

## ABOUT THE BOOK

The GATE is a publication of the Centre For Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership (CACOL). It is a detailed account of programmes that took place under CACOL's Good Governance Accountability and Transparency Education (GATE) project for the second quarter of year two.

CACOL launched a renewed campaign to eradicate corruption from Nigeria at the beginning of the GATE project in 2018. C-GATE was designed to sensitize the grassroots and the lower strata of the public service on how to monitor the policies and programmes of ministries, departments and agencies of government vis-à-vis senior public office holders. The aim of the project is to compel politicians and other public office holders to execute policies, programmes and projects of government as prescribed by existing statutes.

This was necessitated by the fact that our politicians and some public office holders became notorious for making failed promises to the electorate. Some of them deliberately made these fake promises.

This project was fashioned to educate the grassroots on how to track the policies, programmes and promises of politicians and public office holders before, during and after the electioneering period. The project will also educate the grassroots on how to monitor public projects sited within their communities in order to ensure that they comply with the terms of the contract for which they were awarded.

In this quarter, CACOL organized lectures, workshops and anti-corruption tours in Lagos and Osun states. In Lagos, the partnership with federal law enforcement agencies was taken a step further as the top echelon of the Nigeria Police Force and Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC) declared their readiness to join hands with CACOL in the campaign to stamp out corruption from Nigeria.

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***RUN-DOWN OF CENTRE FOR ANTI-CORRUPTION AND OPEN LEADERSHIP, CACOL FIRST QUARTER (YEAR TWO)***

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# PREFACE

This publication is a detailed chronicle of activities carried out under CACOL's Good Governance Accountability and Transparency Education (C-GATE) Project for the second quarter of the second year which began on December 3 2019 and ended on March 2, 2020. The first activity of the quarter took place on December 18, 2019 when the Executive Chairman of the Centre For Anti-Corruption and Open leadership (CACOL), Mr Debo Adeniran delivered a lecture with the theme “Curbing Corruption in Nigeria's Political Processes: Establishing a Grassroots Paradigm in Good Governance Accountability and Transparency” at the zonal meeting of the Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC) held in Ojodu-Lagos.

This was sequel to an earlier consultative workshop held with several federal law enforcement agencies comprising FRSC, Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) and the National Orientation Agency (NOA). Another milestone in the execution of the project was achieved when a workshop was held with Area F officers and men of the Lagos State Police Command.

The lecture and workshop held with the FRSC and Police at different times were highly revealing as top officers of both agencies declared their readiness to partner with CACOL in the execution of the GATE project.

The quarter also witnessed anti-corruption tours which took place in Lagos and Osun states. The C-GATE units used the opportunity to create awareness about the GATE project and drew the attention of state governments in both states to dilapidated public utilities and services . The tours were extensive as they covered nearly all LGAs and LCDAs in both states.

The GATE was forged to educate the grassroots in the society and the

lower strata of the public service on how to monitor the policies and programmes of ministries, departments and agencies of government vis-à-vis public office holders. The goal of the project is to promote Good Governance Accountability and Transparency in governance. Execution of the GATE project in the second year is targeted at the lower segment of personnel in all tiers and agencies of government alongside the grassroots in the local communities of Lagos and Osun states. In the pursuit of this goal, CACOL has retained its partnership with Community Development Councils (CDCs) and Community Development Associations (CDAs) in both states.

There is no doubt that the project is making the desired impact in both states as abundant evidence indicates that shady public office holders in Lagos and Osun states have come to realize that it is no longer business as usual.

The commitment of C-GATE members to uproot corruption from the social fabric of both states has been a source of inspiration to the leadership of CACOL and its partners in the implementation of the GATE project.

## Introduction To The Gate Second Quarter (2nd Year) Report

The direct involvement of some federal law enforcement agencies in the implementation of the GATE project in Lagos State has served as a morale booster to the membership of the C-GATE units in both states. It is noteworthy that these lectures and workshops with law enforcement agencies in Lagos state was characterized by frankness as all factors responsible for corruption within their ranks were tabled and discussed. It became obvious that contrary to the popular perception among Nigerians, law enforcement officers are not opposed to total eradication of corruption from the country. It also became clear that the negative phenomenon of corruption is actually systemic.

The wide positive media coverage CACOL's direct partnership with officers of law enforcement agencies received is an indication that the project has been recognized as a veritable means of prosecuting the anti-corruption war in both states.

The anti-corruption tours embarked upon by the C-GATE units jolted many public servants in both states from their slumber. One major lesson learnt during the quarter was that the sudden manner in which these tours were organized served the purpose for which they were meant. Adherence to bureaucratic red-tape for such visits to public facilities would have alerted relevant public officers and given them the opportunity to cover up the true condition of places visited.

Another message that was sent during the quarter was that the veil of secrecy which have for long surrounded the condition of dilapidated public facilities in both states was torn to shreds. GATE reports about the state of public facilities like roads, schools and hospitals in both states have in some cases become a source of embarrassment to hitherto unquestioned authorities.

The inauguration of new C-GATE units during the quarter and clamour for establishment of more are pointers that the project has gradually but steadily assumed a momentum of its own. The C-GATE members demonstrated great solidarity at Osogbo recently.

The entire C-GATE membership from all parts of the state assembled and marched in a procession to the Palace of the Ataoja of Osogbo to protest against the Federal and State Government's planned take-over and blockade of a road leading to the Osun-Osogbo Grove which has been recognised as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Lastly, the Roundtable Discourse which held in Lagos during the quarter provided a unique opportunity for representatives of Yar'Adua Foundation, leadership of CACOL and representatives of C-GATE units in Lagos and Osun states to sit together and brainstorm on the future of the project. The outcome of the session also forms a part of this report.

## Highlights Of Activities During The Quarter

### Lectures And Workshops

On December 18 2019, the Executive Chairman of CACOL Mr. Debo Adeniran delivered a lecture on anti-corruption to the Lagos Zonal Command of the Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC).

On January 29, 2020, CACOL held a capacity-building workshop with officers and men of the Area Two Police Command in Lagos State.

The Anti-corruption tours to different LGAs and LCDAs in Lagos State took place between January and February 2020. The tours focused on the state of public infrastructure in the various local government areas. Public schools, health centres and roads that crisscross these LGAs and LCDAs were visited and assessed. The volume of information generated and issues raised during the Lagos tours would take a reasonable time to fully address.

Similar tours were embarked upon in Osun State. In addition to that, a general conference was held for the leadership of all C-GATE units to share ideas on how to monitor public facilities and projects and ensure that they adhere to minimum standards. The rate of progress achieved in both Lagos and Osun states with regard to the execution of the GATE project was appreciable. There is no doubt that



the C-GATE family have metamorphosed into a force to be reckoned with in the State of Osun.

The Round Table Conference also provided another opportunity for all the stakeholders in the GATE project to evaluate the journey so far. In his speech at the occasion entitled “*Understanding Good-Governance Accountability and Transparency Education (GATE) Project: Summary, Objectives and Present Status.*” CACOL Chairman Mr Adeniran reminded all the participants that the purpose of the project was to curb corruption in the society. His insight on why people in the local communities had not fought corrupt politicians in the past was highly revealing.

Adeniran converted the occasion to another lecture as he explained some topics for the umpteenth time. He rightly observed that corruption became very attractive in the country because in the past, If politicians failed to fulfill their campaign promises, nobody asked questions. He insisted that both public institutions awarding contracts and the contractors have to be closely monitored to ascertain whether they were adhering to the terms of the contract and the law.

## Report On Second Quarter (Year Two)

*By Okechukwu Ndiribe, Jolomi Fenemigho, Nosa Uwumwose, Bukola Egbinola, Kayode Aremo , Oluwabusola Agunbiade and Oluwapelumi Faulkner*

The second quarter (of the second year) of the Good Governance Accountability and Transparency Education Project began on December 3, 2019. The first activity of the quarter took place on December 18, 2019 when the Executive Chairman of the Centre For Anti-Corruption and Open leadership (CACOL), Mr Debo Adeniran delivered a lecture at the zonal meeting of the Federal Roads Safety Commission held in Ojodu-Lagos.

The CACOL boss delved into the fields of psychology, sociology, history and economics to analyse the evolution and transformation of human beings and the societies in which they lived.

According to him: “The best thing we can do for ourselves is to improve our skills. If we are well developed intellectually, we will discover that everything we previously considered as problems were artificial because they were the creation of our minds.”

He continued: “When our parents gave birth to us, we cried. When we

w e r e growing up as children, we were not able to recognize evil.”

He further spoke on the subjects of morality, ethics and



law and how they operate in a modern society.

Said he: “The accumulation of illicit wealth can never make one proud because your conscience will always tell you everything you have accumulated through illicit means can place a curse on you. What we mean by this, is that we want a better society. We want a change for the better to enable human beings to live in a society of governed people.” He asked: “Now, who is going to initiate the change? Is it the same people or beneficiaries of the system?”

He spoke extensively on corruption and mentioned several definitions and types of the social cankerworm.

The Lagos Zonal Commander of FRSC, Mr S.A. Obayemi also presented a brief report card on the zone's efforts to stamp out corruption from the ranks of its personnel. In his remarks at the occasion, Obayemi stated that since he assumed duty as Zonal Commander for Zone Two Command, 18 FRSC officers had been arrested for collecting bribes.

In his own remarks at the occasion, the FRSC Sector Commander for Lagos State Mr Hyginus Omeje urged all officers in the zone to adopt integrity as their watchword to enable them last long on their jobs. He narrated how he was pressurized in the past to compromise on standards so that he could be rewarded financially adding that he resisted all such pressures thereby paving way for his eventual elevation to his present position.

On 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, CACOL held a capacity building workshop with officers and men of Area F Police Command in Lagos. In his introductory remarks, CACOL's CRD, Mr Okechukwu Ndiribe explained the purpose of the GATE Project.

He said: “We have been executing a project called Good Governance,

Accountability and Transparency Education (GATE). Execution of this project has so far been restricted to Lagos and Osun states. Right now we have what we call C-GATE units in almost all the local government areas in Lagos and Osun States. C-GATE units are made up of individuals within different communities in Lagos and Osun



states, who came together to fight corruption.”

He further stated that the project had been going on since 2018 adding that since late last

year “We decided to take the battle against corruption to a higher level and that is to involve safety and security agencies to partner with us in the fight against corruption.”

He explained that the day's event was a continuation of the C-GATE project designed to “Build capacity amongst officers of the Nigerian Police on the anti-corruption agenda. “

In his own speech at the occasion, CACOL Executive Chairman, Mr Debo Adeniran said for a long time he had wanted to involve Police officers as partners in the anti-corruption struggle.

Said he: “We wanted to be here a long time ago. The top echelon of the Nigerian Police Force didn't allow us access on time but we got permission late last year and of course we had to move round all the area commands. “

He further said his paper focused on “Corruption, the Individual and Collective Roles in Curbing it.”

He said: “You will agree with me that if there is a problem and we don't know the cause, it is not likely that we will know how to tackle it. There's no problem without a solution .”

He continued: “When you have embezzled funds you are supposed to utilize to build or equip a school that will ensure the children get good education, it could turn out that you have compromised your future.”

He pointed out that an ill-trained medical doctor-who poses great danger to society- could be the product of a corrupt or weak educational system.

He further said that anybody whose conscience does not caution when he is doing something immoral or criminal no longer had a conscience. According to him: “If you are guided by your conscience, by the time you want to cheat someone, your conscience will tell you that what you

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you deserve promotion, you are going to get it. You don't need to bribe anybody. If you do not bribe somebody, and you don't get promoted because of that, something else will come your way. That is why they

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say that if one door closes, another one will open.

“Politicizing corruption can do more harm than good. In most cases in Nigeria, corruption has been politicized. When you are handling a case, favouritism, nepotism and similar matters should not govern your mind. You should treat every case based on its own merit and ensure that every offender is made to face the penalty that he deserves.”

He observed that poor welfare condition among police officers was one of the factors that had to be addressed by the Government for the war against corruption to be effective.

He defined corruption and identified its different variants in the society, adding that parents had a responsibility to inculcate moral values into their children so that they would abhor corruption from childhood to adulthood.

He explained that the GATE project was a paradigm shift in the fight against corruption as it seeks to mobilize the ordinary people to participate as opposed to the previous elitist approach.

In his own comments at the occasion, the Assistant Commissioner of Police incharge of Area F Police Command Akinbayo Olasoji pointed out that corruption had become pervasive in the entire society and needed to be comprehensively addressed.”

He pointed out that even though the salary of policemen had been seriously affected by devaluation of the Naira, this was no justifiable reason for an officer to engage in corrupt activity. He recalled that on several occasions during his career, he had stood his ground on the basis of professional ethics and urged the younger generation of officers to shun corrupt tendencies so that they could last long in the Police Force. He recalled the advice he was offered as a freshly recruited Police officer adding that at the end of his career, he would return to teaching.

In his own contribution at the occasion, the Convener of Democracy Vanguard Comrade Adeola Soetan affirmed that not all policemen were corrupt adding that a police culture could not exist outside the general culture of the larger society. He advocated that the war against corruption should not be restricted to the security agencies or armed forces, but rather should be taken to the nation's churches, mosques, schools and the larger society so that it could be effective.

Participants at the workshop later broke into groups. The group reports are presented below. Mr Adegboyega Otunuga presented the Group One report. He stated that his group gave two definitions of corruption adding that the first definition was : “Corruption is any act of dishonesty.”

The second definition was: “Any unmerited benefit or advantage that

accrue to the person who perpetrates the

He further said corrupt could be defined as one's position in

society at any given time compels or makes another individual to do what he or she didn't want to do for another person's benefit. “

He also stated that his group agreed that “The best way to identify corruption was to determine whether a person was having the upper hand- due to his position- in the bid to take advantage of someone at a



to persons committing an act”.

He further stated that corruption could occur in some positions in the

particular time.”

The second group's report was presented by Mr Okechukwu Ndiribe. He said his group defined corruption as “Any departure from what was good and correct.” He said his group in its attempt to answer the second question also agreed that every normal person in a society knew what was right and wrong and was expected to act in accordance with the moral code.”

The third group's report was presented by a policeman, ASP Ladipo Oluseyi.

According to him: “ In our group, we tried to address so many issues affecting the Nigeria Police. This included corruption and unlawful behavior of people in power. As a policeman, you are being paid and you are expected to carry out your duties diligently and never to get involved in any corrupt act such as bribe-taking and so on.”

He further said that “We can identify corruption when bribe is being given or taken. Corruption could also manifest as nepotism.”

He identified lack of technology and low morale as additional factors that enhanced corruption.

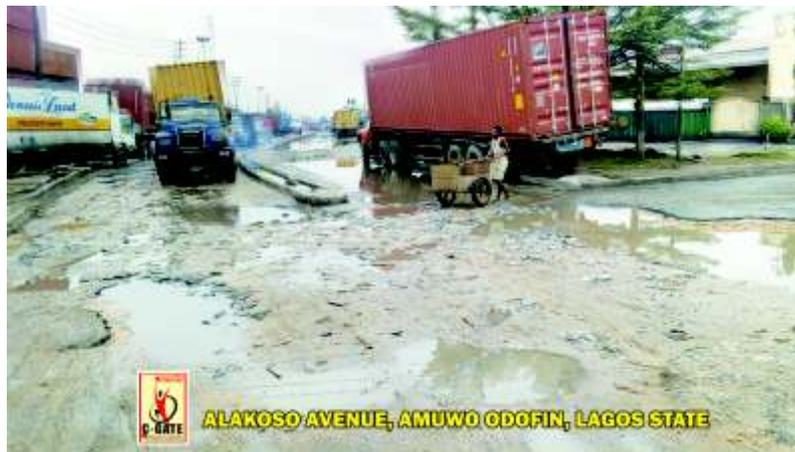
Said he: “A policeman who has not been promoted for as long as eight years could be demoralized. This could result in



corruption. A demoralized policeman won't be able to do the job the way he is supposed to do it.”

He identified another factor that affected the performance of Nigeria Police as the reluctance of residents in a neighbourhood to report happenings around them.

According to him: “If we can encourage the society to be active in reporting what goes wrong around them, things will improve security wise.”



## C-GATE UNITS EMBARK ON ANTI CORRUPTION TOUR

C-GATE units in Lagos and Osun states embarked on anti-corruption tours during the quarter. They used the opportunity to create awareness about the GATE project and drew the attention of the Government to dilapidated public utilities and services. A summary of the reports are presented below.

### Lagos C-GATE Units

The C-GATE Unit at Ikorodu West held its Anti-Corruption Tour on 22/1/2020. The Anti-Corruption Tour started at 9:20am. The tour started from Isawo Road where there was an ongoing construction work. The C-GATE members complained about the diversion of the drainage channel and the flooding that accompanied it. The affected area included nine communities.

Mr Kunle Adesina, the Manager in charge of Hi-Tech Construction Company promised that the company will address the flooding problem by laying a pipe for the drainage of water and waste during the rainy season.

Residents of Ori-okuta Road complained they annually contributed about four million Naira for upgrading of the road; each house usually contributed N5,000 yearly. They said they had written several letters to the LGA authorities without getting a response.

An erosion site -which used to hamper traffic during the rainy season -along Igbo-Olomu Road was also visited. Residents of the area also said they had resorted to communal efforts to rehabilitate the road in the past.

At the Igbo-Olomu Primary Health Centre, patients who came for medical attention were interviewed, but medical personnel at the health centre declined to grant interviews. One of them later said the primary health centre lacked electricity, water and toilet facilities.

At UPE Primary School , Cole Village Ajagunro-Ikorodu- which is the only public school in the whole of Ikorodu West Local Government Area - it was noticed that some pupils of the school sat on disused automobile tyres in their classrooms. The Assistant Head Teacher said that the school was in a terrible shape and needed more classroom blocks, regular supply of electricity, furniture, library, first aid kit and adequate security. She further said the school owned an electricity generator which the LGA office was supposed to fuel but did not due to lack of funds.

**Agege/Mangoro- Onipetesi:** The Agege/Mangoro -Onipetesi C-GATE unit Anti-Corruption Tour held on 12/2/20. The tour started from Arigidi Street where the C-GATE members narrated the difficulties residents of the street faced during the rainy season. They said the road needed to be tarred. The group proceeded to Elkana Street where there was a deep pothole that had resulted in accidents which involved many members of the public. The community used a big plank to cover it.

