Osun People



Front View before renovation



Front view before renovation

SEKONA PHC



Front view before renovation

IWO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA ALAYE PHC



Front view before renovation

EDE SOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Front view after renovation

IREPODUN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA ANWO, IREPODUN



Front view after renovation



Front view with newly constructed walk-way after renovation

ALAYE PHC



Front view after renovation

EDE SOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Front View before renovation without fence

ISALE AGBARA, OSOGBO



Front view before renovation

ISALE OSOLO PHC EJIGBO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA



Front view before renovation

AYEDIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA



Surrounding before renovation

EGBEDORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Front View after renovation with new fence and gates



Front view after renovation

EJIGBO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA



Front view after renovation

AYEDIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA



Surrounding after renovation

EGBEDORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT



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# Oyetola Bows To Pressure, Quit 2026 Race, Opt For Oyebamiji To Save Face

By Great Oluwaseun

Sources have revealed that strong forces within the All Progressives Congress have imposed on the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy and former Governor of Osun State, Gboyega Oyetola step down from the race of contesting for the Governorship in Osun come 2026.

Recall that Osun Spring had in March reported that a chieftain of the All Progressives Congress APC in Osun has said that the former Governor of the state, Gboyega Oyetola is not planning to come back to run for Governorship in the state come 2026.

The Chieftain further noted that the leadership of the party is aware that they are at the moment shopping for the best candidate to contest the election refusing to name anyone has a likely candidate.

A report the Osun APC denied vehemently challenging Osun Spring to name the Chieftain if truly the report was valid.

In another publication in August, Osun Spring reported that the Ilerioluwa camp of the Osun APC has broken into two camps, hinting that while some members who have been favoured by former Governor Oyetola are on his side, some other members have decided to pitch their tent with the former National Leader of the APC, Chief Bisi Akande.

A source who spoke to Osun Spring on the condition of anonymity hinted Osun Spring that Chief Bisi Akande is not in agreement with the choice of Gboyega Oyetola returning to Osun to run for Governor again and as since hinted the President, Bola Tinubu.

The source noted that Akande told President Tinubu that the report from town is not in favour of Oyetola and if truly APC ever wants to win Osun again, then another candidate must be prepared for the job.

The source is however unsure of President Tinubu's response but hinted that feelers from top echelons within the



party indicated that Oyetola is not coming back to Osun to contest for Governorship. "I can confirm to you authoritatively that former Governor Oyetola will not be

candidate of Osun APC come 2026, this is because, our leader Chief Bisi Akande has interfered and inform President Tinubu that if at all APC wants to

win in Osun, then the candidate can not be Oyetola.

"We don't know what was President Tinubu's response but its looking like they may considering allowing Oyetola to select the next candidate of the party.

"Now we don't know who the next candidate will be but feelers from top echelons in our party is indicating that it might be Mr Lekan Badmus or Mr Bola Oyebamiji, however there is also an issue or zoning, we will also want to present a candidate that can compete with Governor Adeleke with the votes of Osun west.

"We don't know who our candidate will be yet but its clear now that it's not going to be Oyetola", the source revealed.

Strong indication has revealed that Gboyega Oyetola has now opted for Bola Oyebamiji, his former Commissioner for Finance, as his face saver to run in his stead.

Osun Spring observed that members of Osun APC on social media who would often promote Gboyega Oyetola

have opted for promoting Bola Oyebamiji as the saviour and hope of the party in the 2026 Governorship election in Osun.

A close source to Bola Oyebamiji, revealed that the National Inland Water Authority Boss has now started planning towards building a structure to work towards the election adding that going forward Oyebamiji will begin to organize different series of programs.

"We are all in support of Bola Oyebamiji to contest the Osun 2026 Governorship Election, we love the development and we are ready to work towards it. We will begin to do series of programs as we progress", the source said.

When asked if Oyebamiji will be accepted by all party members and leaders across the state, the source said the party leaders are working towards ensuring that everybody supports Oyebamiji's candidature.

