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Editorial

Community Impact Programme (CIP): *Our Intervention Scheme as Corporate Social Partnership (CSP)*

In this 29th edition of our magazine, the Service has chosen to focus attention on the Community Impact Programme (CIP) introduced at the inception of KW-IRS as an intervention scheme for the State. This position of the Service was arrived at after a careful study of the residents' expectations from the State Government for them to support the re-invigoration of tax administration in the State.

As it has become well known, our CIP Interventions are specifically targeted at education, environment, enterprise, empowerment and

employment. Looking back at the various projects that the Service has embarked upon in the last three years, and the various accolades that have followed those projects, one can say the CIP is most appropriate Corporate Social Partnership for the Service and the State.

What we have been able to do with the CIP interventions is to demonstrate good fate to the residents, particularly the taxpayers that the taxes collected on behalf of the State Government will be judiciously utilized. To ensure that the various CIP projects are directed rightly, particularly in the future, we set up at the beginning of the year, a department for Community Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM). This department has been saddled with the responsibility of interacting with the community and bringing, first hand, information on areas of needs for possible intervention in line with our CIP focus.

More importantly, the department is also given the responsibility to monitor the implementation of projects, and the sustainability of projects executed. It has therefore been a worthy venture for us at the Service to have this quick intervention programme in place, which is very unique in our drive to revenue mobilization. Our purpose of dedicating this particular edition to the CIP is to be able to properly document these projects, and also propel the residents for continued support and patronage in the symbiotic relationship of '*mobilizing revenue for the strategic development of Kwara State.*'

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service has taken the pain to extend the Corporate Social Responsibility theory beyond responsibility to Corporate Social Partnership through the Community Impact Programme of the Service.

It is indeed three years of Corporate Social Leadership and Corporate Social Partnership in the drive for revenue growth for Kwara State. We therefore look forward to more fruitful and rewarding relationship with all our taxpayers as we move into the fourth year of the reformed Kwara State Internal Revenue Service.

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Muritala Awodun, PhD
Executive Chairman
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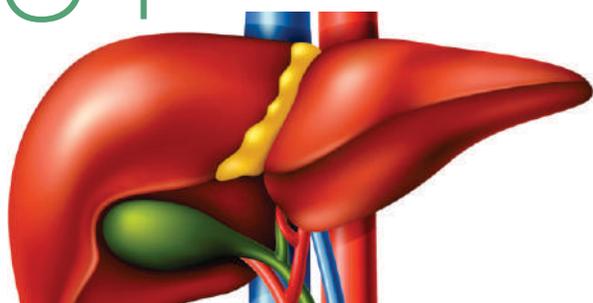
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3 YEARS OF GIVING BACK TO THE SOCIETY

Olufemi Oguntokun

INTRODUCTION

Gorporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a voluntary commitment of a company or an organization to the immediate community it finds itself. It is an effort of such organization to improve society in some ways. Many organizations engage in CSR to improve the quality of life of the people, enhance its public image, increase media coverage, and to gain the trust or acceptability from the community. CSRs do not have to be a luxurious project, but it must address the basic need of the host community.

In Nigeria, due to paucity of resources, many communities are incapable of providing adequate basic social amenities for their immediate environment. These communities rely on government to provide basic facilities which are enormous for government to execute at the same time. Therefore, the dependence on government to provide all the needs of communities is becoming unrealistic considering the low federal allocation and Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) of many governments. This is where organizations come to play significant roles to compliment the efforts of the communities and the government in areas of needs. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) therefore allows organizations to contribute their quota for the society.

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ENVIRONMENT

JANUARY 2016	Evacuation of dung at the Ipata Market Abbatoir, Ilorin
MAY 2016	Evacuation of Dirt at Alapa Market, Ilorin
JUNE 2016	Drilling of Borehole at Ago Market, Ilorin
JUNE 2016	Drilling of Borehole at Alapa Market, Alapa
JULY 2016	Patching of Roads at Moro LGA
JULY 2016	Funding of overhead tank and borehole at Orisunmibare, Ilorin
JULY 2016	Clearing of Drainage at Tanke-University Road, Ilorin
JULY 2016	Construction of Ultra-Modern Toilet facility at Ago Market, Ilorin
AUGUST 2016	Drilling of Borehole at Oke-Ose Abbatoir, Ilorin
AUGUST 2016	Clearing of Irewolede- Asa Dam road Drainage, Ilorin
AUGUST 2016	Road Patching at Tanke-University Road, Ilorin
AUGUST 2016	Perimeter fencing at Kara Market, Ajase Ipo
SEPTEMBER 2016	Reconstruction of Drainage at Market Road, Kaiama
SEPTEMBER 2016	Road Patching at Adabata, Ilorin
SEPTEMBER 2016	Drainage cleaning at Asa-Dam- Geri Alimi Road
NOVEMBER 2016	Clearing of Gegele Market Drainage, Ilorin
DECEMBER 2016	Clearing of Mandate Market, Ilorin
JANUARY 2017	Clearing of Drainage at Taiwo Road, Ilorin
FEBRUARY 2017	Clearing Drainage at Pakata Road, Ilorin



Sanitation Exercise



Cleaning of Alapa Market



Patching of Tanke Road, Ilorin



General Road Cleaning



Patching of Tanke Road, Ilorin



1st Tax Club Prize



1st Tax Club Prize



Patching of Tanke Road



Clearing of Drainage



Donation of Transformer



Donation of Bore Hole Facility



Donation of Transformer

FEBRUARY 2017	Installation of the Idi Igba Were Transformer, Ilorin
FEBRUARY 2017	Clearing of Yoruba Road Market, Kulende Market, Ipata Market, Baboko Market, Mandate Market, Ilorin
MARCH 2017	Clearing of Water-View Road Drainage, Ilorin
AUGUST 2017	General Cleaning of all Major Market in Kwara State by all KW-IRS Staff
DECEMBER 2017	Clearing of dunk hill at Eyekorin Market, Asa Local Government
JANUARY 2018	Renovation of Marriage Registry, Ministry of Women Affairs, Ilorin
FEBRUARY 2018	Clearing of drainage at Tipper Garage to Unilorin Tanke Road, Ilorin
FEBRUARY 2018	Clearing of drainage at Yoruba Road Market, Ilorin
MARCH 2018	Donation of Transformer to Ayedun Community, Oke-Ero LGA
APRIL 2018	Drilling of Borehole at Alagbado Community, Ifelodun, Ilorin East
JUNE 2018	Donation of Transformer to Budo-Oke Community, Asa Local Government
JUNE 2018	Donation of Transformer to Eyekorin Community Asa Local Government
JULY 2018	Donation of Borehole to Eyekorin Community, Asa Local Government
JULY 2018	Donation of Borehole to Budo-Oke Community
JULY 2018	Donation of Borehole to Patigi Market, Patigi Local Government

JULY 2018	Clearing of Oke-Ero Central Market
AUGUST 2018	Donation of fund to support Ministry of Youth & Sport to renovate NYSC Orientation Camp, Yikpata

EDUCATION

APRIL 2016	Kitting of primary school pupils with uniforms sandals and bags in 4 LGAs (Asa, Ifelodun, Irepodun, and Ilorin South)
APRIL 2016	Distribution of school bags and senior secondary school entrepreneurship textbooks to all tax club students
MAY 2016	Distribution of sandals to pupils in 4 LGAs (Asa, Ifelodun, Irepodun, and Ilorin South)
MAY 2016	Distribution of school bags in 4 LGAs (Asa, Ifelodun, Irepodun, and Ilorin South)
MAY 2016	Scholarship awarded to tertiary education secondary school student writer, Ilorin
JUNE 2016	Tax club quiz competition
AUGUST 2016	Endowment prizes to best Graduating students in (KWASU, Unilorin, Landmark, & Al-Hikmah Universities & Kwara poly sponsorship of production of Kwarapoly 23 rd convocation proceedings)
SEPTEMBER 2016	Endowment prize to Best Graduating Student in Al Hikmah University, Ilorin
MAY 2017	Distribution of exercise books to schools in Kwara North (Edu, Kaiama & Ilesha Baruba)
NOVEMBER 2017	Distribution of sanitary towel and checking of blood pressure level among selected Secondary Schools in Kwara Central
NOVEMBER 2017	Donation of furniture to GSS, Omu Aran and Ilofa Grammar School, Ilofa
NOVEMBER 2017	Distribution of entrepreneurship text book to all student Government Girls Day Secondary School (GDSS) Oko Erin
NOVEMBER 2017	Renovation of a block of Two classrooms at Government Girls Day Secondary School, (GDSS) Oko Erin