Residents of the area also said there was a serious flood problem along the same street. They demanded for the reconstruction of Elkana and Adegbola streets.

At Ajakaye Street, C-GATE members reported the presence of a lot of abandoned vehicles which were being used as hideouts by



thieves. These abandoned vehicles also caused traffic jam in the area. They appealed to the State Government to repair the affected roads and remove the abandoned vehicles. The Baale of Onipetesi Community High

Chief Sanni Oyegunle Shobande was also visited.

The CDA Secretary Chief Akindele Kolo said residents of the area narrated an incident that happened a long time ago. He said six streets in the area were falsely reported by the media as having been rehabilitated. They said they would like CACOL to investigate the false report.

Chief Akindele also said the Health Centre and borehole serving the community were inadequate.

At Shonaya Street, there it was observed that there was a need to erect an embankment to protect residents of the area from the wide canal. Erosion and flood occasioned by blocked and damaged drainage channels were also identified as problems faced by residents of the second Elkana street during rainy season. Deep potholes were also observed at Ajayi Ogidan Street. The road needs to be paved.

Iloro Primary Health Centre, Agege, was also visited. It was learnt that the health centre was well equipped but the facility was inadequate for the huge crowd of patients that used to troop to the

place.

Also visited were Iloro Junior School and Agege Junior College located at Oyefeso Street. Residents of the area said the gutter located beside the school fence always caused flooding during the rainy season. They further said the gutter had been turned into a refuse dump and this had defaced the school's entrance.

At Oduduwa and State Primary Schools, it was noticed that the fence of both schools had fallen. Some of the teachers said the fence had been like that since last year.

The Agege Local Government Chairman was said to have recently renovated some of the buildings in both schools and equipped them with furniture. But both schools lacked pupils. They also lacked teachers for the kindergaten and nursery classes. They also require electricity.

At Oduduwa school, they need more chairs, tables and blackboards. The only football field used by both schools needs to be grassed.

**Coker Aguda:** The Anti-Corruption Tour by Coker Aguda C-GATE Unit took place on 27/1/20. The tour began at 81 Baale Street, Orile-Iganmu. An abandoned road project at Falodun Street, Orile, was visited. Residents of the street claimed that the Local Government Chairperson Alhaja Mrs. Modinat Akiyomi Obe promised to complete the road during her first term in office four years ago, but she is yet to fulfill her promise.

Traffic light was installed along Igunnu Street, but had not been powered since early 2019. It was also observed that a new electricity generator was installed to provide power for street lights, but it is yet to be used since former Governor Ambode who left office mid-last year provided it.

Residents of the area complained that people usually dumped refuse into the canal thereby blocking the drainage channel, and this later resulted in flooding of the road. The canal is located at Coker Road which is linked to Babs Animashaun and other streets around the locality.

Three schools were visited in the area, namely:

1. Local Authority Primary School
2. Central Primary School
3. Jimoh Primary School.

It was learnt that a contract to rehabilitate the Central School was allegedly awarded to Interwave Global Services Limited and was to be completed in six months but was abandoned and neither the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) nor the Federal Government owned Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) did anything about it.

At Jimoh Primary School, the school's head teacher complained that pupils hardly attended classes during rainy season because the compound was usually flooded. She further said the school didn't have enough classrooms thereby forcing the pupils to be overcrowded in the few available classrooms. The school doesn't have potable water and decent toilet.

At the Primary Health Centre located along Emopkiore Street Orile, it was discovered that the facility faced staff shortage. It also lacked electricity supply, potable water and chairs for patients to sit. The PHC's labour room was also in a bad condition and was locked up. Patients or their relatives had to go to nearby houses to beg for water to be used at the PHC.

Residents of the area said that the road project at Memudu Lane was abandoned during the administration of former Governor Babatunde

Fashola whose tenure ended in 2015.

It was also learnt that Babs Animashaun Road which links Surulere to Orile was in a very bad condition. It was learnt that churches located along the road wanted to fix it through communal effort but their offer was turned down by the Local Government administration.

**Ojo Unit Two:** The Ojo C-GATE Unit Two Anti-Corruption Tour held on 5/2/2020. The tour started at Ojo Town Hall. The Ojo Primary Health Center was visited and it was learnt that it had just been renovated and equipped by the incumbent administration of Hon. Rosulu Idowu Olusola.

Awori College was also visited and it was observed that although the school premises was fenced, there were some classrooms without roof. The school also lacked potable water, a functional toilet, tables and chairs for the pupils to sit in their various classrooms. The school authority levied each student the sum N3,000 for the roofing of some classrooms.

Afolabi Ige Road was visited and was observed to be dilapidated. Residents of the area said that if the Government could repair the road, it will improve the flow of traffic in the area. Also visited were St. Michael Primary Schools One and Two and Alaworo Primary School. The Headmistress of Alaworo Primary School said that the school was one of those recently renovated by the Government. She said the school had potable water and its toilet was functioning.

A plant of the Lagos State Water Corporation located at Ojo- Agric Olugbemi Community was visited. It was observed that the facility had stopped pumping water since June 2019.

Investigations revealed that funds for running the water plant may have been diverted to the private bank accounts of some individuals.

The Model Government College Agric was also visited. The principal said that the school was well equipped.

At Ojo Junior and High School it was observed that there was a refuse dump near the school's gate. It was learnt that some miscreants who live in the neighbourhood usually sold hard drugs to students of the school near the refuse dump. Residents of the area appealed to the Government to address the situation.

Also visited were Aruba and Olowotabutabu Streets where the residents complained about the bad condition of both roads. It was learnt that some miscreants usually robbed residents of their belongings along the nearby Lagos-Badagry Express Way.

**Ajeromi/ Ifelodun :** The Ajeromi/ Ifelodun C-GATE anti-corruption tour held on 23/1/2020. The rendezvous for the Ajeromi/ Ifelodun C-GATE Anti-Corruption Tour was the local government secretariat. At 8:32am, 27 members of the C-GATE Unit were present for the tour. CACOL's Campaigns and Operations Officer Mr Nosa Uwumwose and Admin Officer, Mr Abiodun Adeosi were also present. There was a brief meeting during which the condition of some roads in the LGA was discussed. It was agreed that in addition to roads, hospitals, schools and faulty drainage channels in the area would be inspected.

It was observed that Cardoso road which has been dilapidated for many years, was the only road that linked Ajeromi- Ifelodun LGA and Lagos Badagry Expressway. Some transporters who were interviewed concerning the state of the road said that it was not motorable during the rainy season due to flooding caused by the blocked drainage channels.

Kirikiri Road was also visited and it was observed to be in a bad shape. It was littered with many potholes. Residents and traders said

they had complained to the Local Government Authorities and Lagos State Government but nothing was done. Many disused trucks were also parked along the road. Residents complained that hoodlums used such abandoned vehicles as hideouts and this posed a threat to them at night.

At the General Hospital along Cardoso road, some people were interviewed. Their comments about the state of the hospital was positive.

At the Ajeromi-Ifelodun Local Authority Primary School, it was discovered that it had been renovated and provided with a Five- a-side football pitch.

**Bariga:** The Bariga C-GATE Anti-Corruption Tour took place on 13/2/2020. The take-off point was Kuku Street and the time was 8.45am. CACOL officers who attended the occasion were the Campaigns and Operations Officer and Admin/Operations Officers, Messrs Nosa Uwumwone and Abiodun Adeosi respectively. There were 21 members at the meeting.

The tour began from Kuku Street and extended to other streets in the locality which were also in bad shape

The streets were: Odunsi, Olarewaju, Lawal, Farayibi and Falade which were considered as the worst.

Some security concerns were raised. Some residents of the locality, said they slept with only one eye closed because of the activities of hoodlums that disturb the area daily.

Also visited was the Primary Health Centre along Pedro Road. The matron refused to speak on the condition of the PHC. But some of the patients at the PHC confirmed that the medical facility was well equipped and offered qualitative service.

**Ifelodun:** Ifelodun C-GATE Anti-Corruption Tour held on 1/2/2020. The venue for the meeting was the local government headquarters. Members of the unit were inaugurated that same day at 10:30am. Authority banner and certificates were issued to them. Some schools, health centres and roads were inspected. A total of eight primary schools were visited. At the Local Authority Primary School Gaskia, the Head teacher praised the administration of Fatai Ajidogba, the Local Government Chairman for providing some of the basic infrastructures the school needed.

At Jimoh Ojora Primary School 1 and 2, the two Head teachers refused to comment on the prevailing condition in their schools. The C-GATE team went round the school, and took pictures of dilapidated classrooms.

At Alaba Primary School 1 and 2, the two Head teachers also refused to speak. However, it was discovered that the schools were in a very bad shape. Pupils lacked tables and chairs to sit on and they were in overcrowded classrooms.

At Zumuratul Islamiyah Primary School 1 and 2, it was noticed that the school had just been rehabilitated by the Local Government Chairman. New chairs and tables were provided but the classrooms were not enough. The pupils had just been given some set of books, new uniforms and bags.

Olaniyomi Primary School which is located in the same compound with Zumuratural Islamiyyah Primary School, has just been renovated but lacked enough classrooms.

Two health centres at Badia were visited. At one of them, it was learnt that that everything was in place in terms of doctors, nurses, drugs, potable water, electricity generator and labour room. The second PHC was still under construction.

**Lagos Island West:** At Lagos Island West LGA the C-GATE Anti Corruption Tour held on 31/1/2020. The tour began at Eyin Eyo, near Eko-Idumota area. There was a meeting with C-GATE officials and CDC members. The attendance was 52 persons. Members mentioned the various challenges residents of the LGA faced. The major areas of focus were bad roads, slums, insecurity and blocked drainages. Iga Idugaran Road was visited and it was observed to have been flooded and abandoned together with other link roads. It was learnt that hoodlums harassed anyone who passed through the area at night.

Jankara Market which was demolished during the administration of Fashola is yet to be rebuilt. Hoodlums have turned it into a hide out where they sell hard drugs.

The Primary Health Centre along Adeniji Adele Road was visited and it was observed to be an eyesore. There was no doctor. The facility also lacked security and the windows had no burglary proof. The matron and nurses on duty complained bitterly about the condition of the PHC. The Local Council Authority was accused of neglecting the PHC. The PHC lacked water, electricity, medical equipment, beds and drugs. Furthermore, it was learnt that hoodlums had turned the PHC into their hideout.

**Yaba:** Yaba LCDA held its Anti-Corruption Tour on 10/2/2020. The home of Mr. Dosumu was the rendezvous for the anti-corruption tour. There were 11 members in attendance. Four primary schools, two health centres and some abandoned road projects were visited.

Fazic Omar Primary School Iwaya was visited and it was observed that it was in a sorry state. There were more than 800 pupils in the school and the various arms of different classes were merged together from primary one to six. The population in each classroom was about 90 pupils. The school didn't have enough chairs and desks. Some pupils were sitting on the floor while some dilapidated classrooms were abandoned.

At Ahmadiyya Primary School, Iwaya, pupils sat on the bare floor while receiving lessons in some of the classrooms. The school also had no toilet until a philanthropist provided one recently. Only five classrooms could accommodate the pupils as most others were in a bad condition. The school also lacked enough chairs and desks for the pupils.

At Ladi-Lak Institute Primary School Alagometa, it was discovered that despite official claims that the school had been renovated, it lacked electricity. **An electricity** generator that was donated to the school by Barr. Wemimo Ogunde (SAN) was the only source of power. The lawyer also bought fuel for the generator every month. It was discovered that the school needed intervention in the following areas: repair of leaking roofs; provision of water closet for the toilet; repair of water taps; provision of drainage system for the school compound; Iron bed for the sick bay; tables and chairs for teachers. The inside of the classrooms also need to be painted.

Two primary health centres at Iwaya and Abule Oja were also visited. At Iwaya, it was learnt that the PHC was well equipped and everything was in place.

The PHC at Abule Oja, lacked potable water because its only borehole was located close to a canal. What is needed is relocation of the bore hole which was constructed by Access Bank because the water coming from it was not clean. There were two doctors, five nurses, and three non-medical staff working at the PHC. The pharmacy room, emergency room and general ward were functional.

An inspection of most roads in Yaba LCDA revealed that they had been rehabilitated by the Council Chairman Kayode Omiyale.

## OSUN REPORT

### C-GATE Inauguration and Capacity Building Workshop in Osogbo

The inauguration of C-GATE units and Capacity Building Workshop on Harnessing Traditional Trades and Practices in Discouraging Contemporary Youths from Financial and Corruption Crimes was held on 19/2/2020 at NUJ Press Center, Osogbo, State of Osun.

The theme for the Capacity Building workshop was “*Curbing Corruption in Nigeria's Political Processes: Establishing a Grassroots Paradigm in Good Governance, Accountability and Transparency.*”

The MC for the occasion, Mr Tola Oresanwo in his speech talked about the theme for the lecture which focused on how to curb corruption among the youths and the society at large. He also said the C-GATE educators were expected to give a feedback on what was happening in their various units and the challenges they were facing. He invited some of the participants to the high table. These included the Executive Chairman of CACOL, Mr Debo Adeniran; the State CDC Chairman, Alhaji Yisa Abubakar and Mrs Lola Wey. The MC called on the Osun State Coordinator of CACOL, Mr Rufus Oyatoro to make the opening remarks.

In his brief remarks, Oyatoro explained the reason for the occasion. He thanked all the C-GATE members who attended the occasion from various units in the state.

After Comrade Oyatoro's opening remarks, the MC called on Comrade Debo Adeniran to address participants present at the event.

Adeniran in his short remark said he was happy and thanked all the C-GATE members for attending the occasion from various units.

Mr Oyatoro threw more light on what Comrade Debo Adeniran had just said. He expressed appreciation for what Comrade Debo Adeniran said about Osun traditional vocation. Mr Oresanwo took responses and situation reports from C-GATE members.

#### Responses From C-GATE Members

**Mr. Busari Buhari from Osogbo Oja-Oba Unit**, said residents of the LGA were facing a poor road network adding that the Government had not done anything about it. He commented on the unit's Anti-Corruption Tour which focused on the public health-care system and the nonchalant attitude of medical personnel. He also talked about the planned inauguration and the need for members to have certificates and identity cards to enable them become bonafide members of C-GATE units.

He said the unit had identified some youthful talents and attempted to provide support by organizing a training workshop for them. The workshop which took place in some schools was designed to give the youths encouragement to enable them nurture whatever talents and they had in their various families or areas. Adire cloth making was cited as one of the skills taught at the workshop.

**Mr Alabi Samuel from Irepodun Unit**, said the problem residents in their LGA faced was that of abandoned projects by the Federal, State and Local Governments. He said these projects included hospitals and bad roads. He demanded to know what CACOL could do about the situation. He said residents of the LGA wanted to enjoy the dividends of democracy from the government.

**Mrs Adugbo from Oja-Oba Osogbo unit in her own remarks** complained about the condition of Ijetu Olowokere Street which is located in the area. She said residents of the area had made several efforts to redress the situation and even approached the government, but nothing had been done. She said that during the last general

elections, community leaders from the area requested for polling units adding that their population was up to 5,000. She complained about the negative activities the traditional ruler and chiefs in the area adding that they were maltreating widows and their children. She narrated how the traditional rulers hijacked their property, took them to court and jailed their various family heads.

**Mr. Adebayo Katibi from Oja Oba Osogbo unit** said Ibuaje area was made up of nine communities but had no hospital nor public school and yet they were paying their taxes.

**Alhaji Rasidi Oyedele from Osogbo unit** said the C-GATE unit had made an impact in the area. He further stated that one of the female members bought some plots of land together with other people in their area, but there was an attempt to cheat her. He demanded to know what C-GATE could do about the situation.

Mr TS Adeniyi from Oja-Oba Unit in his own remarks regretted that Nigerians had abandoned their indigenous culture and religion and embraced that of Europeans.

He further said Europeans displaced traditional religion and culture with foreign religion and education. He expressed dismay over what happened to the 6-3-3-4 system of education which emphasized vocational training when it was introduced by former military dictator Gen. Ibrahim Babangida.

**Mr Kolawole Abdullafeez from Irepodun unit** in his own comments said the major challenge residents of the area faced was that traditional rulers were taking anti-people measures. He stated that the youths of nowadays were lazy. He further said some Togolese residing in the area were enjoying more than the indigenes because they were involved in farming with their wives, while youths of the area were looking for white collar jobs.

**In his own comments, Alhaji Munirudeen from Ede unit** said members of the unit needed identity cards adding that non-availability of the cards had delayed them from operating. He said touts are too many in Ede and lamented that the situation now posed a problem for those who were building houses in the town. He advised members to be serious with C-GATE meetings.

**Alhaji Akeem Olorode from Oja-Oba unit** said the road which linked Isale Oshun to Oke –Oshun in Osogbo was about to be shut by the the Federal Government in partnership with UNESCO and National Museum. He further stated that affected residents of both communities had been issued ultimatum adding that they needed CACOL's help over the development.

**Mrs Abimbola Kareem from Oja Oba unit** said thieves in the area had become more daring adding that they currently resort to stealing radiators from parked cars.

**Deacon Gbenga Bello from Ejigbo unit** in his own contribution said the unit comprised of representatives from CDC, students, youths and women. He added that they were planning to incorporate a lawyer to fight corruption. He said the C-GATE unit and authorities at Ejigbo Local Government Area reached an agreement that if the LGA administration will grade the major road in the council, the component communities will provide the fuel that would be used by the heavy duty equipment to do the job. He said the communities had already agreed to donate one million naira for the road rehabilitation work .

### **Comrade Debo Adeniran Responded To Questions And Comments**

He addressed the issue of identity cards first adding that they would be provided to members as soon as the new units were inaugurated. He said each unit should send its meeting report adding that this will enable CACOL's national headquarters to identify consistent

members and issue them with the cards. He said members of C-GATE units that had been inaugurated but didn't yet have identity cards would be issued by the following week.

He further said based on some laws introduced by former Head of State Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, it was difficult to challenge any land confiscated by any tier of Government if those affected did not have registered survey documents for their property. He said his father's land at Iresi was confiscated, adding that the case was not yet over. He advised members to prepare necessary documents for their land and let their children know its location and boundaries. He also advised members to ensure they had adequate knowledge of the history of any land bequeathed to them.

Commenting on the issue of abandoned projects, he said if the affected unit had been sending reports of their meetings to the headquarters, this would have enabled CACOL to follow it up. He encouraged the C-GATE members to use the knowledge they had acquired to fight corruption.