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## OPENING UP THE STATE FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES BY BUILDING ROADS AND BRIDGES



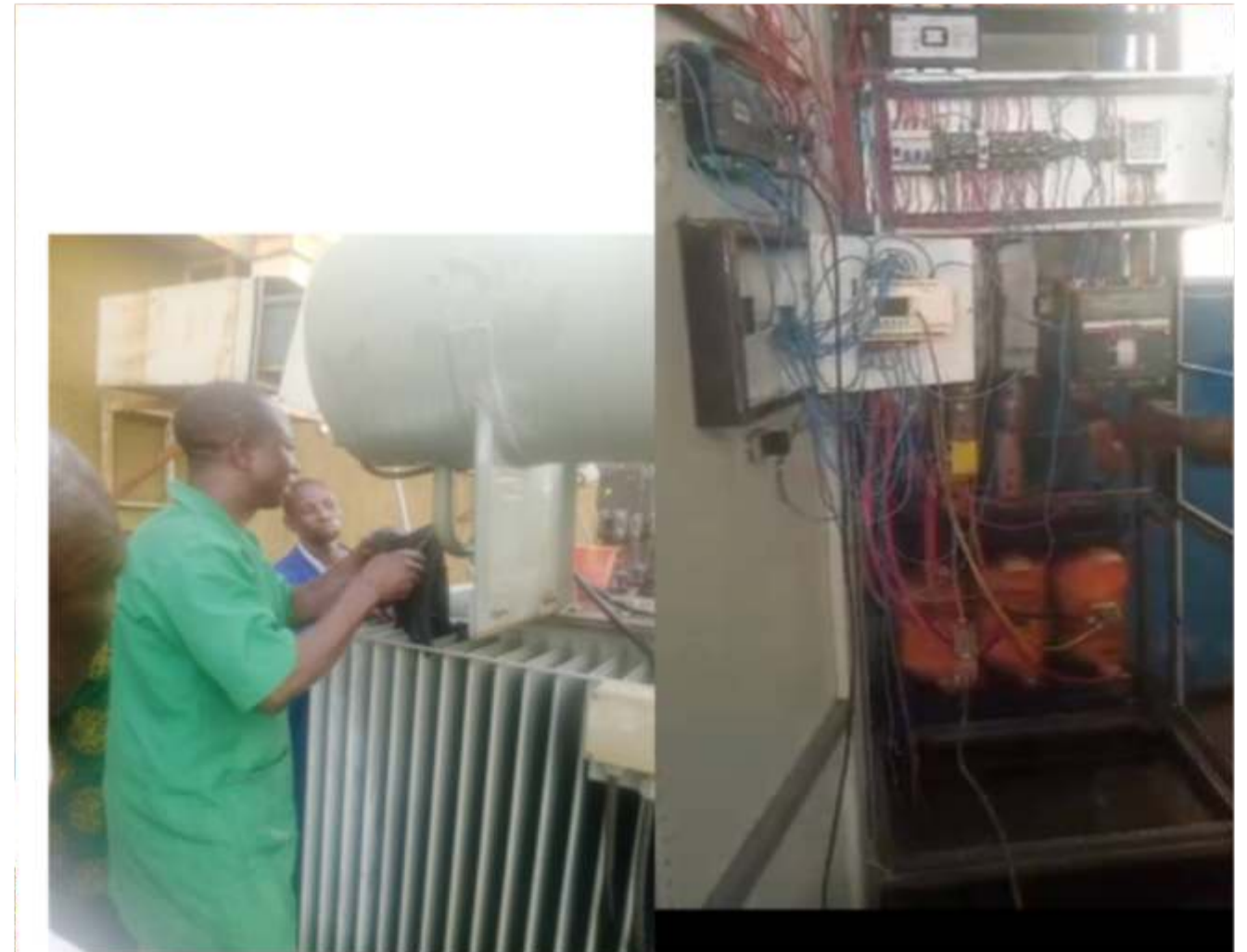


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## Access To Clean And Portable Water



Under the compassionate leadership of Governor Ademola Adeleke, Osun state is seeing strong commitment to the provision of portable and clean water to residents. Governor Adeleke has concentrated resources to ensuring that people of the state have access to drinkable water in the short and long term. In the short time, Governor Adeleke implemented the installation of a motorized borehole in each of the wards in Osun state, making a total of 332 motorized boreholes in the state.





# education

## Achievement Of Mr Governor, Dr Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke In The Development Of Basic Education In Osun State Between November 2022 To Date (October 2024)

**Consistent Provision of financial ground to Access grants and Aids from UBEC (Universal Basic Education Commission) and IDPs (International Development Partners) to execute under listed value for money projects and activities:**