Kitting of Primary School Pupils



Winner of 1st Tax Club Quiz Competition





Fixing of Children Specialist Hospital Ceiling



Donation to Offa Community



Perimeter fencing of Kara Market, Ajase-Ipo



Donation to NURTW, Kwara State Chapter



Donation to RTEAN, Kwara State Chapter



KW-IRS Staff cleaning Alapa Market

FEBRUARY 2018	Distribution of school bags among students in Kwara North Kaiama, Edu & Ilesha Baruba
FEBRUARY 2018	Endowment prize to Best Graduating students at Kwara State University 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018
MARCH 2018	Sponsored the symposium on pastoralists and crop farmers held at KWASU
JULY 2018	3 RD Annual Tax Club Quiz Competition (1st Round)
JULY 2018	Endowment prize to Best Graduating Student at Roemich International School
JULY 2018	Sponsorship of the University of Ilorin Tax Club's First Colloquium
AUGUST 2018	Project of the 2017 Tax Club Quiz Competition winners

EMPOWERMENT

AUGUST 2016	Cash donations to affected shop owners of the burnt shops at Baboko Market
SEPTEMBER 2016	Cash Donation to Ilorin Emirates Physically Challenged Group
AUGUST 2017	Empowerment of physically challenged individuals in Kwara State
SEPTEMBER 2017	Donation of cash as working capital to those whose shops were affected by fire again at Baboko Market, Ilorin
MARCH 2018	Donation of Vehicles to National Union of Road Transport Worker (NURTW) Kwara State
MARCH 2018	Donation of Generator Set to Road Transport Employer Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) Kwara State

EMPLOYMENT

	DIRECT EMPLOYMENT
2015	42
2016	544
2017	138
October 2018	136

ENTERPRISE

AUGUST 2016	Donation to the Reconstruction of burnt Owode Market, Offa
AUGUST 2016	Reconstruction of 40 Burnt shops at Baboko Market in Ilorin West LGA
SEPTEMBER 2017	Reconstruction of another 40 Burnt Shops at Baboko Market in Ilorin West LGA



BEFORE (The Renovation of 40 burnt shops at Baboko)

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service's Community Impact Programmes and tax payment advocacy have enhanced performance for the past 3 years of operation. The taxpayers have positively responded to their civic responsibilities which has been greatly instrumental to the Service generating N17.4 billion in 2016, N19.6 billion in 2017 and in 9 months of 2018, N16.12 billion.



AFTER (The Renovation of 40 burnt shops at Baboko)

The Service in its capacity will continue to touch lives and communities as its Corporate Social Responsibility, as we appeal to you to continue to play your part, we will surely play our part, just remember, our tax can do more if we all contribute.





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KW-IRS SET TO BE THE FIRST STATE IRS TO BE ISO CERTIFIED

– Dr Awodun

Bolaji Abdullahi



R-L: Mr Segun Olaniyi, Director, Special Duties, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun, Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Mallam Muhammed Sabi, Hon. Commissioner of Information and Communications

Dr Muritala Awodun, Executive Chairman, KW-IRS stated that capacity development has been the watchword of the Service as well as a strategy to sustaining the quality of service delivery. He further stated that KW-IRS has since inception placed value on several capacity building programmes with the latest of such programme being the processing of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certifications. He shared that the specific ISO certifications being processed are Quality Management System (QMS) and Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) certifications. He posited that

these certifications will place the Service on the pedestal of international standard for quality service and business continuity.

These statements were made while addressing the Press in the second quarter 2018 Media Parley event which held on 15 August 2018. Dr Awodun opined that holding of the media parley consistently is to ensure accountability to the people, and expressed satisfaction on the transparency and accountability displayed thus far.

The briefing, was centered on three major points which were revenue generation, sustainability of KW-IRS and the Community Impact Programme



Members of Correspondent Chapel Ilorin asking questions during an Interactive Session

(CIP) of the Service. He declared the revenue generated by the Service in the first seven months of 2018 as N11.66 Billion (Eleven Billion, Sixty-Six Million Naira) only.

In the area of sustainability, the Executive Chairman reiterated the activities of the service in the area of capacity building and establishment of international standard as the strategy to sustaining the value and integrity of the organization and its processes.

According to him, one of the methods KW-IRS has adopted to the give back to the society and impact positively in the lives of the residents of Kwara is the model tagged Community Impact Programme (CIP). This programme has helped the Service in the area of communal service and development interventions. The programme has touched several communities across the 3 senatorial districts in Kwara State and has helped in the mobilization of revenue in the State by fostering acceptance of the Service by the people.

Dr Awodun on enquiry from the Press mentioned some of the projects embarked on in the year so far which has included donation of transformers, distribution of school bags and books to pupils, drilling of bore holes, clearing of drainages and refuse dumps, and tax club quiz competition in

KW-IRS had adopted the giving back to the society model tagged as the Community Impact Program (CIP). This program has helped the service in the area of communal services and development.



Cross Section of Journalists at the event

secondary schools, among several others.

Earlier in his opening remarks, Mallam Muhammad Sabi, the Honorable Commissioner for Information and Communications expressed his pleasure in the performance of KW-IRS since the inception of the Service. He described the activities of the Service as representative of the protection of the interest of the people of Kwara State and the country at large.

The Commissioner said that the Ministry of Information and Communications (MOIC) held KW-IRS in high esteem from the unprecedented performance recorded and the various dealings together. He also gave credence to the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed for establishing KW-IRS as the vital organ in the State that has made accountability and transparency its watchword, which is what gave rise to holding quarterly media sessions.



Dare Akogun of SOBI FM making his contribution



Members of Nigeria Union of Journalists at the event



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L-R: Head of Corporate Affairs, Mrs Habibah Aiyelabegan, Deputy Director, Internal Audit, Mrs Omolara Ojulari, Director, MDAs, Mr Lekan Rotimi and Director, Legal and Enforcement, Barr., Lateef Okandeji

Kwara

Ranks 2nd in

Africa States'

Progress Report

Kwara State has been ranked second after Lagos in Nigeria in the latest Progress Report, titled 'The State of the States' released by Africa Report in its July/August, 2018 issue.

The Africa Report is an international publication of reference dedicated to African affairs and is the guide used by decision-makers to anticipate economic and political changes in Africa. The publication is relied upon due to the expertise of an independent editorial team in its surveys, sector reports and country focus published in each issue.

According to information on the Africa Report, the survey of Nigeria's 36 states using indices with regards to fighting poverty, providing access to electricity, facilitating business and raising local revenue. In terms of access to electricity, Kwara was ranked third, sixth in terms of number of internet users, while tenth in the ease of doing business. The State also ranked tenth in the poverty index. The summation of all the indices led to Kwara State being ranked overall second in Nigeria.



The revenue reform initiated by the Kwara State Executive Governor, Alhaji (Dr) Abdulfatah Ahmed has made it possible for Kwara to attain this remarkable feat. The establishment of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) by law in 2015 witnessed a change in the People, Process and Technology of revenue collection in the State.

In terms of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) per capita, Kwara ranked seventh out of the 36 states of the federation, and 10th on IGR collected. This rating is remarkable as Kwara in the past, rarely featured among states with high IGR. This feat was usually reserved for states like Lagos, Ogun, Rivers, Delta and Kano.

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KWIRS in its two years of operation successfully restructured the State's revenue collection and administration by blocking revenue leakages and significantly shoring up the State's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) without imposing new taxes. This consequently led to the exponential growth in revenue generation with growth since the inception of the Service.

In terms of change in IGR, according to the Joint Tax Board (JTB) and the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), IGR figures for all states' financial year 2014-2016, Kwara moved from the least at -43% in 2014/2015 to second during its IGR reform in 2015/2016, bringing the overall change in IGR of the state to about 173%. From the JTB/NBS figures, no State in the country has recorded such feat. Since 2016, Kwara State annual change in IGR has hovered around 14-16%, while Lagos stood at around 7-8% according to JTB/NBS.

In 2016, KWIRS generated a total of N17.4b IGR for the State, which is higher than the N7.2b the State realized in 2015. In 2017, the agency generated a total of N19.6b, recording a 13.82 per cent growth from the 2016 figures.

This increase in IGR performance led State Government to launch the Kwara State Infrastructure Development Fund (IFK), in September 2016 as a sustainable platform designed to finance infrastructure without reliance on federal allocation.

IF-K is financed through an initial N5 billion seed fund and a N500 million –

N530million monthly contribution from the State's IGR. Since its establishment, the State government has released over N13billion to contractors handling various road projects across the State. Furthermore, through IFK, more than 144.5km of roads have been constructed by the State Government while some are ongoing and are at various levels of completion.