He also commented on the menace of touts and thugs in Ede, adding that C-GATE education could be used to neutralize them. He further stated that the Government deserved its own blame in the situation adding that such deviant individuals could be dealt with and put where they rightly belonged. He talked about the youths who learnt some trade and vocations. Mrs Lola Wey gave some explanations on funds.

Four C-GATE units were inaugurated. They were

1. Ejigbo Unit-5
2. Isokan Unit-2
3. Ede North Unit-5
4. Ede North Unit-3

Mrs Lola Wey presented certificates of inauguration to the leaders of the newly inaugurated C-GATE units and took pictures with them.

The closing remarks and vote of thanks were made by Comrade Rufus Oyatoro. The occasion was attended by 83 members.

### **Anti-Corruption Tour and Colloquium held in Osogbo on 20/2/20.**

The Osun Anti-Corruption tour was held jointly at Osogbo. There was a procession to the Osun Grove and the Palace of the traditional ruler of Osogbo. In a brief speech at the Oshogbo Grove, the CACOL Chairman accused the Federal and Osun State Governments in collaboration with UNESCO of attempting to seize the property of ordinary people in Osogbo.

He called on both tiers of Government to empower indigenes of the area so that they could engage in their various vocations and businesses. He also called on both tiers of Government to provide an alternative route to enable indigenes of the area to have easy access to their farms and other places of economic activity located along the road the Government planned to take over. He pointed out that whatever future plan the Federal and State Governments had for the area must take the interest of the indigenous people into consideration.

He maintained that the economic activities of indigenes of the area could not be relegated to the background just because the two tiers of Government and a foreign organisation planned to take over the access road leading to the Osogbo Grove for a tourist project.

He noted that some of the residents of the area were engaged in fishing adding that the road was the only route to their fish farms. He said residents of the area had no intention of being confrontational over their demands but were rather appealing that an alternative route be created for them to enable them pursue their livelihoods.

Adeniran further stated that the purpose of the visit to the area was to let the relevant Government agencies realize that the affected

indigenes were ready to draw global attention to Government's plan to seize their property without adequate compensation adding this type of attitude was not expected from a Federal Government that was fighting corruption.

### **Summary of Roundtable Discourse On The Outcome Of GATE Project Held In Lagos On February 25, 2020.**

The event kicked off by 11.47am with Mr Ikenna Aghagbobi, the Senior Programme and Project Officer serving as MC.

He asked the C-GATE members, representative of Shehu Musa Yaradua Foundation and CACOL staffers to introduce themselves. After the introduction by the participants, the MC talked about the day's agenda which was the outcome of C-GATES project and what could be done to improve it.

The MC called on the Executive Chairman of CACOL, Mr Debo Adeniran to speak on the topic “*Understanding Good-Governance Accountability and Transparency Education (GATE) Project: Summary, Objectives and Present Status.*”

In Mr Adeniran's speech, he introduced **Mr Amara Nwakpa, the Director of Public Policy Initiatives of Shehu Musa Yaradua Foundation** as the technical backup for the project.

He also said the purpose of the project was to curb corruption in the society. He said while people in the local communities were not fighting the corrupt politicians was because they did not know how to fight corruption. He also talked about the project's workshop.

He threw more light on: “What constitutes corruption”, “How to investigate corruption”, “How to serve as informants to anti-corruption agency” and “How to do follow-up on the promises made by politicians during their campaigns.”

He pointed that in the past, If politicians failed to fulfill their campaign

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**Mr Daniel O Solarin of Coker Aguda C-GATE unit** said his unit had made progress by monitoring projects at the LCDA headquarters adding that they had already made an impact. He further stated that the school they visited welcome the group very well.

**Mr A A Daramola of Orile Agege said C-GATE was merged with CDA** and this is giving the authorities sleepless nights. They have already visited schools.

**Mr Adigun Ganiyu of Ifelodun/Ajeromi said that** since the CDA was dissolved, no meeting had been held adding that the Council Chairman was still afraid of C-GATE's mission.

**Mr Sola Fawole said the C-GATE meeting for Oshodi/Isolo was usually held in his house.** He said the LGA Chairman was afraid of the C-GATE project. He said a Special Adviser to the Chairman has been supportive adding that there are up to 20 active members in the unit. He said last time they invited the Chairman to brief the unit about the LGA's budget implementation, the chairman did not come. He said they needed a meeting venue.

**Mr Olushina K Alade of Mushin thanked CACOL** for the C-GATE project. He further said members of the unit had been inspired adding that they had become bolder to ask relevant questions concerning suspected cases of corruption despite the dissolution of the CDA.

**Alhaja Alli Ogundeji of Ojo Unit in her own remark said** the knowledge gained from CACOL's activities had made members to become more enlightened and dedicated in the fight against corruption.

**Mrs Adepoju of Agege-Onipetesi** said the major challenge they face in their area is the Police. She explained that policemen always visited the area every Friday to collect bribes from commercial motorcycle riders operating in the component communities adding that they sometimes harassed innocent residents while carrying out their illegal operations.

She also said a suspected cult group known as Awawa boys- which usually operate from a school in the area- also commit a lot of atrocities and frequently disrupt the peace of the area. She said the unit had 15 members. She also demanded for identity cards to enable members of the unit operate with confidence whenever they go out to execute any task. She encouraged everyone to fight for their rights.

**Mr Fashina from Ikorodu West** said the C-GATE unit in the LGA had a problem which had affected the work of the CDC Chairman. The unit had invited the Chairperson of Local Government Area to attend their meeting but she has been dodging them. The state Government allocated N16m to the LGA while only N8m was presented. He said CACOL has empowered the C-GATE unit to fight and expose corruption in the LGA.

**Mr Ademola Somotun from Onigbongbon LCDA** said there was no C-GATE unit due to dissolution of the CDA.

**Mrs Elizabeth Nwosu from Ikeja C-GATE unit** said that the new CDA chairman has not found his feet yet. She said the old chairman always attended C-GATE meetings but the new one promised to join soon. She also talked about Police harassment adding that policemen always harassed commercial motorcyclists -called *okada* in local parlance- and extort N20,000 from them as bail fees. She also said public electricity bills imposed on residents of the LGA was too high. She promised that before the next meeting, she will persuade the new CDA chairman to attend the C-GATE meeting.

**Mr Buari Abdulmaleek of Lagos Island** said the new Lagos Island CDC Chairman Chief Abo Elemoro Martins was present in the meeting. He said that due to the fact that the CDC leadership in the LGA was newly inaugurated, they did not have any report.

Mr Agha Ikenna took over the microphone and responded to what some of C-GATE members said. He said C-GATE units were not part of CDC or CDA adding that CACOL only passed through the CDCs and CDAs to get to the grassroots. He said the project was being executed in Lagos and Osun states while efforts were being made to extend it to other states.

The Osun State Coordinator Mr Oyatoro responded by saying that there was no way the CDAs and CDCs could be avoided by CACOL. He further said that CDCs and CDAs were the first links to the C-GATE units. He said for example, the Chairman of Oja-oba CDA appointed the C-GATE chairman and there hasn't been any problem over that.

**In his own speech, Mr Amara Nwakpa of the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Foundation** said he had been encouraged by how the C-GATE members were passionate about the GATE project. He said he liked the level of understanding C-GATE members exhibited about corruption and how to fight it adding that the battle against corruption would be protracted but victory was assured.

He said even the democratic culture in the United States which Nigerians were looking up to, was now facing the challenge of transparency at the White House adding that any society or country could lose its democratic practice. He further stated that changing the norms and attitude of grassroots people towards corruption was a major issue. He said CACOL had been one of the exemplary organizations which always gave correct information and engaged

corruption on social media. He encouraged participants that having become leaders in CACOL, they should endeavour to become good leaders everywhere.

CACOL's Coordinator For Media and Publicity, **Mr Adegboyega Otunuga** said the centre's effort was historically relevant. He talked about how community policing like Amotekun was a form of internal security adding that by tackling corruption, we were fighting for our rights. He further said that the government should not give the people what they don't need.

**In his additional comments, Adeniran said CDCs and CDAs** had their limitations. He further stated that existing organizations could be partner with C-GATE units. He said at Alimosho LGA where CACOL had grassroots power, C-GATE units worked with CDAs and CDCs. He further stated that the structures of C-GATE units and CDCs were not the same because of the politics involved. He said at Ajeromi/Ifelodun, C-GATE was used as a tool to reach the people at the grass roots. He encouraged members whose units were yet to be inaugurated to meet regularly and send their reports. He further explained that the list of members who attend meetings regularly will determine those to be issued identity cards.

He also commented on the Police arrest of *okada* riders, adding that the C-GATE's job is to get evidence and witnesses who can stand. Such evidence should include video record of police when they are demanding for the money and collecting it.

The MC took the microphone and asked for comments and suggestions by participants on how to enhance CACOL's work adding that the seed had been planted while support was required to make it germinate. He urged Yar'Adua Foundation to continue with its support.

### Comments On GATE's Future

**Mrs Nwosu from Ikeja C-GATE unit** suggested that since C-GATE T-shirts were already available, leaflets should be printed so that they could distributed at rallies in order to create more awareness. Mr Osodi also supported Mrs Nwosu.

**Mr Sola Fawole** said participants should try to find out how the budgeted funds of their various LGAs were disbursed.

**Mr Fashina from Ikorodu C-GATE unit** said they needed copies of C-GATE letter head with CACOL's logo in case they wanted to write official letters in their domains. Mr Agha Ikenna responded to what Mr Fashina's request stating that "CACOL headquarters will not authorize any C-GATE unit to produce CACOL'S letter head but once any unit has a letter to write, they should inform the headquarters and they will be supported."

**In his additional comments Mr Oyatoro** said CACOL was not an organization that could be threatened or rattled in Nigeria.

### Adeniran, said he appreciated everybody's contribution during the occasion.

He said the leaflets would be produced adding that it had been done before. He said there will be a general Anti-corruption Tour at the failed Obadeyi- Sango section of Abeokuta-Lagos Expressway where trucks always fell on smaller vehicles and human beings. He further stated that members would be informed when the leaflets were ready. He further stated that the Governments in Nigeria didn't like transparent governance adding that political office holders would be forced to respond when they are exposed by CACOL.

He further said there will still be feedback, adding that any information directed to a unit would be respond to by the headquarters.

## CLOSING REMARKS

CACOL's Coordinator For Administration and Projects Mr Tola Oresanwo gave the closing remarks. He cautioned the C-GATE members against breaking the law adding that they should be men and women of integrity. He further said they should be watch their behaviour and become change agents. He also said that if in any way they needed help, the secretariat would be open for them at any time. He said he was happy to be in the midst of change agents.

The MC said, representatives of the security agencies who were supposed to attend the occasion were not present due to the nature of their job but whenever CACOL held another future programme, they will be invited.



## Transcript Of Proceedings Of Gate Project For The Second Quarter (Year Two)

*By Okechukwu Ndiribe, Jolomi Fenemigho, Nosa Uwumwose, Bukola Egbinola, Kayode Aremo , Oluwabusola Agunbiade and Oluwapelumi Faulkner*

The second quarter (of the second year) of the Good Governance Accountability and Transparency Education Project began on December 3, 2019. The first activity of the quarter took place on December 18, 2019 when the Executive Chairman of the Centre For Anti-Corruption and Open leadership (CACOL), Mr Debo Adeniran delivered a lecture at the zonal meeting of the Federal Roads Safety Commission held in Ojodu-Lagos.

The CACOL boss delved into the fields of psychology, sociology, history and economics to analyse the evolution and transformation of human beings and the societies in which they lived.

According to him: “The best thing we can do for ourselves is to improve our skills. If we are well developed intellectually, we will discover that everything we previously considered as problems were artificial because they were the creation of our minds.”

He continued: “When our parents gave birth to us, we cried. When we were growing up as children, we were not able to recognize evil.”

He further spoke on the subjects of morality, ethics and law and how they operate in a modern society.

Said he: “The accumulation of illicit wealth can never make one proud because your conscience will always tell you everything you have accumulated through illicit means can place a curse on you. What we mean by this, is that we want a better society. We want a change for the better to enable human beings to live in a society of governed people.” He asked: “Now, who is going to initiate the change? Is it the same people or beneficiaries of the system?”

He spoke extensively on corruption and mentioned several definitions and types of the social cankerworm.

The Lagos Zonal Commander of FRSC, Mr S.A. Obayemi also presented a brief report card on the zone's efforts to stamp out corruption from the ranks of its personnel. In his remarks at the occasion, Obayemi stated that since he assumed duty as Zonal Commander for Zone Two Command, 18 FRSC officers had been arrested for collecting bribes.

In his own remarks at the occasion, the FRSC Sector Commander for Lagos State Mr Hyginus Omeje urged all officers in the zone to adopt integrity as their watchword to enable them last long on their jobs. He narrated how he was pressurized in the past to compromise on standards so that he could be rewarded financially adding that he resisted all such pressures thereby paving way for his eventual elevation to his present position.

On 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, CACOL held a capacity building workshop with officers and men of Area F Police Command in Lagos.

In his introductory remarks, **CACOL's CRD, Mr Okechukwu Ndiribe** explained the purpose of the GATE Project.

He said: “We have been executing a project called Good Governance, Accountability and Transparency Education (GATE). Execution of this project has so far been restricted to Lagos and Osun states. Right now we have what we call C-GATE units in almost all the local government areas in Lagos and Osun States. C-GATE units are made up of individuals within different communities in Lagos and Osun states, who came together to fight corruption.”

He further stated that the project had been going on since 2018 adding

that since late last year “We decided to take the battle against corruption to a higher level and that is to involve safety and security agencies to partner with us in the fight against corruption.”

He explained that the day's event was a continuation of the C-GATE project designed to “Build capacity amongst officers of the Nigerian Police on the anti-corruption agenda.”

In his own speech at the occasion, CACOL Executive Chairman, Mr Debo Adeniran said for a long time he had wanted to involve Police officers as partners in the anti-corruption struggle.

Said he: “We wanted to be here a long time ago. The top echelon of the Nigerian Police Force didn't allow us access on time but we got permission late last year and of course we had to move round all the area commands.”

He further said his paper focused on “Corruption, the Individual and Collective Roles in Curbing it.”

He said: “You will agree with me that if there is a problem and we don't know the cause, it is not likely that we will know how to tackle it. There's no problem without a solution.”

He continued: “When you have embezzled funds you are supposed to utilize to build or equip a school that will ensure the children get good education, it could turn out that you have compromised your future.”

He pointed out that an ill-trained medical doctor-who poses great danger to society- could be the product of a corrupt or weak educational system.

He further said that anybody whose conscience does not caution when he is doing something immoral or criminal no longer had a conscience. According to him: “If you are guided by your conscience, by the time

you want to cheat someone, your conscience will tell you that what you are about to do will back fire. It may not be immediate; it may be several years to come”

He also said: “ If as a policeman you deserve promotion, you are going to get it. You don't need to bribe anybody. If you do not bribe somebody, and you don't get promoted because of that, something else will come your way. That is why they say that if one door closes, another one will open.

“Politicizing corruption can do more harm than good. In most cases in Nigeria, corruption has been politicized. When you are handling a case, favouritism, nepotism and similar matters should not govern your mind. You should treat every case based on its own merit and ensure that every offender is made to face the penalty that he deserves.”

He observed that poor welfare condition among police officers was one of the factors that had to be addressed by the Government for the war against corruption to be effective.

He defined corruption and identified its different variants in the society, adding that parents had a responsibility to inculcate moral values into their children so that they would abhor corruption from childhood to adulthood.

He explained that the GATE project was a paradigm shift in the fight against corruption as it seeks to mobilize the ordinary people to participate as opposed to the previous elitist approach.

In his own comments at the occasion, the Assistant Commissioner of Police incharge of Area F Police Command Akinbayo Olasoji pointed out that corruption had become pervasive in the entire society and needed to be comprehensively addressed.”

He pointed out that even though the salary of policemen had been seriously affected by devaluation of the Naira, this was no justifiable

reason for an officer to engage in corrupt activity. He recalled that on several occasions during his career, he had stood his ground on the basis of professional ethics and urged the younger generation of officers to shun corrupt tendencies so that they could last long in the Police Force. He recalled the advice he was offered as a freshly recruited Police officer adding that at the end of his career, he would return to teaching.

In his own contribution at the occasion, the Convener of Democracy Vanguard Comrade Adeola Soetan affirmed that not all policemen were corrupt adding that a police culture could not exist outside the general culture of the larger society. He advocated that the war against corruption should not be restricted to the security agencies or armed forces, but rather should be taken to the nation's churches, mosques, schools and the larger society so that it could be effective.

Participants at the workshop later broke into groups. The group reports are presented below. Mr Adegboyega Otunuga presented the Group One report. He stated that his group gave two definitions of corruption adding that the first definition was : “Corruption is any act of dishonesty.”

The second definition was: “Any unmerited benefit or advantage that accrues to the person who is perpetrating the act”.

He further said that corruption could occur “if someone's position in the society at any given time compels or makes another individual to do what he or she didn't want to do for another person's benefit. “

He also stated that his group agreed that “The best way to identify corruption was to determine whether a person was having the upper hand- due to his position- in the bid to take advantage of someone at a particular time.”

The second group's report was presented by Mr Okechukwu Ndiribe He said his group defined corruption as “Any departure from what

was good and correct.” He said his group in its attempt to answer the second question also agreed that every normal person in a society knew what was right and wrong and was expected to act in accordance with the moral code.”

The third group's report was presented by a policeman, ASP Ladipo Oluseyi. According to him: “ In our group, we tried to address so many issues affecting the Nigeria Police. This included corruption and unlawful behavior of people in power. As a policeman, you are being paid and you are expected to carry out your duties diligently and never to get involved in any corrupt act such as bribe-taking and so on.”

He further said that “We can identify corruption when bribe is being given or taken. Corruption could also manifest as nepotism.”

He identified lack of technology and low morale as additional factors that enhanced corruption.

Said he: “A policeman who has not been promoted for as long as eight years could be demoralized. This could result in corruption. A demoralized policeman won't be able to do the job the way he is supposed to do it.”

He identified another factor that affected the performance of Nigeria Police as the reluctance of residents in a neighbourhood to report happenings around them.

According to him: “If we can encourage the society to be active in reporting what goes wrong around them, things will improve security wise.”