1. Construction and rehabilitation of schools and related infrastructure in Primary and Junior Schools across the 31 LGEAs in Osun State.
  - (i) Rehabilitation of 631 Classrooms with offices in 125 Basic schools
  - (ii) Provision of 323 New Classrooms with offices, Hall, Laboratory in 96 Basic schools
  - (iii) Provision of 39 new Six-holes squatting toilets to 39 Basic schools
  - (iv) Provision of 41 Boreholes with reticulations in 41 Basic schools
  - (v) Provision of 30 Motorized Deep well water with reticulations
  - (vi) Construction of 30 perimeter fence with metal gate in 30 basic schools
2.
  - (i) Development of ICT (Information Communication and Technology) centers in Basic schools with Supplies of ICT training Computers, and solar powered electricity. - At least two to three primary / JSS schools in each local government have benefited
  - (ii) Upgrading EMIS (Educational Management Information System) units in the 31 LGEAs with new laptops and new printers each for effective data collection and Data processing for real time school data and information management.
  - (iii) Financial support the Conduct and Publication of Annual School Census (ASC) for year 2022/2023, while 2023/2024 almost completed
  - (iv) Deployment 1000 Computer tablets for BESDA Attendance Management Information System (BAMIS) mobile application to 1000 primary schools to monitor pupils and teachers attendance in schools
3. Support development of ECCDE (Early Child Care Development Education) in public primary school: Osun State now has 118 Public ECCDE centers in our Public Primary School.
4. Supply of 16700 furniture items to Primary and Junior schools for use Pupils, Students and Teachers
5. Support the Establishment of Multi-Million Naira ICT Driven Model SMART School in Osogbo.
6. Support of establishment of Multi- Million Naira Alternative Schools for Girls in Osogbo.
7. Support Re-establishment of School Garden through Agriculture Education Training Practice (AETP) in 75 Basic Schools.
8. Regular provision of sanitation materials in Basic Schools across the state (Hand washing Tools, cleaning items, Sprayer, etc)
9. Provision of 35 mechanical grass cutting machine to Basic Schools across the state used by sharing among schools in the LGEAs.
10. Support development of Sports and games in Basic Schools through BESS Programmes with supplies of sporting kits and motivation to participate in National Competitions.
11. Distribution instructional materials to all Basic Schools, Diaries, Lesson Note.
12. Distribution of textbooks and writing exercise books to primary and JSS schools across the state.
13. Capacity Strengthen programme – 2500 teachers, head teachers and school support staff trained in series of capacity strengthen (SMASE, TPD, CQA, BAMIS)
14. Continuous Quality Assurance Inspections conducted in 405 Basic Schools across the 31 LGEAs
15. International training support for management officials in Basic education for Capacity Strengthening in Data and Information Management process to scale up with international standard
16. Support the Development of State Medium Term Basic Education Strategic Plan (SMTBESP) to guide government expenditure for optimal effect and result in the Development of Basic education in the state
17. Recruitment of Teachers now top gears to reduce dirt of teachers in Basic Schools All hands are on deck to need the syndrome of out of school children in the bud in Osun state through several Education MDAs collaborative activities like Social mobilization across communities, series of sensitization programme (e.g Education on Air LAGBO ETO EKO, AKITIYAN SUBEB) and poverty redress mechanism.
18. Training of 100 Quality Assurance Officers
19. The State Government provides logistics for the department to monitor effectiveness of teaching and learning in all Primary and Junior Secondary Schools in the State.
20. Continuous Quality Assurance exercise done termly by 30 Quality Assurance officers in six LGEAs across the three Senatorial Districts in the State is being monetized by UBEC in collaboration with the State Government.
21. Osun State Government provided enabling platform that quality the State as one of selected thirteen (13) Pilot for Early Grade Reading for Primary one and two Public Schools. The theme of the programme is to enhance reading proficiency of learners and for them to read at appropriate time. Considering the fact that reading is fundamental for life long learning.
22. Prompt payment of feeding allowances for the schools for Persons with Special needs
23. Appointment of Twenty Three (23) Special Education Teachers to work in the School of persons with Special needs.
24. Approval of payment of additional special allowances for the teachers working in the school of persons with special needs.
25. The Governor of the State approved the conduct of the year 2023 promotion exercise for One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy Eight (1278) Class teachers in the State.
26. Early in the year 2024, The Executive Governor of the State approved the recruitment of 1500 Teachers in the State.





# Osun 2026: PDP Grows Stronger As Defection 'Pandemic' Hits Osun APC

By Abdulganiyu Ismail Mastermind

There is a common Yoruba saying that if a Saturday is going to be good, you will already know by Friday. Practically and historically in Nigeria political context, any governor that will win second term, it is from his performance from first term that will determine his victory during second term election.

So many factors will determine whether a governor will win second term, among these are infrastructural development, welfare of citizens, empowerment program, regular payment of salaries and gratuity for pensioners and many more. If a governor can deliver on all these but fails politically, there is high tendency that his second term may be dicey.