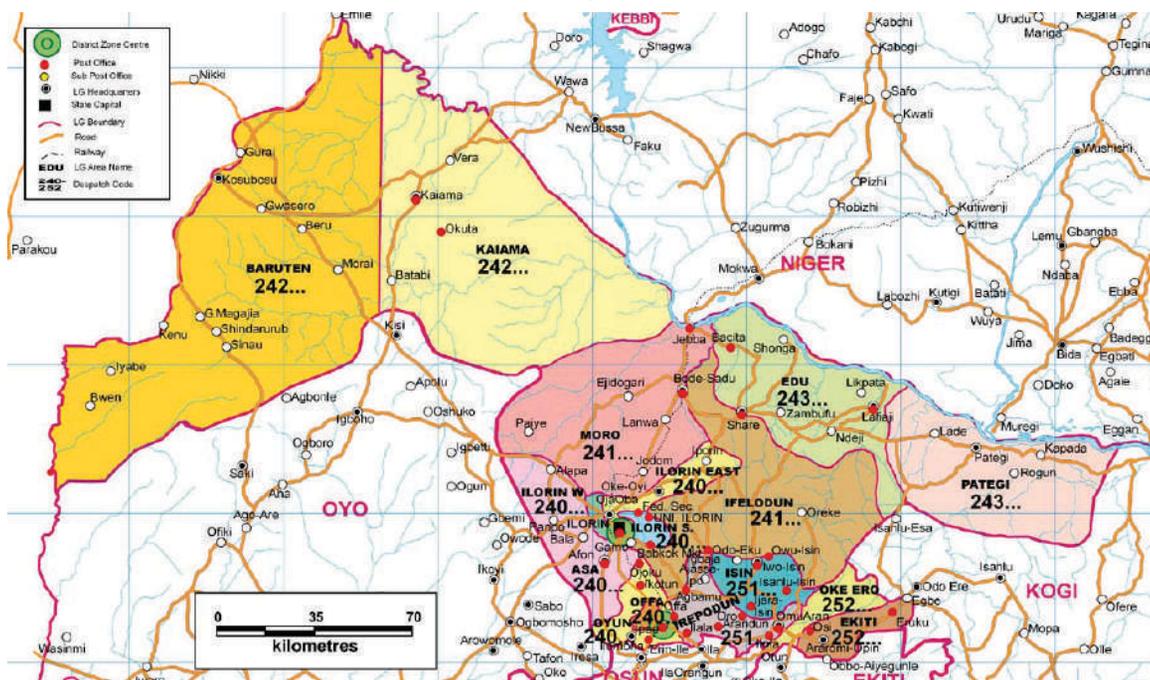
Some ongoing projects being funded under IF-K are the Geri-Alimi Diamond Underpass, Dualization of Sango-UIITH road, Ultra-modern Secretariat, Light-Up Kwara (LUK) Project, KWASU Campuses in Ekiti and Ilesha-Baruba, KWASU Post Graduate School in Ilorin, among others.

Given the above, it is therefore not a surprise that the Africa Report ranked Kwara State second among the 36 states of the federation using Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) as one of the indices.

Responding to the report, the Executive Chairman of KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun commended the Africa Report for the thorough research work. While

addressing the Management Team of the Service, he admonished the members to keep steadfast in the vision to mobilise revenue for the strategic development of Kwara State. He opined that while many might view the report as an indication of attaining success, we (staff of KW-IRS) should view it as evidence that hard work does not go unnoticed and an encouragement to do more.

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EDUCHILD 2018 PROJECT:

KW-IRS PARTNERS WITH NGO

Emmanuel Duntoye

The fundamental questions we need to ask ourselves are: What do we value in terms of the skills and knowledge our students need to have when they leave school? What sort of citizens do we want them to be? And what sort of world do we want them to create in the future?

The five-year-old boy or girl who started Kindergarten this year will be at University in 2030 and will spend most of their working lives in the second half of the 21st century. While it has always been the case that our schools hold the future within their classrooms, today's education system needs to set the foundations for these young children to thrive in life and be able to work in 2050 and beyond. It is highly plausible that these young children will be living in a world radically altered from our own because of the pace of change fashioned by advancing technologies. Therefore, future thinking – and planning for the future – matters more now than ever before.

On this background, and as part of the Community Impact Program (CIP) of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) to promote excellence in education, the Service in conjunction with Beautiful Hearts Network, a Non-Governmental Organisation, embarked on a life-changing project tagged, 'EduChild', supported by the Ministry of Education and Capital Development. This project is to inspire, educate and prepare students for a fulfilling future.

PROJECT SCOPE

The project started on the 26th of September, and it has been scheduled to cross across all the sixteen (16) Local Government Councils in Kwara State. In this first instance, sixty (60) Public Senior Secondary Schools would be



Head of Corporate Affairs, Mrs Habibah Aiyelabegan in an interview with the founder of Beautiful Hearts Network, Mrs Victoria Ogosi





visited in the first ten (10) weeks of the first term of 2018/2019 academic session in Kwara Central, Kwara South and Kwara North Senatorial Districts.

The objectives of the projects are to serve as an all-round guild to young people in order to help them discover and develop their inner self that is lying quiescent; to raise young people as future leaders; to serve as a platform to inspire hope and shape the perspective of children towards a fulfilling career and professional journey, and also reaffirm the readiness and commitment of the state to grass-root development as far as education is concerned, among others.

The programme facilitators would discuss Money culture, Peer and parental relationship, Career path and choice, Patriotism and moral values, Purposeful living, etc.

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The purpose of the project is a *S.H.I.R.T. acronyms corresponding with the core values of the Service

S=Shape a vision of academic success based on high standards for all Secondary School students in Kwara State.

H= Harness formal education with personal skill to create an atmosphere that is hospitable for safety, cooperative spirit and other foundations for prolific interaction.

I=Improve relationships with parents and peers and students to combat peer pressure in order to create a society devoid of social vices like drug abuse, hooliganism, thuggery, sexual assault, cultism, etc.

R=Revamp personal skill and talent of Secondary School students for 21st century local and global challenges while recognizing opportunities for job creation and purposeful living.

T= Train students to cultivate the spirit of leadership and teamwork for excellent performance.

PROGRAMME PLANS

General and Personal interaction with students: This is an avenue where students have the privilege to discuss with **EduChild** facilitators about issues that bother them ranging from academic problems to relationship issues.

Training sessions: This would focus on self-discovery, career path and choice, peer and parental relationship, patriotism, moral values, emotional and financial intelligence, purposeful living, values (responsibility, discipline, integrity etc.) etc.

Gifts presentation to selected students: Bulletins and Entrepreneurship Textbook,

*Service, Honesty, Integrity, Responsibility and Trust

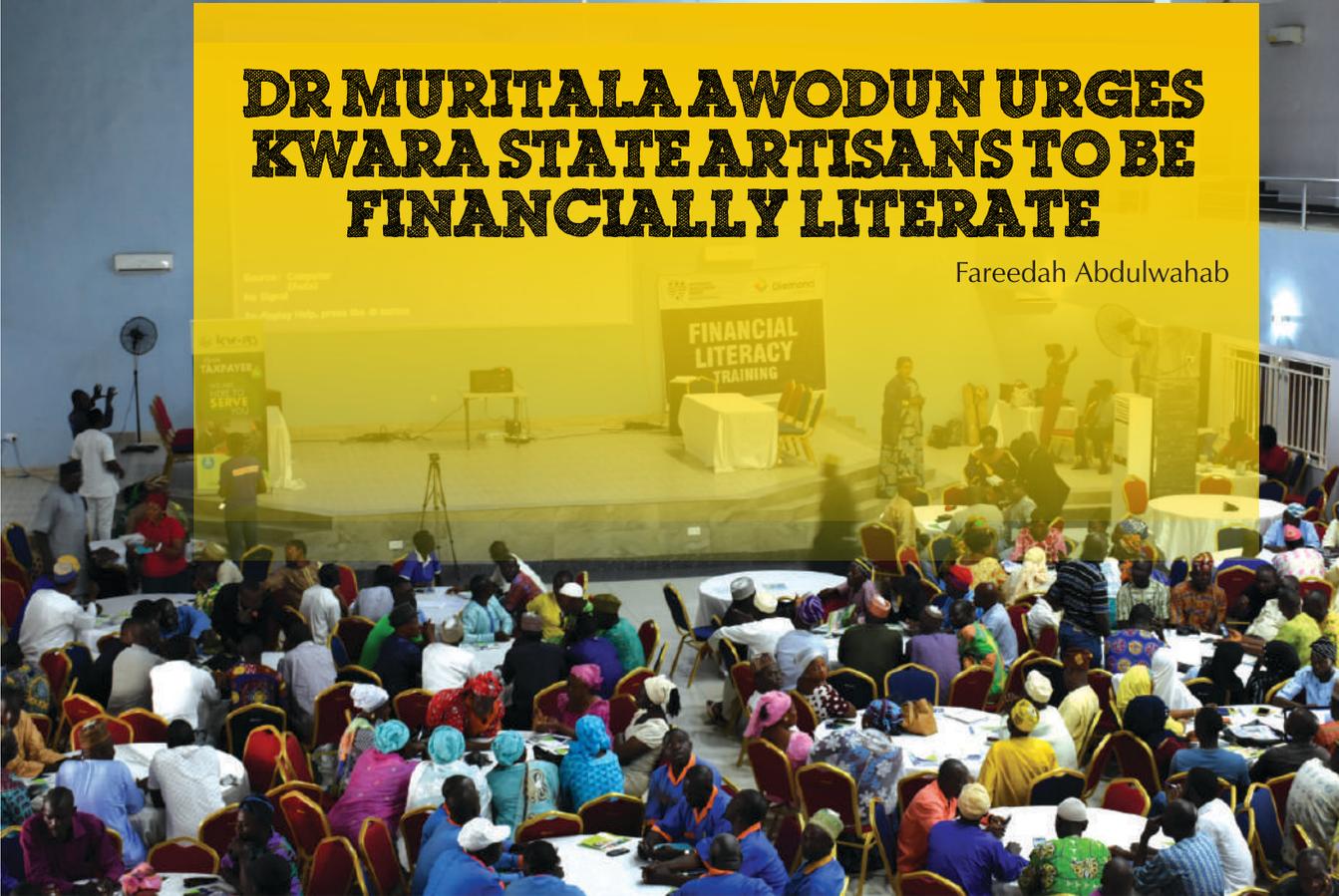
'Entrepreneurship for Secondary School' would be given to all participating students.

