

INTRODUCTION

One of the objectives of any good government as expounded by Thomas Jefferson is to provide care for human life. Within this context, it is incumbent on any responsible government to formulate policies and programmes that can bring hope, joy, happiness and succor to the citizenry.

Here in Cross River State, the government, under Senator Liyel Imoke has come up with a Seven Point Development Agenda and a robust economic Blue Print, all targeted at providing some basic comfort to the people, who willingly entrusted the political class with their 'Sacred' mandate

As you will see in the brief highlights by some select MDAs, the programmes are designed to create employment and wealth and offer comfort to every Cross Riverian and other ethnic nationalities resident here, be they Urban or rural based.

As a government, we are committed to implementing to the later, all the programmes and policies enunciated in the Seven Point Development Agenda. What is expected of you therefore, is co-operation, patience, and understanding as these policies and programmes are implemented in phases. All the same, the government is ready to partner with the people and to also sift ideas and suggestions from you, so that the democratic dividends can be sustained. We welcome you aboard the State craft in this maiden compilation. However, MDAs not covered in this edition will certainly make it in the next edition.

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SECTORAL ACHIEVEMENTS

MINISTRY OF WORKS:

The Ministry has recorded highly significant developmental strides in placing the State in a unique and enviable position with regard to the number of Urban and Rural roads and bridges projects executed from 2007 to 2009. A number of these are still on-going and some have been completed as highlighted below.

A URBAN RENEWAL

Emphasis are on:

- (a) Roads
- (b) Control of gully and sheet erosion and
- (c) Canalization

These programmes are being implemented in the following Urban Centres:

- (i) Calabar Municipality
- (ii) Calabar South
- (iii) Ugep
- (iv) Ikom
- (v) Ogoja
- (vi) Obudu
- (vii) Itigidi

Within this period a total of 51km Urban Roads were completed.

B RURAL TRUNK B ROADS

s/No	Project	Length	Status	Remarks
1.	Okuni Agbotai Abijang Nsofang- Mkpot	27 km	39	On-going
2.	Kayang Katabung Buanchor Road	18 km	100%	Completed
3.	Okuni Nsadop Onisha Farm Iso Bendeghe Nkarasi	34	76	On-going
4.	Nko Agoi Ekpo Road/Lokpoi bridge	12 km	66%	On-going
5.	Ekor/Junction Ekor Beach	80 km	100%	Completed
6.	Akpet Central Okurike Road	10 km	100%	Completed
7.	Ugep Idomi	1 km	30%	On-going

C MAINTENANCE OF FEDERAL AND URBAN ROADS

A total of 825km of Roads has been maintained across the State as follows:

- (I) Federal Roads - 405km
- (ii) Urban roads - 420 km

Also 10 No. failed culverts along the highway have been re-constructed.

D EROSION CONTROL PROJECT

S/No	Project	Status	Remark
1.	Edim Otop	100%	Completed
2.	INEC	100%	Completed
3.	Bebosco Erosion	90%	On-going
4.	Nyagachang	60%	On-going
5.	Ikot Uduak	80%	On-going
6.	N.P.A. Quarters	35%	On-going
7.	NNPC/Living Faith Church	65%	On-going
8.	NNPC Depot	65%	On-going
9.	Assemblies of God Off MCC Road	50%	On-going
10.	Church of God Mission (Etim Offiong Avenue)	95%	On-going
11.	Umoh street off Old Parliamentary Road	95%	On-going
12.	Cross River House of Assembly	70%	On-going
13.	Army Jetty Road Ekorinim	75%	On-going
14.	NNS Victory	100%	Completed
15.	Ikot Efangha Mkpa	60%	On-going
16.	MCC 3 rd Phase	100%	Completed

E STREET/TRAFFIC LIGHTS PROJECTS

S/No	Projects	Status	Remarks
1.	Highways Street lights (from Metro to TINAPA)	94.16%	Completed
2.	Urban Roadway Lighting Projects	69.3%	On-going
3.	Additional Street Lighting and Hi mast Lighting Projects	35%	On-going
4.	Installation of the Millennium Park	100%	Completed
5.	Installation of Flood Lights in Calabar Sports Stadium	85%	On-going
6.	Marian Extension Street lights	85%	On-going
7.	Installation of Traffic Lights in 7 intersections in Calabar metropolis viz:		
	(i) MCC Junction/Muritala Mohammed Highway		
	(ii) Secretariat Junction/Metropolitan Hotel		
	(iii) U.J. Esuene Stadium/IBB way		
	(iv) Goldie Road/Calabar Road		
	(v) Mary Slessor Avenue/Calabar Road		
	(vi) Barracks Road/Marian Road		
	(vii) Ekong Etta/Ndidem Usang Iso Road.	100%	completed

F MECHANICAL WORKS

S/No	Projects	Status	Remarks
1.	Purchase of 14 Nos. (Generators)		All installed in Ministries/Departments and Agencies, (MDAs) All are operational
2.	Fueling and maintenance of Generators	On-going	Generators are now centrally fuelled and maintained by Government.

G WATER INSTALLATION

- (i) Utanga Safari Water Treatment Works (Completed)
- (ii) Bakassi resettlement Water Supply (Completed)

H CROSS RIVER RURAL ACCESS AND MOBILITY PROJECT (CR-RAMP)

1.0 ADB ASSISTED PROJECT

A loan commitment of euro39.40 MILLION EQUIVALENT TO USD59, 275,360.00 WAS SIGNED ON 24TH December, 2007 between the African Development Bank (ADB) and Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN). A subsidiary Loan Agreement was signed on 12th February, 2008 between Cross River State Government (CRSG) and Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN). Loan contribution is ADB (89.5%, FGN (2.2%), CRSG (8.3%).