For instance, former Governor Gboyega Oyetola lost his return ticket as a result of so many factors; first he neglected the welfare of workers, he did a lot of nominal promotions, a promotion that is not cash-backed. He refused to pay a dime from half-salaries the regime he served as a Chief of Staff owed workers. He neglected the welfare of pensioners and many of them could not receive their gratuity.

In terms of infrastructure, Oyetola has not done much, the only overhead bridge he did in Osogbo failed brain test as it was described by some political actors. Also former Governor Oyetola failed in the area of management of diverse views and interests, no wonder APC splintered into two factions; we have the Iloroluwa caucus and the TOP caucus. All these factors played no small measure in his failure.

In contrast, Governor Adeleke is excelling excellently well where previous APC government has failed woefully. On his assumption of office, Governor Adeleke had commenced payment of neglected half-salaries arrears owed to Osun workers since 2015.

In less than 2 years in office, Governor beats 12 years records of APC in pension payment, paid ₦12.7bn against ₦1.1bn of APC 12 years era. In terms of infrastructure, Governor Adeleke ongoing infrastructure work had been applauded by both national and sub-national organizations such as Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), led by its president, Eng. Margeret Aina, that recently visited Osun with her team to inspect Osun infra projects under governor

Ademola Adeleke. Similarly, in May this year, Governor Adeleke received Vanguard Governor of the year award (Infrastructure) from Vanguard Media Ltd.

Furthermore, politically speaking, Governor Adeleke hold it structure tightly by catering and satisfying different interest groups. One of the reasons why there is no faction in PDP unlike when former governor Oyetola carelessly allowed factional groups while he was the governor under APC. Due to the way Governor Adeleke manage governance and party affairs, this attracted so many opposition party to dump APC and moved to PDP.

For the past few months, the PDP party Chairman, Hon. Sunday Bisi was busy attending one defection ceremony to another.

In Ife North, on Monday, 2 September Osun State PDP received hundred of defectors led by the former Vice Chairman of APC in Ife North, Alhaji Ibrahim Olayiwola. The defectors were received by the Deputy Speaker, Osun State House of Assembly, Rth Hon. Akinyode Oyewusi, State party Chairman, Hon. Sunday Bisi and other members of the State working Committee at Ipetumodu, the headquarters of Ife North Local Government. The decampers cut across all the ten wards in Ife North Local Government.

In Iwo Local Government, the defection in the area marked a significant shift in the political dynamics of the area. On Thursday, 29 August hundred of APC members in Iwo led by some of its key figures, the APC Public Relations Officer in Iwo, Hon. Mutiu Akintayo, Youth Leader, Hon. Bamidele Aderemi (popularly known as Alonso) and Women Leader, Hon. Odelade Tawakalitu. Their defection, along with hundred of others, is seen as a significant blow to the APC's grassroots support in the region.

In similar vein, the wave of defection continued in Ifedayo Local Government, where key APC figures and their followers crossed over to the PDP describing their former party as a "failed party". The defectors led by Hon. Olagoke Afolayan and Hon. Goke Olayo, cited Governor Adeleke's transformative agenda as a major reason for their defection. Adding to the growing list of their defections, Hon. Oluomo

Owolabi, the former Chairman of Ife East Local Government officially dumped the APC and joined the PDP. His defection was seen as a significant endorsement of Governor's leadership and a reflection of the broader trend of political realignment in the State.

In Ifo Osun, Orolu Local Government, members of All Progressive Congress (APC), ADP & Accord in Orolu Local Government on 5 September announced their defection to the People's Democratic Party at party secretariat, Janta Area, Ifo Osun. The defectors, who are from the 10 wards in Orolu Local Government area of Osun State said they are ready to work for the PDP in the State. Alh. Lateef Olayiwola and Pastor Sola Akande led APC defectors in Orolu. The defectors were received by the PDP State Chairman, Hon. Sunday Bisi and Orolu local government PDP Chairman, Bashiru Olokana.

Recently in Ilesha East Local Government, hundreds of APC members also dropped brooms of APC and poked umbrella of PDP, among the new decampers are former Leader of the House, Ilesha East Local Government, Hon. Debo Asaolu, former Councilor - Hon. Komolafe Oladimeji Boblad, former Local Government Organizing Secretary of the APC for 18 years - Mrs. Asaolu and other notable Executive Committee members of the APC. They described their former party as Egypt (land of slavery) and restated their unalloyed loyalty to the PDP and promised their commitment to work assiduously for the realization of the second term bid of Senator Ademola Adeleke.