## C-GATE UNITS EMBARK ON ANTI CORRUPTION TOUR

C-GATE units in Lagos and Osun states embarked on anti-corruption tours during the quarter. They used the opportunity to create awareness about the GATE project and drew the attention of the Government to dilapidated public utilities and services. A summary of the reports are presented below.

### Lagos C-GATE Units

The C-GATE Unit at Ikorodu West held its Anti-Corruption Tour on 22/1/2020. The Anti-Corruption Tour started at 9:20am. The tour started from Isawo Road where there was an ongoing construction work. The C-GATE members complained about the diversion of the drainage channel and the flooding that accompanied it. The affected area included nine communities.

Mr Kunle Adesina, the Manager in charge of Hi-Tech Construction Company promised that the company will address the flooding problem by laying a pipe for the drainage of water and waste during the rainy season.

Residents of Ori-okuta Road complained they annually contributed about four million Naira for upgrading of the road; each house usually contributed N5,000 yearly. They said they had written several letters to the LGA authorities without getting a response.

An erosion site -which used to hamper traffic during the rainy season - along Igbo-Olomu Road was also visited. Residents of the area also said they had resorted to communal efforts to rehabilitate the road in the past.

At the Igbo-Olomu Primary Health Centre, patients who came for medical attention were interviewed, but medical personnel at the health centre declined to grant interviews. One of them later said the primary health centre lacked electricity, water and toilet facilities.

At UPE Primary School , Cole Village Ajagunro-Ikorodu- which is the only public school in the whole of Ikorodu West Local Government Area - it was noticed that some pupils of the school sat on disused automobile tyres in their classrooms. The Assistant Head Teacher said that the school was in a terrible shape and needed more classroom blocks, regular supply of electricity, furniture, library, first aid kit and adequate security. She further said the school owned an electricity generator which the LGA office was supposed to fuel but did not due to lack of funds.

**Agege/Mangoro- Onipetesi:** The Agege/Mangoro -Onipetesi C-GATE unit Anti-Corruption Tour held on 12/2/20. The tour started from Arigidi Street where the C-GATE members narrated the difficulties residents of the street faced during the rainy season. They said the road needed to be tarred. The group proceeded to Elkana Street where there was a deep pothole that had resulted in accidents which involved many members of the public. The community used a big plank to cover it.

Residents of the area also said there was a serious flood problem along the same street. They demanded for the reconstruction of Elkana and Adegbola streets.

At Ajakaye Street, C-GATE members reported the presence of a lot of abandoned vehicles which were being used as hideouts by thieves. These abandoned vehicles also caused traffic jam in the area. They appealed to the State Government to repair the affected roads and remove the abandoned vehicles. The Baale of Onipetesi Community High Chief Sanni Oyegunle Shobande was also visited.

The CDA Secretary Chief Akindele Kolo said residents of the area narrated an incident that happened a long time ago. He said six streets in the area were falsely reported by the media as having been rehabilitated. They said they would like CACOL to investigate the

false report.

Chief Akindele also said the Health Centre and borehole serving the community were inadequate.

At Shonaya Street, there it was observed that there was a need to erect an embankment to protect residents of the area from the wide canal. Erosion and flood occasioned by blocked and damaged drainage channels were also identified as problems faced by residents of the second Elkana street during rainy season. Deep potholes were also observed at Ajayi Ogidan Street. The road needs to be paved.



Iloro Primary Health Centre, Agege, was also visited. It was learnt that the health centre was well equipped but the facility was inadequate for the huge crowd of patients that used to troop to the place.

Also visited were Iloro Junior School and Agege Junior College

located at Oyefeso Street. Residents of the area said the gutter located beside the school fence always caused flooding during the rainy season. They further said the gutter had been turned into a refuse dump and this had defaced the school's entrance.

At Oduduwa and State Primary Schools, it was noticed that the fence of both schools had fallen. Some of the teachers said the fence had been like that since last year.

The Agege Local Government Chairman was said to have recently renovated some of the buildings in both schools and equipped them with furniture. But both schools lacked pupils. They also lacked teachers for the kindergaten and nursery classes. They also require electricity.

At Oduduwa school, they need more chairs, tables and blackboards. The only football field used by both schools needs to be grassed.

**Coker Aguda:** The Anti-Corruption Tour by Coker Aguda C-GATE Unit took place on 27/1/20. The tour began at 81 Baale Street, Orile-Iganmu. An abandoned road project at Falodun Street, Orile, was visited. Residents of the street claimed that the Local Government Chairperson Alhaja Mrs. Modinat Akiyomi Obe promised to complete the road during her first term in office four years ago, but she is yet to fulfill her promise.

Traffic light was installed along Igunnu Street, but had not been powered since early 2019. It was also observed that a new electricity generator was installed to provide power for street lights, but it is yet to be used since former Governor Ambode who left office mid-last year provided it.

Residents of the area complained that people usually dumped refuse into the canal thereby blocking the drainage channel, and this later resulted in flooding of the road. The canal is located at Coker Road

which is linked to Babs Animashaun and other streets around the locality.

Three schools were visited in the area, namely:

1. Local Authority Primary School
2. Central Primary School
3. Jimoh Primary School.

It was learnt that a contract to rehabilitate the Central School was allegedly awarded to Interwave Global Services Limited and was to be completed in six months but was abandoned and neither the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) nor the Federal Government owned Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) did anything about it.

At Jimoh Primary School, the school's head teacher complained that pupils hardly attended classes during rainy season because the compound was usually flooded. She further said the school didn't have enough classrooms thereby forcing the pupils to be overcrowded in the few available classrooms. The school doesn't have potable water and decent toilet.

At the Primary Health Centre located along Emopkiore Street Orile, it was discovered that the facility faced staff shortage. It also lacked electricity supply, potable water and chairs for patients to sit. The PHC's labour room was also in a bad condition and was locked up. Patients or their relatives had to go to nearby houses to beg for water to be used at the PHC.

Residents of the area said that the road project at Memudu Lane was abandoned during the administration of former Governor Babatunde Fashola whose tenure ended in 2015.

It was also learnt that Babs Animashaun Road which links Surulere to Orile was in a very bad condition. It was learnt that churches located along the road wanted to fix it through communal effort but their offer was turned down by the Local Government administration.

**Ojo Unit Two:** The Ojo C-GATE Unit Two Anti-Corruption Tour held on 5/2/2020. The tour started at Ojo Town Hall. The Ojo Primary Health Center was visited and it was learnt that it had just been renovated and equipped by the incumbent administration of Hon. Rosulu Idowu Olusola.

Awori College was also visited and it was observed that although the school premises was fenced, there were some classrooms without roof. The school also lacked potable water, a functional toilet, tables and chairs for the pupils to sit in their various classrooms. The school authority levied each student the sum N3,000 for the roofing of some classrooms.

Afolabi Ige Road was visited and was observed to be dilapidated. Residents of the area said that if the Government could repair the road, it will improve the flow of traffic in the area. Also visited were St. Michael Primary Schools One and Two and Alaworo Primary School. The Headmistress of Alaworo Primary School said that the school was one of those recently renovated by the Government. She said the school had potable water and its toilet was functioning.

A plant of the Lagos State Water Corporation located at Ojo- Agric Olugbemi Community was visited. It was observed that the facility had stopped pumping water since June 2019.

Investigations revealed that funds for running the water plant may have been diverted to the private bank accounts of some individuals.

The Model Government College Agric was also visited. The principal said that the school was well equipped.

At Ojo Junior and High School it was observed that there was a refuse dump near the school's gate. It was learnt that some miscreants who

live in the neighbourhood usually sold hard drugs to students of the school near the refuse dump. Residents of the area appealed to the Government to address the situation.

Also visited were Aruba and Olowotabutabu Streets where the residents complained about the bad condition of both roads. It was learnt that some miscreants usually robbed residents of their belongings along the nearby Lagos-Badagry Express Way.

**Ajeromi/ Ifelodun :** The Ajeromi/ Ifelodun C-GATE anti-corruption tour held on 23/1/2020. The rendezvous for the Ajeromi/ Ifelodun C-GATE Anti-Corruption Tour was the local government secretariat. At 8:32am, 27 members of the C-GATE Unit were present for the tour. CACOL's Campaigns and Operations Officer Mr Nosa Uwumwose and Admin Officer, Mr Abiodun Adeosi were also present. There was a brief meeting during which the condition of some roads in the LGA was discussed. It was agreed that in addition to roads, hospitals, schools and faulty drainage channels in the area would be inspected.

It was observed that Cardoso road which has been dilapidated for many years, was the only road that linked Ajeromi- Ifelodun LGA and Lagos Badagry Expressway. Some transporters who were interviewed concerning the state of the road said that it was not motorable during the rainy season due to flooding caused by the blocked drainage channels.

Kirikiri Road was also visited and it was observed to be in a bad shape. It was littered with many potholes. Residents and traders said they had complained to the Local Government Authorities and Lagos State Government but nothing was done.

Many disused trucks were also parked along the road. Residents complained that hoodlums used such abandoned vehicles as hideouts and this posed a threat to them at night.

At the General Hospital along Cardoso road, some people were

interviewed. Their comments about the state of the hospital was positive.

At the Ajeromi-Ifelodun Local Authority Primary School, it was discovered that it had been renovated and provided with a Five- a-side football pitch.

**Bariga:** The Bariga C-GATE Anti-Corruption Tour took place on 13/2/2020. The take-off point was Kuku Street and the time was 8.45am. CACOL officers who attended the occasion were the Campaigns and Operations Officer and Admin/Operations Officers, Messrs Nosa Uwumwose and Abiodun Adeosi respectively. There were 21 members at the meeting.

The tour began from Kuku Street and extended to other streets in the locality which were also in bad shape

The streets were: Odunsi, Olarewaju, Lawal, Farayibi and Falade which were considered as the worst.

Some security concerns were raised. Some residents of the locality, said they slept with only one eye closed because of the activities of hoodlums that disturb the area daily.

Also visited was the Primary Health Centre along Pedro Road. The matron refused to speak on the condition of the PHC. But some of the patients at the PHC confirmed that the medical facility was well equipped and offered qualitative service.

**Ifelodun:** Ifelodun C-GATE Anti-Corruption Tour held on 1/2/2020. The venue for the meeting was the local government headquarters. Members of the unit were inaugurated that same day at 10:30am. Authority banner and certificates were issued to them. Some schools, health centres and roads were inspected. A total of eight primary schools were visited. At the Local Authority Primary School Gaskia, the Head teacher praised the administration of Fatai Ajidogba, the

Local Government Chairman for providing some of the basic infrastructures the school needed.

At Jimoh Ojora Primary School 1 and 2, the two Head teachers refused to comment on the prevailing condition in their schools. The C-GATE team went round the school, and took pictures of dilapidated classrooms.

At Alaba Primary School 1 and 2, the two Head teachers also refused to speak. However, it was discovered that the schools were in a very bad shape. Pupils lacked tables and chairs to sit on and they were in overcrowded classrooms.

At Zumuratul Islamiyah Primary School 1 and 2, it was noticed that the school had just been rehabilitated by the Local Government Chairman. New chairs and tables were provided but the classrooms were not enough. The pupils had just been given some set of books, new uniforms and bags.

Olaniyomi Primary School which is located in the same compound with Zumuratural Islamiyyah Primary School, has just been renovated but lacked enough classrooms.

Two health centres at Badia were visited. At one of them, it was learnt that that everything was in place in terms of doctors, nurses, drugs, potable water, electricity generator and labour room. The second PHC was still under construction.

**Lagos Island West:** At Lagos Island West LGA the C-GATE Anti Corruption Tour held on 31/1/2020. The tour began at Eyin Eyo, near Eko-Idumota area. There was a meeting with C-GATE officials and CDC members. The attendance was 52 persons. Members mentioned the various challenges residents of the LGA faced. The major areas of focus were bad roads, slums, insecurity and blocked drainages. Iga

Idugaran Road was visited and it was observed to have been flooded and abandoned together with other link roads. It was learnt that hoodlums harassed anyone who passed through the area at night.

Jankara Market which was demolished during the administration of Fashola is yet to be rebuilt. Hoodlums have turned it into a hide out where they sell hard drugs.

The Primary Health Centre along Adeniji Adele Road was visited and it was observed to be an eyesore. There was no doctor. The facility also lacked security and the windows had no burglary proof. The matron and nurses on duty complained bitterly about the condition of the PHC. The Local Council Authority was accused of neglecting the PHC. The PHC lacked water, electricity, medical equipment, beds and drugs. Furthermore, it was learnt that hoodlums had turned the PHC into their hideout.

**Yaba:** Yaba LCDA held its Anti-Corruption Tour on 10/2/2020. The home of Mr. Dosumu was the rendezvous for the anti-corruption tour. There were 11 members in attendance. Four primary schools, two health centres and some abandoned road projects were visited.

Fazic Omar Primary School Iwaya was visited and it was observed that it was in a sorry state. There were more than 800 pupils in the school and the various arms of different classes were merged together from primary one to six. The population in each classroom was about 90 pupils. The school didn't have enough chairs and desks. Some pupils were sitting on the floor while some dilapidated classrooms were abandoned.

At Ahmadiyya Primary School, Iwaya, pupils sat on the bare floor while receiving lessons in some of the classrooms. The school also had no toilet until a philanthropist provided one recently. Only five classrooms could accommodate the pupils as most others were in a

bad condition. The school also lacked enough chairs and desks for the pupils.

At Ladi-Lak Institute Primary School Alagometa, it was discovered that despite official claims that the school had been renovated, it lacked electricity. **An electricity** generator that was donated to the school by Barr. Wemimo Ogunde (SAN) was the only source of power. The lawyer also bought fuel for the generator every month. It was discovered that the school needed intervention in the following areas: repair of leaking roofs; provision of water closet for the toilet; repair of water taps; provision of drainage system for the school compound; Iron bed for the sick bay; tables and chairs for teachers. The inside of the classrooms also need to be painted.

Two primary health centres at Iwaya and Abule Oja were also visited. At Iwaya, it was learnt that the PHC was well equipped and everything was in place.

The PHC at Abule Oja, lacked potable water because its only borehole was located close to a canal. What is needed is relocation of the bore hole which was constructed by Access Bank because the water coming from it was not clean. There were two doctors, five nurses, and three non-medical staff working at the PHC. The pharmacy room, emergency room and general ward were functional.

An inspection of most roads in Yaba LCDA revealed that they had been rehabilitated by the Council Chairman Kayode Omiyale. However, Wright and Olatunde Streets were still in a poor condition.

## OSUN

### C-GATE Inauguration and Capacity Building Workshop in Osogbo

The inauguration of C-GATE units and Capacity Building Workshop on Harnessing Traditional Trades and Practices in Discouraging Contemporary Youths from Financial and Corruption Crimes was held on 19/2/2020 at NUJ Press Center, Osogbo, State of Osun.

The theme for the Capacity Building workshop was *“Curbing Corruption in Nigeria's Political Processes: Establishing a Grassroots Paradigm in Good Governance, Accountability and Transparency.”*

The MC for the occasion, Mr Tola Oresanwo in his speech talked about the theme for the lecture which focused on how to curb corruption among the youths and the society at large. He also said the C-GATE educators were expected to give a feedback on what was happening in their various units and the challenges they were facing. He invited some of the participants to the high table. These included the Executive Chairman of CACOL, Mr Debo Adeniran; the State CDC Chairman, Alhaji Yisa Abubakar and Mrs Lola Wey. The MC called on the Osun State Coordinator of CACOL, Mr Rufus Oyatoro to make the opening remarks.

In his brief remarks, Oyatoro explained the reason for the occasion. He thanked all the C-GATE members who attended the occasion from various units in the state.

After Comrade Oyatoro's opening remarks, the MC called on Comrade Debo Adeniran to address participants present at the event.

Adeniran in his short remark said he was happy and thanked all the C-GATE members for attending the occasion from various units.

Mr Oyatoro threw more light on what Comrade Debo Adeniran had

just said. He expressed appreciation for what Comrade Debo Adeniran said about Osun traditional vocation. Mr Oresanwo took responses and situation reports from C-GATE members.

### Responses From C-GATE Members

**Mr. Busari Buhari from Osogbo Oja-Oba Unit**, said residents of the LGA were facing a poor road network adding that the Government had not done anything about it. He commented on the unit's Anti-Corruption Tour which focused on the public health-care system and the nonchalant attitude of medical personnel. He also talked about the planned inauguration and the need for members to have certificates and identity cards to enable them become bonafide members of C-GATE units.

He said the unit had identified some youthful talents and attempted to provide support by organizing a training workshop for them. The workshop which took place in some schools was designed to give the youths encouragement to enable them nurture whatever talents and they had in their various families or areas. Adire cloth making was cited as one of the skills taught at the workshop.

**Mr Alabi Samuel from Irepodun Unit**, said the problem residents in their LGA faced was that of abandoned projects by the Federal, State and Local Governments. He said these projects included hospitals and bad roads. He demanded to know what CACOL could do about the situation. He said residents of the LGA wanted to enjoy the dividends of democracy from the government.

**Mrs Adugbo from Oja-Oba Osogbo unit in her own remarks** complained about the condition of Ijetu Olowokere Street which is located in the area. She said residents of the area had made several efforts to redress the situation and even approached the government, but nothing had been done. She said that during the last general elections, community leaders from the area requested for polling units adding that their population was up to 5,000. She complained about

the negative activities the traditional ruler and chiefs in the area adding that they were maltreating widows and their children. She narrated how the traditional rulers hijacked their property, took them to court and jailed their various family heads.

**Mr. Adebayo Katibi from Oja Oba Osogbo unit said** Ibuaje area was made up of nine communities but had no hospital nor public school and yet they were paying their taxes.

**Alhaji Rasidi Oyedele from Osogbo unit** said the C-GATE unit had made an impact in the area. He further stated that one of the female members bought some plots of land together with other people in their area, but there was an attempt to cheat her. He demanded to know what C-GATE could do about the situation.

Mr TS Adeniyi from Oja-Oba Unit in his own remarks regretted that Nigerians had abandoned their indigenous culture and religion and embraced that of Europeans.

He further said Europeans displaced traditional religion and culture with foreign religion and education. He expressed dismay over what happened to the 6-3-3-4 system of education which emphasized vocational training when it was introduced by former military dictator Gen. Ibrahim Babangida.