Apart from language which is a distinctive feature that distinguish human beings from animals, empathy and skill are something computers/ artificial intelligence will always struggle to emulate. Therefore, there is a need to discover the skills and talents embedded in Kwara State students in order to prepare them for a future where only those who can combine technology fluency with personal skill can survive. In an attempt to develop and train students for the future that lies ahead, it is therefore germane to avail Kwara State students this type of life-changing opportunity.



DR MURITALA AWODUN URGES KWARA STATE ARTISANS TO BE FINANCIALLY LITERATE

Fareedah Abdulwahab



The Executive Chairman of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Dr Muritala Awodun who was represented by the Director of Special Duties, Mr Segun Olaniyi has urged Kwara State Artisan to be financially literate and conscious in order to grow their business successfully.

This statement was made during the Financial Literacy Training organised by Enterprise Development Centre of Pan Atlantic University in partnership with Diamond Bank with the support of KW-IRS at Whitefield Hotel, Ilorin on 28th of August, 2018.

At the event, one of the facilitators, Mrs Raliat Oyetunde, a lecturer of Pan Atlantic University, Lagos State took the artisans on creating a business plan, inventory management, and introduced them to various E-payment channels.

Mrs Oyetunde further emphasized that business owners should have a budget, keep up to date accounting record, learn and imbibe saving culture, while avoiding sales on credit. She added that they



Mr Segun Olaniyi, Director, KWIRS



Mrs Raliat Oyetunde, Pan Atlantic University

should always take daily stock of their products and she laid emphasis on the need to open a bank account for transactions as well as for savings for their future and that of their children.

The Pan Atlantic University team was led by the Director, Enterprise Development Centre (EDC) Pan Atlantic University, Mrs Nneka Okekearu. Also present at the event from the Artisan Congress were Chairman Artisan Congress, Mr Sa'ad Alawaye, Vice President¹ Mr Omoba Femi Adeleke, and Secretary, Mr Adeleke S.A, amongst others.



Members of the Artisan Congress at the Training Session



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KW-IRS BAGS AWARD AS THE MOST ENTERPRISING STATE IRS IN 2018

Doyinsola Akande

The performance of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) in mobilizing revenue for Kwara State has attracted recognition from the colloquium of entrepreneurs in Nigeria who converged in Lagos to honor the Service as the most Enterprising State Internal Revenue Agency in 2018 among its counterparts in revenue generation.

The summit with the theme: Power Youth, Creating Wealth through Entrepreneurship organized by The Entrepreneurship and Empowerment Initiative of Nigeria (TEEIN) held on 1st October, 2018 at Radisson Blu Hotel, Lagos State. At the event, The Most Enterprising State IRS accolade was received by the head of Corporate Affairs, Mrs Habibah Aiyelabegan on behalf of the Service.

Also, the Executive Chairman of KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun received award for Excellence in Enterprise Creation and Entrepreneurship Development for his contribution towards entrepreneurship development in Nigeria.

In attendance was HRH Olugbo of Ugbo Kingdom Oba Fredrick Obateru Akinruntan, entrepreneurship scholar Dr Hakeem Ajonbadi (Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE), head of Corporate Affairs, Mrs Habibah Aiyelabegan, Dr Issa Abdurraheem and Dr Mustapha Abdulrahman of Kwara State University, students and youths of Lagos.

The Entrepreneurship and Empowerment Initiative of Nigeria (TEEIN) was established to champion youth entrepreneurship skill development, promote rural women empowerment, improve community health care delivery and support the entrepreneurial education of the Nigerian child.



The Executive Chairman of KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun receiving an award



Head Corporate Affairs, Mrs Habibah Aiyelabegan receiving an award on behalf of KW-IRS



L-R: Dr Hakeem Ajonbadi of Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE and Dr Muritala Awodun, Executive Chairman, KW-IRS

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Dr Muritala Awodun, Executive Chairman, KW-IRS and Prof. Ayandiji Daniel, Caleb University

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he Executive Chairman KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun received Professor Ayandiji Daniel Aina, the Vice Chancellor, Caleb University Lagos, and his team which includes Professor Teju Somorin, the immediate past President Chattered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN). Professor Aina while on the courtesy call showered plaudits on Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) for its landmark achievement in revamping the mode of revenue and tax collection in the State, as well as setting a model which other Internal Revenue Services across the nation are emulating. He said this during the visit to the Revenue House on Monday, 3rd September 2018.

Professor Teju Somorin reiterated on the statement of the Vice Chancellor commending the Service with several

accolades it had received since inception. Professor Somorin a popular figure in the organization expressed her delight to be back again at the Service on a courtesy call and stated how far the success of the Service had spread and expressed joy for being part of the story.



Professor. Somorin standing while the VC and the EC watch in admiration

Dr Muritala Awodun appreciated the visit and urged the visitors to keep promoting the image of the organization in their various capacities stating that if not for the enormous support of the stakeholders, the Service wouldn't have flourished thus far. He also assured that KW-IRS as a Service will not rest on its oars but continue to wax stronger at all times in operations.



Presentation of Souvenir to the guests



Mrs Omolara Ojulari, Deputy Director, Internal Audit, KW-IRS, Mrs Omolara Babajamu, Director, Admin & Operations, KW-IRS, Prof. Teju Somorin, Caleb University, Mrs Iyabo Abubakar, Director, Other Revenues, KW-IRS and Mr Lekan Rotimi, Director, MDAs, KW-IRS

President Buhari Signs Executive Order 8 on Offshore Money Laundering

Olufemi Oguntokun

President Muhammadu Buhari has signed Executive Order Eight, tagged Voluntary Offshore Assets Regularization Scheme (VOARS) to make money laundering and tax evasion difficult.

According to this order, Nigerian taxpayers that process offshore assets and income are expected to, within a period of 12 months, voluntarily declare those assets and pay 35% on the total value from such assets.

In a statement released by the President Buhari through his twitter handle stated that the Federal Government is stepping up the fight against corruption and targeting money laundering and tax evasion. The new Executive Order has taken effect from Monday 8 October, 2018.

“The office of the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice have been mandated to set up a VOARS in Switzerland for all categories of taxpayers who have defaulted in the declaration of offshore assets and payment of due taxes. Defaulting taxpayers who fail to take advantage of VOARS will, at the expiration of the scheme, be subjected to investigation and enforcement procedures. With the automatic exchange of information between Nigeria and foreign countries, there will be no hiding place for defaulters anymore” the statement read.

It is pertinent to note that under the Nigerian law, every citizen has the duty to declare his or her income and assets and pay accruable taxes but in Nigeria, the issues of tax evasion and avoidance are unsatisfied.

TAXPRENEURSHIP:

FROM CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)
TO CORPORATE SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP (CSP)
THROUGH COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMME (CIP)

Our basis for a CSP as against a CSR is premised on the fact that what we intend with the CIP through the projects targeted at Education, Environment, Enterprise, Employment and Empowerment were carefully planned to touch the taxpayers in areas that will demonstrate the sincerity of purpose of the State Government.

On our drive to make a difference in the revenue mobilization reform embarked upon by Kwara State in 2015, the Service introduced Community Impact Programme (CIP) as an intervention initiative to bridge the gap between the taxpayers and the government, and ensure that the message of tax payment is properly driven home through demonstrable activities that will convince the taxpayers of the sincerity of purpose of the government.

Drawing from the theory of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the Service also recognizing the fact that the taxes collected are the people's money expected to be utilized by government for the provision of social and economic infrastructure for the people, came up with what could be termed as appropriate version of CSR referred to Corporate Social Partnership (CSP). Our basis for a CSP as against a CSR is premised on the fact that what we intend with the CIP through the projects targeted at Education, Environment, Enterprise, Employment and Empowerment were carefully planned to touch the taxpayers in areas that will demonstrate the sincerity of purpose of the State Government.