2.0 PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- a) 47km of Rural Roads with 2 lane 6.0 metre wide carriage way, 1.0 metre wide shoulders shall be constructed across the State.
- b) Institutional Strengthening and Baseline Studies which includes: Technical Assistance, Training of Staff of MOW, SPIU, FPMU and Ministry for Local Government; Road Classification, Bridge Inventory and Digital Map of Cross River State.

3.0 STATUS

- a) Consultancy services contract for Institutional Strengthening and Baseline Studies signed with Messrs Roughton International, UK, at a cost of #690,606.49 (Six hundred and ninety thousand, six hundred and six British Pounds, forty nine cents). The Consultant has submitted the Inception Report.

Data Collection in the field in on-going
- b) Consultancy Services for Conceptual Design Study and Works Supervision:

Bank NO OBJECTION received to negotiate contract with Messrs SGI Ingenieere SA/SGI Consulting Engineers Ltd. Geneva, Switzerland. Contract Negotiations was completed on May 20, 2009.
- c) Expected date of commencement of Design Study is 1st July, 2009

CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS DEPT.

S/No	Achievement	Year
1.	Inauguration of State Council of Chiefs	2004
2.	Stipend, reviewed upwards from N466.66 to N5,000.00 for Village Head	2004

3. Brand new cars Peugeot 406 and jeep purchased for Paramount Rulers for effective discharge of functions 2007.

4. Peace, order, good governance at the grassroot being sustained.

INVESTMENT PROMOTION BUREAU

The Cross River State Investment Promotion Bureau (IPB) was established by law in November 2007 to encourage and promote investment in the Cross River State.

In pursuit of this mandate and goal of transforming our society and, our economy into one of the most viable establishments in Nigeria, the mandate is pursued through a two prong approach viz. enterprise development and promotion and investment inflow promotion.

The first leg of the mandate aims at building our indigenous entrepreneurs, who are the main operators of Small and Medium Enterprises in the State and therefore catalysts to the building and sustenance of our economy. The Cross River State Investment Promotion Bureau has identified the major issues militating against their growth. These are:

- Facilitate access to capital
- Provision of adequate and proper infrastructure
- Human capacity development.

The Investment Promotion Bureau is utilizing several windows as they arise, some of these include; The Central Bank Micro Credit Fund Scheme. With the offer of N 280 Million by Access Bank PLC and the State Government payment of its counterpart fund of the same amount, we now have available a total of N 560 Million to disburse to our micro entrepreneurs. This amount is revolving and we expect to have about One Billion Naira by the end of this year for further disbursement to our people. We have also brought in the Bank of Industry to give out loans to our people through their Co-operative Funding Scheme and already some of our entrepreneurs have benefited. The IPB is also collaborating with other MDAs to present the Federal Government Commercial Agricultural Credit Scheme to commercial farmers in the State.

Specifically, on our part we are currently undertaking the reroofing of the Technology Incubation Centre at Harbour Road, Calabar and also providing a step down transformer to link the Centre with the national grid. We have provided the centre with a standby generating set which currently is their only source of power. We have commenced the establishment of two more Business Incubation Centres at Ogoja and Ikom to serve the Central and North Senatorial Districts of the State.

The Bureau is establishing an Enterprise Zone at the premises of the Industrial Development Centre at Ogoja where micro entrepreneurs will be brought together to operate in the Zone. Our Support to local entrepreneurs also includes the establishment of Cocoa Processing, Rice Milling etc. In this regards, we are in the process of procuring Consultants who will advise on the projects.

The IPB has also developed a Concept Note for the establishment of a State Enterprise Development Agency which shall be an umbrella for the development and harnessing of all the indigenous enterprise development activities in the State. The enabling legislation is currently being developed by the Ministry of Justice.

The second leg of our mandate involves the investment promotion and Business facilitation. In this regard

the Bureau has established a One Stop Investment Centre (the 1st in the 36 States) in its offices where relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government are represented to ease the difficulties encountered by incoming investors. The MDAs that are currently represented in the OSIC are as follows;

- Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Ministry of Environment
- State Planning Commission
- State Internal Revenue Service
- Ministry of Lands and Housing
- Ministry of Justice

This Centre is tailored after the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC) at Abuja, is to be digitally connected with the NIPC OSIC, through which we will benefit from the support of the Federal MDAs, therein.

In investment promotion we are rigorously pursuing in flow of foreign and domestic investments into the State. In this regards, the State investment website is currently being developed in collaboration with a World Bank Consultant. Relevant information booklets, brochures and fliers have been developed and are continuously distributed within the country and our foreign missions.

The State successfully hosted the first South-South Economic Summit in Calabar, in collaboration with all the Governors of the South-South region.

The Investment Promotion Bureau has taken part in several other domestic and international trade and investment missions with the aim of selling the State's investment potentials and accompanying incentives. We are also in the process of establishing a Cross River State Trade Office in Washington DC, in collaboration with a Consultant.

In the last 6 months, a minimum of 16 serious potential investors have approached the State and indicated their willingness to invest in the State. Their requests are at various stages of the processing and it is expected that before the end of the year, they would have commenced operation in the State (see below).