**Mr Kolawole Abdullafeez from Irepodun unit** in his own comments said the major challenge residents of the area faced was that traditional rulers were taking anti-people measures. He stated that the youths of nowadays were lazy. He further said some Togolese residing in the area were enjoying more than the indigenes because they were involved in farming with their wives, while youths of the area were looking for white collar jobs.

**In his own comments, Alhaji Munurudeen from Ede unit** said

members of the unit needed identity cards adding that non-availability of the cards had delayed them from operating. He said touts are too many in Ede and lamented that the situation now posed a problem for those who were building houses in the town. He advised members to be serious with C-GATE meetings.

**Alhaji Akeem Olorode from Oja-Oba unit** said the road which linked Isale Oshun to Oke –Oshun in Osogbo was about to be shut by the the Federal Government in partnership with UNESCO and National Museum. He further stated that affected residents of both communities had been issued ultimatum adding that they needed CACOL's help over the development.

**Mrs Abimbola Kareem from Oja Oba unit** said thieves in the area had become more daring adding that they currently resort to stealing radiators from parked cars.

**Deacon Gbenga Bello from Ejigbo unit** in his own contribution said the unit comprised of representatives from CDC, students, youths and women. He added that they were planning to incorporate a lawyer to fight corruption. He said the C-GATE unit and authorities at Ejigbo Local Government Area reached an agreement that if the LGA administration will grade the major road in the council, the component communities will provide the fuel that would be used by the heavy duty equipment to do the job. He said the communities had already agreed to donate one million naira for the road rehabilitation work.

### **Comrade Debo Adeniran Responded To Questions And Comments**

He addressed the issue of identity cards first adding that they would be provided to members as soon as the new units were inaugurated. He said each unit should send its meeting report adding that this will enable CACOL's national headquarters to identify consistent members and issue them with the cards. He said members of C-

GATE units that had been inaugurated but didn't yet have identity cards would be issued by the following week.

He further said based on some laws introduced by former Head of State Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, it was difficult to challenge any land confiscated by any tier of Government if those affected did not have registered survey documents for their property. He said his father's land at Iresi was confiscated, adding that the case was not yet over. He advised members to prepare necessary documents for their land and let their children know its location and boundaries. He also advised members to ensure they had adequate knowledge of the history of any land bequeathed to them.

Commenting on the issue of abandoned projects, he said if the affected unit had been sending reports of their meetings to the headquarters, this would have enabled CACOL to follow it up. He encouraged the C-GATE members to use the knowledge they had acquired to fight corruption.

He also commented on the menace of touts and thugs in Ede, adding that C-GATE education could be used to neutralize them. He further stated that the Government deserved its own blame in the situation adding that such deviant individuals could be dealt with and put where they rightly belonged. He talked about the youths who learnt some trade and vocations. Mrs Lola Wey gave some explanations on funds.

Four C-GATE units were inaugurated. They were

1. Ejigbo Unit-5
2. Isokan Unit-2
3. Ede North Unit-5
4. Ede North Unit-3

Mrs Lola Wey presented certificates of inauguration to the leaders of the newly inaugurated C-GATE units and took pictures with them. The closing remarks and vote of thanks were made by Comrade Rufus Oyatoro. The occasion was attended by 83 members.

### *Osun Anti-Corruption Tour and Colloquium*

The Anti-Corruption Tour In Osogbo held on 20/2/20. In a brief speech at the Oshogbo Grove, the CACOL Executive Chairman Mr Debo Adeniran accused the Federal Government and Osun State Government of collaborating with UNESCO to attempt seizing the property of ordinary people in Osogbo.

He called on both tiers of Government to empower indigenes of the area so that they could engage in their various vocations and businesses. He also called on both tiers of Government to provide an alternative route to enable indigenes of the area to have easy access to their farms and other places of economic activity located along the road the Government planned to take over. He pointed out that whatever future plan the Federal and State Governments had for the area must take the interest of the indigenous people into consideration.

He maintained that the economic activities of indigenes of the area could not be relegated to the background just because the two tiers of Government and a foreign organisation planned to take over the access road leading to the Osogbo Grove for a tourist project.

He noted that some of the residents of the area were engaged in fishing adding that the road was the only route to their fish farms. He said residents of the area had no intention of being confrontational over their demands but were rather appealing that an alternative route be created for them to enable them continue with their livelihoods.

Adeniran further stated that the purpose of the visit to the area was to let the relevant public ministries departments and agencies realize that the affected indigenes were ready to draw global attention to the Government's plan to seize the property without compensation adding that this type of attitude was not expected from a Federal Government

that is fighting corruption.

Comrade Oyatoro and other C-GATE members made their own contributions. They appealed to the Federal and Osun State Governments to provide an alternative route if they take over the road and make the Osun Grove a museum. They pointed out that this was necessary because the existing road was the only link residents of the area had with the outside world.

It was further stated that a bridge- located along the road- which was built by Oba Dokun later collapsed, but the people continued to make use of the road because there was no alternative. Oba Adenle was said to have reconstructed the bridge later.

Various speakers advised the Federal and State governments to desist from incurring the wrath of the Osun deity by maltreating its children adding that this could result in unpleasant consequences.

Two staffers of the Osun Grove responded to the remarks of the C-GATE members. Messrs Taofeek Oyewole and Basiru thanked the C-GATE members for their comments and peaceful protest. They said although their boss was not around, they would make a few remarks. Giving a deeper insight into the controversy, they said despite the fact that UNESCO took over the Grove since 2005, the global body left the access road for the local residents to continue using until the bridge collapsed. They further stated that it was the collapse of the bridge- which could result in more damage and loss of lives- that compelled the management of UNESCO to take the decision of closing the road in order to construct another one. They further explained that the State Government had approved that pedestrians could continue using the bridge but vehicles were disallowed from doing so.

They said they too were not happy that UNESCO wanted to close

the road because many people owned houses in the area, insisting that the condition of the bridge rendered its continued use very risky. They pointed out that if any disaster happened, the blame would be heaped on the global body and state government.

Nevertheless, they promised to deliver the protest message to the appropriate authorities.

Baale Imam Sikiru in his own remarks said he was one of the leaders at Isale Osun. He said that five years ago when residents of the area noticed that the bridge was about to collapse, a meeting was held and it was decided that the local communities would contribute money for its repair but the government rejected the offer. He further said the State Government officials directed the community leaders to present their offer in a letter that was addressed to the Federal Government but was never replied.

The CACOL Chairman responded to the various comments that were made earlier. He explained that CACOL's mission was to make peace between the Government and the people.

He wondered why the government turned down the offer by the local communities to repair the bridge. He further said he was not aware of any precedent around the world where UNESCO had to shut down a road used by a local host community because the global body planned to reconstruct it. He maintained that commonsense dictated that UNESCO had to provide an alternative route to the area before closing the existing road.

He said when some bridges got burnt in Lagos, they were only closed by the Government after alternative routes had been provided adding that this was what happened when the Government had to repair the bridges at Ojota in Lagos State and Sagamu in Ogun State. He further said it was the Lagos Government that tested the integrity of the affected bridge before deciding to stop the public from using it. He

further stated that representatives of the local communities ought to have been invited to dialogue with government. He expressed dismay over the manner in which the process had been handled by the Government.

He further said UNESCO was not in a position to take a decision about the road without the consent of the Government and cooperation of the people of Osogbo. He appealed to the Federal and State governments to look into the matter and find a solution in order to prevent it from becoming chaotic.

Madam Lola Wey responded to what Mr Basiru said. She observed that the Ataoja represented himself and his royal family adding that the people were in the majority. She further pointed out that neither the royal father nor Governor Oyetola lives in the affected area. “So how can they speak on behalf of the people that live there?” she asked.

The procession eventually arrived at the bridge where Adeniran spoke in Yoruba. He said CACOL had been adequately informed about the Government's reason to take over the road adding that it was not an acceptable excuse.

He further stated that if the Government had been alive to its responsibilities, the condition of the bridge wouldn't have degenerated to its present state.

He also pointed out that the road was the only route through which residents of the area pursued their different economic activities.

He said if the government cared about the welfare of the people, it would not mount a blockade along a road which linked residents of the area with the outside world.

Comrade Waheed spoke next. He said before the road is closed the

Government should provide an alternative route for residents of the area. He further stated that residents of the area did not oppose reconstruction of the road, which they regard as a welcome development that could transform the area. He however observed that it was shameful that both the Federal and Osun state governments could not put in place the necessary infrastructure that was befitting for the Osun Grove as a World Heritage Site in line with global standards. He insisted that the protest would continue until the Government addressed the demand of residents of the area in which the Osun Grove is sited.

### Colloquium

The colloquium held at the C-GATE Office at Osogbo where members gave a feedback on what was happening in their respective units. Adeniran thanked all C-GATE members from different parts of the state who had participated in various activities since the previous day.

He said C-GATE educators that were fighting corruption should also be training other people in their various neighbourhoods on how to sustain and expand the anti-graft crusade.

He further urged them to apply the knowledge and training they had acquired in fighting corruption adding that they should always forge alliances with other C-GATE units because it is better to confront corrupt individuals and institutions jointly.

He further stated that it was the previous day that the Osogbo C-GATE unit informed the leadership of CACOL about the Isale-Oshun road case involving UNESCO, the Federal and Osun State Governments adding that it was the reason for embarking on the Anti-corruption tour in order to explain to the Government, the media and workers at the Osun Grove that the manner in which they wanted to close the road was unacceptable.

He also said C-GATE members were the educators who will educate those at home and give them the feedback on what happened at the day's meeting through their unit reports which should also be sent to the headquarters in Lagos.

He also said that future steps and procedures units are supposed to take, will be conveyed to them including actions that could be jointly followed.

According to him: “We also need to let the traditional ruler know how the Federal Government intends to unilaterally decide the fate of



Osogbo indigenes. This is because the traditional ruler is in the right position to let the Government know that it was not only people from Osogbo that came to protest but also those from Ede, Ejigbo and Ikirun. Others came from Ikire, Apomu, Iwo, Iresi, Iree, Osun, Iragbiji and Okuku. They all came together to join the protest because one town's comfort, is comfort to all, and one town's discomfort, affects all in Osun.”

In his own remarks, Lawal said that Osogbo indigenes wanted only development that will positively affect their lives and boost the economy, but not otherwise. He explained the purpose for the colloquium adding that it was designed to provide feedback and encourage interaction among all the C-GATE members in Osun State. Comrade Adeniran said that based on the explanations that had been made so far, the road to the Osun Grove was an ancient route which could not be left just like that. He made the opening remarks at the colloquium.

Said he: “In this colloquium we will discuss the manifesto of our politicians. What have they achieved based on their manifestoes? What are their shortcomings or lapses? How far have they gone with the implementation of their campaign promises? There is nobody here who can say he is a stranger in Osun State. All units have seen what the government is doing and from what was reported yesterday, there are still some lapses in some units. Some primary and secondary schools are not in good condition; some hospitals too are not equipped. What are the things that you have observed which the government is doing very well?”

He continued: “What are the things you have observed which the government should do differently? All these questions should have been written down at your various units and sent to the headquarters. If we had received your reports, we could have called each unit to discuss what was left undone and your expectations from government. These are the things we will discuss today in this colloquium.

“During one of our past meetings at NUJ, some politicians presented a manifesto before the last election in which they promised they will do some things for us. How far have they gone with it because, this is the second year they have been in office. What happened during their first year with regard to promises?”

We need to know whether they have started implementation of the promises they made. We need to ask whether they are going to fulfill all their promises during the remaining part of their tenure? All these are the things we want to hear so that we can compile them and present to Governor Oyetola.

“Then for promises that were made by the Federal Government, we also need to compile them so that we can remind the relevant MDAs and public office holders at the federal level.

“What we want all units to do now is to identify what the Osun government has done and what are the things remaining for the administration to do. This will be achieved through group discussions. Each unit will discuss what the government has done for their LGA or LCDA and what is still needed. A representative from each of the units will come forward and present a summary.”

Comrade Waheed Lawal further explained that what was required was for the participants to recall what the incumbent Governor had promised when he was campaigning and evaluate whether it had been done or not.

He continued: “In Osun State C-GATE members should look at all that the government promised to do for them like building of hospitals, schools, provision of pipe-borne water and construction of five kilometers of tarred road. If this has been done, let us know. If they have completed these projects, let us know so that we can tell them what our priorities are. Governor Oyetola promised to provide health centres in every LGA. We need to know those that have been completed, and those under construction. What do you want them to add to their agenda? The MC will divide the participants into different units and give them five minutes to discuss what has been happening in their various LGAs and LCDAs. We will then expect a representative from each group to present a summary of what they want.”

### **Feed Back Ede North**

In his speech, Alhaji Munirudeen Tijani who spoke on behalf of Ede North C-GATE Unit said all health centres in the LGA had been renovated. These include the facilities at Salasa Imam, Oja-Timi, Alusekere, Olusokun and Abogun. He said the major problem residents of LGA faced was irregular supply of electricity adding staffers of the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company always expected to be paid bribes before fixing supply problems that occur in the LGA. He also stated that there was irregular supply of potable water. Lastly he complained about irregular payment of pensions.

He explained that the State Government had not paid its own part of the contributory pension scheme for workers in the state for the past five or six years. He further stated that the State Government had promised to pay the pension arrears and appealed to the workers not to embark on a protest over the situation.

Comrade Waheed in his response said the delayed pension was being addressed adding that during the previous week, the pressure being mounted on the State Government over the matter paid off as the Government issued a bond for payment of about 500 pensioners.

### **Ede South**

In his own speech Tiamiyu Semiu who represented Ede South C-GATE Unit said the major problem faced by residents of the LGA was bad roads. He said the roads leading to the health centre, Agaran School and Babawale community were in a bad shape. He further stated that community leaders in the area had approached the local government authorities to request for permission to construct the road but they rejected the offer lamenting that the rate of mishaps along the road was very high. Commenting on the condition of the health centre in the LGA, he said drugs were always out of stock even though the state administration claimed that health-care was free.

### Irepodun

In his own speech at the occasion, Alabi Samuel Olugbemiga said only three of the 16 health centres in the LGA had been renovated. They include those at Anwo, Awon Tikodia and Ganga adding that four of them were undergoing renovation. They are those at Okeran, Eyin-Ologbu Palace, Aromiwe and Igbo-Edun. Those that have not been renovated at all were located at: Opapa, Oke-Ayepe, Bobamu and NDG behind Police Station.

He further stated that only preliminary work had been done on the Eyin Olobu Palace Road which is linked to Atenda. He explained that this also applied to Alade junction up to the roundabout at Idi-Papa which also leads to Ilu-Aro and Anwo junctions and the Federal Housing Estate. He said work had not yet commenced on Gbagbagbu and Okeran to Asomoro roads.

Commenting on the supply of potable water at Ward 2, he said a borehole was provided by the Chairman of the local government. This also applied to wards three and Four (The boreholes are located in front of Oshun-Ogun River Basin Borehole water project).



### Isokan

Akinyemi Isiaka who spoke on behalf of the C-GATE Unit commended the State of Osun Government for doing a good job on the renovation of health centres in the LGA adding that 9 of the 11 available had been transformed. He said the Government had promised to renovate the remaining two at Abule.

According to him: “Osun State Government also gave pupils in the LGA writing materials like exercise books and pens. They also provided a borehole at Apomu. The state government also provided cash support and a purification chemical to make the borehole water drinkable.”

He continued: “Our C-GATE unit recently monitored the water corporation at Asejire and noticed that a lot of the pipes had gone bad. We reported our observation to the authorities concerned and they removed the damaged pipes. They also promised to fix them. No road construction has so far been done in the LGA. Those at Apomu were asked to write a letter to request for road construction which they have done and are waiting for a reply.”

He explained that at Isokan/Apomu, the present LGA administration inherited two caterpillars, two graders and one tractor which were all in a state of disrepair. He said C-GATE Unit drew the attention of the Local Government Chairman to the situation and he repaired one of them. He further said that the road at Ori-oko was in a bad shape adding that the farmers there need good roads in order to have access to their farms.

Commenting on the Fire Service Training Ground at Isokan LGA, he said that the C-GATE Unit asked the management of the institution to clear their surroundings and they complied. He said the CDC was also given a transformer by CSDP. He urged CACOL to thank the State of

Osun Government for the good job it was doing in their LGA.

Comrade Waheed said it was the Isokan C-GATE unit that first confirmed that the current administration in Osun State is truly working. Commenting on the aspect of the report concerning the Isokan Fire Service, he said he will draw the attention of the Minister For Interior, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola to the facility's present condition on the ground that he was the Governor when the project was approved.

### Osogbo South

In his own remarks, Oladimeji Busari who represented the C-GATE Unit said he will like to inform participants about the few steps they had taken. He said repair work had commenced from the bridge head along Oke-Ayepe Road before it was halted adding that this was due to the fact that the construction workers later discovered that the drainage channel that was previously constructed, was not properly done. This would have posed a threat to a nearby community during the rainy season. He further stated that the C-GATE unit protested against the shoddy execution of the road construction project at the Osun State Broadcasting Corporation. However, this had not yet achieved the desired result.

According to him: “Oba Oyetona Street at Asubiaro which is linked to the Palace, is in a bad shape. Construction of the road was protracted and eventually abandoned. There is a gulf in the middle of the road now. Many motorists would have plunged into the gulf but a good Samaritan used some blocks to barricade that section of the road and this also serves as a caution sign to road users.

“Right now there are speculations that the road would be reconstructed but even this has been delayed due to the rift between some councilors. We have also heard that there are moves to divert award of the road contract to another area after the suspension of the LGA chairman that

approved it.”

Commenting on the plight of Ramota Adetunji who suffered serious burns on her hands following a fire incident, he said the C-GATE unit made sure the Government came to her rescue by taking her to a hospital to receive medical treatment.

He said: “It was due to the intervention of our C-GATE Unit that the attention of the Osun State Government was drawn to the incident but Government officials eventually pushed the C-GATE aside and took the case to OSBC where they mentioned that a huge sum of money was purportedly spent to provide medical attention for the lady.”

He further stated that the Opeoluwa Island community presented a complaint against the Chairman of the LGA Mr Teslim Igbalaye who bought some acres of land in the area for himself or for the Government.

Said he: “Later, people started going to bury corpses there. About 72 corpses from different hospitals were buried there on a particular day. The C-GATE unit complained over the development on the ground that the area ought to have been fenced to protect the community from the associated health risks. Despite a lot of complaints, nothing was done about it.”