Thus, for us at the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), we consciously engaged in a labour intensive technology

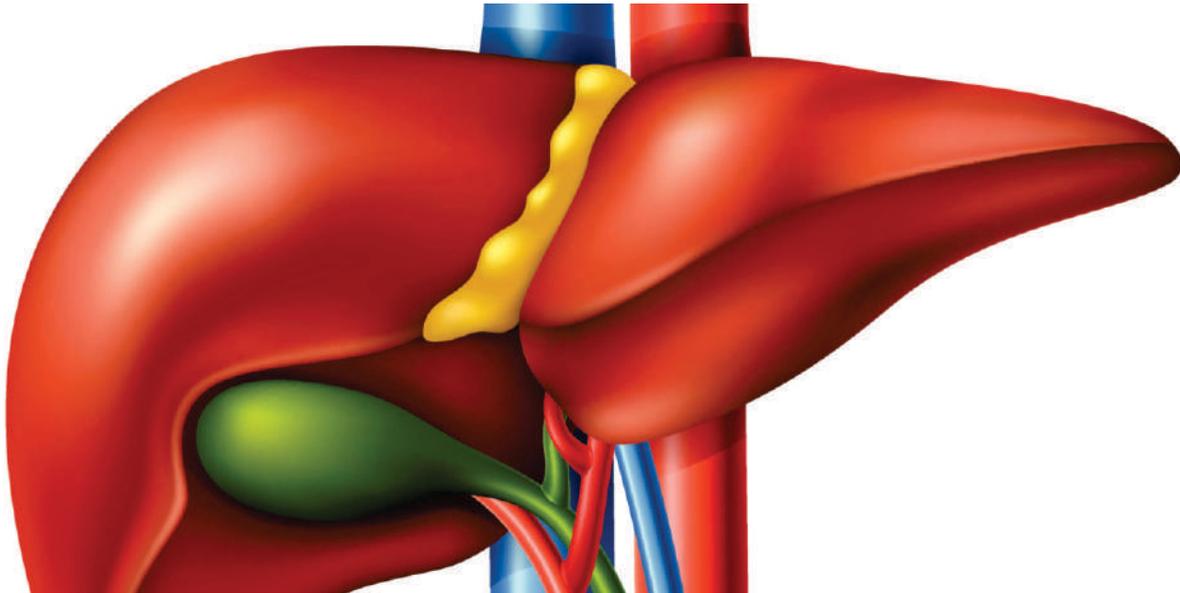
driven recruitment strategy to address the critical employment situation in the State. Three years down the line, the Service have engaged directly about 700 staff, taking them out of unemployment. In addition to this, the Service has indirectly enable the engagement of about 2,000 other people in the State through the engagement of over 85 enterprises as consultants, and about 100 other enterprises as contractors.

Moreover, the Service had intervened in the area of environment by carrying out several cleaning and improvement of the environment across markets and streets in the three senatorial districts of the State. These have been in form of various direct cleaning and clearing exercises, and other indirect environmental related projects embarked upon. We have an array of empowerment projects from one community to the other carried out under our CIP intervention scheme.

What we have been able to prove with the CIP is that the taxpayers have come to trust the Service and the government that taxes paid will be judiciously utilized by the government. The purpose of the CIP, which is a uniquely designed Corporate Social Partnership of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, has bound us with the taxpayers as we embark on the vision of '*mobilizing revenue for the strategic development of Kwara State*'.

Muritala Awodun, PhD
Executive Chairman
KW-IRS

NATURAL WAYS TO DETOX THE LIVER



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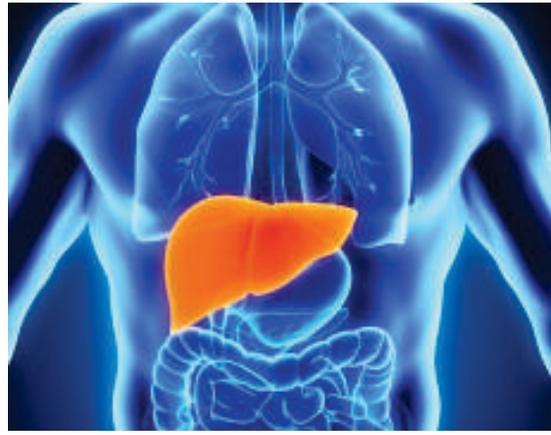
etoxification is about resting, cleaning, and nourishing the body from the inside out. By eliminating toxins and nourishing your body, detoxification can help protect you from disease and renew your ability to maintain optimal health. In other words, we have to eliminate toxins and feed our bodies with natural foods to help us feel at our best. The foods you choose to eat play a vital role in eliminating toxins from your body, as well as supporting different organ systems.

Every person's health and well-being depends on how well their body removes and purges toxins. With exposure to environmental toxins, toxic body care products and processed foods, most people are in desperate need of a serious detox. A liver cleanse is a great way to do this. One of the main ways that the body rids itself of toxins is through the liver. In fact, the liver is one of the hardest working organs in the body. It works tirelessly to detoxify our blood, produce the bile needed to digest fat, break down hormones; and store essential vitamins, minerals and iron.

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The list in this article is a little more specific and focuses mainly on foods that can help cleanse your liver. All it takes is a few simple steps to promote normal liver health. In addition to taking a liver cleansing supplement, and performing at least two liver and gallbladder cleanses per year, eating the following foods is the best way to keep your liver healthy and functioning. I encourage you to incorporate these liver cleanse foods into your diet.

- **GARLIC** Garlic may make your breath smell but it's fantastic for your heart, liver and overall body. It contains numerous sulphur-containing compounds that activate the liver enzymes responsible for flushing out toxins from the body. This bulbous relative of the onion also contains allicin and selenium, two powerful nutrients proven to help protect the liver from toxic damage, and aid it in the detoxification process. Add some fresh or dried garlic to your meals when you can, but no need to go overboard; a little garlic goes a long way.
- **GRAPEFRUIT** Grapefruit is rich in natural vitamin C and antioxidants, two powerful liver cleansers. Grapefruit contains compounds that boost the production of liver detoxification enzymes. It also contains a flavonoid compound known as naringenin that causes the liver to burn fat rather than store it.
- **GREEN TEA** Green tea is loaded with catechins, a type of plant antioxidant that has been shown in studies to eliminate liver fat accumulation and promote proper liver function. This powerful herbal beverage also protects the liver against toxins that would otherwise accumulate and cause serious damage.
- **GREEN VEGETABLES** Leafy green vegetables such as spinach and mustard greens contain numerous cleansing compounds that neutralize heavy metals, which can bear heavily on the liver. Leafy greens also eliminate pesticides and herbicides from the body and spur the creation and flow of cleansing bile.



- **AVOCADO** Rich in glutathione-producing compounds, avocados actively promote liver health by protecting it against toxic overload and boosting its cleansing power. Some research have shown that eating one or two avocados a week for as little as 30 days can repair a damaged liver.
- **WALNUTS** High in the amino acid arginine, walnuts support the liver in detoxifying ammonia. Walnuts are also high in glutathione and omega-3 fatty acids which support normal liver cleansing. Make sure you chew the nuts until they are liquefied before swallowing.
- **APPLES** High in pectin, apples hold the chemical constituents necessary for the body to cleanse and release toxins from the digestive tract. This in turn makes it easier for the liver to handle the toxic load during the cleansing process.
- **LEMONS & LIMES** These citrus fruits contain very high amounts of vitamin C, which aids the body in synthesizing toxic materials into substances that can be absorbed by water. Remember the less mess your filter has to filter out, the better it can work in general. Drinking freshly-squeezed lemon or lime juice mixed with water in the morning helps stimulate the liver.

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Taxpedia

Abdulwahab Fareedah

TAX AVOIDANCE

Tax avoidance is the use of legal methods to modify an individual's financial situation to lower the amount of income tax owed. This is generally accomplished by claiming the permissible deductions and credits. This practice differs from tax evasion, which uses illegal methods, such as underreporting income to avoid paying taxes

For example, individuals who contribute to employer-sponsored retirement plans with pre-tax funds are engaging in tax avoidance because the amount of taxes paid on the funds when they are withdrawn in retirement is usually less than the amount the individual would owe. Furthermore, retirement plans allow taxpayers to defer paying taxes until a much later date, which allows their savings to grow at a faster rate.

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MIND YOUR GRAMMAR

Emmanuel Duntoye

Wrong: Fatima is a talkative

Right: Fatima is talkative

**The word "talkative" is an adjective but it is often misused as a noun.*

Wrong: Next week is our first year wedding anniversary.

Right: Next week is our first wedding anniversary.