REGISTER OF INVESTORS COMING INTO CRS

S/N Name and address of Investor Nature of Business Contact Person

1. Storage Index Ltd. 8B Oladipo Diya St. 2nd Avenue Ikoyi
Lagos Establishment of Tank farm and 5-star hotel
Alh. Taslim O. Ogun Managing Director
Phone: 08023237793
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2. Amexum Corp. Inc 1799E, Grand Boulevard, Detroit MI, 48211
Establishment of petroleum refinery
Dr. Bamidele O. Oyekanmi Chairman/CEO
(248)565-4755 Ext.200
oyekanmi@amexum.com
3. Dimension Data Nig. Ltd. E-city and Internetworking technology

4. Max Glory Nig. Ltd
Plot 22, Phase 5
Fed. Housing Estate Calabar
Rice cultivation and processing
Mr. Ben P. C. Chen Managing Director Phone:
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5. Lloyds Energy Ltd.
44B Omerelu Street GRA Phase 1,
Port Harcourt
Development of Modular Refinery
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lloydsenergy@yahoo.com
6. Tolao Energy Ltd.
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British Columbia
Canada V3W1S4
Development of Bio-diesel Project
Adewale Jonathan CEO
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7. Aikenbeck Resources Ltd.
40 Yakubu Avenue
P. O. Box 8458 Kaduna
Development of Portside Industrial Park
Daniyal Jubrilu
8. Venn Global Investment Ltd. Plot 18D Olutoye Crescent,
Adeniyi Jones, Ikeja
Educational Real Estate and Manufacturing
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 Oil and Gas
 Michael F. Harness Chairman
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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

S/N	Projects/Activities	Sites/Location	Performance/Achievement
1.	Oil palm Development project		Nursery sites at Nsan, Atimaka, Ogoja 250,000 seedlings planted 50,000 in 2007 distributed to farmers Statewide
2.	Cocoa Development Project	Cocoa Estates-1.2 million seedlings raised	-HA cocoa seed gardens established -13 No. Master Trainers trained in farmers field school
3.	Cashew Development project	Nwang	Maintenance of 12HA seed farm
4.	Renovation of produce school laboratory	MOA Headquarters	90% completed
5.	Capacity building for produce farmers/merchants	Ikom	336 No. palm produce farmers trained
6.	Rice project		-2.5 metric tones of rice seeds distributed to 168 farmers -168 demonstration plots established
7.	Honey production	Ranch Resort	-500 honey crates purchased -150 No Extension staff and honey farmers trained
8.	Produce Inspection and Fumigation	Statewide	-1,815,000 clip seals purchased -150 stores fumigated -70 No produce control post
9.	Micro credit finance	Statewide	-N125 million placed with UBA, 1 st Bank, Union Bank and Oceanic Bank -N450 million credit facilities granted to 2,500 farmers -18 Agric Extension officers and staff trained
10.	Bio-fuel Plantation	Iwuru, Agbaragba, NtaNjork, Nde Etikpe, Yala Nkum, Calero Estate, Gmelina	Sensitization of Landlord communities
11.	Agricultural Extension	Statewide	-Renovation of 3 no Agric Extension officers -Building of 6 No new Agro service centre -procurement of vehicles (Pick-up vans and motorcycles) -procurement of Tractors
12.	Development of Agriculture and other Fisheries projects	Ugboro-1No.	Hatchery rehabilitated -20,000 fish larva produced -100 fish farmers and ADP staff trained in fish diseases. -50 Extension staff and 50 fishermen trained on inland fisheries Law and fish data collection. -4 No. chokor smoking kiln constructed
13.	Pine-Apple project	Uyanga, Atimaka	-12HA land developed -820,000 suckers planted -500 farmers sensitized on pine-apple production -100 farmers trained on sucker multiplication
14.	Community Based Natural Resource Management programme(CBNRMP)	Itigidi, Idebe, Offiong Umoh	-10 capacity building workshops conducted -need Assessment in 27 communities completed -3 pilot infrastructure project completed -3 pilot livelihood project completed -3 pilot Natural Resources management project carried out

- 2 survey/studies conducted
- 54 No rural enterprise groups reformed
- 1 HA cassava multiplication
- 4 Boreholes rehabilitated.

S/N	Projects/Activities	Sites/Location	Performance/Achievement
15.	CARES		
	i. Oil Palm Project		
	ii Cocoa Project	Oil Palm Estates	
	- Ibiae		
	- Nsadop Estate Boki		
	- Ibiae and Boki		
	Cocoa Estates		
	220Ha of land cleared and planted		
	259Ha demarcated and allocated to participants		Taken over by Government from the restive youth
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	- New planting of 240 ha of cocoa		
	- 882ha cocoa replanted in four estates		
	- 320ha coco estate demarcated and allocated to Cares participants Estates		
	2000ha land acquired in Iso-Bendeghe		
	-Five farm managers recruited		
	-Two crop managers Recruited		
16.	Animal Diseases Surveillance and Control	-	Construction of control post at Garkem
	- To sensitize 150 farmers across the State		
17.	FADAMA III	- Statewide	On-going
18.	NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR FOOD SECURITY (NPFS)		On-going
19.	ROOT AND TUBER EXPANSION		On-going

SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Social Welfare and Community Development since 2007 has been committed to confronting the chronic social problems faced by the citizenry, particularly the incidence of high maternal and infant mortality.

The following achievements have been recorded:

- Embarked on a comprehensive free Health Care Services for pregnant women and children under five years.
- Embarked on the conditional cash transfer scheme for the core poor households in Cross River State.
- Undertook a baseline Survey of the Socio-economic status of Cross Riverians with a view to establishing Bench marks against the Social Welfare Programme.
- Identified the Households/beneficiary for the conditional cash transfer programme.
- Provision of a monthly subvention to 9 (nine) Social Institutions amounting to N38,250,000.00 yearly.
- Purchased and distributed some relief materials like wheel chairs, guide cares, crutches, Braille machines and Braille embossers to physically challenged persons and social institution caring for the disabled in the State.