They were received officially by the State Chairman of PDP, Hon. Sunday Bisi, Hon. Commissioner For Health, Barr Jola Akintola, Ilesha South House of Representatives member, Hon. Sanya Ominin, Ilesha East State Constituency Representative, Hon. Olatunbosun Diran among others.

The recent wave of defections from the APC to the PDP in Osun State underscores the growing appeal of Governor Ademola Adeleke's administration. As more prominent leaders and grassroots members shift their allegiance, the PDP's strength in the State is expected to continue to grow.

## Osun, Adeleke And His Campaign Promises

By James Bamgbose

In a political society where campaign manifesto only serves as a "cajole" system to lure people into supporting them to gain the mandate, the increasing need to assess the achievements of Senator Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke, as the governor of Osun State, in line with his campaign promises. Is it another cajole way of the people?

The campaign promises of Senator Ademola Adeleke is a 5-points agenda which encompasses: adequate provision for workers' welfare, salaries, gratuities and pensions; boosting state economy by Business partnering and support for SMEs; Osun funds serving Osun people through homegrown infrastructure policy (Osun fun Osun); People-focused social policy through skill-based education, affordable healthcare, state security and social support; lastly agro-based industrialisation for wealth and job creation for youths and women.

Campaign manifestoes are intended actions, policies and agenda that the people should expect when he/she gets to office. However, these intended plans most times don't meet reality. Like every other campaign promise, Governor Ademola Adeleke's campaign agenda equally faced the same fate. His predecessor left a humongous debt burden in the state with almost negative infrastructural improvement in its 4 years.

Notwithstanding the People's governor has shown the people vindication for trusting him with their votes. Only a failed leader will use the excuse of his predecessor's rudderless mismanagement as an excuse to fail. Governor Adeleke braced up to the tremendous task of bringing light "Imole" to the governance of the state after what was expected in the 12 years of the opposition.

In less than 2 years as the executive governor of the state, Governor Adeleke has remained keen on the reason why he was trusted, his campaign agenda. The civil service has been revived with both civil servants and pensioners getting the best treatment they deserve for their commitment and contributions to the development of the state. Mr Governor's understanding of creating and ensuring great working conditions for the workers as they are the drivers of the state operation has shown in his governance policies such as paying the 30 months half salary arrears, implementing cash backing to promoted workers, reintroducing Permanent Secretaries into the system.

The governor also understood the need for reorganizing the state's economy from being a civil servant economically driven state



to an industrialized economically driven state. This is point 2 of the campaign agenda, boosting the state economy through business partnering and support for SMEs. Adeleke-led administration has embarked on the first phase of massive infrastructural development in the state through the engagement of local contractors based in the state.

The massive infrastructural development cuts across the road network expansions, education, and healthcare. Despite claims to have spent several millions of dollars on the PHCs in the state, the dilapidated state of the health centre is disheartening and as a serving governor who understands the "health is wealth" adage, the second phase of the renovation and rehabilitation of 332 PHCs in ongoing. Without much jamboree, the governor has not allowed his commitment to be overwhelmed by the great satisfaction and expectation of the Osun people, he recently commissioned the first phase of tractors bought by the state government in addition to distributing agricultural produce to farmers.

Governor Adeleke has also focused on promoting security and social welfare in Osun State, which forms part of his people-focused social policy. His administration has worked closely with security agencies to ensure peace and stability across the state. The governor has acknowledged the importance of a safe environment for growth and has continually allocated resources to enhance security at the local level. Moreover, the Osun State government has implemented various social intervention programs to assist

vulnerable groups and individuals with disabilities, showing the administration's dedication to inclusivity.

Governor Adeleke has prioritized skill-based education in the education field as a key factor for empowering the youth. Understanding the critical role of education in reducing unemployment, his administration has initiated the revamp of technical and vocational education, ensuring that students acquire marketable skills. These efforts are coupled with a review of the existing curriculum to align with modern trends and demands. Moreover, schools in Osun are currently undergoing renovations and upgrades to enhance the learning atmosphere, guaranteeing students are provided with a high standard of education.

Agriculture is also being considered in the quest for generating wealth and creating job opportunities. The Adeleke government has revitalized the agricultural sector by making agro-industrialization a key focus on diversifying the economy. Governor Adeleke has launched various policies to assist farmers by providing them with modern agricultural equipment, fertilizers, and better-quality seedlings. Likewise, training programs for farmers aimed at promoting their involvement in agriculture. The governor's dream is to increase food production and generate job opportunities for the people of Osun by emphasizing value addition in agriculture.