Wrong: Your left eye is swollen, you need to consult an optician

Right: Your left eye is swollen, you need to consult an oculist

Wrong: Your cataract requires the attention of an optometrist

Right: Your cataract requires the attention of an ophthalmologist

**Though their functions may overlap in some occasions, strictly, an "oculist" treat eyes, an "optician" makes eyeglasses, an optometrist measures the vision while an "ophthalmologist" is a surgeon specialising in eyes treatment. An "oculist" is not necessarily an ophthalmologist"*

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A column just for you! Views to air, concerns to voice, questions to ask? Let's hear you out.

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Can you enlighten me on the Electronic Payment Platform introduced by your Service? What do I do when I want to make payment through the platform?

Thank you.

Anonymous.

Hello anonymous,

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Thank you.

Hello,

Please, what is Auto-Reg?
Anonymous.

Hello anonymous,

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Mr Olumide Ajibawo making presentation to the KW-IRS Top Management Team



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Presentation of World Safety Organization Certificate to Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, received by Mrs Adenike Babajamu



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun at FRSC Licencing Office in Revenue House



Director, MDAs, Mr Lekan Rotimi presenting gifts to outstanding staff of the directorate



Birthdya celebration of Director of Other Revenues, Alhaja Iyabo Abubakar

Nigerian Youths Should Embrace Digital Entrepreneurship

- Dr Awodun

Olufemi Oguntokun

The increase of unemployment in Nigeria is alarming despite the efforts of the government to ensure its citizens are gainfully employed. According to a recent release by the Nigeria Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the unemployment rate of Nigeria has increased from 14.2% to 18.8% in the third quarter of 2017 which has been the bane of national development.

It is evident that the white and blue collar jobs are not available for a large number of graduates from Nigerian institutions. This has made the Federal Government encourage youths to acquire skills in order to be self employed. These vocational skills include: fashion designing, shoe making, interior decoration, etc.

One of the aspects of entrepreneurship that has not been fully explored is “Digital Entrepreneurship”. This represents a joining of traditional entrepreneurship with an emphasis on new technologies, the opportunities created by these technologies, and new business forms.

Digital entrepreneurship was the crux of discussion during the Ilorin Digital Summit at Mazabs event center, Tanke, Ilorin, Kwara State on 15th September, 2018. The program was designed to intimate youths on the importance Information Communication Technology (ICT) in marketing and to train participants on how to access information from the internet for more economic ally beneficial purposes

The guest speaker, who is an entrepreneurship scholar and also the Executive Chairman of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) Dr Muritala Awodun urged participants to transform themselves as good resources that will grow the economy of Nigeria. According to him, technology can enhance creativity and youths should use technology applications to showcase their talents to the world.

Dr Awodun advised youths to surf the internet for useful information rather than engaging in immoral or illegal uses such as internet fraud which is currently rampant among the youths. He added that youths must embrace entrepreneurship to ease the over-burden of white collar jobs.



Dr Muritala Awodun, making his presentation



Cross section of participants



Dr Awodun interacting with participants



Dr Awodun with the convener, Ilorin Digital Summit

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

DR AWODUN CHARGED YOUTHS TO BE INNOVATIVE

Olufemi Oguntokun and Kazeem Akande



As part of activities marking 2018 International Youth Day, the Executive Chairman of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) Dr Muritala Awodun, has charged Nigerian youths to build an innovative capacity in approaching issues or challenges in their immediate environment beyond being creative. Dr Awodun made this statement during an event organized by the Kwara State Government tagged “Inspiring Innovative Thinking towards Self-Reliance, Economic Growth and Sustainable Development” held at the Kwara State Banquet Hall, Ilorin on Sunday, 12th August 2018.

In his introductory remarks, Dr Muritala Awodun said everybody has the capacity to be creative because they can see something wrong and should be willing to proffer solutions to it. He stated that many youths in Nigeria today underutilize their capacity for innovative thinking which is a fuss to national development. He added that for someone to be attributed as innovative, such individual must have the ability to act on the identified problems and actualize it without hesitation. Capacity to execute, he said, is limited among us, and we need to begin to consciously work it out.

The KW-IRS Executive Chairman gave an address on the restructured Internal Revenue Service as an approach of discussing the theme of the event in relation to its effect on infrastructural development and youth empowerment in Kwara State. He eulogized the courage of the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed for establishing Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) despite the economic woes faced by Nigeria.

“The transformation of the revenue administration in Kwara State was as a result of innovative thinking



Executive Governor, Kwara State, Alhaji (Dr) Abdulfatah Ahmed



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun



Dr Muritala Awodun with Alhaji Saka Babatunde

of the Executive Governor, Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed who noticed the infrastructure gap of N255 billion and took a giant step by revamping the revenue collection process through signing into law the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law and the Kwara Public Private Partnership Bureau Law of 2015” Dr Awodun said.

He explained that the restructuring of the Revenue Service had provided over 700 direct jobs, 2,000 indirect jobs for revenue mobilization and 85 enterprises as consultants who also have engaged staff to carryout legitimate duties which was as a result of innovative thinking of the Executive Governor.

In his speech, the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed said under the Kwara Youth Empowerment Programme (KWAYEP), youths are deployed to various Ministries, Departments and Agencies and private agencies related to their academic background and given hands-on training over a specified period of time. The aim, he said was to provide youths with necessary skills to ensure they are able to compete with their counterparts all over the world.

While noting that youths make up about seventy per cent of the country's total population, Governor Ahmed opined that such population can be the tool for social and economic transformation with the right investment. He assured Kwarans that the State Government will continue to provide an enabling environment for youths to contribute to the socio-economic development of State.

The Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Youth Empowerment, Alhaji Saka Babatunde advised youths to look beyond engaging in solely public services, but to be creative and innovative so as to be self-reliant. He commended Governor Abdulfatah Ahmed for making youth development a priority.

This year's International Youth Day celebration held in Kwara which was marked on a globally featured workshop, performances, lectures and exhibition of various products that were made in Kwara.



Participants at the event



Youths and delegates at the event

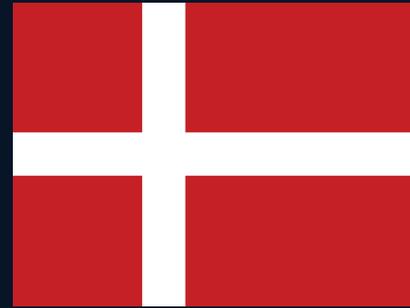
Denmark Invests Further In Tax Administration

Danish Minister of Taxation Karsten Lauritzen has announced that the Government has allocated an additional DKK2.2bn (USD342m) for the modernization of the tax authority's administrative systems in an attempt to strengthen tax collection.

Approximately DKK1.5bn of the additional funds will be used to help collect tax debts and to improve the valuation of properties for tax purposes, with DKK600m to be spent on updating the tax authority's IT infrastructures since approximately 200 IT systems, some of which have their origins in the 1960s and 70s, explained Lauritzen.

The Government has allocated a total of DKK13bn to the tax authority modernization program since 2017, Lauritzen added.

A comprehensive administrative overhaul of Denmark's tax authority was instituted on July 1, 2018, with a series of new specialized boards becoming operational. Under the changes, the tax authority has been split into seven separate entities, each of which has a core area of competency.



Croatia To Delay VAT Rate Cut Until 2020

The Croatian Government has announced that it will delay a planned one-percent value-added tax cut until 2020 but will cut VAT on some basic commodities from the beginning of next year.

The 25 percent VAT rate, which was proposed to be reduced to 24 percent from January 1, 2019, will instead be cut by one percent from January 1, 2020. The 13 percent reduced rate will newly apply to fresh meat, fish, fruit, diapers, and vegetables.

Croatia applies three rates of VAT: 25 percent, the second-highest in the EU after Hungary, a 13 percent reduced rate, and a five percent rate. The 13 percent rate applies to certain printed media, admission to certain cultural shows and events, agricultural inputs, hotel accommodation, some funeral services, electricity supplies, certain waste management services, edible oils and fats, baby food, processed cereal-based foods for infants and children, and food for animals.



2ND TAX CLUB QUIZ COMPETITION

KW-IRS COMPLETES PROJECT OF THE WINNERS

Kazeem Akande



The KW-IRS has completed the projects for the second edition of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) tax club quiz competition won by Government Day Secondary School, Oko Erin (1st Position), Lafiagi Secondary School, Lafiagi (2nd Position) and Government Secondary School, Ilorin (3rd Position) in the sum of N1,000,000, N500,000 and N250,000 Naira respectively have been completed.

The financial rewards are often utilized to put in place physical projects that will be impactful on the schools and improve the learning conditions of students of the winning schools. The One Million Naira Prize was used to renovate a block of two classrooms for the winning school. The first

runner up prize of N500,000 was utilized for the renovation and provision of furnitures for the winning school, and library furniture was the project of the 2nd runner up that won the sum of N250,000.

