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The workforce of any nation is its greatest asset. Accordingly, developing the nation's workforce has been of paramount concern to the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari.

The detailed provisions for human capital development in the **Economic Recovery and Growth Plan, ERGP**, of the Federal Government attests to this.

The objectives of the programme include restoring and sustaining growth, investing in the development of the potentials and capacities/capabilities of the populace and building a globally competitive economy.

Recognising the interplay between sustainable economic growth and the productive capacity of the population, the plan stated that **"the ERGP will invest in the Nigerian people by increasing social inclusion in creating jobs and improving the human capital base of the economy."**

In furtherance of this goal, the Federal Government of Nigeria launched several programmes to enhance the skills, morale, proficiency, and dedication of its workforce, to strengthen national productivity and the achievement of set economic objectives.

Several initiatives were also launched to widen and deepen the skills of most of the people in the informal and largely underemployed, underpowered population groups.

These initiatives have filled critical skills gaps in the economy and strives to meet the international targets set under the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

In this second edition of the **OSGF Bulletin**, the activities of the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to oversee the formulation and implementation of Government policy in this regard have been chronicled.

The motivation needs of the workforce of the OSGF were of paramount concern to the management. As a result, a series of programmes to keep the staff highly focussed, dedicated, productive, acknowledged and rewarded were introduced and championed by the SGF, Mr Boss Mustapha.

One of these programmes was the maiden edition of the office wide recognition and merit awards for deserving junior, senior and outstanding officials held at the end of the year.

It is the hope of Management that these initiatives will be sustained in the years ahead to ensure the realisation of Government objectives, for improved national productivity and a prosperous nation.

In this issue, you will find a review of the activities of the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to celebrate these initiatives and interventions. We wish you a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!

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Editor's Note

She was ecstatic, and apparently overwhelmed with joy: "I greet Nigerians", she blurted. "I thank President Muhammadu Buhari for this GEEP soft loan. I collected N100,000, that I will be repaying with N5,000 every week for six months. It is a good initiative and we are thankful for it. I have been able to obtain more materials and equipment for my business.

Now, I don't need to collect upfront payment from my customers. We are doing well, and we encourage the Government to continue to help us with initiatives like this, which will help reduce the level of poverty in the country. We thank God for the President, the Vice-President and the people who came up with these Social Investment Initiatives. May God bless them in Jesus name!"

That is Mrs Edith Nwosu, a seamstress from Awka South Local Government Area, Anambra State, and one of the beneficiaries of the administration's Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme, GEEP, aka *Trader Moni*.

She is one of millions of Nigerians whose destiny, the Federal Government's National Social Investment programme has positively and permanently transformed.

In this edition, we x-ray the impact of the programme on our hitherto neglected and seemingly forgotten and underempowered populations, alongside the remarkable testimony of some of the beneficiaries.

Rarely does the Secretary to the Government of the Federation take time off his busy schedule to find opportunity for relaxation. But he did it in style and grandeur in December, to dine and wine with a cross-section of officials, whom he honoured for their outstanding performance and unique services to the

country. For many of the honourees, the unprecedented feat in the OSGF will remain an indelible career boost and lifelong fond memory. The detail of the history making event is our lead story.

Making our road transport corridors safer for commuters and profitable to the business men in the sector has been a consuming passion under the current SGF. We continue to keep the progress in that endeavour under the radar.

As to be expected, the office was as usual busy and actively involved in several events connected with its mandate in the coordination of the Federal Government's activities. Our staff writers have penned the highlights of these activities to keep our readers informed.

To climax activities in the OSGF for the year, the SGF, Mr Boss Mustapha, received the report of the Presidential Independent Fact finding Panel on the National Health Insurance Scheme and promised full implementation of the recommendations.

Being concerned about the effects of drug abuse on our society, the Federal Government inaugurated a Presidential Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Drug Abuse chaired by Brig. Gen., rtd, Buba Marwa. This is well captured in this edition.

This edition is a potpourri of sort!

We thank our readers for their loyalty and feedback, some of which we hope to publish in the next edition.

Happy reading.

Willie Bassey
Editor



L-R: Front row, Perm. Sec. GSO, Mr. Olusegun Adekunle, SGF, Mr. Boss Mustapha and the recipients.

GOVT RELIES ON A DEDICATED WORKFORCE, SAYS MUSTAPHA

The ambience was alluring. The dinner, sumptuous and maximally 'democratized', though the venue was packed full. On the night of 18 December, 2018, the Shehu Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja, hosted the maiden edition of a merit award ceremony in honour of government workers who are best described as the apostles of the Change mantra of the Muhammadu Buhari Administration.

Step forward 51 patriots, all staff of the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation who were adjudged worthy of recognition for meritorious service on their various beats.

The boss himself set the tone for the evening. "This award ceremony is aimed at

appreciating, encouraging and motivating hardworking officers in OSGF and its agencies in line with the Public Service Rules and the policy of this administration. The 2018 event is the maiden edition and I want to categorically state that from now henceforth, it will be a yearly event", said the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha.

The recognitions were in four categories - Junior, Senior, Outstanding, Long Service in Cabinet Secretariat and Certificate of Meritorious Service.

Leading the pack was Barrister Georgina Ekeoma Ehuria, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Mines and Steel Development. She was until October this appointment, in charge

Government Relies on its Workers

of the Cabinet Affairs Office (CAO) at the OSGF. In fact she served at the CAO for five years where she earned, in 2011, a national honour, Member of the Order (MON) of the Niger. Barr. Ehuria is the first female to be appointed a permanent secretary at the CAO since 1960.

Other distinguished awardees include Barrister Emmanuel Akissa, Mr. NasiruGadzama and Mallam Usman Jibrin- all staff of the OSGF. In the elders club are Dr. Roy Ugo and Ambassador Aminu Nabego, both retired as permanent secretaries at the OSGF and were rewarded with certificate of meritorious service.

The SGF praised the efforts of the awardees who are discharging their duties with vigour even as government remains focused in developing the capacity of its workforce. "Focus on human resource development is very critical and the government has made investment in human capacity a priority. Core to this subject is the growth, career progression and welfare of the civil servants," he stressed.

Mustapha recalled the promise made by the Buhari Administration when it assumed office in May, 2015 and identified three issues namely: security, economy and corruption. "I am pleased to report that we have delivered on all three creditably even while we recognize that more work still



SGF Boss Mustapha presents an award to Perm. Sec. Special Services Office, Dr. (Mrs.) Amina Mohammed Bello Shamaki.

needs to be done", he admitted.

He said while the economy has survived a recession and gaining strength, government would continue to motivate its workforce, which he described as very critical in attaining overall growth and national development.

The SGF praised the sports men and women from the OSGF that participated in the recently concluded Federation of Public Service Games held in Lokoja where they won one gold, five silver medals and four bronze medals.

He listed the key achievements of the OSGF as:

- * Effective coordination and implementation of decisions and policies of government by Ministers. The Cabinet Affairs Office produced a 1,042 page Compendium on Policies, Programmes and Projects approved by the Federal

Executive Council from 2015 - 2017.

- * The Ecological Fund Office gave an account of its application of resources devoted to tackling ecological problems in all geo-political zone nationwide. From 2015 to date, a total of 150 projects have been awarded. 94 have been completed, commissioned and handed over. 15 have been completed and awaiting commissioning. 41 others are at different stages of execution.

- * Through the Political and Economic Affairs Office Nigeria has acceded to a number of treaties on chemical and biological weapons to keep Nigeria and the world safer.

- * This year, the OSGF launched a robust website and an e-participation platform to improve the feedback mechanism in government. It has continued to expand on

Dedicated Workforce, Backbone of Govt



SGF, Mr. Boss Mustapha presenting certificate of Most Outstanding Staff in the SGF Office to the Legal Adviser, Mr. Emmanuel Akissa.

the capability of the website to promote the Open Government Partnership.

* Agencies under the OSGF have also kept the flag flying in their different corners. This year, the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) hosted the ID4Africa Conference on Identity management. Positive identification is key to planning, economic growth and security for all Nigerians. Furthermore, Mr. President approved the Strategic Roadmap for the ID Ecosystem, which will be supported by the World Bank, AFD and European Union to the tune of \$433 million, to enable NIMC register and issue the National Identification Number to over 187 million citizens and legal residents within three years. From January 01, 2019, NIN will now be the approved means of identification in Nigeria.

* National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) has reduced drastically the

shortage of anti-retroviral drugs and increased the treatment of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

* International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) won the following awards in 2018: the African PPP Regulator; the Public and Private Development Centre (PPDC) Freedom of Information and Public Service Innovation Awards; No. 1 amongst 187 M D A s ; PPP Disclosure Portal; Accelerated 2 state PPP procurement process; PPP Bulletin; developed 51 projects under regulation; the Lekki Deepwater Port flag off; the Ibom Deepwater Port as well as the Nigerian Navy Dockyard rehabilitation.

* New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Nigeria has been monitoring elections and developing how to put Nigeria on the path of sustainable development.

* The National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons has continued to execute the

mandate of registering, granting refugee status and protecting refugees in Nigeria. The Commission in collaboration with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Nigeria Immigration Service has registered and assisted about 35,000 Cameroonian Refugees. In addition, it has finalized plans to roll out 100 Convention Travel Documents to deserving refugees. It is also on record that the Commission has worked with the Technical Working Group of the Tripartite Commission for the voluntary repatriation of over 90,000 Nigerian Refugees in the far North region of Cameroun.

* The National Hajj Commission and the Nigerian Christian Pilgrims Commission have continued to save cost and improve services rendered during the annual pilgrimages by Christians and Muslims.

* The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) launched the Rapid Response programme and the Number Plates factory in Gwagwalada. The FRSC similarly deposited five international treaties to which Nigeria has acceded at the United Nations, thus becoming the first African nation to do so.

* On its part, the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission is currently working hard to give working Nigerians a meaningful living wage.



