

## GOVERNOR ABDULRAZQAQ COMMENDS OFFA COMMUNITY AS OFFA METROPOLITAN CLUB FOR DONATING N150MN ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT TO OFFA GENERAL HOSPITAL



**G**overnor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq of Kwara, has commended the people of Offa for identifying with his administration, through self help projects and community collaboration in the task of building the state together.

Governor AbdulRazaq made the commendation at Offa, Offa Local Government Area of the state on Sunday, during the foundation-laying ceremony of the multi-million naira ultra-modern Accident and Emergency Unit at the General

Hospital, Offa.

The project, at the instance of Offa Metropolitan Club, is designed to assist the Community and Offa General Hospital to address critically ill-patients and referral cases.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Governor, who was represented by the state Commissioner for Health, Dr Raji Razaq, said Offa community is impacting positively on its people through various developmental efforts embarked upon by groups and individuals in the town.

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## WORK IN PROGRESS AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 2020.



Construction work as at November 2020



Construction work as at December 7, 2020



Construction work as at December 26, 2020

## OFFA METROPOLITAN CLUB POISED TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN OFFA AND ENVIRONS

**T**he President of Offa Metropolitan Club (OMC), Dr (Mrs) Sarah Alade who is also the Special Adviser to President Muhammadu Buhari on Finance and Economy and former Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria, said OMC was poised to make the difference in Offa town and environs as it embarks on the construction of the ultra modern N150mn Accident and Emergency Unit.

Dr Alade who made the assertion at foundation laying ceremony of the facility in October, 2020 thanked Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazak for approving the club's proposal for siting the project within the Offa General Hospital Complex. According to her, it was OMC's way of complementing the government's efforts at addressing healthcare

challenges and also bringing healthcare delivery to everyone, particularly the rural populace. She urged other not for profit organisations, clubs and communities to join hands with governments in surmounting developmental challenges.

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**Dr. (Mrs) Sarah Alade**  
President, Offa Metropolitan Club

## OLOFA OF OFFA APPRECIATES KWARA STATE GOVERNMENT AND OFFA METROPOLITAN CLUB FOR PROVIDING SUCCOR TO OFFA COMMUNITY



• The Olofa of Offa, Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi Esuwoye II laying the foundation for the accident and emergency unit.

**T**he Olofa of Offa, Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi Esuwoye II commended the Offa Metropolitan Club (OMC) for rising to the needs of the people of Offa community by embarking on the multi-million naira accident and emergency unit located within the Offa General Hospital Complex with the approval of Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazak of Kwara State. The monarch, who laid the foundation stone for the ultra modern facility, urged other clubs in the town to emulate OMC so as to fast track the socio-economic development

of the town noting that, "government alone cannot do everything, it behooves on the people of the town to support the government so as to advance the needs of the people."

The Olofa appreciated the State Governor and the Offa Metropolitan Club for providing succor to the people through the project, noting that it will benefit the people of Offa and Kwara State in general. Oba Gbadamosi said the community would remain grateful to the club, pointing out that its footprints shall never be erased in Offa and the State at large.



"It is expedient to say a big thank you for identifying a gap and committing yourself to fixing the gap rather than embarking on a fruitless criticism that will further worsen the situation," AbdulRazaq said.

He listed an array of gaps and interventions like building of an eye centre, renovation of staff quarters and annual free medical and surgical outreaches, which had previously been undertaken by groups and individuals from within the Community at the General Hospital, Offa.

The Governor said the Offa Metropolitan Club has taken "the right step in the right direction and this will indeed go a long way in saving lives and improving healthcare outcomes, especially for patients who require emergency care in the hospital".

Earlier, the Oloffa of Offa, Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi, Esuwoye II, who laid the foundation stone for the multi-million naira accident and emergency unit, appreciated the State Governor and the Offa Metropolitan Club for providing succour to the

people through the project, noting that it will benefit the people of Offa and Kwara in general.