HEALTH

- 130 Health Centres renovated across the State.
- Provision of medical equipment and solar electricity to Health institutions
- Computer training of Health Workers
- 560,000 mosquitoes treated bed nets distributed Statewide.
- Food safety and Inspection Services increased as three zonal offices are established at Calabar, Ugep and Ogoja.
- State Government borne cost for the eradication of wild polio virus reported on 1st April, 2009 in Adadama
- Free TBL services in 91 Health facilities
- Establishment of 22 diagnostic (microscopic) centres in the State
- State won WHO National award for Implementation of WHO STOP TB strategy

- 930 Communities benefit from two million Mectizan tablets distributed by 144 trained community distributors in 14 Local Government Areas.
- Onnchocercis prevalence in the State drop from 67% in (1991) to 3% in 2009, achieved through mectizan distribution in the State.
- On HIV/AIDs the following achievements have been recorded
 - a. 176,035 persons tested
 - b. 17,482 persons tested positive
 - c. 5,130 persons are on ART drugs
 - d. 13 ART (Antiretroviral) centres created
 - e. 63 HIV testing/counseling centres established in the State
 - f. 37 Mother to child transmission prevention centres
 - World AIDs day celebrated in the State.
- Procurement and distribution of HIV/AIDs test kits.
- Upgrading of facilities in all the General Hospitals
- Regular training of Doctors and Nurses

CRS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY: ACHIEVEMENTS

The Cross River State House of Assembly has so far passed the following bills into law.

1. Local Govt. Amendment law - 2007
2. Cross River State Supplementary Appropriation Bill - 2007
3. CRS LG (Joint Account) Amendment Bill - 2007
4. CRS Planning Commission (Amendment Bill) - 2007
5. CRS Electrification Agency Bill - 2007
6. CRS Rural Dev. Agency Bill - 2007
7. CRS Investment Promotion Bureau 2007

8. CRS LG Amendment Bill - 2007
9. CRS Border Dev. Commission
10. CRS Tourism Dev Levy
11. CRS LG Bill, 2007
12. CRS Appropriation Bill 2008
13. CRS Roads Maintenance Agency Bill 2008
14. CRS Fisheries Bill 2008
15. A Bill to amend the Local Government Law 2007 and related matters
16. CRS Tourism Development Levy (Amendment) Bill - 2008
17. CRS LG (Amendment) Bill 2008
18. CR University of Technology (Amendment) Bill 2008
19. CR College of Education Bill I - 2008
20. Cross River State child Rights' Bill 2009

STATE ELECTRIFICATION AGENCY

THE ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 2007 TO DATE

The State Electrification Agency was created to ensure that the State and people have adequate and affordable access to Electricity to promote sustained socio-economic growth and development.

The mandate of the Agency includes:

- (i) To provide access to electricity either by grid extension or renewable energy sources; and
- (ii) To ensure that electricity infrastructure functions optimally by continuous maintenance.

The achievements so far made are enormous, which are shown below:

S/N	TITLE OF PROJECT	LOCATION	STATUS OF COMPLETION
01	Japanese Grant-in-Aid Electrification project-off loading of equipment at H/Q Stockyard Odukpani		Completed and commissioned
02	Japanese Grant-in-Aid haulage at Okwurikang	Odukpani	Completed and commissioned
03	Construction of DHF Radio Communication equipment	Obanliku	Completed and commissioned
04	Construction of 2 Nos. office/store blocks and various electrical works	Obanliku	Completed and commissioned
05	Construction of access culvert and security post	Obanliku	Completed and commissioned
06	Completion of Abia Electrification project	Etung	85%
07	Completion of Electrification projects in Rev. Ikobi's factory	Boki	95%
08	Completion of Crifarm Electrical project	Yakurr	75%
09	Connection to National Grid of cassava power processing centre,	Okpudu Yala	99%
10	Completion of Busafong Community Electrification project	Obanliku	85%
11	Rehabilitation of Biakpan Electrification Network	Biase	50%
12	Completion of Akin Osomba Electrification project	Akamkpa	70%
13	Rehabilitation of Ikot Okon Akiba	Odukpani	40%
14	Completion of Ikot Effik/Nyom Idibi electrification project	Akpabuyo	75%
15	Rehabilitation of Calabar-Aniegheje Network	Akamkpa	95%

16	Completion of Ifiang Nsung Electrification project,	Bakassi	40%
17	Rehabilitation of 500 KVA Transformer sub-station at Ita Odiong,	Calabar South	90%
18	Rehabilitation of Diamond Hill erosion threatened injection sub-station	Calabar Municipality	55%
19	Contract for the extension of technical staff office building,	Calabar (SEA's office)	85%
20	Renovation of zonal offices	Akamkpa, Ikom and Ogoja	95%

The completed and commissioned projects had a total cost of N36.933m. The on-going projects which are at advanced stages of completion are valued at N247.789, out of which N177,573 had been paid, reflecting the percentage of work completed.

Also 2 Nos. transformers have been issued to communities to restore their lights and the Government will continue to do this to ensure that no community suffers a prolonged electricity outage.

The State Government had also ordered for electrical equipment worth N1.210 billion naira from India and China to promote sustained rural electrification. Also, energy co-operative societies have been constituted in the three senatorial districts to elicit communal participation and security of electrification infrastructure.

For proper coverage of the State and to ensure that all communities are linked to the national grid, consultants for grid extensions and alternative energy supply sources have submitted their reports and Government is studying them for immediate execution.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RUDA)

The Agency commenced operations in January, 2008 with a thorough needs assessment survey of infrastructure in the rural areas. The Agency has awarded contracts for the construction of twenty-nine asphalt roads covering a distance of 417.8 kms across 16 Local Government Areas of the State as follows:

- ABI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Anong-Ediba-Usumutong-Ebom-Igonigoni Road
 - Itigidi-Adadama, spur to Etigeve-Isong Inyang Road