NIGERIA SET TO DOMESTICATE

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Plans to domesticate the Chemical Weapons Convention are in top gear as government awaits the passage of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Prohibition Bill now at the National Assembly.

The Permanent Secretary, Political and Economic Affairs Office, OSGF, Mr Gabriel Aduda revealed this at a Workshop on the Role of Implementing Legislation on chemical weapons convention in addressing threats arising from non-state actors.

Aduda said the move was in line with Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention CWC, adding that Nigeria abides with the global conventions to identify and seal up gaps in legislative framework with a view to prevent emerging threats from chemical terrorism.

He further disclosed that the Chemical and Biological Weapons' Prohibition Bill at the National Assembly has gone through several legislative processes and is currently at its final stage before passage into law.

"We are hopeful that this will be finalised

before the end of the 8th Assembly, by June 2019", he said.

It is expected that the Chemical and Biological Weapons Prohibition law would offer Nigeria a foundation on management of chemicals of security concern and establish laws to criminalise illegal chemical weapons activities.

The law would also provide preventive as well as punitive measures for violations in areas such as usage, trade and transportation of chemical weapons within its jurisdiction, among others.

Aduda further reiterated the catastrophic propensity of chemical weapons attack to humanity, noting that challenges of chemical safety have immense socio-economic and public health implications.

This, he said, could only be effectively and efficiently addressed with enormous resources in terms of funding, institutional framework, human and infrastructural capacity.

NIGERIA TO DOMESTICATE CHEMICAL WEAPONS LAW

He emphasized that in order to achieve the overall goal of "a world free of chemical weapons", governments, regional economic communities, corporate bodies and chemical industries and other relevant stakeholders would need to align with the concerted efforts of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The Permanent Secretary noted that there has been a renewed call on National Governments on the Convention to identify and seal up gaps in their Legislative framework with a view to strengthening in- countries security architecture, to meet up with global challenges and prevent emerging threats from Chemical terrorism, towards ensuring peace, security and stability.

Aduda further highlighted that the Chemical and Biological Weapons' Prohibition Bill as presented to the National Assembly, has undergone several legislative processes and is currently at its final stage before passage into law. "We are hopeful that this will be finalised before the end of the Nation's 8th Assembly, by June 2019" he said.

He also assured that when Chemical and Biological Weapons Prohibition finally becomes law, it would proffer Nigeria with a solid foundation on management of chemicals of security concern and establishes laws which criminalises chemical weapons activities undertaken by state and non-state actors, provide preventive as well as punitive measures for violations in areas such as use,



Permanent Secretary, Political and Economic Affairs Office, OSGF,
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IMPACTS OF GOVT'S SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCHEME

“President Buhari made it clear that the Social Investment Programmes (SIP) would be a major programme of the administration because he was concerned about poverty and unemployment. Accordingly, he ensured that the selection process to the various schemes of the National Social Investment Programmes were fair and transparent, leading to a situation where beneficiaries did not need any kind of connection to benefit from the programmes.”

-Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, SAN.

The Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, recently evaluated the progress so far made in implementing the National Social Investment Programme, N-SIP, at a town hall meeting in Yola, Adamawa State. The programme, launched in 2016, was designed to benefit all Nigerians irrespective of their background.

The N-SIP is a social protection scheme; a strategic plan to support the most vulnerable in the society and catalyse productivity (especially in the youthful workforce - potential entrepreneurs). It has been a key enabler of the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP), unveiled in 2017.

The Special Adviser to the President on Social Investments, Mrs. Maryam Uwais, has explained that NSIP programme comprises N-Power, National Home-Grown School Feeding, Government Enterprise Empowerment Programme (GEEP), and

the National (conditional) Cash Transfer Programme (NCTP)- all designed to support citizens facing economic challenges.

“So far we have recorded 7.9 million direct beneficiaries since inception. One of the most important aspects of the programme is the millions of Nigerians who have and would benefit directly and indirectly from each of the various schemes. “All our beneficiaries are being paid directly, with their Bank Verification Number; being an integral part of our design. We have a presence in the 36 states of the Federation and Federal Capital Territory,” said Mrs. Uwais.

N-POWER

Job Creation and Youth Employment are its principal objectives and focus.

N-Power is the employability and enhancement programme of the Federal Government of Nigeria,



Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, alongside the Ondo State governor, Mr. Rotimi Akeredolu sharing lunch with pupils at Alagbaka Estate Primary School, in Akure.

N-Power Enhances Good Living

aimed at imbibing the learn-work-entrepreneurship culture in youth between the ages of 18-35. Applications are done online to create a level playing field for everyone, and determine which applicants' details would enable selection and direct payment through the bank accounts and BVN submitted.

In addition to the N30,000 stipend paid them each month, N-Power volunteers are given devices with relevant content for continuous learning, to facilitate their ability to successfully implement the selected vocation and enable them take ownership of their lives.

No fewer than 10,000 non-graduates in the N-Build category have been trained in 23 States. Many have started their own training in the skill centres that have been audited and found fit for purpose in the remaining 15 States. Graduates and non-graduates are eligible to participate in the scheme

The N-POWER Junior has the objective of fostering a future for young citizens where creativity and innovation find expression. The N-Power Junior Programme targets one million children in primary

and secondary schools. The programme will be administered during regular school hours and not as an after-school programme with 3,000 N-Power Volunteers selected and trained

National Home Grown School Feeding Programme

The main objective of the programme was to provide one nutritious, balanced meal each school day to 5.5 million pupils in classes 1 to 3 in public primary schools. School children are the primary target.

In addition, the programme has developed a value chain by creating jobs for the cooks and ensuring a sustainable income for small holder farmers, thereby creating a ripple effect in the rural economy. The end goal is to increase enrolment rates by mopping up the huge numbers of out-of-school children while tackling early year malnutrition.

The National Home Grown School Feeding Programme was initially designed to target 5.5 million school children. This programme has exceeded its target by 50 percent as at June 2018.

The National Cash Transfer Programme

The programme provides targeted monthly cash transfers of N5,000 to poor and vulnerable households, with the ultimate aim of graduating them out of poverty. Beneficiaries are continuously supported, mentored and coached to form savings groups by trained community facilitators in every ward, who visit them weekly to provide capacity building training on life skills and basic financial knowledge, as well as nutrition, hygiene and sanitation information. An additional N5,000 would be given to families who meet the conditions that are determined by the States as priorities, once the supply side of the conditions are provided and functional. Livelihood training is also provided.

Payment of beneficiaries is happening in 20 States, to 297,973 caregivers; being trained by 2,495 community facilitators. The motto is: Reaching Out to Our Poor and Vulnerable. One Household at a Time.

Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme, "Trader Moni"

Providing access to finance and sustainable financial inclusion are the basic objectives and focus. It provides financial support and training to

TraderMoni Uplifts Traders

businesses at the bottom of the financial pyramid. Millions of businesses are expected to receive micro-lending. They include traders, women cooperatives, market women, enterprising youth, farmers, and agricultural workers. Interested persons can apply online on (www.boi.ng/marketreg), as well as through paper application forms to be collected at the BOI, the State Focal Person, the State Ministries of Trade, Commerce or Women Affairs.

It is a 6-month loan tenor of between N10,000 and 100,000, with a moratorium of 2 weeks. Successful applicants are paid directly and membership in a cooperative or association is mandatory. The leadership of these cooperatives must assure credibility and timely payment. There is no collateral interest element. The prerequisites for applying for a GEEP loan are the setting up of cooperatives (as a pressure group), the opening of an account and the acquisition of a BVN. Applicants must also have a business location. An administrative fee of 5% is paid to the aggregators and agents who are recruited to recover the loans from successful applicants.

There are 3.56 million potential beneficiaries and 1.15 million traders have received their loans. Real-time information from the Abuja call centre of BOI indicate that N11.5 billion has been disbursed as at December. Records also showed that 51.3 %of the beneficiaries are females while 48.7% are males. When Nigerians Appreciate Social Investment Scheme.

While politicians have criticized direct distribution of cash to market traders, several individual beneficiaries and Non- Governmental-Organizations have commended the Federal Government's National Social Investment Programme.

New Watch for Assessment and Monitoring Initiative, NWAMI, at its quarterly meeting at Ikeja, Lagos, said the government has done relatively well in touching lives through the investment initiative, which was established in 2016 to tackle unemployment, poverty and hunger across the country.



Special Adviser to the President on Social Investments, Mrs. Maryam Uwais.

The National Secretary of NWAMI, Mr. Olajide Ogundiran, told newsmen that an assessment conducted between January 2017 and June 2018, indicated that beneficiaries are spread across the 36 states including the FCT, Abuja. He maintained that the selection process of beneficiaries was transparent, unbiased, efficient and all-inclusive irrespective of tribal, religious or political affiliations.

"We spoke with people across Nigeria to sample their views on the investment programme. The beneficiaries we interviewed were selected from the educational, health and agricultural sectors," said Ogundiran.

Also, in focus was the FG's initiative on one meal per day to cover a minimum of 5.5 million school children in primary 1-3, under the National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme. "In the area of education, we discovered that professional teachers and graduates of other disciplines were deployed to public schools to teach. Judging from the students' results of schools sampled in Lagos, Abuja, Ogun, Edo, Ebonyi, Akwa Ibom and Kano states, it showed a positive impact of the newly-engaged teachers.

Some programme beneficiaries have reported their impressions as follows:



Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, on a visit to a grains market in Abuja.

Nigerians Express Appreciation

Lydia Moses, HGSFP Cook in Yola

My name is Lydia Moses. I am speaking on behalf of the previously unemployed women in the state who are now beneficiaries of the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme, which became possible by the efforts of the Buhari Administration.

We are saying a big thank you to you, Your Excellency. Prior to the commencement of the programme, our children were unstable in school, but now they are encouraged by the school feeding programme and we are grateful for this initiative. There are other areas that we, as cooks, and the children are benefiting from the programme.