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Also speaking, the President of Offa Metropolitan Club, Dr. (Mrs.) Sarah Alade, appreciated Governor AbdulRazaq for approving the club's proposal to collaborate with the state government for the

construction of the accident and emergency unit at the Offa General Hospital.

When completed, the multi-million naira accident and emergency unit is expected to comprise an Emergency Resuscitation Area, a Triage bay, CT/x-ray room, Consulting room with planned internal fixtures to support accessibility and qualitative care, among others, according to Arc. Taofiq Popoola.

**PICTURES FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT AWRAB SUITES, OFFA IN DECEMBER 2019**



**OFFA METROPOLITAN CLUB (OMC) FORMAL HANDING OVER OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO OFFA GENERAL HOSPITAL**



**OFFA METROPOLITAN CLUB'S VIRTUAL MEETING WITH GOVERNOR ABDULRAHMAN ABDULRAZAQ OF KWARA STATE ON 16TH MAY, 2020 AT WHICH THE GOVERNOR APPROVED OMC'S PROPOSAL TO BUILD THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY UNIT AT THE OFFA GENERAL HOSPITAL.**





**Continuation Offa Metropolitan Club Poised to make The Difference in Offa and Environs**

Dr Alade stated that such partnerships were imperative in view of insufficient resources on the part of government which she lamented was the bane of nation's healthcare delivery system that has also been inhibiting efforts at achieving quality health care delivery in the country.

She said, "UNESCO stipulated that 25 per cent of government annual budget be invested in healthcare. "But the annual federal government budget allocated to healthcare in the past 10 years is about 5 per cent".

Dr Alade explained that "the Covid-19 pandemic has further revealed the challenges and shortcomings of Nigeria's health system". She added that "We are confronted with numerous defects such as shortage of health personnel, low doctor-to-patient ratio, insufficient funding, lack of health facilities especially in rural areas and outdated medical equipment among others.

"There is therefore an urgent need to bridge this gap and build a modern healthcare system that can cater to the needs of the people. Fortunately, the government is beginning to appreciate the contribution of not-for-profit organisations, communities, and clubs to expand the pool of much-needed resources to invest in the provision of quality of services.

Dr. (Mrs.) Sarah Alade, restated that the construction of the accident and emergency unit at the Offa General Hospital is an opportunity for Offa Metropolitan Club (OMC) to partner with the Kwara state government in the provision of healthcare in Offa town and its environs". Dr Alade further stated that, OMC was formed in 2019 with the objective of contributing to the development of economic, social, cultural progress of Offa and its environs. She added that, the motto of the club is "Making the Difference and that is what we are getting to do with the foundation laying of an ultra-modern Accident and Emergency unit sited at the Offa General Hospital". The OMC President who said that, "The project, which is the club's first intervention, is expected to be completed within six months and will gulp N150million added that, "when completed the Accident and Emergency building which would be the first of its kind in Offa, shall comprise an outpatient department, a resuscitation room, patient holding bays, four consultation rooms, and a triage/nurses station.

Other amenities shall also include, "an operation theatre, procedure, and plaster rooms, multiple male and female overnight stay rooms, eight toilets (four each for males and females), a waiting area for relatives and visitors, an X-ray and CT scan room, a laboratory and pharmacy to be collocated with the reception amongst other facilities. It will also be equipped with a 250KVA transformer, 200KVA generators, a 10KVA solar power system, external lightings, central television, closed-circuit television, telephone, and data facilities".

The estimated sum of N150 million covers only the cost of constructing the physical structure and excludes the cost of equipment and furnishing. The project's 3D video reveals its outstanding aesthetic features which include landscaping adorned with lush green lawns, fascinating horticulture, walkways, kerbs, stormwater drainage, and well-demarcated car parks. The club recently donated a 40-foot container of medical equipment and consumables to the Offa General Hospital.