In the realm of healthcare, Governor Adeleke has made bold moves to guarantee that affordable healthcare is available to everyone. His administration has also started the second phase of 332 wards upgrading primary healthcare centres throughout the state, leading to better healthcare access for both rural and urban residents. Adeleke's government remains focused on prioritizing health as a key component of his social policy agenda, aiming to improve accessibility and affordability of healthcare services.

Governor Adeleke's achievements within 2 years have shown that campaign promises are not mere statements but his true intention for the Osun people. His administration's steps show a strong dedication to fulfilling his 5-point plan, establishing a solid groundwork for future growth. Despite facing obstacles, particularly in addressing the debt left behind by the previous governor, Governor Adeleke has unfailingly ascertained that leadership involves taking action and being accountable. His commitment to enhancing the well-being of Osun's residents is evidenced in the fact that delivering on campaign pledges can result in tangible advancements and growth.



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# Adeleke Has Done In 2 Years What Oyetola, Osun APC Failed To Do In 4 Years -APC Chieftain

• Oyetola is not a politician

By Tope Odediran

A chieftain of the All Progressives Congress in Osun, Tunde Ayofe has said Governor Ademola Adeleke has done in two years what Former Governor Gboyega Oyetola failed to do in four years adding that Governor Adeleke is doing everything Oyetola failed to

do as Governor.

Ayofe also noted that former Governor Gboyega Oyetola, who is now the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy is not a politician while adding that the issues that led to the failure of the APC in the 2022 Governorship Election were issues he had identified and raised but were left

unattended to.

Speaking on a week political feature program on Rave FM tagged 'Oro Oselu', Ayofe who spoke in Yoruba also stated that some of his colleagues in the APC were always of deceiving Oyetola into thinking that things are going smoothly.

He said, "when our party

was in government, they wouldn't allow people like us have access to the then Governor. The composition of that government didn't give the youth any chance and I kept warning then but you know the then Governor (Oyetola) is not a politician.

"What Governor

Adeleke has done in two years, is even more than what Oyetola as Governor did in four years. Everything we told him will happen then later happened but because only few people had access to him which they did deliberately, he couldn't listen to us.

"They lied to him (Oyetola), they made him believed he

could win and didn't tell him what he was supposed to know. When I had a one on one with him, I told him all of the issues that we are going through as a party and even the rating in town but those who are using the relationship they have with him to their own advantage won't let him take steps on it.

## Adeleke Is The Most Popular Osun Governor Since 1999 - Aide, Tunde Badmus

By Sola Isola

Osun State Governor Senator Ademola Adeleke has been described as the most popular Osun Governor since 1999 as well as the Governor with street credibility.

Otunba Tunde Badmus, Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Political Matter made this known while speaking to newsmen shortly after a novelty match between the Executive Council and

Osun Legislators to celebrate the second year anniversary of Governor Adeleke's Administration.

Badmus added that he has been actively involved in the political process in Osun state and can say it boldly that the popularity of Governor Ademola Adeleke even goes beyond Osun State adding that the Governor is not only popular but also doing the work to keep the popularity.

"Osun is indeed lucky,

Governor Ademola Adeleke is the right Governor that Osun needs at this time.

"I can say it categorically that Governor Adeleke is the most popular Osun State Governor since 1999 and this I say with all sense of humility and responsibility because I have been involved politically since then.

"The popularity of Governor Ademola Adeleke even goes beyond the boundaries of

Osun State, and the Governor is working so hard to maintain the love that the people of Osun have for him, that's why you keep seeing different projects here and there.

"If in two years, we have done this much, imagine Osun in 8 years under Governor Adeleke, by then the entire state would have been transformed", he said.

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# The Evolution Of Renewed Hope To 'renewed' Palliative

By Olalekan Badmus

In politics and governance, the honeymoon period for a new Public Official is oftentimes determined by his popularity as well as the perceived unpopularity and underperformance of the predecessor. This period can extend up to several years, depending on how effective the new 'bride' is able to use past experience to excuse the current realities.

In 2014, opposition parties came together to form a coalition under the All Progressive Congress (APC) to challenge the administration of Goodluck Ebele Jonathan led PDP Federal Government. The popular mantra during the electioneering campaign was 'CHANGE'. The APC promised prosperity in the areas of economy, quality infrastructure, health and education, youth unemployment etc.

Nigerians bought the 'Change' message and gave the APC a flawless victory the following year. The next 4 years would be filled with excuses and blaming

everything on the past administration, both deserving and otherwise. Not minding if the 'CHANGE' was successful, the APC and the then President Buhari moved to 'Next Level'.