Talatu Duniya - CCT beneficiary in Yola

We thank you very much for this initiative and idea that God has given you. You ensured that this administration's programmes will not be complete without the welfare of the poor. You remembered the poor and ensured that in all that you are doing as a government, the poor people are carried along.

I pray that you will continue with this laudable programme.

Juliet Amos, CCT beneficiary in Michika LGA

We are happy and grateful to this government for the activities and programmes they have initiated because these programmes have helped us so much.

The stipend that I get from this programme, I have used it to start a business that has thrived and from which I pay my children's school fees.

Therefore, I pray that God should help the present government actualise whatever it has set out to

achieve next year so that they will continue to help people through their programmes.

Glory Franklin - GEEP-Micro-credit beneficiary in Demsa LGA

I am here today to thank you for the support this government has given us following our appeal for support to improve our small businesses.

Before now, we have not been able to successfully do any business, especially for those of us in Adamawa, men and women. You cannot get a loan of N1,000 from anyone, not to talk of N5,000. But within a short time of your coming, your government remembered us.

You deliberated and thought that your government should assist the poor, empower traders to develop their businesses so that we can rise to support our children, our families and their entire community.

It was in this light that your government gave us loans varying from N10,000 to N50,000, and we have enjoyed this support because through it we have catered for our children's education and the businesses we invested in are still thriving.

Our appeal is that this support should be increased so that we can further grow our businesses and improve the support for our families; because if you empower a woman, you are indeed empowering the entire society.

Our Testimonies

Khalid Atahir - GEEP beneficiary in Yola

We are grateful for what you have done for us in this state through this GEEP programme.

Since I was a child, I have never seen a government that will call the poor people, gather them together and give them money to invest in businesses of their choice, all in a bid to improve their wellbeing.

I am speaking here as a beneficiary and an agent for the GEEP beneficiaries. We are grateful to God for this government. I want to assure you that we the beneficiaries of the SIPs in Adamawa State are with this government 100 per cent.

Luka Yusuf - N-Power beneficiary in Yola

On behalf of Adamawa State N-Power, we want to appreciate the leadership of the Federal Government for the initiation of the N-Power programme.

It is the first time in the history of this country that we are having such a process that is free, fair and transparent. Somebody from a village will apply and get it directly without anybody's recommendation and it is on record that this is happening for the first in the history of our country. We are also praying that this programme should continue in our country. Some of us have become responsible citizens; we have families depending on us from the stipend we get through the programme.

I want to make a plea that the Federal Government initiates a process that will make this programme permanent.

Innocent Bala - N-Build Beneficiary

We wish to welcome the Vice President, the Jagaban, Adamawa State, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo. We wish to also use this medium to express our profound gratitude for the three months training of artisans in seven training centres in Adamawa State under the N-Build Programme. It was a great success as we have completed the three months.

We want to also solicit, on behalf of our colleagues and other youths out there who did not benefit



Vice President Yemi Osinbajo with officials of the Bank of Industry interacting with traders-beneficiaries of Trader Moni scheme.

from this segment, that Adamawa State should be considered for N-Build again. With what we have acquired, we believe that we can take up the challenges confronting the economic development of our dear country.

I wish to express our gratitude to the Federal Government, under the leadership of His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, ably represented here today by His Excellency, Prof Yemi Osinbajo, Jagaban Adamawa, for the opportunity given to us to develop our intellectual, as well as our moral capacity towards attaining independence as far as employment is concerned. We have received the essential capacity to face the challenges of unemployment in Nigeria.

This programme was meant for non-graduates; but many engineering graduates joined to get more practical knowledge and skills. I want to state here that 75 per cent of the knowledge I acquired in automobile as a mechanical engineering graduate is from N-Power programme.



Haulage Transporters Get Code of Practice

In a bid to find a lasting solution to incessant road crashes involving articulated vehicles, the Federal Government has rolled out a code of practice for practitioners in the haulage sector. An inter-ministerial committee to enforce the regulation was recently inaugurated by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr. Boss Mustapha.

Mustapha had in July promised the constitution of an inter-ministerial committee after an accident on the Otedola Bridge, in Lagos where no fewer than 12 people were killed after a petrol-laden tanker spilled its content. Records indicated that 54 vehicles were destroyed.

A few weeks after the incident, the SGF promptly convened a stakeholders meeting

to strategize on effective ways to get the road safety plan of the government working. He also assured of the full implementation of the Action Plan endorsed by President Muhammadu Buhari.

Mustapha recalled that the Federal Road Safety Commission had in 2015 convened a National Summit on Tankers and Trailers Haulage Operations to deliberate with stakeholders and proffer lasting solutions. The summit produced a Plan of Action on four issues, namely, Standards, Enforcement, Institutional Capacity and Legal.

The committee is therefore saddled with the implementation of an 18-point Action plan which was the outcome of a recent national consultative forum of stakeholders

Transporters Get Code of Practice

on haulage transportation in Nigeria.

Mustapha expressed government's concern on the safety of Nigerians on the roads, hence the constitution of the committee which will also implement policies on environmental safety and the certification of haulage vehicles at check points.

“Government firmly believes that an effective implementation of the agreed resolutions will help checkmate the wanton mishaps involving haulage vehicles on Nigerian roads,” he said.

He disclosed that some of the policies to guide the

activities of the committee included the mandatory certification of all haulage vehicles, a ban on the importation of haulages vehicles exceeding as from January, as well as the installation of standard speed limiters.

The policy stipulated areas of government support for the establishment of Fleet Acquisition Renewal Scheme.

Mustapha noted that government has also signed five international conventions and agreements on road safety. “The benefits which included uniformity in traffic regulations towards ensuring high level of safety and protection of the

environment, and prescription of high level of safety measures for the transport of hazardous materials”, he stated.

The Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Mr. Olusegun Adekunle stated that the committee was set up to reinvigorate haulage transport business in Nigeria.

He said the FRSC met with Tanker Body Fabricators in Nigeria to ensure minimum standards guidelines are adhered to in the fabrication of tanker body parts, and introduced a standard checklist to be administered along the FRSC safe-to-load haulage program for wet and dry cargo in Nigeria.

CORPS TRANSPORT AND STANDARDIZATION OFFICE

Table 22: Comparative Summary of Fleet Operators' Travel

Quarterly Comparison	Fleet Operators Registered	Passenger Travelled	Vehicle Travelled	Luxury Bus Travelled	Advocacy Visit	Kilometres Covered
First Quarter, 2018	29	23,822,762	1,778,310	10,813	11,584	636,739,922
Second Quarter, 2018	14	20,877,526	1,617,813	11,500	12,897	597,843,217
Third Quarter, 2018	58	16,080,100	1,252,199	9,659	12,267	470,325,987

Table 23: Comparative Summary Of RTC Involving Fleet Operators

Quarterly Comparison	Number Of Cases	Number Killed	Number Injured	Total Casualties	Number Of Persons Involved
First Quarter, 2018	68	64	378	442	810
Second Quarter, 2018	86	78	431	509	866
Third Quarter, 2018	81	100	400	500	946

Source: FRSC

Mustapha Warns Public Officers Against Graft

...after receiving report on NHIS

The Federal Government is averse to corrupt practices, especially in the civil service, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, has warned.

Mustapha, while receiving the report of the presidential committee on the National Health Insurance Scheme, NHIS, noted with disappointment the indiscipline in some government parastatals even as he expressed government's intolerance for corrupt practices among public officers.

He assured the committee and the public that the report will get requisite attention in a bid to restore order and discipline in the NHIS and deliver quality health care to Nigerians.

"I receive this report with deep sense of appreciation and I assure you that the report would be expeditiously processed for implementation, let me also assure you that the decision of government on the recommendation will be made public at the appropriate time," he said.

The panel, inaugurated on November 2, last year, and saddled with examining all governance issues bedeviling the scheme, was given two weeks to submit its report. The SGF said its tenure was extended "due to the nature of the work and the need to address core issues on a lasting basis."

He also restated government's commitment to ensuring good working relations between the boards and managements of its agencies while ensuring that unfettered day-to-day operations.

The Chairman of the Committee Dr. Bukar Hassan said the panel among other things examined all allegations as they relate to administration, financial management and procurement.

"The report contains set of recommendations which may be considered short, medium and long term. It is our belief and aspiration that our recommendations as contained in the report will go along with in repositioning the scheme as they proffer solutions to the challenges that have hindered the scheme in achieving objectives from which it was established," he said.

The panel was saddled with probing the alleged infringements listed by the NHIS Governing Council in a letter dated 18 October, 2018 and determine the extent of culpability or otherwise of the Executive Secretary as regards the allegations against him.

Other members of the panel are Dr. Emmanuel Meribole, Mr. Adewale Owolo, Mr. Shamsudeen Bello, Mr. Ishaq Yahaya, Dr. Ekanem John Udoh and Mrs. Jummai Idakwo.



Some participants at the OSGF event in commemoration of the International Volunteers Day.

VOLUNTEERISM PROMOTES INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, SAYS MUSTAPHA

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, has called for stronger collaboration in volunteerism to complement government's reach in rural areas.

He was addressing stakeholders at an event to mark the International Day of Volunteerism in Abuja, where he praised efforts by volunteers nationwide in critical sectors of the society.

Globally, every December 5 has been designated by the United Nations to provide avenue for individuals and stakeholders involved in volunteerism to promote their contributions to nation building.

Mustapha recounted the enormous achievements and contributions of volunteers in Nigeria, and noted it was a good thing government and the people could count on volunteers to drive development and growth in the remote communities.

His words: "In the face of dwindling national incomes, government is limited and financially

constrained to solve all pressing human challenges. It is therefore important to seek other ways of complementing government efforts and providing opportunities for people to participate in activities that will make their communities a better place to live."

The various areas of volunteer intervention, he noted, should include education, environment, sanitation, health, vocational training and empowerment as well as conflict resolution.