He further said that Oke-Ijetun Olowokere Area did not have a primary health centre, good road nor stable power supply. He stated that the community needed these public infrastructures in order to promote development. Other affected communities include: Oke-Ayepe, Eleye Zone and Agbagba. Also affected were: Temidire Owo-eba; Inajapo, Alaadun and Oke-odo Olowokere. He said all these communities need potable water and good roads.

According to him: “Our C-GATE unit went to inspect some health centres where we met the health workers who exhibited lack of commitment to their work and we counseled them. It was also

discovered that they didn't have laboratories to conduct tests for the treatment of patients. Hence, the local people preferred to go to private hospitals. We are appealing to the government to build more health centres provided with laboratories and needed equipment. This will make health-care easy and accessible to the people. We have land which we could donate to the Government for the construction of a health centre.”

Comrade Waheed commended Osogbo South C-GATE Unit for good job. Commenting on the case of Ramota Adetunji, he urged them not to bother that the name of the C-GATE was not mentioned by the Government. He explained that what really mattered was that they raised the alarm about her condition and the praise for that action would always be reserved for them and not for Osun State Government.

#### Osogbo West

In his own remarks Akintayo Oyebamiji who represented the C-GATE Unit said some roads like Akinlade Adewale and Ajigbotuluwa were already undergoing construction.

Said he: “Old classroom blocks at Oke-Okanla First Primary School which was built by the late sage Chief Obafemi Awolowo were demolished. When the C-GATE Unit enquired about the pupils who used to occupy the demolished classrooms, we learnt that they had been distributed to other classrooms. We are appealing to the State Government to build new classroom blocks for the school because those available are not enough.”

Commenting on Oke-Okanla Road which links Ilawo- Adumu, he said motorists usually increased the speed of their vehicles while plying the road adding that attempts by the community to place bumps along the road were resisted by the local council authorities.

According to him: “The Government has renovated the health centre and provided drugs at Osogbo West. But some of these health centres need laboratories to conduct test for their patients. Majority of the

doctors at the health centres always referred patients to their own private laboratories. This is not acceptable.

“At Odi-Olowo Health Centre- where some of the C-GATE members went for treatment- drugs that were prescribed for them were not dispensed. Instead they were asked to go and obtain Osun State Health Insurance Scheme card(OSHIS) before they could access free health care.

“We have observed that there are some atrocities being committed some schools in Osogbo including Baptist High School, Government High School Oke-fia, Osogbo High School and Technical College. C-GATE programmes should be introduced to these schools to sensitize the students. As at last week, students of Ose Grammar School, Osogbo Grammar School and Technical College passed through my



He further said that at Igbalaye, Oke-fia, a borehole that was provided by the Babangida regime was renovated by the current state administration.

According to him: “At Alekuwodo, they don't have potable water. I could remember between 1999 to 2003, they had access to potable water supply but it stopped flowing eight years ago.”

Comrade Waheed replied that the water shortage at Fagbewesa will be discussed with the Local council chairman incharge of that area and pressure will be mounted on him to make sure he does something positive about it.

### **Osogbo Central**

T.S. Adeniyi who represented the C-GATE Unit said that Oke-Baale Akatapiti had been renovated and fenced.

Said he: “The health centre at Bayole is under construction. The government should provide a laboratory at the health centre. At Ologunna Health Centre, the nurses there usually refer patients to a particular laboratory which is far away. Any patient who doesn't comply will not be attended to. A patient who patronized a nearby laboratory where he paid N4,500 for a test, was told the test result could not be accepted on the ground that he went to the wrong laboratory.

“This has been happening for a long time. I appeal to the C-GATE leaders to address the matter. I also plead with the Osun State Government to reconstruct Obokun Road to Oke Baale. It is in a bad shape right now. Even the state Government's Radio Station is located along this road.”

Commenting on the supply of potable water to the area, he expressed dismay that even though there is a water reservoir at constain, residents of Okebaale, Ita-Olokun and Ibokun that is linked to Oke-Ayepe do not have supply of potable water.

Said he: “Residents of these places usually fetch water from River Osun and have to apply alum before they could use it. I urge the State Government to do something about it.

“Also Ilesha road- where the office of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps office is located- is in a bad shape. Two cars cannot pass there at the same. In broad day light, an entire family which was in a private car, plunged into a deep crater along that road and perished. We are urging the State Government to repair this road. Finally electricity supply is also a problem.”

Comrade Waheed said that some of the issues raised by C-GATE leader from Osogbo Central LGA were serious and required urgent attention. He urged them to write a letter stating their observations so that the attention of the State Ministry of Works could be drawn to it adding that the Ministry had said fixing of roads and potholes was their priority in the State of Osun.

He continued: “ The Oke-Ayepe Road project was being handled by the Federal Government. It is a pity that for the past 15years, contract for the road was always awarded. Fund was allocated to it even last year. Everything that has been said here today may appear like a joke but very soon, they will be addressed.”

He urged all the C-GATE unit representatives that presented reports of various units to send them to CACOL's headquarters, so that the state Government would be written by the national leadership of the centre.

According to him: “Apart from the federal road project which I know my boss will handle, all what you have said here today are issues that both the Governor and commissioners can handle. We can easily see and talk to them on any issue and we believe they will address these issues. Everything that was discussed here today will be done very soon. Comrade Debo will tell us what is left to be done.”

Comrade Adeniran thanked all the participants for attending the occasion. He stated that if the required reports had been written earlier and sent to CACOL headquarters in Lagos, the national leadership

would have written the Osun State Government about them.

According to him: “At the next meeting we are going to hold before June or July, the Governor and commissioners that are relevant to these issues raised here will be invited. Maybe two leaders from each unit will come and testify that all CACOL wrote was sent by the C-GATE representatives. But before then, you would have seen our effort and known that we have started working on all these complaints. The people have the right to social amenities provided by the government. It is not all that you asked for, that will be done immediately. It has to follow due process. At least you people are testifying to the good work of the Osun State Government. You have also commented on areas they have not touched. It is their own glory, but our duty is to call their attention and monitor them until everything is done. Let us not do it in a riotous manner.

“My appeal is that everybody should have it at the back of their minds that we should make any little contribution we can to make this state and country better so that those that will benefit from this effort will be pray for us.”

Comrade Waheed said CACOL's Chairman had explained everything participants need to know. He reemphasized the need for different C-GATE units to immediately write reports that were verbally presented today and send them to CACOL's Osun State Coordinator and the headquarters adding that the importance of the occasion might be underestimated by some participants, but the relevant MDAs of Government would address the issues raised with all the seriousness they deserve.

Said he: “We don't have to wait until we hold a meeting like this before we act on any issue. If the complaints mentioned here today had been contained in written reports, CACOL's headquarters would have written the relevant authorities. Reports of C-GATE meetings are very



important and you should make sure you send them to the Osun State secretariat. Again if any unit does not understand anything in their LGA, members should not resort to protest or riot but note it down and approach the relevant authorities to act on it.”

In his own remarks, Mr Oladimeji Busari from Osogbo South urged participants to appreciate the leadership of CACOL adding that the centre's goals were noble and intended to benefit the entire society.

He recalled that Mr Adeniran's commitment had always been to defend the human rights of the ordinary people and he has been subjected to several deprivations and harassments which could have discouraged average mortals from pursuing the same agenda but he has not been deterred.

He also called upon C-GATE members not to be demoralized even if they didn't get the T-shirts that were distributed during the occasion adding that the government was not contributing to the execution of the GATE project.

CACOL'S Media and OperationS Officer, Egbinola Bukola in her own remarks advised the C-GATE members to wear the T-shirt only when they are attending a C-GATE meetings or programmes adding that it is a wearing apparel that is not transferable to any other person.

Mr Kolapo Afeez from Irepodun spoke along the same line. He recalled that in the past, it would have been necessary to obtain a Police permit to engage in the type of activities that C-GATE members had been engaged in for the day. In his own remarks, Comrade Rufus Oyatoro said he was the happiest man of the day due the successful conduct of the event adding that the performance of C-GATE units in Osun State were now at par with that of their counterparts in Lagos.

Said he: "About a month ago C-GATE units embarked on an anti-corruption tour of all the nooks and corners of the local government areas in Lagos state. I have some pictures of that tour. There was one of them where some pupils were photographed sitting down on disused automobile tyres in their classrooms. Everything Comrade Debo is doing in Lagos, he has brought to Osun State.

"Secondly, even though I am the number one member of CACOL in Osun state, I cannot wear the C-GATE T-shirt to just anywhere because it is meant for only C-GATE unit meetings or activities. Units that are close should also work together.

"For instance, what happened at Osogbo directly concerns Osogbo Olorunda, Osogbo-South and Osogbo-West. However, these various units did not tackle these issues separately. Instead, all the C-GATE units in Osun States were involved in the protest that was held today. So, it might be the turn of your own unit tomorrow. Moreover, we have said if any unit is having any challenge, let that unit take the initial steps about it. If it is a problem they cannot solve, let all the C-GATE units in

that area join forces and tackle it. If they still can't make a headway, they should invite other units to join them. If that fails, they can now call the state Coordinator to wade into the matter. The bridge at Osun Grove is not too difficult to build.

"What they want to spend N50m to build will not need more than N5m. It might be your own C-GATE unit's turn tomorrow and this is how we are going join forces to fight for your cause."

He continued: "You can hang the banner given to your unit anywhere. As for me, I am not afraid of prison. I don't mind to go there, but not as a criminal. I want to be imprisoned as an activist that is fighting for the protection of our human rights. You can call on us anytime and we would be ready. Don't say I don't want them to lock me inside cell. If we are saying the truth, let them lock us. After all, the prison cells were not constructed for animals but human beings. We will not go to prison by God's grace because we are not criminals. We are good people."

Comrade Debo Adeniran said members who want to wash the C-GATE T-shirt, should not apply soap or squeeze the front side so that it will last long.

Said he: "If we see anyone who is not a C-GATE member wearing it, we are going to challenge him because that would be tantamount to impersonation. That's the reason why we asked individuals to attend meetings often. When you attend the meeting, let your name always appear in the meeting book. For those who don't have ID card, it is the register that will show whether you attend meetings regularly. If you don't miss any meeting on three consecutive occasions, ID card will be given to you. Those whose names appear as attendees at the general meeting and who also participated in the unit's activities, will get ID cards once your leader sends the report to us."

Comrade Waheed said only those who were ready to work and also showed commitment to fight corruption would get the T-shirts.

Said he: “It is not enough to wear the T-shirts. We want to see how you will be a responsible person and a good example in your community. The T-shirt will always speak anytime we wear it. Let the T-shirt deliver the message about our work. I believe this project will expand. We want to reach more local government areas in Osun state. By God's grace, we will achieve our goal.



After the Colloquium, all the C-GATE members should proceed to the Ataoja's palace at Osogbo to lodge a complaint about Isale Osun road”.

At the Ataoja's Palace Comrade Waheed Lawal addressed the C-GATE members and the representatives of the traditional ruler. In his remarks, he said we wanted Osogbo and Osun State to achieve progress.

Said he: “As we want our state to move forward, we don't want anything that can harm our people or hinder their daily activities. All over the world, development is supposed to better the lives of the people. It was due to the persisting controversy involving our people

living around the Osun Grove and the road which traverses the area that compelled us to send for our leader Comrade Debo Adeniran to come and intervene on this issue. Comrade Adeniran is the Executive Chairman of the Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership and he has been fighting for the protection of human rights in Nigeria for a long time.

“It is because we want peace and development in Osogbo and Osun generally that we decided to embark on this peaceful demonstration to inform the Ataoja. This is because he is the representative of the deity on earth. We have come to protest against the planned blockade of the Isale Oshun Junction by the State Government. Please don't allow them to block the road. Our boss will speak on it.”

Comrade Debo Adeniran paid homage to the traditional ruler. In his speech, he said: “We have had a peaceful rally. We walked from Oke-Osun to Isale Osun. We have also seen the road and the bridge they want to mount a blockade on. If the road is blockaded, it will halt the daily economic activities of our people. There are a lot of people living in the area. They include students and farmers who pass through that road. The Government should allow passers-by access through that road or provide an alternative route. We are not against development in Osun state. Since UNESCO has seen Osun State as a tourist centre which possesses ancient cultural artefacts that would attract tourists from all over the world, indigenes of the area should not be made to suffer. We can provide light, water and jobs for ourselves but we can't build a road by our ourselves. So the road should not be blocked. They should not cheat us. The damage at the bridge is not sufficient to warrant a blockade of the road. There have been similar cases in other parts of Nigeria and the affected roads were not closed but instead an alternative route was provided for motorists and pedestrians. They said they want to expand the bridge so that two motorists can drive through side by side at the same time, but that should not be an excuse for a road blockade.

“This is the reason why we are here to let the royal father be aware of what is going on. We have also told Osun State Government that we are citizens of this state who are not violent. The Osun deity is also not violent in nature; if the Government blocks the road where Osun's children pass through, the deity will not be happy. We are sending you to the Federal Government and State Governor and we urge you to use any means to convey our message to them that we don't want to fight. It is not only Osogbo residents that are here but a delegation of all C-GATE units in Osun State.”

Comrade Waheed further said: “We are aware that UNESCO's management said that their major reason for mounting a blockade along the road was because it was not good enough and they wanted to rebuild it in line with international standards because they know what tourist centres look like in other parts of the world. They should not think that we are still in the dark age because we have sent our children abroad to study and become enlightened. We expect them to transform our area to become a tourist attraction without disturbing the people's daily economic activities.”

A representative of Ataoja of Osogbo replied. He thanked the C-GATE delegation. He said the royal father Alhaji Jimoh Oyetunji Olanipekun had not been silent on the matter.

He continued: “ The entire people of Isale-Osun and Osogbo have come to us over this matter since last month and they know that the traditional ruler is working seriously on it. If you had booked an appointment to see the royal father, he would have waited for you. It is not up to 10 minutes ago when he went out. We will convey your message to him in details. Ask Isale Osun people, we have been meeting with them on this issue.s What I am saying is that for anyone who wants a good environment, it is not him or her alone that will enjoy it. After all, only few of you that are fighting for this road are not up to three quarters of the population of Isale-Osun, but majority

will benefit from it. I pray that everything will be in our favour.”

Comrade Oyatoro in his own remarks thanked the royal father's representative.

Said he:”Firstly when we got here, you paid attention to us. After that, you informed us that the traditional ruler is not around. We appreciate that. We are not bad people. We would have been more than this, but because we have just been briefed about the Isale Osun issue, we decided to act on it immediately. On this note we will round up everything here and by God's grace everything will be okay. Kindly deliver our message to the royal father that he should help us.”

Comrade Adeniranin in his closing remarks said CACOL would not keep quiet on this matter until an alternative route is provided for residents of the area.



He said: “We will write UNESCO on this matter. We will also write the federal, state and local governments to inform them that we are not pleased with the way they have handled this case. If they want to close down the road, they should provide an alternative route and give us grace to be living in that area. If they can't do it, they should allow us to do the little we can because we too have been contributing for the rehabilitation of this bridge. That is the message you will take home to your various units. You will brief those at home that it is not the case that we don't want development at the Osun Grove but we should not be inconvenienced because the area will benefit from some *developmental projects.*”

### **CACOL Chairman granted interview to selected media houses in Osogbo.**

**The interview was granted to reporters from Osun State Broadcasting Corporation (OSBC), comprising radio and television; THISDAY Newspaper; Daily Trust; News Direct ; Gold FM and Unique FM.**

#### **Excerpts from the interview**

*Question: What is GATE all about?*

Ans: GATE stands for Good Governance Accountability and Transparency Education. We are in the State of Osun to educate the grassroots about the GATE project. If you are observant, you would noticed that we have been executing this project in Osun State since 2018.

Our aim is to sensitize the people at the grassroots so that they could be in the forefront in the battle to eradicate corruption from the State. We intend to educate them on how to identify and report corruption



and ensure that the war against corruption is taken to the grassroots people who are usually the main victims of the corrupt practices that take place in the top echelon of government in Nigeria. The anti-corruption approach adopted previously was focused on the elite who are also the active perpetrators of corrupt practices.

We have observed over time that despite the Government's huge



budgetary allocations for the provision of basic infrastructure, we lack good roads, potable water, regular electricity, a good health care system and qualitative education. There are people who still go to bed hungry while others die of preventable diseases. This simply means that the resources allocated by the Government to provide basic necessities of life for Nigerians are not reaching them.

This is the reason we are executing this project. What we are doing is to sensitize the people who suffer the after-effect of corruption. This is why we are here. We have done a number of capacity-building programmes to train the trainers of the GATE project. We also intend to walk to town so that in the process, we could reach those who

couldn't be reached. Those who are participating in this anti-corruption walk will train the trainers. We are embarking on this walk with a view to drawing attention towards the need for everyone to participate in the fight against corruption.

Another reason why we have embarked on this procession is that we learnt that the road which the Federal Government wants to take over has been in use by the local people long before now. The people have been making use of this road to carry out their economic activities. It would be unfair if the Government shuts the road without providing an alternative route for the indigenes to access their farms and other places of economic activity. We won't mind if the Ministry of Culture and Tourism takes over the road to promote tourism which we know will also promote economic activities in the long run but that should not be at the expense of the local people who depend on this area for their survival. So, we want the whole world to know that even if the Government wants to site a tourism project here, it has to take the interest of the indigenous people into account. That is why we are here.

*Question: Last year we asked whether you were going to reach all the local government areas in the state. We would also want to know how far the project has gone in the different local government areas.*

*Ans: We have reached all the local government and local council development areas in the State of Osun. However we have not inaugurated all of them because there are preconditions.*

One of the preconditions for inauguration is that they have to prepare. One of the conditions that would indicate that they are prepared is that they must have at least 11 people that have been attending their meetings regularly. Such members are expected to have attended meetings up to 75 per-cent of the time without break. So far, we have been able to inaugurate our units in about 60% of the local

governments in the State.

*Question: What can you say about American President's labeling of Nigeria as one of the five most corrupt countries in the world? The EU Ambassador to Nigeria also expressed a similar view*

Ans: The truth is that the more we expose corruption in Nigeria, the more the outside the world understands us. This is because we are exposing corruption on a daily basis and we have a government that is not trying to hide its dirty lining and so Nigerians have become more aware of corruption. For instance, what we are doing now is to take anti-corruption education to the grassroots. This is to enable those who have not been discussing corruption before to begin to discuss it. Another factor to be considered is that there were some areas of governance where corruption had been endemic that have now been exposed to the public. For instance in the military, several high-ranking officers have been arrested. Already, some of them who are around are facing trial. Some of them have been convicted; it never used to be like that. Also, several high-ranking judicial officials have been confronted.