2. AKAMKPA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Awi-Mbarakom Road
3. AKPABUYO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Ikot Oyom Market-Esuk Mba Road
4. BAKASSI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Ekpri Ikang-Esighi Idua Inwang Raod
 - Ifiang Nsung-Ifiang Ayog Road
5. BEKWARRA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Ugboro-Ukpah-Okpeche Afrike Road
 - Ugboro-Ijibor Inland-Imaje Okuku Road
6. BIASE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Abini-Agwagune Road
 - Ehom-Ekpri Iko Road
7. BOKI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Wula-Bukalum-Bamba Road
 - Okundi-Kakwagom-Oku Arop Road
8. ETUNG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Bendeghe Ekiem-Abia-Agbokim Junction Road
 - Agbokim Karaboot- Ekugatai Road
9. IKOM LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Ikom-Calabar Highway Yala Nkum Road
 - Ikom-Calabar Highway Balep-Opu-Bendeghe Afi-Akparabong Road
10. OBANLIKU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Sankwala-Busi 6 (Bagore) Road
 - Utuhu-Bishiri South Road
11. OBUBRA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Ikom-Calabar Highway-Nyamoyong-Inyamitet Road
 - Ofat-Ababene-Odereggha-Ikom-Calabar Highway
12. OBUDU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Betukwel-Ohong-Bedia-Okoshie Road
 - Utugwang-Mbube Road
13. ODUKPANI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Ikot Okpora-Ukwa Road

14. OGOJA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Ogboja-Okende-Ibil-Bansara Road
 - Ndok Junction-Odajie Idum with Odajie-Obosso spur
15. YAKURR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Assiga New/Old Town-Ekpeti-Inyima-Ikom-Calabar Highway
 - Ugep- Idomi-Adim Road
16. YALA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
 - Ipollo-Ogba-Ijibollo-Apiapumtet Road
 - Okuku-Echumoga-Alifiokpa Road

The contractors have since been mobilized to site with the agency paying out over N5 Billion. Some of the roads have already reached 70% completion while it is expected that all the contractors will deliver on the roads by April, 2020.

The Agency has also completed the rehabilitation, repairs and maintenance of 590 exiting but non-functional water facilities across the 18 Local Government areas. Indeed, at the moment, water facilities all over the State are fully functional. In addition, the Agency has procured sufficient spare parts for repairs of these water facilities as faults arise while the training of local artisans in each LGA for minor repairs of the water facilities has been completed in some LGAs.

At the conclusion of this training, the Agency will collaborate with benefiting communities to set up Community Management Committees to manage and maintain these water facilities in order to ensure their sustainability.

The Agency is also in the process of rehabilitating 72 public Primary Schools in the State and the construction of 28 new Health Centres across the 18 LGAs of the State.

The result of the needs assessment survey conducted by the Agency (an exercise that took it through the length and breadth of the State) revealed the very sorry and poor state of our rural areas.

It is our hope however that in the next few years, as a result of the commitment of this administration to rural development, our rural areas would have been greatly transformed to immensely improve the quality of life of our rural people.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: ACHIEVEMENTS

ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOLS

- Established 2 Secondary Schools, bringing the total to 251 public Secondary Schools in the State.
- Increase in number of Primary Schools from 1,019 to 1,032.

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION OF SCHOOLS

- Constructed 210 new classrooms to accommodate 21,250 pupils and rehabilitated 195 dilapidated classrooms
 - Provided 10,000 number Twin-Seater Desks to 20,206 pupils.
 - Procured and distributed 1,151 Teachers' furniture.
 - Renovated 11 workshops and science laboratories in Technical Colleges across the State.
 - Completed 3 Nos. Classroom blocks including comprehensive renovation of 60 Secondary Schools (on-going).
 - Awarded 6,500 units of desks and 1,000 supplied.

QUALITY CONTROL/QUALITY ASSURANCE MEASURES

- Developed minimum standard guidelines for establishment of new schools and improvement of existing ones.
 - Trained and re-deployed 266 new inspectors to Local Government Authority offices.
 - Launched Read and Write Campaign to improve reading and writing in Primary Schools.

MONITORING AND SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS

- Provided 25 vehicles to intensify monitoring and supervision of Schools.
 - As a result of intensive monitoring, the incidence of examination malpractice which was as high as 10% in 2005, dropped to 6% in 2007, and further declined to 2% in 2008.
 - 58 Schools were monitored by inspectors from Headquarters.

PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OF EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Reviewed books in all the subjects with a recommended booklist for the School system (2011-2015).
 - Procured and distributed Science equipment to 150 Secondary Schools.
 - Developed a Tourism curriculum for the Nation.
 - Procured a 9-year Basic Curricula for Public and Private Schools.
 - Trained 592 teachers on the Implementation of family life HIV/AIDS Education Curriculum.
 - Organized academic Competitions where students have won laurels; in Essay Competitions.
 - Re-constituted and inaugurated the Teachers' Registration Council.
 - Organized 2009 School Sports festival and identified talents.
 - Identified 200 physically challenged and vulnerable children in School.

DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH LANGUAGE

- * 17 teachers were retrained and 85 students exposed to French international exams.

TEACHERS' CAPACITY BUILDING

- Trained 2,500 teachers, care givers and parents on key household practices in 12 communities and Local Government Areas.

CONDUCT OF JSS AND SSS MOCK PROMOTION EXAMS

- For JSS 3 Exams, 13,201 candidates registered in 2007 and increased to 33,158 in 2008. For SS II MOCK, 16,031 candidates registered in 2007, increased to 29,949 in 2008 with over 70% pass in both exams.

PROVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- Procured and distributed 117,804 textbooks and 12,402 instructional materials to Primary Schools.

TEXTBOOKS PRODUCTION

- Produced Government textbooks in all subject areas of Primary, Secondary and technical/Computer for the sum of N892,714,625.00 in 2008 with
 - Printed and distributed 4,079,479 volumes of the said textbooks to Schools at 30% subsidy.
 - Printed and distributed 600,000 tourism textbooks to Schools.

RECRUITMENT, PROMOTION AND DISCIPLINE OF TEACHERS

- Recruited 873 teachers and 300 non-teaching staff in secondary Schools.
- A total of 1,980 teaching and 269 non-teaching staff have been promoted in Secondary Schools in the State.
- A total of 208 acts of misconduct by teaching and non-teaching staff have been disciplined in Secondary Schools.
- 2,500 Primary school teachers have been promoted.
- 1000 Federal teachers' scheme participants have been absorbed in Primary Schools.