"It is when volunteers are seriously engaged in these forms of volunteer activities in the rural communities that resilient communities are built and sustained", he explained.

He also encouraged young people to identify with volunteerism and make it a way of life and culture instead of engaging in social vices.

"The benefits of participating in volunteerism is enormous and cannot be overemphasized; individuals, societies and nations stand to be greatest beneficiaries," said Mustapha.

FG PARTNERS TRADITIONAL INSTITUTION TO ELIMINATE DRUG ABUSE



SGF, Mr. Boss Mustapha in a warm handshake with the Chairman, Northern Traditional Ruler's Council Sub-Committee on Drug Abuse, Gbong Gwom Jos, Da Jacob Buba Gyang during a courtesy visit by the committee to the SGF in Abuja.

The Federal Government has reiterated its readiness to partner with institutions and agencies to checkmate the prevalence of drug abuse among young people.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr. Boss Mustapha, while receiving the Northern Traditional Ruler's Council Sub-Committee on Drug Abuse which paid him a courtesy call recently, praised the Council for constituting a sub-committee and intensifying advocacy against drug abuse among Northern youths.

He said the royal fathers' visit was to present their concerns over the worrisome cases of drug abuse, especially in the North and across the country. He also advocated a cooperation between the government and the traditional institutions, in order to achieve the desired result.

The SGF further charged them to engage in advocacy campaign as a mechanism that makes the youth and the adult to see the dangers inherent in taking hard drugs, adding that it will dissuade those prone to indulging in this destructive activity.

Gbong Gwom Jos and chairman of the

committee, Da Jacob Buba Gyang, described drug abuse as a social problem with many taking to criminal activities. He said the royal fathers have deemed it fit to partner with the Federal Government since this menace can only be fought in collaboration with government.

They also promised to work with government to proffer useful solutions on these challenges, and stressed that the issue of drug abuse has become so prevalent that the future of the youth and adult alike is at risk. He called on government to help the committee by looking critically at the possible solutions that will be recommended by the committee.

Others members of the committee are His Royal Highness, Alh. (Dr.) Muhammad Attahiru Ahmad, the Emir of Anka, His Royal Highness, Alh. (Dr.) Najib Hussaini Adam, the Emir of Kazaure, His Royal Highness, Alh. (Dr.) Muhammad Zaiyyanu Abdullahi, the Emir of Yawuri, His Royal Highness, Achiaku Niyiyongo, Paramount Ruler, Vandeikya, His Royal Highness, Alh. (Dr.) Kabiru Musa Ibrahim, the Emir of Azare and His Royal Highness, Muhammad Ibn Shehu, Masta II, the Shehu of Dikwa.



Fed Gov't Seeks International Coalition to Fight Human Trafficking

The Federal Government has called for international coalition to stem the tide of human trafficking and illegal migration globally.

The Secretary to Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, at this year's commemoration of the day against Human Trafficking in Abuja, emphasized the absoluteness of freedom of movement as a fundamental human right of all human beings, including illegal migrants.

He decried the current trend among Nigerians who defy all odds to migrate across the Mediterranean in search of greener pastures even as he promised renewed efforts to mitigate economic hardships cited by migrants as reason for traveling.

While recounting measures to reduce the social menace, he reiterated government's resolve to completely eradicate the crime against humanity, adding that with stiffer penalties now in place, all defaulters

would be brought to book.

The strategy to combat this crime must work across all borders, languages, culture and religious beliefs and the need to build and expand the network across law enforcement and civil society.

This government has a deep understanding of the clear and present danger that human trafficking posits to human security in Nigeria.

"The government of President Muhammadu Buhari expects that state parties, even beyond those who are signatories to the United Nations Conventions against transnational organized crime must effectively demonstrate political will to defend and enforce the principles of the convention to the letter", he counselled.

The SGF affirmed that the uniformity of laws against human trafficking will ensure an effective system to track and prosecute defaulters.



President Muhammadu Buhari with members of the Ministerial Steering Committee and Presidential Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Drug Abuse.

War Against Drug Abuse is Inevitable- Marwa

As Nigerians prepare for the 2019 polls, the Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Committee for the Elimination of Drug Abuse, Brig. Gen, Buba Marwa, rtd, has appealed to politicians to desist from supplying youths with drugs and hard substances in the desire to use them to perpetrate violence during the elections.

Marwa, at a media parley organized in partnership with the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation in Abuja, spoke on the mandate of the committee which is expected to explore sustainable strategies in curtailing the spread of drug abuse and addiction nationwide.

The committee is finalizing plans to launch a War Against Drug Abuse, WADA, a national campaign similar to the War Against Indiscipline. "We are actually in a war

against drug abusers because it is central to all the problems with this country today. This new war will go down to the grassroots so that people will take ownership at the community level until we wrestle it firmly to the ground and kill it," Gen. Marwa said.

Describing the magnitude of what he termed as the root cause of all violent activities in Nigeria, Gen. Marwa said the committee is faced with the challenge of reducing the demand and supply channels in the grassroots, especially among those who take drugs but are not addicts yet.

The Chairman explained that government was yet to criminalize drug abuse, although it has declared a war against it that should be fought by everyone.

He lamented the dearth of medical



The Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Committee for the Elimination of Drug Abuse, Brig. Gen, Buba Marwa, rtd, with other members of the committee during a press conference in Abuja.

WADA is Coming Soon

psychiatrists in Nigeria and the inadequacy of rehabilitation centers across the country even as he disclosed plans by the Federal Government to establish 36 additional rehabilitation centers to fill existing gap.

The committee advocated stringent monitoring of drug supply mechanism and the entire chain of narcotics distribution. It warned against complacency and the danger of Nigeria experiencing a “generational problem”.

“There can be no drug abuse without drug supply and demand, we must monitor the supply and demand sides of the illegal drug consumption. We will partner with the NDLEA, NAFDAC, and the Ministry of Health to map out the supply side. The most worrisome part is the demand side, we have only 11 rehabilitation centers in Nigeria, and about only 200 psychiatrists”, said Marwa.

He urged the public to shun stigmatization of addicts and psychiatrists because “they are gradually becoming an endangered group of professionals,” he said.

The 27-man committee hinted on an upcoming partnership with the National Youth Service Corps to train corps members across the country on counselling and advocacy in a bid to fully involve everyone in the campaign against drug abuse.

A former Director-General of the NDLEA, Mr. Lanre Ipinmisho, who is a member of the committee, suggested the involvement of the household to lead the campaign against narcotics abuse. He disclosed that the committee might explore mandatory drug testing for public and private workers, in a strategy to deter unwilling drug users.



FG Recognizes Private Investment to Improve Ports Infrastructure

The Federal Government recognizes the strategic importance of a vibrant ports infrastructure. That is why it has embraced the Public Private Partnership with state, local governments and relevant stakeholders to ease movement to and around the ports.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha who disclosed at the Nigerian Shippers Council Night of Appreciation in Lagos, expressed optimism that the ports will soon be totally free of congestions and other impediments.

Mustapha said that government was resolute on transforming the transport

sector as a crucial part of the economy, and called for an independent regulation of the sector through an appropriate regulatory framework.

He disclosed that government is strengthening the inland roads to provide access to the inland dry ports, as part of efforts towards modernization and standardization of transport infrastructure.

He described transportation as the cornerstone of civilization and development, creating linkages between people and places.

The SGF also called for a total reform of the transport sector to enable it compete favorably with transport systems worldwide.

“There is need to establish or delineate a body, to regulate the sector and provide technical oversight for the provision of transport services, monitor compliance of government agencies and service providers with relevant legislation for efficient operations through consolidation, removal of duplicity and regulatory functions of public agencies.

“The transport industry sector reform should aim at unbundling the existing tripartite role of public agencies as investors, operators and regulators, as well as create a robust and well-resourced multi-sector for the industry”, said Mustapha.



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION

STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM FOR HAULAGE OPERATORS IN NIGERIA WHICH HELD ON MONDAY, 9TH JULY, 2018 AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION PLAN OF ACTION

Introduction

Arising from the recent Road Traffic Crash (RTC) on Otedola bridge of the Lagos-Ibadan expressway where over 55 vehicles were burnt and multiple fatalities recorded, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation convened a consultative forum of all stakeholders from the private sector and Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies on Monday, 9th July, 2018 at the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Shehu Shagari Office Complex, Abuja.

The objective of the forum was to evolve an all-inclusive strategy that will bring about a lasting solution to the menace of RTCs involving haulage and other related vehicles on Nigerian roads. At the end of the meeting, the following Action Plan was endorsed for immediate implementation.

PLAN OF ACTION

i. Mandatory certification of all haulage vehicles to be carried out twice in twelve calendar months;

ii. Importation of haulage vehicles exceeding ten years (10) from date of manufacture would be stopped with effect from 01/01/2020;

iii. Standard speed limiters must be installed in all haulage vehicles in Nigeria;

iv. Tankers without safety valves and the required number plates will henceforth be disallowed from loading;

v. The Safe-To-Load programme would continue to be enforced by relevant Agencies at all loading points;

vi. Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and other relevant Agencies should immediately harmonize operating safety requirements at all Tank Farms;

vii. Periodic checks of haulage vehicles must be carried out at relevant loading points;

viii. Payment of National Transportation Allowance (NTA) and bridging claims to tanker operators will henceforth be contingent on compliance to minimum safety standards;

ix. Single operators of haulage vehicles MUST be duly registered with National Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO) and comply with RTSSS provisions;

x. FRSC should establish appropriate command and control centers to monitor and ensure safety on the highways;

xi. Continuous public enlightenment by FRSC and other relevant stakeholders should be conducted at all loading points of haulage vehicles and their Rest Areas;

xii. Federal Highways (Control of Dimensions, Weights and Axle Load of Heavy Duty Goods Transport Vehicles) regulations(2018) will be enforced;

xiii. Loading limits as approved by Government will be enforced;

xiv. Government will work closely with the Bank of Industry and other financial institutions towards the establishment of a Fleet Acquisition Renewal Scheme for haulage operators;

xv. Haulage vehicles conveying hazardous materials must be clearly labeled in conformity with the highway code;

xvi. The Forum endorsed the convocation of bi-annual meetings in order to sustain Government engagement with stakeholders to exchange ideas and share information for the sustenance of safer road management in the country;

xvii. The Forum equally agreed that an Inter-Ministerial Stakeholders Committee should be set-up to ensure the effective implementation of the Plan of Action; and

xviii. The Inter-Ministerial Stakeholders Committee must brief Government on the progress of the implementation of the Plan of Action on a monthly basis.