Again several high-ranking members of the National Assembly have been tackled over corruption. The former Chairman of the National Assembly, Senator Bukola Saraki was actually tried and he is still facing some other investigations. This had also not happened before. Several former governors have been jailed and will serve maximum sentences. It never used to be like this. Also, several looters of public treasury have been voluntarily surrendering their loot, while others have abandoned theirs in places where law enforcement agencies will see them because they couldn't find financial institutions that could launder such funds. These are some of the significant reasons why a lot of corruption cases have been exposed to the world and it now seems as if these corrupt acts had just happened. No, it is because a lot has been exposed about corruption beyond what it used to be. That is why the corruption perception index has risen.

## Roundtable Discourse On The Outcomes Of The GATE Project.

When the corruption perception index rises, it means that something significant is being done about corruption in Nigeria. It has to do with awareness. So, I have advised the Federal Government that they don't need to engage in all of this. But we must admit that if they are not doing enough about corruption, the media will not have anything to report and people along the street will not understand the magnitude of corrupt acts that have been committed. Because all of these have been the order of day under the present administration, they should feel proud that the corruption perception index is getting higher. So that's exactly what we should know; it is not easy for any public official to be engaged in



corrupt acts anymore in Nigeria because of the whistle blowers policy that is being implemented. So, if Americans say Nigeria is not a place to be visited because of corruption, you can let us take it like that. If the EU says Nigeria is the headquarters of corruption, let us take it. At some point, we will get out of the stigma. It will surprise the world when Nigeria becomes something like Singapore. Nigeria could become that

country that will be your signature of integrity to the world. So, that's exactly where we are going because when you want to construct a road, you first do some digging of the road because you want to expand it. At that point in time, some people will find it difficult to follow that road and they will make negative comments about you. But by the time the road is completed, everybody will enjoy it and come back to praise the authorities that made it to happen. That's exactly what is happening to Nigeria. Nigerians don't have anything to worry about.

The event kicked off by 11.47am with Mr Ikenna Aghagbobi, the Senior Programme and Project Officer serving as MC.

He asked the C-GATE members, representative of Shehu Musa Yaradua Foundation and CACOL staffers to introduce themselves. After the introduction by the participants, the MC talked about the day's agenda which was the outcome of C-GATES project and what could be done to improve it.

The MC called on the Executive Chairman of CACOL, Mr Debo Adeniran to speak on the topic “*Understanding Good-Governance Accountability and Transparency Education (GATE) Project: Summary, Objectives and Present Status.*”

In Mr Adeniran's speech, he introduced **Mr Amara Nwakpa, the Director of Public Policy Initiatives of Shehu Musa Yaradua Foundation** as the technical backup for the project.

He also said the purpose of the project was to curb corruption in the society. He said while people in the local communities were not fighting the corrupt politicians was because they did not know how to fight corruption. He also talked about the project's workshop.

He threw more light on: “What constitutes corruption”, “How to investigate corruption”, “How to serve as informants to anti-corruption agency” and “How to do follow-up on the promises made by politicians during their campaigns.”

He pointed that in the past, If politicians failed to fulfill their campaign promises, nobody asked questions adding that those who implement public budgets need to be tracked. He insisted that both

public institutions awarding contracts and the contract awardees need to be closely monitored to ascertain whether they were adhering to the terms of the contract and the law.

He also said that to be an activist required building up oneself with knowledge adding that when the GATE educators were trained, they were asked to go back to their various communities to educate the people on how to fight corruption.

Comrade Debo Adeniran spoke about the inauguration of C-GATE units at Osogbo during which the leadership of CACOL had close interaction with all Osun C-GATE members regarding the challenges they faced.

He also spoke about the proceedings of an assessment workshop held at Osogbo where delegates complained about the decision of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to take over the Osun Groove road for rehabilitation after which the road would be closed without considering the schools, farm settlements and houses that have already been built in the area. He observed that people have been contributing towards reconstructing the bridge adding that an alternative road would be needed before closing the road.

He said C-GATE had to be established on every street, adding that the ultimate goal of the project is to sensitize the youths so that they would not be involved in corruption. He also said there was need to build the capacity of traditional rulers to sensitize and ostracize persons involved in corrupt acts as part of the measures to curb corruption.

During the question and answer session that followed, Mrs Adepoju who represented Agege-Onipetesi unit spoke next.

She said the C-GATE project educated her community on how to fight corruption. She mentioned the case of Oduduwa Primary School in

her locality where the fence had been in a bad state for a very long time adding that the school authorities and C-GATE Unit had written several letters to the Ministry of Education over the matter. She also mentioned a school at Ikorodu where the pupils were sitting on disused motor tyres in a classroom. She further said it was the C-GATE project that enlightened them on how to identify corruption and tackle it. She expressed appreciation for the role of CACOL in this regard.

Comrade Debo Adeniran said he will respond to the issues raised one after the other since it was an interactive time. He said CACOL was still compiling its evidence and will surely draw the attention of the Lagos State Commissioner For Education to the situation.

In his own comments, the Osun State Coordinator of CACOL Mr Rufus Oyatoro said CACOL was mobilizing the grassroots to fight corruption at the at the three tiers of government. He observed that corruption at the local government was more harmful than what prevailed at the state and federal levels.

In his own comments at the occasion, Alhaja S.A Ogundeji who represented Ojo Unit thanked CACOL for the good work the centre was doing with regard to fighting corruption. She said her unit faced some challenges. She said her C-GATE unit needed the support of law enforcement agents to avoid being overpowered.

She said at one of CACOL's workshops held in the past, a representative of SERAP spoke on how to catch them young. She said he unit's effort to apply that strategy failed because the principal of the school that was approached, disallowed it.

**Comrade Debo Adeniran** responded that Ojokoro had a similar case where the principal arrested a camera man but when news of the arrest got to the State Governor who was Bola Ahmed Tinubu, he

directed that the school should be rehabilitated. He further said that a member of the House of Representatives also waded into the matter adding that the arrest of the photographer, brought the school to limelight and facilitated its re-construction.

He further said that CACOL was working with the Lagos Police Area F Commander who had declared his readiness to support CACOL. He said this also applied to the Immigration Department as well adding that partnering with them will enhance CACOL'S work.

**Mr Sola Fawole of (Oshodi/Isolo unit)** said he appreciated the great work CACOL was doing to fight corruption. He said at Alaba Arago Market, Immigration officers do harass them. There is drug peddling in the area. He also said C-GATE members had been labeled as rebel in the area by the Local Government Chairman. He further said the C-GATE unit queried the Chairman during his last budget presentation which included an allocation for a housing scheme, whereas there is no vacant land for such a scheme in the entire LGA. He also said the public school at Afariogun was in a bad shape. He further said that the C-GATE unit wrote a protest letter to Commissioner For Education and Governor Ambode promising that he will send a copy of that letter to CACOL headquarters. He further said that after the LGA Chairman read the letter, he built a substandard toilet. He said although contracts for some of the projects in the LGA were awarded, the contractors never showed up to start work.

In his own remarks, Comrade Debo Adeniran said CACOL headquarters was aware of the crimes being committed at Alaba Arago. He said Lagos-State Government had invested so much on security, but yet crime has not been eliminated. He further stated that the security men had their hands tied because of godfathers.

Commenting on the necessary condition for inauguration of a C-GATE unit, Adeniran said once a proposed unit was holding

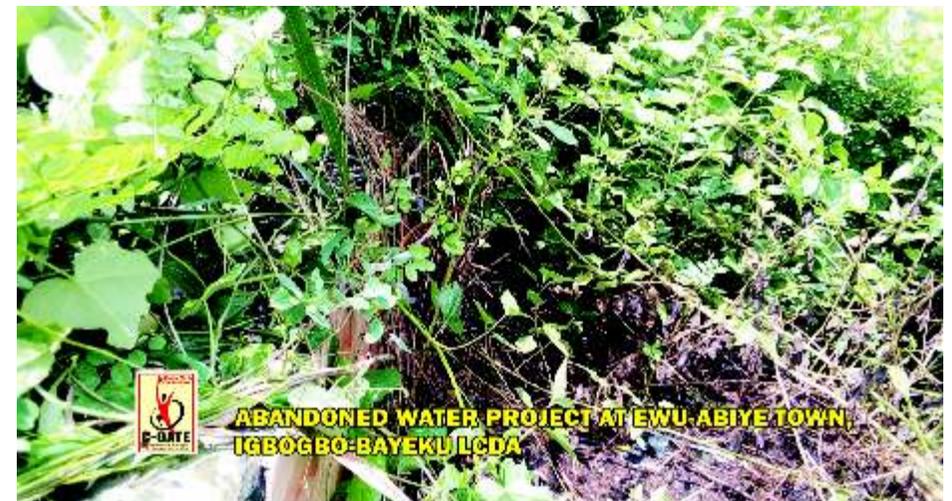
meetings, submitting regular report and fight corruption, the unit will be inaugurated.

### Overview Of Various GATE Activities In Lagos And Osun States.

**Osun State Coordinator of CACOL, Comrade Rufus Oyatoro said** this was his first opportunity of meeting C-GATE leaders in Lagos State adding that seven units had been inaugurated in Osun. He said all the units worked together. He commended the impact of CACOL in the just concluded Anti-corruption Tour, especially at Isale Osun Road which UNESCO and Osun State Government planned to shut.

He further stated that C-GATE members in the state needed identity cards to enable them fight for Isale Osun people. He also talked about a lady who suffered burns in her hands adding that C-GATE members went to the radio station and mounted pressure for her to receive treatment.

**Mrs Lola Wey** said CACOL had really inspired members of her Osogbo unit adding that they were 70 in number.



## LAGOS REPORT

**Mr Daniel O Solarin of Coker Aguda C-GATE unit** said his unit had made progress by monitoring projects at the LCDA headquarters adding that they had already made an impact. He further stated that the school they visited welcome the group very well.

**Mr A A Daramola of Orile Agege said C-GATE was merged with CDA** and this is giving the authorities sleepless nights. They have already visited schools.

**Mr Adigun Ganiyu of Ifelodun/Ajeromi said that** since the CDA was dissolved, no meeting had been held adding that the Council Chairman was still afraid of C-GATE's mission.

**Mr Sola Fawole said the C-GATE meeting for Oshodi/Isolo was usually** held in his house. He said the LGA Chairman was afraid of the C-GATE project. He said a Special Adviser to the Chairman has been supportive adding that there are up to 20 active members in the unit. He said last time they invited the Chairman to brief the unit about the LGA's budget implementation, the chairman did not come. He said they needed a meeting venue.

**Mr Olushina K Alade of Mushin thanked CACOL** for the C-GATE project. He further said members of the unit had been inspired adding that they had become bolder to ask relevant questions concerning suspected cases of corruption despite the dissolution of the CDA.

**Alhaja Alli Ogundeji of Ojo Unit in her own remark said** the knowledge gained from CACOL's activities had made members to become more enlightened and dedicated in the fight against corruption.

**Mrs Adepoju of Agege-Onipetesi** said the major challenge they face in their area is the Police. She explained that policemen always visited the area every Friday to collect bribes from commercial motorcycle riders operating in the component communities adding that they sometimes harassed innocent residents while carrying out their illegal operations.

She also said a suspected cult group known as Awawa boys- which usually operate from a school in the area- also commit a lot of atrocities and frequently disrupt the peace of the area. She said the unit had 15 members. She also demanded for identity cards to enable members of the unit operate with confidence whenever they go out to execute any task. She encouraged everyone to fight for their rights.

**Mr Fashina from Ikorodu West** said the C-GATE unit in the LGA had a problem which had affected the work of the CDC Chairman. The unit had invited the Chairperson of Local Government Area to attend their meeting but she has been dodging them. The state Government allocated N16m to the LGA while only N8m was presented. He said CACOL has empowered the C-GATE unit to fight and expose corruption in the LGA.

**Mr Ademola Somotun from Onigbongbon LCDA** said there was no C-GATE unit due to dissolution of the CDA.

**Mrs Elizabeth Nwosu from Ikeja C-GATE unit said that the new CDA chairman** has not found his feet yet. She said the old chairman always attended C-GATE meetings but the new one promised to join soon. She also talked about Police harassment adding that policemen always harassed commercial motorcyclists -called *okada* in local parlance- and extort N20,000 from them as bail fees. She also said public electricity bills imposed on residents of the LGA was too high. She promised that before the next meeting, she will persuade the new CDA chairman to attend the C-GATE meeting.

**Mr Buari Abdulmaleek of Lagos Island** said the new Lagos Island CDC Chairman Chief Abo Elemoro Martins was present in the meeting. He said that due to the fact that the CDC leadership in the LGA was newly inaugurated, they did not have any report.

Mr Agha Ikenna took over the microphone and responded to what some of C-GATE members said. He said C-GATE units were not part of CDC or CDA adding that CACOL only passed through the CDCs and CDAs to get to the grassroots.

He said the project was being executed in Lagos and Osun states while efforts were being made to extend it to other states.

The Osun State Coordinator Mr Oyatoro responded by saying that there was no way the CDAs and CDCs could be avoided by CACOL. He further said that CDCs and CDAs were the first links to the C-GATE units. He said for example, the Chairman of Oja-oba CDA appointed the C-GATE chairman and there hasn't been any problem over that.

**In his own speech, Mr Amara Nwakpa of the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Foundation** said he had been encouraged by how the C-GATE members were passionate about the GATE project. He said he liked the level of understanding C-GATE members exhibited about corruption and how to fight it adding that the battle against corruption would be protracted but victory was assured.

He said even the democratic culture in the United States which Nigerians were looking up to, was now facing the challenge of transparency at the White House adding that any society or country could lose its democratic practice. He further stated that changing the norms and attitude of grassroots people towards corruption was a major issue. He said CACOL had been one of the exemplary organizations which always gave correct information and engaged corruption on social media. He encouraged participants that having

become leaders in CACOL, they should endeavour to become good leaders everywhere.

CACOL's Coordinator For Media and Publicity, **Mr Adegboyega Otunuga** said the centre's effort was historically relevant. He talked about how community policing like Amotekun was a form of internal security adding that by tackling corruption, we were fighting for our rights. He further said that the government should not give the people what they don't need.

**In his additional comments, Adeniran said CDCs and CDAs** had their limitations. He further stated that existing organizations could be partner with C-GATE units. He said at Alimosho LGA where CACOL had grassroots power, C-GATE units worked with CDAs and CDCs. He further stated that the structures of C-GATE units and CDCs were not the same because of the politics involved. He said at Ajeromi/Ifelodun, C-GATE was used as a tool to reach the people at the grass roots. He encouraged members whose units were yet to be inaugurated to meet regularly and send their reports. He further explained that the list of members who attend meetings regularly will determine those to be issued identity cards.

He also commented on the Police arrest of *okada* riders, adding that the C-GATE's job is to get evidence and witnesses who can stand. Such evidence should include video record of police when they are demanding for the money and collecting it.

The MC took the microphone and asked for comments and suggestions by participants on how to enhance CACOL's work adding that the seed had been planted while support was required to make it germinate. He urged Yar'Adua Foundation to continue with its support.

#### Comments On GATE's Future

**Mrs Nwosu from Ikeja C-GATE unit** suggested that since C-

GATE T-shirts were already available, leaflets should be printed so that they could be distributed at rallies in order to create more awareness. Mr Osodi also supported Mrs Nwosu.

**Mr Sola Fawole** said participants should try to find out how the budgeted funds of their various LGAs were disbursed.

**Mr Fashina from Ikorodu C-GATE unit** said they needed copies of C-GATE letter head with CACOL's logo in case they wanted to write official letters in their domains. Mr Agha Ikenna responded to what Mr Fashina's request stating that "CACOL headquarters will not authorize any C-GATE unit to produce CACOL'S letter head but once any unit has a letter to write, they should inform the headquarters and they will be supported."

**In his additional comments Mr Oyatoro** said CACOL was not an organization that could be threatened or rattled in Nigeria.

**Adeniran, said he appreciated everybody's contribution during the occasion.**

He said the leaflets would be produced adding that it had been done before. He said there will be a general Anti-corruption Tour at the failed Obadeyi- Sango section of Abeokuta-Lagos Expressway where trucks always fell on smaller vehicles and human beings. He further stated that members would be informed when the leaflets were ready. He further stated that the Governments in Nigeria didn't like transparent governance adding that political office holders would be forced to respond when they are exposed by CACOL.

He further said there will still be feedback, adding that any information directed to a unit would be responded to by the headquarters.

## CLOSING REMARKS

CACOL's Coordinator For Administration and Projects Mr Tola

Oresanwo gave the closing remarks. He cautioned the C-GATE members against breaking the law adding that they should be men and women of integrity. He further said they should watch their behaviour and become change agents. He also said that if in any way they needed help, the secretariat would be open for them at any time. He said he was happy to be in the midst of change agents.

The MC said, representatives of the security agencies who were supposed to attend the occasion were not present due to the nature of their job but whenever CACOL held another future programme, they will be invited.



## Yoruba Version Of CACOL Chairman's Speech At Osogbo Grove

Omoluwabi ni gbogbo wa, awa oo kin ja, awa oo ki nse jagidijagan, awa ma nfi iwa irele omoluwabi ba awon adari wa soro ni, ati gba won laye ni ojo to tipe lati maa se osun festival nibibayi, asi gba UNESCO laye, agba Africa Union laye, gbogbo awon ajo agbaye ti wonni ife si nkan ti won ba ni osun, ti won nife si nkan ti won bani ipinle omoluabi, agba won laye latiwa woo nkan isebaye wa, lati wa se faaji pelu wa, lati wa je nkan tanje, lati wa se nkan tanse, sugbon a gbodo sope alejo lose pataki siwa ju onile lo, ao gbodo titori alejo fiyaje omo onile, a gbodo tilekun mo omo onile tori alejo, a gbodo dina ije, mimu ati owo wa nitori alejo.

Iyen lafin pariwo si ijoba apapo pe aa di won lowo lati maa lo ibiyi gege bi ibi ti won maa fi se ikan afihan isenbaye, ti awon ipinle omoluawabi ti won o ba farabale peki ibi ojubo osun pe kowa bo se wa, won o ni ri nkan ti won maa fi han sagbaye, sugbon nigbati awa ti ni suuru, a gegi ninu igbo ibe, a gbin nkan sibe, afi ibe dako, afi ile yen tore fun gbogbo omo Nigeria ni, nitoripe ati wa se gbogbo omo Nigeria lore, koye ki won fi ibi san pada funwa.