TRAINING AND RE-TRAINING OF TEACHERS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

- * 4,894 teachers were trained in 2007
- * 5,100 teachers were trained in 2008
- * Trained Subject Based Primary School Teachers in Sciences.
- * Trained all Secondary School teachers.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ADULT LITERACY CENTRES

- A total of 240 centres with an enrolment of 38,153 adult learners in 2007
- 14,360 learners completed their Post Literacy Programme, while 2,300 got placement to JSS 1 in 2008

LITERACY BY RADIO PROJECT

- Literacy by Radio in Efik, Bekwarra and Ejagham languages on-going.

PAYMENT OF WAEC REGISTRATION FEES FOR INDIGENES IN PUBLIC SECONDARY

SCHOOLS IN THE STATE

- In 2007, the sum of N47m was spent on 12,500 candidates and recorded 26% pass in WAEC.
- In 2008, the sum of N66m was spent on 14,200 candidates and recorded 32% pass.

MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

- Awarded Scholarship and gave financial assistance to students in institutions of higher learning at home and abroad in critical areas of manpower need in Science and Technology.

- 2007 spent N71,650,166.00 for 275 beneficiaries
- 2008 spent N166,900,195.00 for 1107 beneficiaries
- 2009 spent N4,200,000.00 for 18 beneficiaries

Totaling of N338,459,421.00

LIBRARY SERVICES AND PROMOTION OF READING CULTURE

- Renovated Ikom and Ogoja libraries
- Installed V-Sat and Radio for State Library Café.
- Purchased 2050 volumes of new books for the library.

DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH LEVEL MANPOWER

- Re-establishment of College of Education, Akamkpa
- Funded CRUTECH for infrastructural development and successful accreditation of programmes in 2007 and 2008.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION

1. The Ministry regained its status from a Department to a full fledged Ministry.
2. Awarded a contract for the supply/installation of complete UHF Radio/TV transmitting system for Cross River Broadcasting Corporation to ensure a State-wide coverage.
3. Release of 60% of the contract sum of N1,087,856,000.00 (One Billion, Eighty Seven Million, Eight Hundred and fifty six Thousand Naira) to the contractor.
4. The contractor has commenced delivery of some of the infrastructural equipment to include FM transmitter for Odukpani, micro wave link, UPS and Radio Studios.
5. The repositioning of Cross River Broadcasting Corporation and appointment of a new General Manager for the Corporation.
6. The mounting of a 3-day intensive workshop for Information Officers of the State and Local Governments.

7. Aggressive publicity of programmes of Government via our esteemed **Giant Strides** magazine published bi-monthly.
8. Fortnightly publication of the State Tenders' Journal with 37 editions so far published.
9. The introduction of **Village Square** programme and **Straight from the People** programme anchored by the Ministry.
10. A massive mobilization and orientation 3-day workshop in each Local Government Area against Social Vices and Examination Malpractice.
11. Regular weekly publication of an improved **Chronicle** Newspaper.
12. Purchase of some technical/public relations equipment for the Ministry worth N5.1m.
13. Regular publication of Gazettes and other Government White papers
14. Public Relations and Orientation Units, upgraded into a full fledged Department.

TOURISM

- Obudu Ranch Resort fully re-organised
- Utanga lodges built by the government to cater for the interest of visitors
- Other tourism sites developed eg. Buanchor Canopy walk way, Agbokim Waterfalls, the Marina Resort, Mary Slessor House, Old Residency Museum
- Tinapa Business and Leisure Resort Commissioned
- Christmas and Leboku New Yam festivals sustained to International standard
- The longest cable car in the world launched at the Obudu Ranch Resort
- Obudu Mountain Race introduced and sustained with higher prizes
- Carnival Calabar introduced to boost Christmas festival as the largest street party in the world
- Carnival Calabar Queen also introduced to add colour to the festival

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Mandate:

To promote the physical, mental and socio-economic development of youths through the advancement and protection of their rights, enhancement of their welfare and provision of opportunities for self actualization.

Achievements:

1. Training of a total of 488 Youths in Vocational Skills as artisans and tradesmen under the Skills Acquisition Training programme.
2. Training of 120 youths in various agricultural skills under the youth in agriculture training programme.
3. Training of 120 youths in Entrepreneurship and Business start-up for self-reliance.
4. Formation of 54 youth cooperative groups for micro credit financing
5. Placement of 815 youths in paid employment in both State and National agencies and establishments under the job placement programme.
6. Training of 400 sportsmen and women for National/International Sporting Competitions
7. Upgrading of sporting facilities at the U.J. Esuene Stadium and other pitches:
 - Complete rehabilitation of the main bowl complex of the U.J. Esuene Stadium
 - Provision of video matrix scoreboard for the U.J. Esuene Stadium
 - Upgrading of the main pitch and four other training pitches in the main stadium, St. Patrick's Training College, Ikot Ansa and Abraham Ordia Stadium, University of Calabar
 - Provision of ultramodern Floodlights at the main bowl of the U.J. Esuene Stadium and four training pitches.
 - Provision of modern medical facilities such as the ALS Ambulances and CT Scan for the U-17 World Cup Championship Scheduled to hold in October - November, 2009 in Calabar.
8. Participation in the National Sports Festival, "KADA 2009" and won 2 Gold, 6 Silver and 14 Bronze medals.
9. Participation in the following International Sporting Competitions:
 - Africa Table Tennis Championships, Cairo, Egypt, 2009 where Cross River State

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- Won 2 Silver and 1 bronze Africa Wrestling championships, Casablanca, Morocco, May 15 - 17, 2009, where Cross River State, won 1 silver medal.