Next Level basically sought to build on the gains of successful Change regime. In reality, the 8 years reign of President Muhammad Buhari and the APC was more of blaming their shortcomings on the past, dominated by the 16 years of the PDP. Towards the end of President Buhari's regime, it was evident that Nigerians no longer trust the progressive party. The economy has suffered significant decline, standard of living of ordinary Nigerians has dropped by a mile.

President Tinubu, then a candidate of the All Progressive Congress ahead of the 2023 general election needed something new. For him, this will not be a campaign of Change or Next Level, Nigerians are tired, disappointed and desperate for a lift up. Drawing inspiration from MKO Abiola, a fellow Yoruba man's Presidential campaign tagged HOPE '93,

President Tinubu and the APC launched the 2023 Presidential campaign with the mantra of Renewed Hope 2023, a perfect evolution of hope and dreams of the average Nigerian, dashed in 1993 but awoken to be renewed in 2023.

During the campaign period, the APC and her Presidential Candidate, Bola Ahmed Tinubu releases the Renewed Hope document as the official manifesto, detailing policies and programmes of the ruling party for the next four years. This document forms the basis of engagement of the campaign council of the APC throughout the campaigning season.

It seems to have worked perfectly as about 33% of Nigerian voters in the 2023 general elections voted for the All Progressive Congress (APC) and the rest 67% splitted their votes amongst the other opposition parties thereby returning Bola Ahmed Tinubu as the winner of the election.

A key section of the Renewed Hope manifesto is dedicated to Economy. From improved dedication to agricultural development to provision of jobs, diversification of economy to reduce oil dependence, optimization of government revenue and increased focus on fighting corruption.

Right from his inauguration on 29th May 2023, President Tinubu's administration has embarked on what he termed "Comprehensive Reform" which is centered on removal of fuel subsidy and floating of the National currency, Naira. Expectedly, these has brought monumental hardship to the people of Nigeria, moving inflation from 22.4% in May 2023 to as high as 34.19% in 2024 with food inflation being the major catalyst.

To address these obvious challenges, President Tinubu's short term strategy to provide succor for Nigerians is

mainly through provision of PALLIATIVE and has dedicated huge resources to procuring rice, and maize grains including garri for onward sharing to vulnerable Nigerians. In the last 15 months, President Tinubu has sent trucks of rice and maize to the 36 state governors; through the 109 Senators and the entire 360 members of the house of representatives and most recently the Ministers in the cabinet of the President.

Palliative is an effective short term measure in a hailing economy like Nigeria, however, it seems to have been relied upon too heavily by the federal government thereby creating or expanding another major economic downturn; food inflation. For a country that has banned importation of grains, Nigeria's local production is not sufficient for local consumption, this means that the government through these palliative regime is enjoying dominant priority from direct market purchase of these items thereby setting the price and further reducing the availability of the items in the market.

Over the past 12 months, at least over 6,000 trucks of rice has been shared as palliatives to the state governors, senators and federal representatives and cabinet Ministers. No doubt, this has negatively affected the supply and pricing of rice in the local market. Over these period, price of a 50kg of rice has jumped from 50,000 to 90,000 Naira, indicating the negative effects of these palliative distribution.

The solution to every problem according to President Tinubu's led federal government by default, is palliative. High cost of living occasioned by rising cost of fuel? give them rice! Rising cost of goods and services due to weakened Naira? Share the rice! Steadily, we seem to have moved from Renewed Hope Agenda to Renewed Palliative Agenda. How sustainable? One continues to wonder!!!

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## Text Of State Broadcast By Governor Ademola Adeleke To Mark The Second Year Anniversary Of The Administration On November 27th, 2024

**M**y good people of Osun State, today marks my two years in office as your popularly elected Governor. I start this broadcast by paying glowing tributes to elders, women, youths and residents of Osun State.

I convey my deep appreciation for your strong support and prayers. From November 27th, 2022 to date, Osun residents have demonstrated unshaken faith in our government. Your prayers for me and my team have strengthened us significantly. Your regular counseling have enhanced our intentional drive to deliver on good governance.

My people, you are well aware of what Osun was on and before we took over two years ago. We all recall the pains and sufferings of the public servants and pensioners. We remember the huge infrastructure and policy deficit in transportation, health, education, water, ICT, environment, agriculture and commerce and industry. We cannot forget in a hurry the deep gap between the state leadership and the people.

To revive the state and deliver on good governance, my administration launched out with a five-point agenda. We targeted specific areas of needs of the people which form the major components of the clearly defined agenda. The goal principally was to address the aspirations and immediate needs of our people.