BOSS MUSTAPHA
Secretary to the Government of the Federation
9th July, 2018

AT THE 2018 MERIT AWARDS



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...dedicated workforce

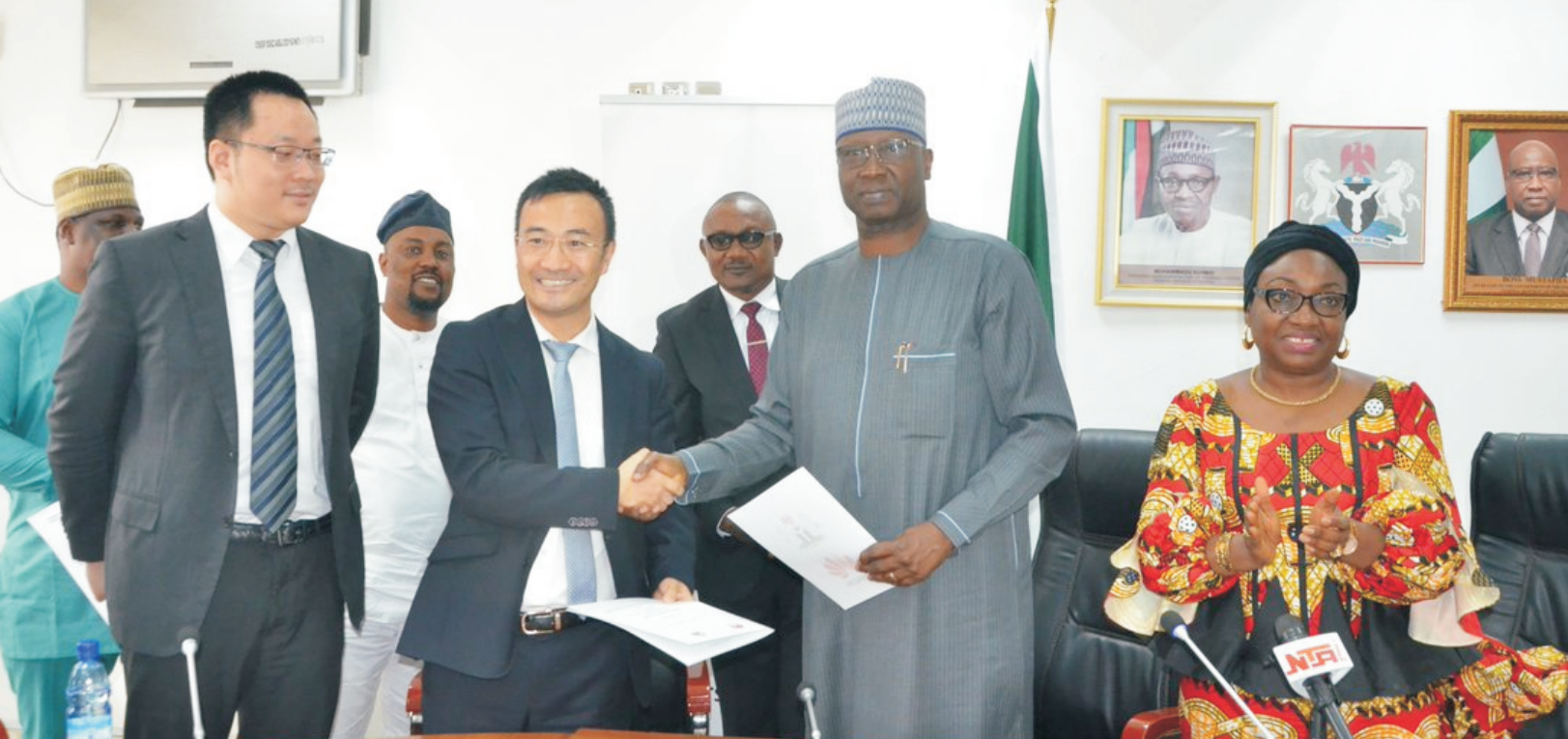


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...deserving workforce



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SGF, Mr. Boss Mustapha and HOS, Mrs. Winifred Oyo-Ita with officials of Huawei Technologies at the flag-off of ICT for Change Scheme, organised to train civil servants.

MORE CIVIL SERVANTS SET TO RECEIVE ICT TRAINING

Efforts to make federal civil servants ICT complaint has received a boost recently when the SGF, Boss Mustapha, flagged off the second phase of the ICT for Change Programme.

Following the success of the first phase of the capacity building programme powered by Huawei Technologies, the next phase is geared towards equipping civil servants with ICT knowledge to meet the demands of the digital economy transformation.

Mustapha, who disclosed that the training sessions would be conducted at Huawei Training Centres in Abuja and Lagos, added that only public servants below the age of 55 years would be trained during this phase.

"This programme shall be jointly anchored by Huawei Technologies Nigeria Limited and Galaxy Backbone. Participants will be empowered with basic ICT skills to enable

them handle the increasing demand for digital economy transformation, e-governance, and smart city management.

"This phase of the programme will commence with the constitution of an implementation task team comprising officials from the OSGF, OHCSF, Galaxy Backbone and Huawei Technologies," he explained.

He said the team would handle selection of suitable officers across MDAs, monitoring and reporting as well as post training evaluation of the programme. It is recalled that the Federal Government recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Huawei Technologies Limited to train and empower 1,000 federal civil servants across MDAs, under the second phase of the ICT for Change Programme.



FED GOV'T WARNS DRIVING SCHOOLS ON FRAUD IN LICENSE SCHEME

The Federal Government has issued a stern warning to operators of driving schools breaching rules on acquisition of driving license and sabotaging the activities of the national Driving School Standardization Programme, DSSP.

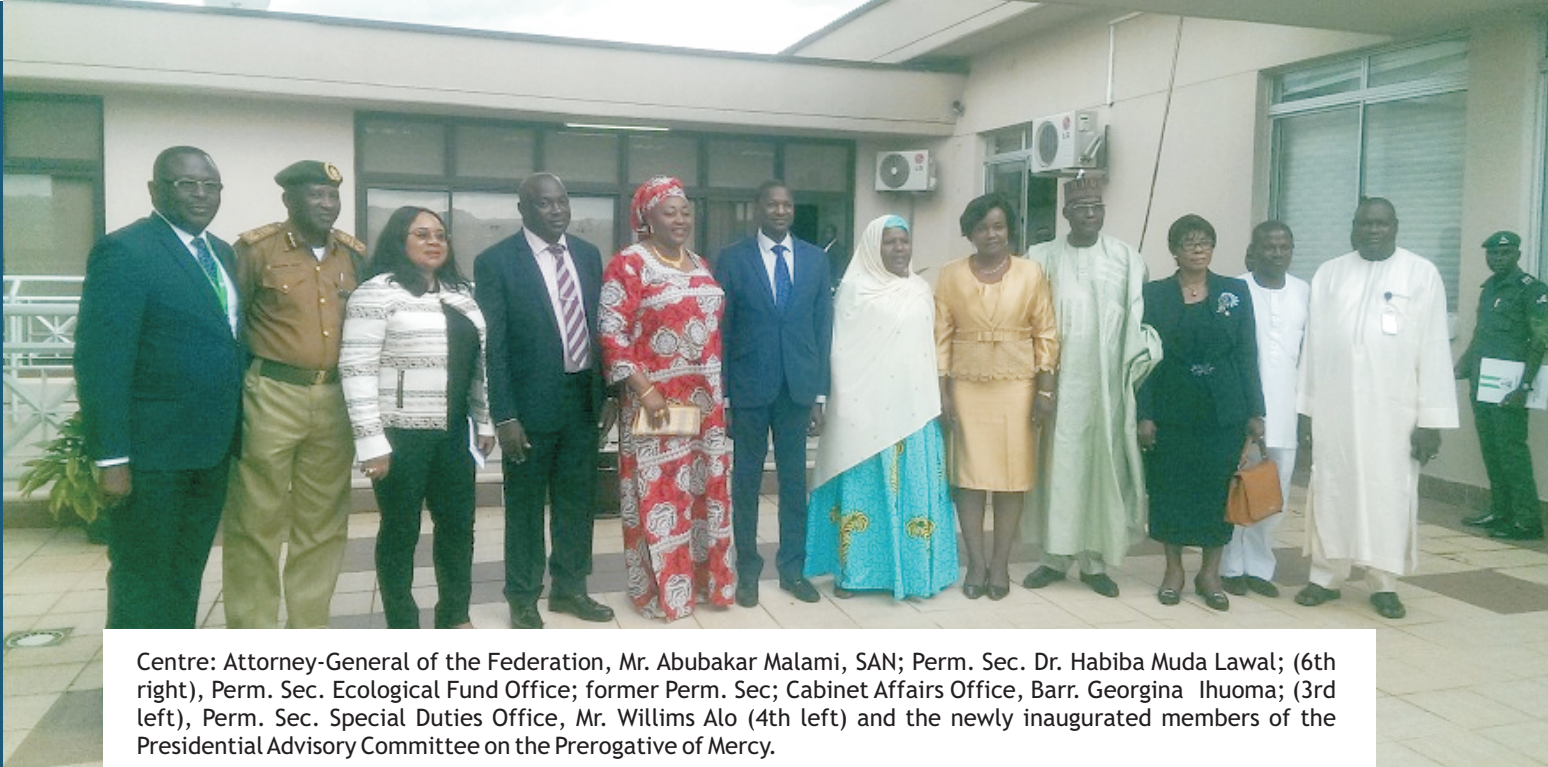
The government said it was aware of the activities of these fraudulent elements and was poised to weed them out.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss

Mustapha, gave this commitment at a national workshop for driving school operators in Abuja where he also tasked road users to protect road infrastructures.