It maybe recalled that the maiden edition of tax club quiz competition among all secondary schools in Kwara State held in 2016 and a grand prize of N1,000,000 was won by Government Secondary School, Omu-Aran which was used to provide library furniture for the school, while Government Girls Day Secondary School, Oko-Erin and Iloffa Grammar School emerged second and third schools with projects of renovation of a block of two classrooms and provision of conference table worth N500,000 and N250,000 respectively.

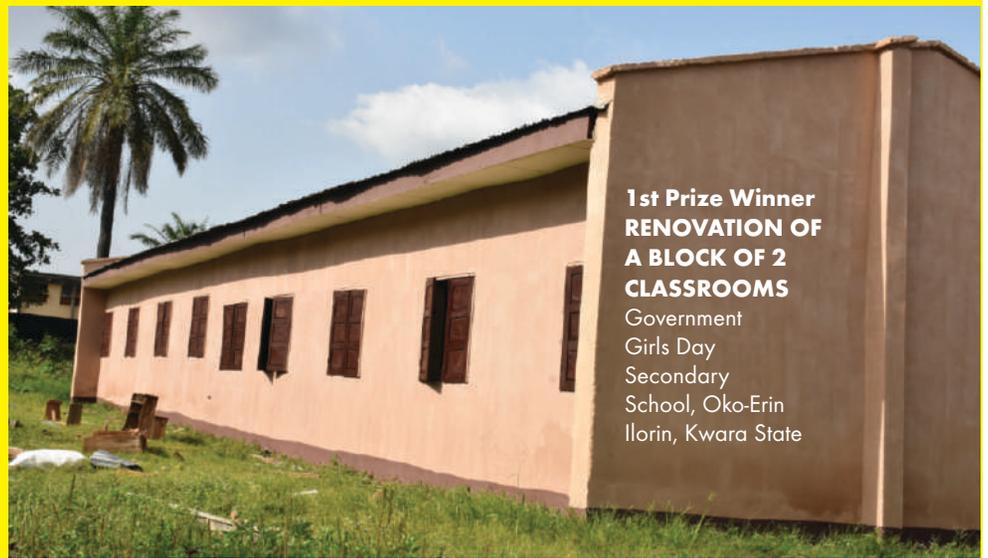
The quarter final of the 3rd edition of the competition will hold 24th - 26th October, 2018



1st Prize Winner RENOVATION OF A BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS

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while the Semi Finals and Final will come up in December 2018. The winner of the competition for this year will be awarded 5 million Naira worth of project, while the 2nd and the 3rd will win project worth N2 million and N1 million respectively, courtesy of the Kwara State Government.



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2nd Prize Winner: RENOVATION AND PROVISION OF FURNITURE FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY
Lafiagi Secondary School, Lafiagi, Kwara State



3rd Prize Winner: PROVISION OF FURNITURE FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY
Government Secondary School, Ilorin, Kwara State

KW-IRS & KWARA STATE HOSPITALS MANAGEMENT BUREAU VISIT HOSPITAL FACILITIES IN KWARA NORTH

Kazeem Akande



In a bid to make Kwara State Secondary and Tertiary Health Care Delivery System effective to serve the residents of the State better, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) Director of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) Mr Lekan Rotimi and the Director General of Kwara State Hospital Management Bureau, Dr. Saad Oladimeji Issa visited hospitals in Kwara North Senatorial District for critical need assessment, on-the-spot check, and collection monitoring on 13th of September, 2018.

The DG of Kwara State Hospital Management Bureau in his statement said the visit was necessary so as to assess the level of operation of the hospitals, their needs and how the State Government can improve the health sector of the State. He expressed believe that the challenges of dilapidated buildings, poor equipment, inadequate medical personnel and security will soon be a thing of the past. Dr Saad Oladimeji encouraged the workers to be diligent and professional in discharging their duties.

The KW-IRS Director of MDAs stated that the revenue generated from Kwara State hospitals was below expectations and this was of concern for the Revenue Service. For increased patronage, he said the hospitals needed to improve on their service.

He also noted that it was impracticable for government to keep funding hospitals that can't break-even or operate at the optimum level and warned that no hospital should charge an extra fee apart from the price list approved by the Hospital Management Bureau.

The team which also include Miss Titilayomi Ogunwale (Head, Hospital Collections, KW-IRS), Mr Mohammed Jiyah Mohammed, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer (Hospital Management Bureau), Mr Kazeem Akande (HOU, Media & Publicity, KW-IRS), and Azeez Yusuf (Internal Audit, KW-IRS) visited Cottage Hospital Yashikira, Cottage Hospital, Okuta, General Hospital Kaiama and General Hospital, Ilesha Baruba.



Hospital tour by the DG Hospitals Management Bureau and Mr Lekan Rotimi



Hospital tour by the DG Hospitals Management Bureau and KWIRS Staff



Hospital tour by the DG Hospitals Management Bureau and KWIRS Staff



Mr Lekan Rotimi discussing with others during the tour

The Tax System & Vision 20:2020 - *Will Nigeria arrive early?*

With the renewed commitment by the Federal Government to diversify the economy by growing the non-oil tax revenue in order to develop stable and sustainable revenue source to finance developmental projects, the tax system must be re-wired to be more flexible and adaptive to facilitate these aspirations

Nigeria's archives are littered with series of programmes geared towards social, political and economic transformation of the nation. These programmes have either been poorly implemented, neglected or outrightly abandoned. The magic word for such programmes in the last 15 years is Vision. Thus, Nigeria had Vision 2000, Vision 2010 and now the latest, Vision 20:2020. The latter is the vision that expects Nigeria to be one of the 20 largest economies in the world, able to consolidate its leadership role in Africa and establish itself as a significant player in the global economic and political arena.

Some key parameters of Vision 20:2020 as set by the Federal Government are as follows:

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TAX MATTERS



- **Polity:** a peaceful, harmonious and a stable democracy Macro-economy: a sound, stable, and globally competitive economy with a GDP of not less than \$900 billion and a per capita income of not less than \$4,000
 - **Education:** modern and vibrant education system which provides opportunity to maximise potential and develop adequate and competent manpower
 - **Agriculture:** a modern technologically enabled agricultural sector that fully exploits the vast agricultural resources of the country, ensures national food security and contributes to foreign exchange earnings
 - **Manufacturing:** a vibrant globally competitive manufacturing sector that contributes significantly to GDP with a manufacturing value added of not less than 40%
 - **Infrastructure:** adequate infrastructure services that support the full mobilisation of all economic sectors
 - **Health:** a health sector that expects and sustains a life expectancy of not less than 70 years and reduces to the barest minimum the burden of infectious and other debilitating diseases
- Delivering on these parameters demands significant financial commitment /investment by the Government. Despite the enormous human and natural resources that Nigeria possesses, the frustration at the parlous state of infrastructure and social service delivery systems is manifest in the almost perennial lamentation and agony by young and old, rich and poor, "nothing works in this Nigeria". And the reason for the apparent failure of governance is the elusive and unknown but ubiquitous scapegoat called the "Nigerian factor".
- Many citizens wonder whether there is any justification for the continuing deduction of taxes on their incomes or payment of other levies/fees when the expected social benefits to which the revenue were to be applied, have remained non-existent or grossly inadequate. In contrast, citizens are riddled with stories of bold-faced corruption and misappropriation of government funds.
- Nevertheless, the financial challenge facing government at all levels of the Federation is a reality since the crash in crude oil price and its sustained slump till date. Taxes (in whatever shade or hue) remain the only significant best alternative source of revenue to the government. As a result, socially responsible

individual and corporate citizens must not hamstring government by refusing or neglecting or wilfully defaulting to pay due taxes on their income and transactions timeously.

Accordingly, how the tax system is positioned to perform from this year till 2019 will be critical to whether the current administration will be able to answer satisfactorily the following three development questions in relation to Nigeria:

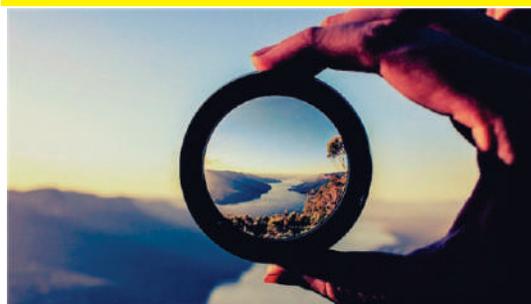
- What has happened to unemployment?
- What has happened to inequality?
- What has happened to poverty?

The challenge for all revenue generating /recovery agencies of government therefore remains how to:

- Increasingly drive operational efficiency and eliminate waste
- Increasingly simplify the compliance process and eliminate any extant hassle factors/layers of bureaucracy precluding ease of remittance of taxes
- Expand the tax net to include perennial tax defaulters and fringe taxpayers or any other catchment
- Resolve the twin burdens of multiple taxation and double taxation on individual and corporate taxpayers howsoever they manifest in the system or framework
- Expand access to and usage of electronic platforms such as ITAS (for FIRS) and ASYCUDA (for NCS) and any other electronic platform in use by relevant government agencies.