In line with norms of accountability and responsibility to the electorate, I am obligated to render my stewardship midway into the life of our administration. It is, therefore, with praises to God Almighty and the universe that I address you on major advances our administration has already recorded across the sectors.

We pursue a preventive health care policy which places emphasis on access to health care. By today, our administration has upgraded 200 primary health care centers out of almost 400 with solar power, boreholes and medical materials. We are now shifting attention to the six general hospitals for upgrade and refurbishing.

In the same vein, we conducted two major Imole medical outreach with over 100, 000 beneficiaries. The third edition is upcoming, even as we have enrolled 29,000 pensioners in the health insurance scheme to bankroll their Healthcare.

On water supply, we developed three structure plans of immediate, short and long term template to resolve the acute water shortage inherited in 2022. Immediately, we delivered 332 boreholes across the 332 political wards in the state. Another 332 is ongoing. Simultaneously, we commenced the rehabilitation of the water works in major towns by relaying the rusted pipes laid in early 70s. Additionally, the abandoned 10 mini-water works are being revived while the project for Ora water scheme is also under implementation.

In the agricultural sector, we started the farm mechanization plan by purchasing 31 tractors in the first phase. Farm inputs were regularly distributed and I am launching the youth agropreneur programme across the 30 local governments and the area councils. We are reviving the farm settlements. We are implementing the new Cocoa and Cashew expansion initiatives.

For the education sector, the University of Ilesa has become a reality with take off grants and accredited courses. Rehabilitation of its internal roads are now ongoing. For the Osun State University, four abandoned projects were completed and a new anatomy laboratory was started and completed by our administration. We rehabilitated 99 secondary schools, restarted the upgrade of the six technical colleges and are about to issue letters of appointment to new



teachers.

For the public service sector, our government has paid about 12 billion pension debt in two years compared with 11 billion paid by the opposition for its 12 years in the government of the state. We restored normalcy within the public service with permanent secretaries and regular promotion exercises. Half salary debt is being paid in phases, and a new minimum wage has just been approved for the state workers. Ours is an openly pro-workers government.

In Science and Technology, we gave Osun its first ICT policy, innovations policy and Startup legal framework. We introduced the first digital economy agenda for the state. Implementation of these policies and programmes are ongoing.

For the power sector, our government is finalizing a policy and legal frameworks for the electricity market system. With the devolution of the power sector, the passage of the electricity bill into law in Osun state will enable us to regulate stakeholders in the sector. An electricity regulatory commission will be set up to license generators of powers among others.

My dear people of Osun state, our administration has constructed over 120 kilometers of roads across the state. Several inter-state and intra-city roads completed are to be commissioned during this 16 days anniversary. Two major flyovers are also progressing to completion at Osogbo while works are progressing at the Ile Ife Flyover and Ilesa dualization.

I have redirected our efforts and plan at the completion of Iwo-Osogbo road. We have added the dualisation of Odoori - Adeeke road inside Iwo to be executed in two phases. The first phase will reach Post Office and Oluwo Palace while the second phase will take off from Post Office to Adeeke Junction.

Our government has enhanced the local economy, not just through its local content policy, we have also expanded access to financing for artisans and small businesses through the cooperative societies. Several

millions of naira have been advanced to the state cooperative movement as revolving loans, the first time since the First Republic. We encouraged creation of ward-based artisans cooperative societies across the 332 political wards. Another millions of naira have been advanced to the 332 business groups as revolving loans. During this anniversary, another set of small businesses will get microcredit cheques. Osun money is truly revolving within Osun State economy.

I want our people to note for the record that for all our projects and programmes, we did not obtain any loan. We only block leakages in the state finance and employ local content to moderate project cost and enforce high standards. We never discriminate on inherited projects and we never sack any contractors engaged by our predecessor. We run an open transparent government.

For the second half of our government, I reassure all sons and daughters of Osun State that the government under my leadership will complete all ongoing projects. We will continue to address the infra and social needs of our people. We will strike a balance between hard and soft infrastructure.

Going forward, we will deepen our consultation and interactive mechanism with the citizenry. As we have acted only in public interest in the last two years, we will sustain our responsiveness and respect for the wills and aspirations of our people.

Therefore, I invite you to join me as we commence the anniversary with town hall meetings and commissioning of projects and programmes.

Once again, I thank Osun elders, sons and daughters for your support and prayers. I remain your Governor who is ever committed to service to the high and the low, to the poor and the rich, and to all our citizens and residents.

I thank you for listening.

**HE, Senator Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke,  
Executive Governor of Osun State.**