"Let me warn that government is aware of the conduct of some driving school operators who are deliberately sabotaging the DSSP through breaches on its portal for access to clients who did not pass through the processes for driver's licensing;" said Mustapha. He emphasized that motorists must be

continually trained, certified and avoid negligence on the roads. "It is the duty of every citizen to protect government property because they belong to all of us, collectively. The Corps is advised to continue to carry along the Nigerian public towards improvement in service delivery", he said. He affirmed government's continuous effort in the development of the transport sector through the improvement of the nation's road network and infrastructure.



Centre: Attorney-General of the Federation, Mr. Abubakar Malami, SAN; Perm. Sec. Dr. Habiba Muda Lawal; (6th right), Perm. Sec. Ecological Fund Office; former Perm. Sec; Cabinet Affairs Office, Barr. Georgina Ihuoma; (3rd left), Perm. Sec. Special Duties Office, Mr. Willims Alo (4th left) and the newly inaugurated members of the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy.

MERCY COMMITTEE WILL AID PRISON DECONGESTION -Mustapha

The Federal Government has raised a Presidential Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy.

The body is charged with identifying prisoners and ex-convicts deserving pardon as stipulated by Section 175 of the 1999 Constitution.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr. Boss Mustapha, said the committee was established to assist the President in the discharge of his constitutional responsibility of pardoning prison inmates.

Mustapha, who was represented by the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mr. Abubakar Malami, lauded the inauguration of the committee and described it as a viable means of decongesting the prisons.

The SGF stated that the implication of the Presidential Pardon or prerogative of mercy granted to a citizen is to wipe out not only the sentence or penalty, but the conviction and all its consequences.

"Your job is very necessary for this will

support the dispensation of justice and the decongestion of prisons across the country.

The inauguration today and subsequent meetings will fast track the process of visiting the prisons and identifying those who needed to be pardoned and those to be granted clemency or have their sentences overturned", he emphasized.

The Permanent Secretary, Special Duties Department, OSGF, Mr Alo Williams described the Presidential Prerogative as an act of grace, proceeding from the power entrusted with the execution of the laws, which exempts the individuals from the punishment the law inflicts for a crime the individual has committed.

Members of the committee are: The Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation, Permanent Secretary, Special Duties, OSGF, the Inspector General of Police, a representative from Human Rights Commission, representatives of both Christian and Islamic faiths, a representative of Nigerian Prisons Service, and four other members from selected MDAs.

Senator Nyako Bemoans Poor Funding of Federal Projects

The Chairman, Senate Committee on Special Duties, Senator Abdul`Aziz Murtala Nyako has blamed the poor execution and monitoring of government projects on delayed funding even as he canvassed early presentation of annual budget estimates.

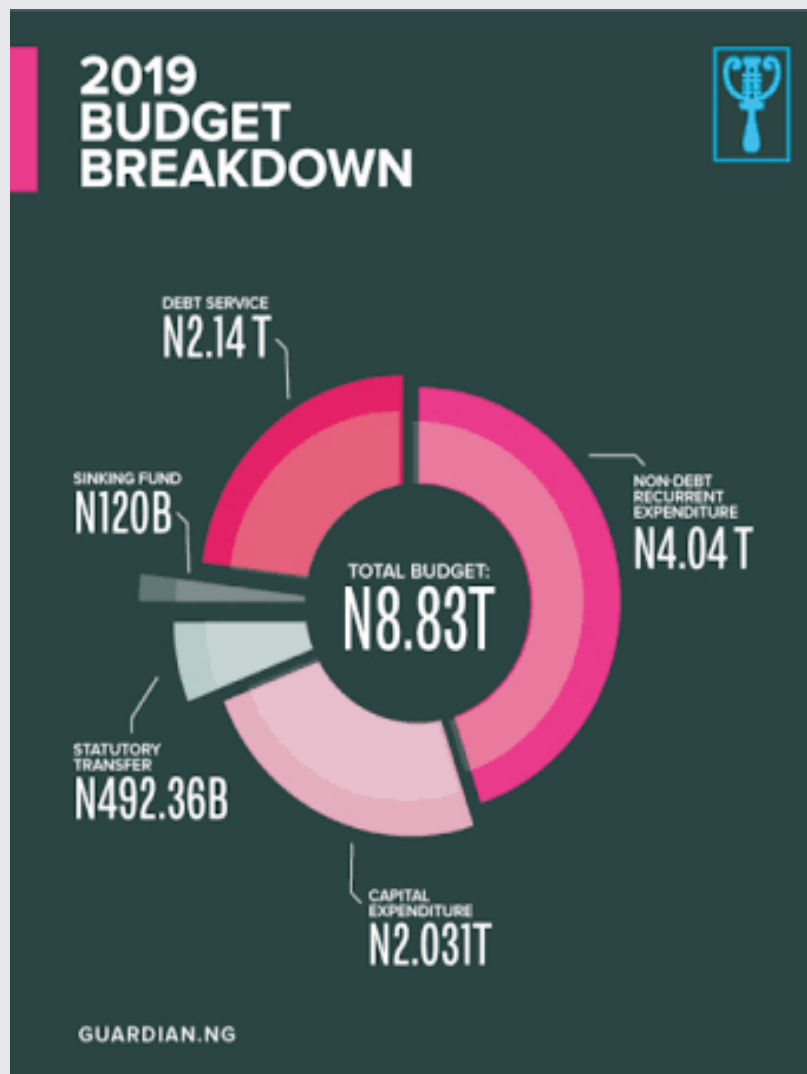
Shortly after an oversight visit to the Special Duties Office in Abuja, Senator Nyako the committee desired to keep abreast of the performance and the implementation of the 2017 budget and monitor how the funds appropriated to the agency were being utilized.

He expressed satisfaction on the judicious utilization of the resources allocated to the office and urged the SDO to fast track implementation of projects as this year's release was much lower than last year, noting that only 10% of the budget was released recently.

The Permanent Secretary, Special Duties Office, Mr. William Alo, expressed concern on the under-performance of the 2017 budget owing to inadequate and poor release of funds.

"Due to limited funds, instead of awarding contracts, the agency prioritized its activities and critically reviewed areas of needs such as monitoring of constituency projects, FEC approved projects, website management, establishment of a library amongst other projects," he said.

He thanked the Committee and his team for promoting transparency and good governance, even as he described the visit as a demonstration of the theory of separation of powers between the executive and the legislative arm of government.



INFOGRAPHICS SOURCE: The Guardian.

SGF Seeks Special Attention for Persons With Disabilities

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha has canvassed that persons with disabilities be given special attention to shield them from cumbersome voting process during the elections.

The SGF made the appeal on the occasion of the International Day for People with Disabilities in Abuja while restating the Federal Government's commitment to providing an inclusive environment for people living with disabilities across the country.

He also called on Nigerians to eschew discrimination against those physically challenged, insisting that they are an important segment of the society with equal rights.

"All levels of government and every one of us have a role to play in ensuring that every person with disability is given equal opportunity to realize his or her potential and contribute to national development", the government scribe emphasized.

He recalled that November 3, every year, was set aside to remind countries to commit to inclusiveness, equity and sustainable development.

Mustapha disclosed that Nigeria was on the right path, with the affirmative action in recruitment policy to ensure



Presentation of gift by SGF, Boss Mustapha to a physically challenged staff of the OSGF, Mr. Chigbo Chinweiku B. at events to mark the International Day for People with Disabilities.

that five per cent of declared vacancies are reserved for people with disabilities.

While accepting that there are many physical barriers and hostile situation impeding them from attaining great heights socially and economically, he promised that once the Bill on Discrimination against People with Disabilities, currently in the National Assembly, is passed they will have their rightful place in the society.

"As we mark this day, I wish to specially celebrate the thousands of persons with disabilities who have distinguished themselves in various walks of life as

professionals, academics etc.

"Other area where government is promoting inclusiveness for persons with disabilities is in the implementation of the building code to make design and construction of public buildings friendlier to persons with physical disabilities", Mustapha disclosed.

Furthermore, he said that the government's seriousness in attaining an inclusive society prompted the conduct of a baseline survey of persons with disabilities in the civil service, to ascertain the strength of physically challenged persons in the Federal Civil Service.



Left: Aaron Enojo Ochole, son of the former Minister of State, Labour and Employment, Late James Ochole receiving property document from Perm. Sec. (GSO) Mr. Olusegun Adekunle; with them is the Legal Adviser in the OSGF, Mr. Emmanuel Akissa.



Late Ochole

OCHOLI'S FAMILY Gets Property Title

The Federal Government has formally presented a 4-Bedroom Terrace house to the family of late James Ochole, the former minister of state, labour and employment, who died in service. The house is located at Dutse, Apo Resettlement District, Abuja.

This is to fulfil a promise made to the family of Ochole following the demise of the former minister, his wife and son along Kaduna-Abuja highway on 6 march, 2016.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr. Boss Mustapha, who made the presentation, explained that the property and other promises to the Ochole family was in recognition of late minister's contribution to the nation.

"Though the family has occupied the property, the transfer of the title has just been formally done, and such has given an impetus to the legal possession of property", the SGF explained.

The SGF who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, General Services Office, Mr. Olusegun Adekunle, said that other promises made to the family have been fulfilled. The scholarship award to the Ochole children who are of school age and full employment to those who have graduated have been fulfilled.