10. Resuscitation of the Calabar Rovers and Participation in the on-going pro-league.
11. Participation of PELICAN STARS in the National Females Professional League and winning 3rd place 2007/2008. Participation in National women challenge cup finals winning 3rd place. Participation of Pelican Stars Feeder Team nationally and coming 2nd place in 2007/2008.

MINISTRY OF LANDS AND HOUSING

SOME LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENTS

- * Land Acquisition: The Cross River State Government during the democratic dispensation has acquired hectares of land in Calabar and across the Local Government Areas of the State for housing and agricultural development.
- * Surveys: Lands Information System (LIS) and Geographical Information System (GIS) have been embarked on vigorously. Survey of disputed and boundary areas as well as parcel of land at Mfum, Etung for joint patrol of Nigeria/Cameroon International Highway. Survey of Nkarasi and Alok Monoliths for tourism development among others.
- * Housing: Completed 208 different housing units for the resettlement of displaced people of Bakassi Peninsula.
 - Constructed College of Health Technology Administration, Environmental Health blocks, Auditorium and Lecture Theatre and a Gatehouse.
 - Constructed Management Development Institute's Administration, Library blocks and Conference Room.
 - Construction of Cross River State House of Assembly Administration block is on-going.
 - Renovation of Cross River House of Assembly Committee Rooms block is on-going.
 - Completed construction of High Court Complex in Etung, Bekwarra, Yala, Biase and Obanliku while that of Boje in Boki is on-going.
- Main buildings of the Model General Hospital in Odukpani, Bekwarra,

Obudu, Yala and Boki are completed. While that of Etung is on-going. The staff quarters in the Hospitals are at 70-75% completion.

- Utanga Safari Lodges Renovated and used for the 2008 International Mountain Race being an International and Tourism window in Obudu.
- Chief Judge's Residence: Renovation/construction of the official residence of the Chief Judge of Cross River State is on-going.
- * COMPENSATION ON LAND: The Ministry has paid separately or through Estate Agents/Firm of Solicitors and supervised the payment of compensation to a number of beneficiaries whose cases have been amicably resolved.
- * TOWN PLANNING: Most of the internal roads, design work are completed in Ikot Nkebre and Ikot Ekpo Layouts while others are on-going. Adiabo Road Layout design work is completed but roads are yet to be opened.
- * Development control in Calabar Metropolis is on-going with temporary illegal and unsightly/non-conforming structures being demolished.
- * URBAN AND REGIONAL MASTER PLAN: The contract for the Urban and Regional Master Plan for Calabar Metropolis and four other major towns of Cross River State has recently been signed. The CPCS Transcom Ltd. of Canada that won the contract has just started work and has ten months to complete its assignment.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

The Ministry which was established in 2000 has the following Mandate:-

- Solid Waste Management.
 - Forestry.
 - Biodiversity, wildlife and wetland conservation.
 - Neighbourhood, Industrial, Vehicular Noise Pollution.
 - Industrial Waste, Toxic Waste, hazardous Chemicals and the Ozone depleting substances.
 - Oil and Gas Pollution Control.
 - Ecological matters including' gully/coastal erosion and flood control.
 - Environmental degradation and pollution.

THE MINSITRY HAS THE FOLLOWING FOCAL AREAS

- Municipal Waste Management.
 - Urban Sanitation and Beautification
 - Environmental Legislation.
 - Flood and Erosion Control.
 - Environmental Quality Control.
 - Integrated Coastal Zone Management.
 - Environmental Impact Assessment.
 - Watershed Management.
 - Medicinal, Aromatic & Pesticidal Plants Projects Project
 - Environmental Education.
 - Environmental Health and Pollution Control
 - Urban Development Centres.

S/N Activities and Achievements

- Government has put in place functional waste collection system in the five Urban centres of the State.
- Development of an Engineered Landfill in Calabar and sanitary Landfill at other Urban Centres.
- Development of facilities for segregation, waste recycling, conversion and treatment through a Public, Private Sector Participation (PPP)
- One Combine bin washer and compactor truck Purchased.
- * 6 Rear compaction trucks reactivated and put in use.
- * 668 New bins purchased.
- * A Mobile workshop and tools acquired
- * Hydraulic tools purchased.
- A bill for the establishment of Waste Management Agency for the state was submitted the State House of Assembly and is at its final stage of consideration.

2. URBAN SANITATION AND BEAUTIFICATION

Activities and Achievement

- Clean streets, verges and open spaces
- Available seedlings for planting
- Improved aesthetics and beautification of Urban Centres

3. FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL

Activities and Achievements

- * 300 meters of Edim Otop gully erosion control channel completed.
- * Construction of channel Extension works for 815 meters (from the Calabar Campus of CRUTECH to the Great Qua River).
- * Construction of uncompleted sections of Channel 1 for 443.5 meters (at Atamunu lane axis and Ebito Street Axis).
- * Construction of Emergency Drainage works at No. 106 Uwanse Street, Calabar, for 211 meters.
- * Completion of the construction of emergency drainage works at Edgerly Road Area, Calabar, for 2,100 meters (on-going)
- * Desilting of major drains 20% achieved.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & POLLUTION CONTROL

Activities and Achievement

- Improved Sanitation habit of the people of Cross River State

10. - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

Activities and Achievement

- Improved Sanitary conditions of homes
- Over 100 defaulters prosecuted monthly.

11. CAPACITY BUILDING

Activities and Achievement

- Collaboration with UNIDO and other development partners

12. URBAN DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

Activities and Achievement

- Proposal for Enactment of Law sent to State EXCO.