For instance, in the case of ITAS by FIRS, one of the objectives is to automate and simplify tax compliance process through online submission of tax returns, processing of tax clearance certificates, validation of tax identification numbers, storage of taxpayers information etc. While taxpayers eagerly await the full implementation of ITAS, taxpayers expect that the platform would be upgraded to enhance or enable an automatic electronic credit system for withholding tax to eliminate the present frustration encountered in relation to credits

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entitlement without supporting certificates and resultant delay in utilisation and direct cashflow impact.

With the renewed commitment by the Federal Government to diversify the economy by growing the non-oil tax revenue in order to develop stable and sustainable revenue source to finance developmental projects, the tax system must be re-wired to be more flexible and adaptive to facilitate these aspirations. As Dick Armeý said, “If we are to create tomorrow's jobs, we cannot remain frozen in time in yesterday's tax system”.

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HOME, SWEET HOME

“No place like home”

The place of comfort and safety
For the poor, the rich, the affluent,
And the white, the black and the colored.
No matter how long the journey,
Everyone goes home daily and finally.
To a home called sweet?

Home sweet?

Sweet not by its magnitude nor by its glamour or aesthetics,
Not bricks and cement nor plaster and doors,
Not marble floors and polished walls,
Not even the colors and the elaborate furnishings.
The gardens and luscious environment
notwithstanding,
The presence or absence of civilization and
modernization irrelevant.

Home, home sweet home.

The abode of peace and tranquility.
Where little is much and much is just enough.
Where love speaks loud,
Through a hug, a warm embrace,
A smile and a luxurious laughter.

Where the heart is at rest and the body calmly dwell.
Where "welcome" is a long sentence,
And not just a word
Understood by all parties.

Home is where we all long to be.
Ushered in with warm embrace to a world of comfort.
Like when a mother receives a son from a very long journey,
Or the outstretched hand of a baby with a smile that says
" oh mama carry me”

Home is that place you cherish so much in your heart.
You dream all day and remembers with a smile.
And when it's time to go..
You joyfully bade everyone bye.

Oh will it be Welcome home?
May it indeed be WELCOME HOME.

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Work in Progress Report of the Renovation of Offa Garage Round-About



BEFORE



WORK IN PROGRESS

Dr Awodun Joins the Prestigious Grade of Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered)

Doyinsola Akande

The Icon Bags Yet another Prestigious Honour

Dr. Muritala Awodun was found worthy of one of the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered) Highest Distinction and Honour at the Institute's 2018 Awards, Fellows and Spouses' Day Luncheon which was held at the City Hall, Catholic Mission Street, Lagos Island on 16th August 2018.

Congratulations to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, who joined the prestigious grade of Fellow after being found worthy of the Institute's Highest Distinction and Honour. Dr Awodun has been a member of the Institute since 1991 and rose through the ranks to become an Associate and a Full Member respectively before becoming a Fellow.



Group photographs with Dr Muritala Awodun, FNIM at the event

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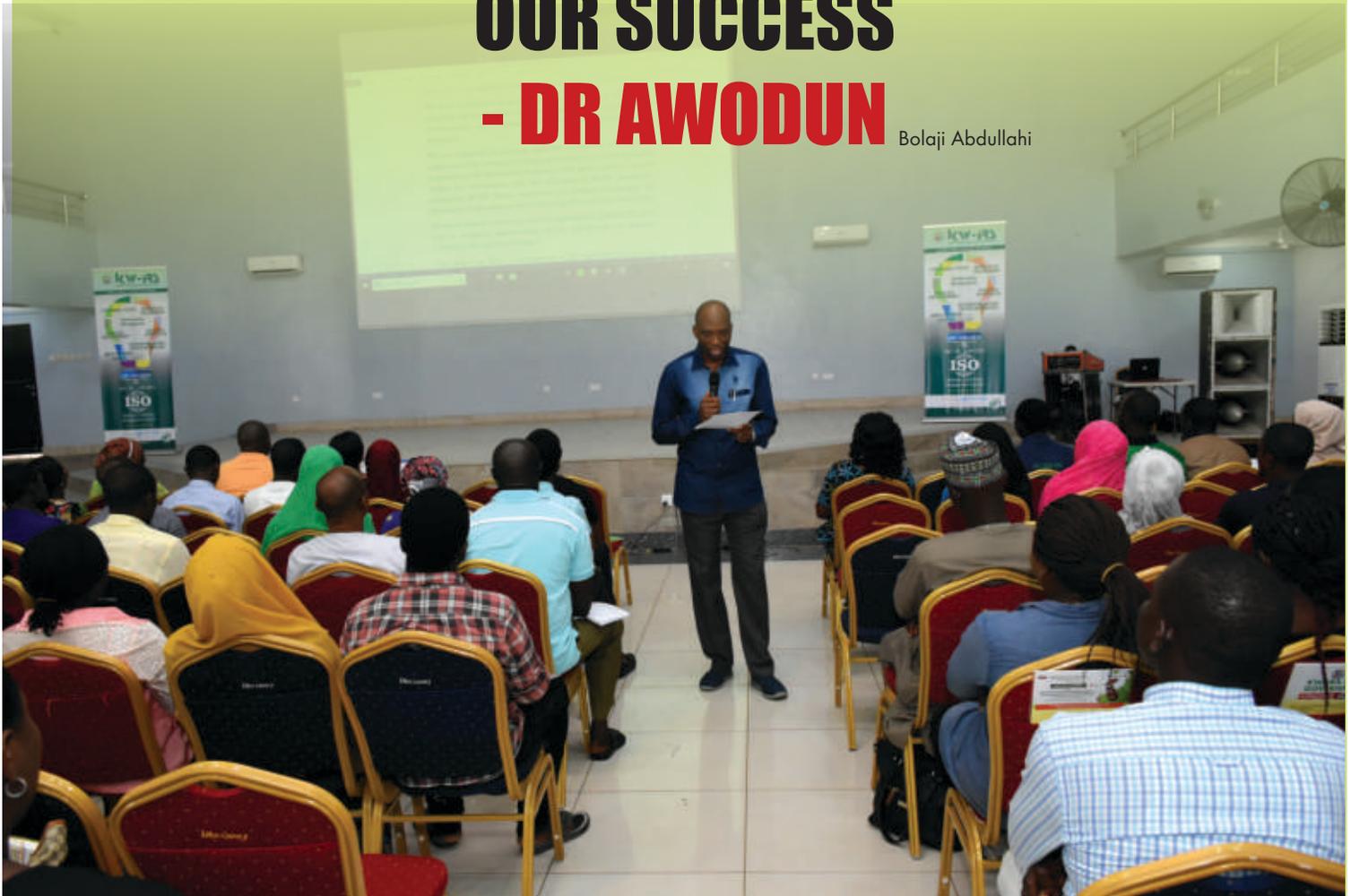
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IN KW-IRS, CUMMULATIVE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN THE BEDROCK OF OUR SUCCESS

- DR AWODUN Bolaji Abdullahi



The Executive Chairman addressing the staff at the field feedback

To invest in any business requires maximum attention and concentration. Cumulative investment have been a sacrosanct blueprint in the policy of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). Adopting this policy had worked in the administration of the Service as well as translated efforts into commendable figures of the internally generated revenue of the State. In time past, so much effort had been put in place, there are ongoing process and

more of such would be invested irrespective of whoever is at the helms of affairs to make things work for the Service and the State.” These were the opening remarks of the Executive Chairman, Dr Muritala Awodun at the July-August 2018 Field Feed Back /Training Session.

Dr Awodun said the Service has a benchmark to compete in the global practices which is why KW-IRS is working to be the foremost Internal Revenue Service to be certified with the International Organization for

Standardization (ISO) certification. He further expressed that this inclination would better create sustainability, as well as continuity of standard and processes for the Service.

In the first eight months in 2018, the Service realized N13.4 Billion Naira, and the goal of meeting the Seventy Percent target for the year 2018 is a shared responsibility within the Service, not excluding any individual or group of persons. The task at hand was distributed to the various Revenue Collecting and Non-Revenue Collecting Directorates and Departments. The task was that a minimum sum of N10 Billion Naira is to be realized in the remaining four months to the end of the year. Therefore, all Directorates and departments were allotted with their own quota to contribute to the realization of the set goal.



Mr Lekan Rotimi



Alhaja Iyabo Abubakar



Mrs Omolara Ojulari



Mr Abdullahi Gegele



Cross section of staff at the field feedback session



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Presentation of trophy won by the KW-IRS Football team to the Executive Chairman

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3.0 and above	9,025.00	267.75	8,757.25
Tipper	14,150.00	626.50	13,523.50
Truck	15,400.00	714.00	14,686.00



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