Aaron Enojo Ochole, the eldest child, expressed appreciation to the Government and President Muhammadu Buhari for the fulfillment of promises by government.



SGF Boss Mustapha commemorating the International Day for People with Disabilities with some physically challenged staff in Abuja.

Nigeria Steps Up Nuclear Energy Operations

In another development, Federal Government has concluded plans to improve Nuclear Energy operations in Nigeria, with the aim of utilizing it to drive growth and development in the health and power sectors of the economy.

With the recent conversion and integration of advanced Nuclear Research projects embarked upon by the Nigerian Atomic Energy Agency, government expressed optimism that Nigeria was on the right path to harnessing the full potentials of nuclear technology.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha disclosed this, in his address at the opening ceremony of the 9th IAEA Technical Meeting on Conversion of Miniature Neutron Source Reactors in Abuja.

He noted that “For growth and development Nigeria would continue to collaborate with the IAEA and other international partners in the pursuit of energy for technology advancement in the area of health care delivery, food and agriculture, energy and power.”

Mustapha who was represented by the Permanent Secretary political and economic affairs, Gabriel Aduda, said Nigeria would continue to sustain collaboration with the international community to ensure peaceful application of nuclear energy.

The Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria was contracted to manage the research project, with international collaboration from the USA, China and the IAEA.



SHOCKING FACTS ABOUT SITTING



Your body's ability to process insulin is affected by just 1 day of excess sitting, thereby increasing risk of diabetes.



When your body's sedentary for long, the brain slows down because of lesser fresh blood and oxygen.



Good cholesterol drops by 20% after just two hours of sitting down.



An hour of daily exercise is not enough to fight ill-effects of sitting all day.



People who sit for more than 23 hours/week are at increased risk of heart disease.

2018 Merit Award at OSGF

NOMINATIONS FROM OSGF AND ITS AGENCIES

S/N	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	CATEGORIES		
1	PS (Mines and Steel Dev. Formerly PS (CAO, OSGF)	MERIT AWARD FOR LONG SERVICE IN THE CABINET SECRETARIAT, OSGF Mrs. Georgina Ehuria Permanent Secretary (Mines & Steel Dev.) Former Permanent Secretary (CAO, OSGF)		
2		CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE (a) Dr. Roy Ugo Rtd. Permanent Secretary (GSO & CAO) (b) Amb. Aminu Nabego Rtd. Permanent Secretary (SSO)		
		Junior	Senior	Outstanding
3	OSGF (Ecological Fund Office)	Mohammed Fatima	Haruna Jeremiah	
4	OSGF (GSO)	Usman Jibrin	Yusuf Shaibu	Nasiru Y Gadzama
5	OSGF (CAO)	John Adeleye Adewoye	Pwol Stephen Dareng	Emmanuel Akissa
6	OSGF (SSO)	Zubairu Hamza Taura	Olutayo M. Olaoye	
7	OSGF (SDO)	Okozi Ifechukwude Augustine	Ianden Francis Nkumavega	
8	OSGF (PAO & E)	Bukola A.	Sulaiman Muhammad Audu	
9	National Commission for Refugees Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons	Aisha Digil	Ms. Joyce N. Opara	
10	National Identity Management Commission (NIMC)	Onihenla Abolaji Abideen	Abiodun Yusuf	
11	Federal Road Safety Commission	Julius Olalekan Awe	Ferdinand Oluwasfunsho Armah	
12	Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission	Manji Yarling	Adeyinka Iyanda	

2018 Merit Award at OSGF

NOMINATIONS FROM OSGF AND ITS AGENCIES

S/N	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	CATEGORIES	
13	National Hajj Commission of Nigeria	Alhaji Ado Mustapha	Abbas Ademule Jinadu
14	New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)	Abubakar Mustapha	Theresa Okoroafor
15	National Agency for the Control of AIDS	Blessing Gloria Ogodo	Francis Agbo
16	Fiscal Responsibility Commission	Tiohn Nyiste Aondona	Ugoh Chiemerem Uzoma
17	Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC)	Ikwenobe Ethigiator Andrew	Mrs. Safiya Suleiman Alhassan
18	National Lottery Regulatory Commission	Abbas Lawali	Oluyemisi Fasan
19	Nigeria National Merit Award (NNMA)	Mr. Abubakar Salihu	Mr. Osu Adamu Agbas
20	Service Compact with all Nigeria (SERVICOM)	Mr. Ogbonna Udu	Mr. Clement Dogara
21	Nigeria Christian Pilgrim Commission	Mr. James E. Bamidele	SonnyEbiyaibo
22	National Pension Commission		
23	Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission	Danladi Ibrahim	Justina Bunmi Boardman
24	Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative	Alhassan Bako	Asmau Dahiru Maibe
25	Border Communities Development Agency (BCDA)	Mr. Stephen John Atagozawanyin	Mrs. Jilmari Mala Thlawur
26	National Lottery Trust Fund (NLTF)	Musa Aliyu	Abdullahi Ibrahim

OFFICES UNDER OSGF AND THEIR PERMANENT SECRETARIES

S/N	OFFICE	PERMANENT SECRETARIES
1.	General Services Office	Olusegun Adeyemi Adekunle
2.	Political & Economic Affairs Office	Aduda Gabriel Tanimu
3.	Ecological Fund Office	Dr. (Mrs.) Habiba Muda Lawal
4.	Cabinet Affairs Office	Mr. Ugbeda Bello Usman (Ag. PS)
5.	Special Services Office	Dr. (Mrs.) Amina Shamaki, mni
6.	Special Duties Office	William Nwankwo Alo
AGENCIES UNDER THE OSGF AND THEIR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS		
1.	National Identity Management Commission	Engr. Aliyu Aziz Abubakar
2.	National Pension Commission	Mrs Aisha Dahir- Umar
3.	Federal Road Safety Corps	Dr. Boboye Olayemi Oyeyemi, mni, MFR
4.	Nigerian Christain Pilgrim Commission	Rev. Tor Uja
5.	Fiscal Responsibility Commission	Barr. Victor Muruako
6.	National Hajj Commission of Nigeria	Barr. Abdullahi M. Mukhtar
7.	National Lottery Trust Fund	Malam Bello Maigari
8.	National Agency for the Control of Aids	Dr. Sani Aliyu
9.	Nigeria National Merit Award	Prof. Shekarau Yakubu Aku
10.	National Lottery Regulatory Commission	Lanre Gbajabiamila
11.	Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission	Prof. Simon P. Mallam
12.	New Partnership for African Development	Mrs. Gloria Akobundu
13.	National Commision for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons	Sadiya Umar Farouq
14.	ServiCom	Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli
15.	Federal Character Commision	Mr. Abayomi Sheba
16.	Mobilization, Allocation & Fiscal Commission	Engr. Elias Nwalem Mbam
17.	Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI)	Waziri Adio
18.	Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC)	Engr. Chidi K. C. Izuwah (Snr)
19.	National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission	High Chief Richard Egbule, KSM
20.	Border Communities Development Agency	Capt. Junaid Abdullahi

THE MINISTERIAL STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DRUG ABUSE

MEMBERSHIP

i.	Secretary to the Government of the Federation	Chairman
ii.	Honourable Minister of Health	Member
iii.	Honourable Minister of Education	Member
iv.	Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports	Member
v.	Honourable Minister of Women Affairs and Social Dev.	Member
vi.	Honourable Minister of Finance	Member
vii.	Honourable Minister of Budget and National Planning	Member
viii.	Honourable Minister of Justice	Member
ix.	Honourable Minister of Information and Culture	Member
x.	Honourable Minister of Labour and Employment	Member
xi.	Permanent Secretary (General Services Office)	Secretary

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- a. Integrate Drug Abuse issue into extant Government policies and new initiatives;
- b. Provide strategic direction and guidance on drug abuse issues;
- c. Serve as a linkage between the Federal Government and other entities;
- d. Synchronize and translate Government policies into implementation plan; and
- e. Promote necessary executive legislative action.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DRUG ABUSE

MEMBERSHIP

I.	Brig.Gen. Mohammed Buba Marwa (Rtd) OFR	Chairman
ii.	H.E, Wife of the President, Mrs. Aisha Muhammadu Buhari	Member
iii.	H.E, Wife of the Vice President, Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo	Member
iv.	The Chairperson, Northern Governors' Wives' Forum	Member
v.	The Chairperson, Southern Governors' Wives' Forum	Member
vi.	H.E, Mrs. Adejoke Orelope-Adefulure	Member
vii.	Rep. of OSGF	Member
viii.	Rep. of Nigeria Customs Services	Member
ix.	Rep. of NAFDAC	Member
x.	Rep. of NDLEA	Member
xi.	Rep. of Nigeria Police	Member
xii.	Rep. of UNODC	Member
xiii.	Rep. of National Orientation Agency	Member
xiv.	Rep. of Federal Ministry of Health	Member
xv.	Rep. of Federal Ministry of Education	Member
xvi.	Rep. of Federal Ministry of Youth & Sports	Member
xvii.	Rep. of Federal Ministry of Justice	Member
xviii.	Rep. of Federal Ministry of Information & Culture	Member
xix.	Rep. of Federal Ministry of Labour & Employment	Member
xx.	Rep. of Federal Ministry of Women Affairs & Social Dev.	Member
xxi.	Rep. of Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs	Member
xxii.	Rep. of Christian Association of Nigeria	Member
xxiii.	Nigerian Bar Association	Member
xxiv.	Prof. Oluwatoyin Odeku	Member
xxv.	Dr. Mohammed Kamal Abdurrahman	Member
xxvi.	Dr. Abubakar Jimoh	Member
xxvii.	Dr. Mairo Mandara	Member
xxviii.	Mr. David K. Gende, Director, PRS (OSGF)	Secretary

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Examine and understand the roles and responsibilities of all Stakeholders involved in the fight against drug abuse;
- Ascertain the extent to which each stakeholder has been able to play its role/discharge its responsibilities;
- Propose a working arrangement/framework for effective implementation of drug abuse related activities in accelerated manner; and
- Make recommendations to the Federal Government on sustainability of interventions needed to eliminate drug abuse in Nigeria.



TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON ROAD HAULAGE OPERATION

A. **STANDARDIZATION**

- i. Mandatory certification of all haulage vehicles twice in twelve calendar months
- ii. Importation of haulage vehicles exceeding ten years (10) from date of manufacture stopped with effect from 01/01/2020
- iii. Harmonization of operating safety requirements at all farms
- iv. Registration of single operators of haulage vehicles with National Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO) and compliance with RTSSS provisions.

MEMBERS

- I. Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) - Team Leader
- ii. Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)
- iii. Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation(OSGF)
- iv. Federal Ministry of Finance
- v. Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment (Weight and Measurement Department)
- vi. Federal Ministry of Transportation
- vii. Nigeria Customs Service (NCS)
- viii. Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)
- ix. Department of Petroleum Resources(DPR)
- x. National Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO)
- xi. National Union of Petroleum and Tanker Drivers (NUPENG-PTD)
- xii. National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDCC)

B. **ENFORCEMENT**

- I. Installation of standard speed limiting device in all haulage vehicles in Nigeria
- II. Prohibition of Tankers without safety valves and the required number plates from loading
- III. Enforcement of Safe-to-Load programme at all loading points
- IV. Periodic checks of haulage vehicles at relevant loading points
- V. Payment of National Transportation Allowance (NTA) and bridging claims to tanker operators based on compliance to minimum safety standards.
- VI. Establishment of appropriate command and control centers to monitor and ensure safety on the highways.
- VII. Enforcement of Federal Highways (control of dimensions, weights and axle load of heavy duty goods transport vehicles) regulations (2018).
- VIII. Proper labeling of haulage vehicles conveying hazardous materials in conformity with the highway code.
- IX. Utilization of Truck Transit parks in Nigeria.

MEMBERS

- i. Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)-Team Leader
- ii. Federal Ministry of Interior
- iii. National Security Adviser
- iv. Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)
- v. Depot and Petroleum Product Marketers Association of Nigeria (DAPPMAN)
- vi. National Association of Road Transport Workers (NARTO)
- vii. National Association of Petroleum and Tanker Drivers (NUPENG-PTD)
- viii. Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR)
- ix. Petroleum Equalization Fund (PEF)
- x. Nigeria Shippers Council
- xi. Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA)
- xii. Nigeria Police Force (NPF)
- xiii. Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON)
- xiv. Directorate of State Security Services (DSSS)
- xv. Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA)
- xvi. Jetty Owners and Petroleum Tank Farm Owners Association of Nigeria
- xvii. Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA)
- xviii. National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW)
- xix. Representative of Lagos State Government
- xx. Mr. EmekaNwankpa
- xxi. RTEAN

TRAINING

- i. Training and re-training of drivers and motor boys
- ii. Training of Tank Farm Officials/ Officers
- iii. Continuous public education at all loading points of haulage vehicles and their rest areas.

MEMBERS

- i. Major Oil Marketers Association of Nigeria (MOMAN) -Team Leader
- ii. Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (OSGF)
- iii. Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)
- iv. Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)
- v. Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON)
- vi. National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC)
- vii. Dangote Group
- viii. National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW)
- ix. Road Transport Employers' Association of Nigeria (RTEAN)
- x. Nigeria Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO)
- xi. Petroleum Tanker Drivers Branch (NUPENG-PTD)
- xii. Association of Maritime Truck Owners (AMATO)
- xiii. Jetty Owners and Petroleum Tank Farm Owners Association of Nigeria
- xiv. Depot and Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (DAPPMAN)
- xv. Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources

- xvi. National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW)
- xvii. Representative of Lagos State Government

FINANCING

- i. Construction of weigh bridges and Tankers/Trailers' parks
- ii. Establishment of a Fleet Acquisition Renewal Scheme for haulage operators by the government in collaboration with the Bank of Industry and other financial institutions.
- iii. Device ways and means of financing the action plan.

MEMBERS

- i. Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) -Team Leader
- ii. Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (OSGF)
- iii. Federal Ministry of Finance
- iv. Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)
- v. Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning
- vi. Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment (Weight and Measurement Department)
- vii. Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)
- viii. Nigeria Shippers Council
- ix. Dangote Group
- x. Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA)
- xi. Petroleum Equalization Fund (PEF)
- xii. Securities and Exchange Commission
- xiii. Federal Ministry of Environment
- xiv. National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW)
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– SGF, Boss Mustapha

Consistency is the hallmark of a great leader. You say what you'll do. And you do exactly as you've said.

You've matched your consistency with good vision. You've said that Nigeria, under your watch, will be great. Like the great leader you've always been, you're leading the charge from the front in spite of grave distractions and gang-ups. We, your followers, are proud to join you to build a united and prosperous Nigeria.

As you attain the 76th year landmark, we pray that your strength be renewed. When the job is done, posterity will know that **President Muhammadu Buhari** did his best for Nigeria the way only a true patriot could have.

Happy Birthday, Mr. President.

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is the Secretary to the
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Its Christmas period and it is a time where families, friends, and well wishers come together to wine and dine. As it is, Christmas celebration will not be complete without good food, however looking at healthy foods for a change during this yuletide period will be beneficial to your health. Here are healthy foods to consider this Christmas season.



BOILED PLANTAIN WITH VEGETABLE is one dish you can consider this Christmas. Sure your family members and guests will be thrilled to have something

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different.

You can prepare **EGG SAUCE** in different ways. You can add chopped pumpkin leaves to give a unique taste to the dish. Your guest will definitely ask for more.



NIGERIAN SALAD is one dish that can be served as a full meal or a side dish. It can also be made in a whole lot of different ways with different types of vegetables such as lattose, moringa, cabbage, etc.

FISH PEPPER SOUP is another dish that can be enjoyed this Christmas season. Vegetable can be added to the soup to make it more healthy and colourful.



BEANS PORRIDGE is a traditional West African recipe that can be added to our Christmas meal. It can be eaten with plantain, yam or bread. Vegetables can also be added to it for healthy living.



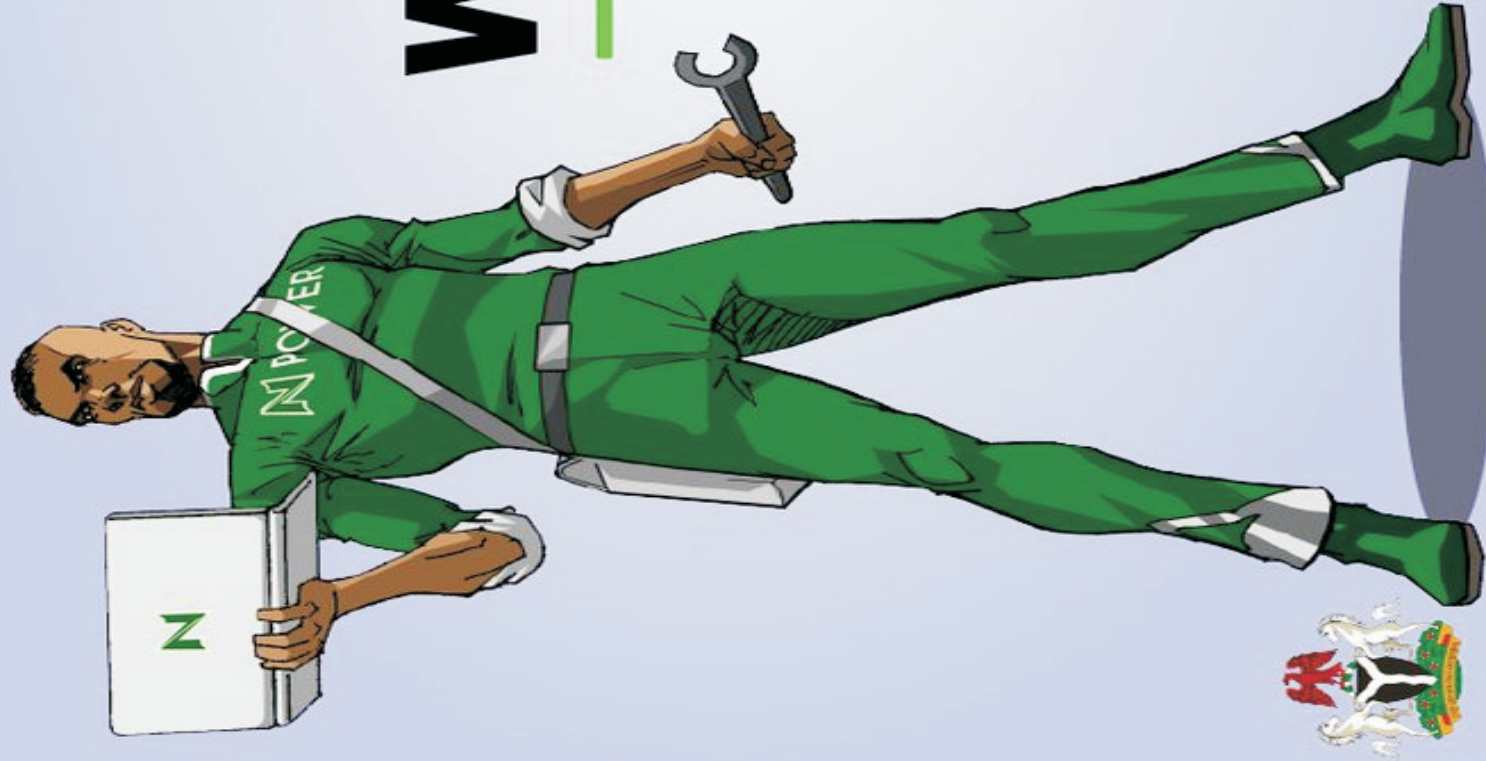
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