13. UGEP URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Activities and Achievement

- * Identifying and demolishing of over 2000 illegal structures.
- * Desilting of mud, sand and other impurities from 45,000 metres of drainages and gutters.
- * Daily sweeping of roads, streets and public places.
- * Daily picking of litters from the streets and public places.
- * Identifying and landscaping of over 250,000m² of green areas and road verges.
- * Planting of over 60,000 avenue trees and ornamentals.
- * Daily mowing and clearing of overgrown weeds on road verges and public places.
- * Regular inspection of residential and business premises to ensure environmental sanitation and cleanliness at all times.
- * Prosecution of 145 Environmental Sanitation defaulters from January to May 2009.
- * Maintenance of a Temporary Refuse Dumpsite.
- * Daily house to house collection and disposal of refuse from residential and business premises.

- * Procurement of 1No. 15 ton Tipper, 1No. 4.6 ton hiab and 1No. Personnel Carrier Van.
- * Procurement of 30 No. Mowing Machines and Brush Cutters.
- * Raising of 10,000 Tree Seedlings of various specie for the 2009 Planting Season.
- * Sensitization of Residents on Environmental Sanitation and Beautification programme.

IKOM URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Activities and Achievement

- * Environmental Sanitation/Refuse evacuation and waste management.
- * Beautification of the Urban Area.
- * Tree Planting.
- * Open space development
- * Physical Planning, Surveys and mapping.
- * General decay of the Environment as a result of poor Sanitation and low Environmental consciousness. This was evident in the notorious refuse heaps which had blocked the Ikom Calabar highway and most other Urban Roads/Streets.
- * Blocked drainages due to uncontrolled dumping of refuse since refuse dumps were absent.
- * Also tree planting and beautification of Ikom Urban was virtually zero.
- * Access roads were non-existent in most essential areas.
- * The entire streets were defaced by make-shift structures (illegal structures).
- * Majority of residential houses were without toilets thereby resulting to indiscriminate littering of human waste.
- * From the above, the following modest achievements have been recorded.

- * Creation of access roads such as:- Njang Assam Street, New Bokomo Layout, Rigbu Amba Street, State Housing through Edibva Street, Old Mile 2 road, Border road, Adijinkpor II, Park Lane, Old Ikom Town and mission road Lane.
- * Evacuation of vehicle scraps along highways and streets in the Urban to dumpsite.
- * 95% of Urban roads/streets cleared of refuse dumps and kept constantly clean.
- * Construction of sculptures at strategic locations and roundabouts in the Urban such as hunter man road junction, Border road roundabout, Abico junction roundabout.
- * Acquisition of the following refuse evacuation vehicles for easy waste evacuation.
- * 3No. Skip Trucks.
- * 1No. Mack Truck
- * 1No. Isuzu Truck.
- * 1No. NPR Drop side Drop tail Isuzu.
- * 1No. Top Tech Tractor 70 HP.
- * 1No. Hiab Loader.
- * 1No. Operational vehicle (Ford Ranger).
- * Demolition of 75% of illegal structures along major roads/streets in the Urban thereby improving the aesthetic value of the Environment.
- * Acquisition of Land for dumpsite.
- * Construction of dumpsite.

- * Construction of water well for raising Nursery.
- * Construction of water reservoir.
- * Face lifting of the Executive Secretary's Office.
- * Provision of a corn Market thereby reducing indiscriminate littering of Cornpeels.
- * 85% of roads/streets planted with over 80,000 trees to provide shade, Micro climate and Carbon sink for Ikom Urban residents.
- * Beautification with flowers and other ornamentals completed in roundabouts and other strategic Urban locations.
- * Landscaping and grassing of roads/streets and other strategic locations such as Atimaka hills, Ogoja road, Border road, Etomi road, federal government College, Convent road, Okim Osabor street down to CRBC and Prisons roads, St. Martins hills, UAC road, government guest house road, 25% of Obudu road etc.
- * Creation of adequate Environmental awareness for residents of Ikom Urban.
- * 65% of residential houses in Ikom Urban now have functional toilets. This has reduced the indiscriminate littering of human waste drastically.
- * Evacuation/Maintenance of Urban drainages such as: Mile 2 road drains, Ogoja road drains, State housing drains, Mission road drains, Old Ikom Town drains etc.
- * Construction of 2No. additional refuse receptacle to enhance refuse collection.

OBUDU URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Activities and Achievement

- * Development and institutionalization of sound Environmental Sanitation consciousness as well as heightened awareness of the populace on Environmental cleanliness/other related matters.
- * Reduction of abject poverty through generation of employment and youth/women

Engagement.”

- * Daily collection, Evacuation and disposal of wastes.
- * Daily sweeping and cleaning of Roadways, streets and public open spaces.
- * Regular desilting, cleaning and fumigation of Gutters, Drains and main water Channels.
- * Identification, Development, and maintenance of sanitary landfill as appropriate response to carelessly deposited garbage which hitherto formed breeding grounds and food source to flies, rats and other dangerous carriers of diseases/attraction for various types of pests and harmful organisms. Noting that some of these carriers generate pollutants that toxify marine life/fish and other life supporting organisms, thereby reducing access to clean drinking water and complicating Primary Health Programmes put in place by Cross River State Government.
- * Establishment of a sustainable solid/sewage/hazardous wastes management/control system as an effective solution to the serious and sometimes catastrophic problems of accumulation and improper management of wastes, air and water pollution. Activities of Obudu Urban Development authority in this regard have helped to check wastes that are Fatal, toxic, carcinogenic and mutagenic to humans and other organisms.
- * Control of indiscriminate Litter.
- * Cleaning, clearing, Soft landscaping and beautification of some 116,876.76 square metres of Road verges and public open spaces, gardens and recreational parks thereby expanding the scope of Tourism.
- * Planting of Grass, Shrubs, Ornamental/Shade Trees and Exotic Flowers which have added aesthetic value, sheer beauty as well as add to the Carbon Credit stock of the state. These activities have also contributed a great deal towards checking of erosion and Biodiversity loss.
- * Significantly halted irregular physical development/indiscriminate distortion of Obudu City