**Offa Goes Agog As OMC Donates N150mn Accident and Emergency Unit. These Are Scenes At the Joyful Ceremony Captured by Offa Metropolitan Agenda's Photo Lenses**



Former Internal Affairs Minister, Ambassador Dr. Tunji Olagunju discussing with OMC President, Dr. (Mrs) Sarah Alade at the foundation laying ceremony.



**MORE THAN 1,000 RECIPIENTS BENEFITED FROM OMC'S COVID-19 PALLIATIVE/RELIEF FUND IN APRIL 2020**

More than 1,000 families in Offa were each paid N5,000 during the lockdown in April, 2020. The recipients were drawn from the following groups:

1. Religious Bodies - Christian Association of Nigeria and League of Imams
2. Association of Offa Local Government Pensioners
3. Association of Artisans
4. Very Old and Aged / Old Farmers
5. Physically Challenged
6. Petty Traders
7. Association of Okada/ Koroep Riders
8. Offa Patient Hospital Welfare Committee
9. Widows and Widowers
10. Offa Armed Robbery Victims.

**Here are some of the beneficiaries**





# Kwara Governor Attends 2019 Ijakadi Festival In Offa, Bags Chieftaincy Title



Gov Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq shares a smile with the Olofa of Offa , Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi at the eight edition of Ijakadi Festival in Offa , on Saturday.



L-R: Dr Funsho Oladipo President, Offa Descendants Union and Chairman, Board of Trustees, Offa Metropolitan Club chatting with Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq at the Ijakadi Festival.

**K**wara state governor, Alhaji AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, registered presence at the 8th edition of the Ijakadi Festival in Offa on Saturday. It was a celebration of the culture and history of the ancient town and he was the first governor to do so.

Governor AbdulRazaq arrived the Offa stadium venue of the colourful festival in his signature low-key manner at exactly 11a.m. — way ahead of any other government officials or dignitaries. As a way of appreciating the governor for identifying with the community and for his rare show of humility, Olofa of Offa , Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi (Esuwoye II) bestowed the chieftaincy title of Soludero of Offa Land on him.

The monarch noted that AbdulRazaq made history as first Governor to attend the event since it began eight years ago. Attending the event according to the Olofa shows the governor's love for culture and community development.

'This is the eight edition of Ijakadi festival and His Excellency is the first Governor to attend this programme. I'm honouring him with the title of Soludero of Offa Land. That's a mark of our appreciation for your coming. This event is about our love for equity, justice and fairness. We have always shown the way not only in Kwara but in the Northern Nigeria. We are always ready to show community spirit' the Olofa said.

The governor , for his part, acknowledged the self-driven development initiatives and resilience of the Offa people and how their support in the run up to the election had been very decisive in the Kwara's political struggle. 'The Ijakadi Offa Festival typifies

your resilience and ingenuity as a people and this has continued to make you critical stakeholders in the socioeconomic and political space of Kwara state. I urge you to never relent in this regard because healthy competition — devoid of destructive jealousy — is key to development. The 2020 budget contains provisions to promote our cultural heritage as Kwarans as well as project our festivals to the world as part of our efforts to make tourism a major revenue earner for the state.

The Kwara we used to know was renowned for the entrepreneurial spirit of its people. Our people were not always dependent on handouts from any government but things changed along the way following a deliberate effort to impoverish the people.

Even then, many people and communities resisted such tendency. I am proud to say that the people of Offa stood tall during those dark years. I must thank you for that. Going forward, this administration will promote qualitative and inclusive education, enterprise, and sustainable development with all seriousness. The 2020 budget has pointed in that direction and your own son, an indigene of Offa, is at the centre of our developmental initiatives as Commissioner for Enterprise.

One of our upcoming projects is the renovation of the Offa Grammar School. We have completed the tender process to rehabilitate the Offa water works to strengthen sanitation and public health. We have recently fixed the Popo Road, while we have also awarded the construction of Tipper Garage-Amuyo-to-Adesoye College road' he submitted.

## Motto

"Offa Metropolitan Club Making The Difference"

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