Ona yi o losi orisirisi awon ilu, ile iwe, oko, ati ibi ise, opolopo ise ti a fin jeun oun lo maa baje ti won ba di ona yi. Ijoba apapo, ijoba Africa, gbogbo awon ijoba wa, won ni agbara, won ni imo ati oye ti won fi maa se ona miran, ti koni je pe ona ti afi iponju awon ara atijo ati ara ilu, effort awon ara ilu ni won fi se ona yii. Asi gba won laye pe kiwon maa gba ibe koja, a gba won laye pe ki won maa wa wo nkan isenbaye wa nibiyi, won gbodo wa fi ija yen je wa.

Iyen lafi npariwo pe ko tewa lorun oo ki ijoba apapo di ona yi mowa, won ni je kade awon ilu to ye kade pelu ona jinjin, wonni kalo wa ona miran lai fun wa lona miran, "awon Yoruba sope taba gba akara lowo omode ao fi nkan ropo re", nkan te maa fi ropo e, o gbodo tewa lorun ju nkan ti e gba lowo wa lo. A npariwo fun ijoba apapo pe ipinle omoluabi,

ipinle awon ti won ni orire ni, ipinle awon ti oni iwa irele ni, ipinle awon nifesi ohun rere, sugbon teba fe fi owo ola gbawa loju, awa na koni gbe ojuwa duro, aoni gba oo, teba le aguntan kan ogiri o ma yi oju pada ni, emase ko ijangbon ati jagidigagan wa si ipinle omoluwabi, awa omoluabi lawa nibiyi ti a npariwo tantan, e baa wa so fun won, a di won lowo ti won ba wa se osun osogbo pelu wa ooo, e maa jeki won diwa lowo atije, atimu wa oo, atina, atilo wa oo, won oo fun wa lowo oo, won o funwa lounje oo, won o fun wa nilewe oo, won o funwa ni ina oo, won o fun wa niwosan oo, fun tikarawa laa nse oo, ise ta nfi ona yi se la fi nfun rawa ni ina, iwosan ati ounje, la fi nran awon omowa lo si ile iwe, e mase gba ona yi lowo wa oooo.

## CITIZEN LOLA WEY

Saa saa saa waa

Ijoba mekunnu, ijoba ti kin farani mekunnu ni, akofe ki awon omowa jale, akofe ki awon omo wa di asewo, akofe ki awon omo wa di yahoo yahoo boys and girls, akofe ki awon omowa lose atipo ni ile ajeji, afe ki awon omo wadi omolomo, akofe ki awon oko wa di oko oloko, akofe ki aya di aya alayaa, nitori ti oko wa o ba mu owo wa ile, awon omo wa di omo olomo, ti awon oko wa koba ri owo toju aya, ao di aya alaya, afe ki awon omo wa kawe ki won yanju, afe ki awon oko wa sorire, afe toro je lowo olokelu, afe bora wani, ema sowa deru, a kin seru. Kosi eni ton paa omo e lati fise saalejo, e maa pawa fi wa salejo, e maa fi wa setutu falejo, e maa pa alejo fun wa je, e maa niwa lara nitori alejo, e maa ni alejo lara nitori wa, ema sowa di alainise, e maa di ona atije, atimu wa. Ti e ba gba ona yi, e funwa lona miran, ona oni dimowa nipinle osun, ona oni dimowa ni Nigeria oooooo.

## ALHAJI RASIDI OYEDELE

Ijoba osun e ran wa lowo, awa ni asoju yin, ti a nsise sin yin, bi eti emo, ewo ti Ramota awa lapeyin si akiyesi re, eyin le sii gba oriyin re. eleyi naa a pe ijoba ipinle osun a pe yin sakiyesi, e tete e kesi ijoba apapo, gbogbo wa o le dake, ka ku sibe. E tete e pe won, bi ee tie mowa, awa nse tiwa fun olorun ni, ohun ti ekori ti awa nri, a peyin si akiyesi re, a pe

yin sakiyesi ni o, ao binu, sugbon te ba je ka binu, ao binu oo, awa naa ki nse ole ooo, nkan dada wu awa na, gbogbo eniyan ni nkan daradara wu sugbon bi e ba maa gba ona yi lowo wa, efun wa ni omiran ropo re, aiki nso de, ese ona koja lori ibi, sebi fun anfani wa naa ni, ke so ibi di ibi oro aje, ki e tunse daadaa ki e na owo si, ki awon eyan maa joko si be, ki won maa wa pejo woo. Sugbon ke wa di ona awa mekunnu, ao ni gba oo.

### AGBAJELOLA SIMBIAT

Ejowo abeyin nio, egba wa ooo, obinrin losun oo, awa kija ooo, ema gba ije lenu wa ooooo, ijoba o fun wa lowo oooo, gbogbo ohun tan se a gbowo lowo ijoba oo, a nse tori awon omo wa ni ooo, nitori ojo ola wa



ni oooo.

### COMRADE RUFUS OYATORO

Awa nbe ijoba ipinle osun, awon ni asoju ijoba apapo nigbogbo Nigeria, ati yan Oyetola gege bi Gomina wa, asi ranse si ijoba apapo, ti Buhari se olori fun, ona yi oo atije, atimu, atinaa, ati lowa, ati wole wa, ona yi lowa, e maa dina mo wa, olorun koni dinaa mo yin ooo.

Ati yonda ilefun yin, a yonda ohun isenbaye wa fun yin, e ti fi ngba owo lowo ijoba apapo, ti e si ngba lowo ijoba agbaye, ti e ba ni orefofe yi, oju oni tiyin oo, ti e ba ti ona yi mowa, a mo nkan tio le sele, sugbon a nso pe ki o to de stage yen, e maa ti ona yi o, ti e ba tie maa ti, e mu nkan mi jade wa funwa ta le mo ran, ki se pe kewa tipa, ke to tipa their must be alternatives before you lock it up.

### IBRAHIMABADATU

Eyin ijoba ipinle abeyin ni ooo, emi je iyawo isale osun, nijo ti mo ti debe, omo isale osun ni okomi osi dako sona ibiyi, nigba temi womo lowo, ti mio ba de bee, mio ni mu nkan ti awon omo mi maje, nigbati won si nla ona, okomi je ikan lara awon to bawon lana, sugbon eyan ko le lan funwa, nigba ti awa dide, ti ona wa daa tan, e waa fe gba lowo wa. Eberu olorun ooo, e maa se jeki obinrin o binu ooo, obinrin ni osun ooo, e mase ri ibinu obinrin oooooo.

### TAWA KALITU ELIZAZ

Abe yin nio, gbogbo eyin te nsise nibi patapata, owo yin lema fi gba eto yin ooo, ti e ba gba eto yin tan, eni fi wo aisan, eni fi wo arun oooo, ejowo nitori olorun gbogbo yin naa lee lobinrin kokan ninu wa, atije, atimu ona ibi to ti nwa niyi, ejowo nitori olorun konida ki ebi maa pa awon omo yin, nigba ta ba ribi yasi, ta ribilo ebi yoo pawa, eyin naa simo pe ounje to njade wa ni ona yi kise kekere, beeni awon omo to nlo si school po lona ibiyi ati orisirisi ile tiwon tiko sibi, nigba teba wa gba ona yii tie ese mii fun wa, eni tani kaje, ejowo aroyin e bawa se igbese ki won to ti ona yii pa, ki won pese ona miran lati maa loo, akoni ri esu oooo.

### ASIRU OLUFON

Edakun oro ti mo fe so yi ti o sele laye Dokun ni igboro osogbo, won ki eku ile gbo ko so fun tooko, gbogbo eyin tewa nikale laa ranse si ijoba, won ni ki ode ole gboran lase soro leti omore, Gada ti dokun se owa ni isale nibi, nigbati yoo fi di ogun pe a rinmo, awon eyan tun koja nibe still, motor ni o le koja nibe, won oti pa mowa, oba kan lose oo. Nigba ti

eyi bere, oba Adenle oun lo se oo, atun nrin ooo, won o le ti ona yi, ti won ba ti, won tina mo awon eni akoko ni yin. E jise ki won maa te osun loju, won fe te osun loju, won fe te osogbo loju, won fe te omo kekere loju, awa kin ja ooo, a kin se jagidijagan, kosi ninu iwe itan ooo, obirin niwa oooo, {lilo lomi nlo to fin paa ina ooo} Ejise fun awon to ran yin oooo, ohun ti osun gan yoo fi binu e maje ki ase ooooo, abiyamo losun ooooo, saa lalo, enikan kole lo ile aye gbo, asiko olaju lawa, eyin naa ese olaju fun osun, e maa ti ona mo osun, efe ti ona mo osun, se fe ki osun gan o rin moo ni, nigba ti e ba wa tun lana ibomi ti osun yoo maa gba, seni ki osun o mo jade moni, e ronu si, ejise taa ran yin.

Saa saa saa wa

MR BASIRU

Seri ile ibi yii, kosi ijoba Nigeria kankan to le gba ibi yii mo, arakan ni wa, ara ilu ni wa. Seri bi ibi yii se wa loni, ijoba Nigeria Kankan kole gba ibi yi mo, a fi ti UNESCO baa yoo wo kuro nibiyi loku.

COMRADE DEBO

UNESCO oo lenu ni o, kole bite oo, it's a toothless bull dog, there is no way UNESCO can implement its own policy on Nigeria without the cooperation of the people and government. So they need our cooperation before they can do anything here.

MR BASIRU

That why they call you people to meeting and at the meeting we all agreed that they should close this road. Comrade Debo said otherwise we may agree to disagree.

Citizen Lola Wey

Who represented the people, ataoja represented himself and his royalhood, were the people represented, the people are in the majority, it is the people that lives there, oyetola does not live over there, ataoja does not live there, his palace is over there. So how can he speak on behalf of the people that lives there. Won oni fa ori leyin olori.

Awa ta nse ode, awa tan se agbe, awa tan pa eja, ona yii naa laa maa n gba lo si ibi ise wa. Ti won ba ni fun wa lona imi, ko ye ki won gba ona to wa nile lowo wa, ona yii a gbo ninu itan pe Communal effort ni won fi la, ki ijoba apapo ton to ojubo. Amoope Osun Groove wa nibi, sugbon ona yi otu je ikan gan naa to je ona to ni itan, itan ona yen otun wa lara ohun to le gbe osun groove laruge ti won bamope awa ni ati tikalarawa laa ona yen, tori itan ti a gbo nipa ona yii nipe, awon ara ilu ni won daa wo jo awon ni won san oko ibe, awon ni won laa ona yeen nibeere ijoba apapo oo la ona yin fun wa, ona ti won o la fun wa ona ti won o la fun wa, ona ti won o la fun wa, ona to je pe, ibe laa ngba lo si oko, ibe laa ngba lo si oko, ibe laa ngba rowo, ibe laa ngba jeun, ti o ba si ona yii, osun Groove ti won feti torie gba ona lowo wa, koni je ohun ti gbogbo agbaye npe joo wa wo, iyen laa fi wa nsope, nitoripe aa lana fiwa nsope, nitoripe aa lana de ibiti osun Groove to wa, a si ngba ibe lo si oko wa, angba ibe lo si ibi ti anti se nkan oro aje wa ati omo ile, gbogbo nkan ti angba fi ona yii se, ona won ni won fee ka maa gba debe ti won ba di ona yii ki ijoba apapo maa gba je llenu wa, ki won ma fi ara ni awon ara ilu, ki won maa fi ara ni awon omo ile eko, ki won maa ara ni awon agbe, ki won ma fi ara ni awon ode, won ni won fee ki ole wa nilu, awon ti won da sile lowo ara won ti won gba ona yii koja, ba wo ni won se fe debi oko won, bawo ni won se fe ki won de odo won, iyen lan so fun ijoba apapo pe ti ijoba apapo tan ba ro pe ona yii se Pataki fun awon ki won laa ona mii gba ona yii, ale fun won lona eleyi sugbon won gbodo laa ona mii ti ko jina si eleyi ti awa maa gba lo si oko wa ti won ti won o ba ti la ona mii, e jowo eyin ijoba apapo, ema ti gba ona yii mo wa lowo oo, a n pariwo tori awarawa ilu nlo ona yii, ona yii se iyebiye si wa ju ona yii se iyebiye si wa pupo, ki ijoba apapo maa re wa je, ki won maa fi owo ola gba wa loju oo, eyin ijoba apapo a nso fun yin nisin, nitori ti aba le aguntan kan ogiri, o le yi ju pada, awa ara ilu nbe yin ni o, a fi sako oo, a fi seja oo, ko ti di ja oo, sugbon te ba gboran ti awon ara ilu nso, awon ara ilu le nse ijoba le lori, te ba gboro taa nso awon ara ilu maa yi ju pada si yin ooo emaa je ka yiju pada, nitori ti ko ba si ara ilu, ko le si ijoba ooo, ti ko ba si ifokan bale laarin ilu,

ifokanbale ni ijoba lo nfe, a si ti fun won ni ifokanbale lati ipinle omoluabi ti a waa yi, a fun won na ifokanbale ko si ijangbon,jagidijagan sugbon ki ijoba apapo maa gbe jagidijagan won state wa oo awa omoluabi la wa state yii oo,amo nkan ta nse,gbogbo laa ni se lowo,ki won maa di ona ije wa ooo

Alhaji Olorode A.A

Anhun so fun ijoba yii oo beni oro lati gbo yi, won deni orin losi waju ote,nigbati oro ba maa waye, oro naa lo maa koko sele, boro yen de sele naa la nse soro to tutu, ki won maa gbe oro yii gbona fun wa, ijoba apapo a nbeyin ni oo, emaa gbe ooro yii gbona fun wa,bi ase mu ni tutu bee, eni agbara lati se ohun ti yoo ro wa lorun, ni a se ni ifokan bale leyin lori,to ba dipe ewa gbiyanju lati ripe efe fiya je wa awa naa oni gba oo. Great Nigeria

Alhaji Rasidi Oyedele

Saa!saa!!saa!!! Waa! /3x ijoba apapo la nba soro yii,ki ijoba ipinle naa ti ilu tuba kotun se, ki awon naa so fun won pe ohun ti awon ara ilu awon fe niyi, nitori ilu to ba tun se lara fi de gbogbo eniyan, ijoba apapo laa nkesi sugbon ijoba ipinle naa, ka won naa ko ke si ijoba apapo, ara ilu wa afe wahala, keto mo yira, ati yira papo, bee lafe abi bee ko ,beeni, saa!saa!!saa!!! waa!

Imam Sikirulahi Isah

Saa!Saa!!Saa!!! Waa! /3x Ebe lan be yi bay ii oo, won so wipe alaa to wa laarin LAUTECH ati odo Osun won ni won gbe ona yen si to lo jade sohun asireti won lati bi odun melo ari ki won se nkankan, ti won badipa, ona di mo osogbo ni yen, ona oni di mowa o. Awon ilu to ngba osogbo wole o poo ilu bi mesan ti won si ni olori ati ti won ni gbogbo ee, opolopo nkan ereko eyi ti won ilu osogbo ibi yii lo ngba wole, seki ebi o maa pa wa lo da, ebi oni pawa oo, a nbe won ni oo, eba wa be won, ijoba ibile eba wa be won ijoba osun eba wa be won,gbogbo isale osun ebee won, gbogbo aye ebe won

Tawakalitu Eliaz

Saa!Saa!!Saa!!! Waa!

Anbe yii oo losogbo, nitoripe kini afeki efi owo ola gbawa loju oo nigbati oro yii ti beere, ni won ti npe birikoto lokankan, ti won tin so, so ohun naa lo tun je ki awon enibi eni, eyan bi eyan ki won dide si wa lati wag be wa nija won si ti wa bayi, atun mu ebe wa ni, ta wa beyin, ejowo nitori olohun, ohun tohun ti bi jade o poo gan, awon agbole ti kun bee to je agbole ni isale osun ti kun aarin yin,so anife ki won dina mow a, olorun oni dina mo won gbogbo awa parapo osogbo anbe won oo, ona oni di mo won oo ki won ma dina mow a naa,atije atimu wa, nibi tolohun fi sini,olohun oni gbaje atimu lenu ti won. Saa!Saa!!Saa!!! Waa!

Citizen Lola Wey

Saa! Saa!! Saa!!! Waa/3x

Emaa gba ona wa oo,anobi laa fi beyin, eema gba jesus Kristi laa fi beyin, ema gba ona wa o osun osogbo lafi beyi taba gba akara lowo omode ama fi omiran ropo ti eba fi omiran ropo e maa gba ona yii ooo, gbogbo abiyamo aye,abiyamo orun laa fi beyin ooo,emaa gbona yii lowo wa ooo,efi omiran ropo oooo Saa!Saa!!Saa!!! Waa!

Comrade Waheed Lawal's Speech At The Palace Of Ataoja Of Osogbo

Afeki ilu osogbo koma tesiwaju, afeki ipinle osun koma tesiwaju bi ase wafe kotesiwaju yi, afe ki oko ipalara ba enikenininu awon eniyan wa, boya ona ounje won lowa nibe ni, ona ile won lowa nibi ibe ni, nigbogbo ibi ti won ti maa se idagbasoke kaakiri agbaye, ti won ba fe se eleyi, won o pese ona mii ti yoo mu iderun, idera ati alaafia baa won eniyan wa. Eyi loje ki awon eyan wa, ka ranse si oga wa patapata ni Nigeria tio je Comrade Debo Adeniran, awon ni oludari gbogbo egbe ti nja fetoto omo eniyan ni Nigeria. Lafi sope oga wa oo, ewa telewa oo, eje kaso fawon eniyan ni ipinle osun pe afe ilosiwaju, afe idagba soke, sugbon afe ki inira oo ba wa.

Aki baba wa kabiesi Ataoja Osogbo!

kabiesi oooo

Ade oo pe lori, bata o pe lese, irukere oo pe lowo. Nitoripe a fe Alafia, asi fe idagbasoke, afe ki ilu ma tesiwaju, ani eje ka lo lowowo, kalo so fun awon baba wa naa, awon baba wa, awon naa ni asoju olohun lokepe lasiko yii, awon ni ani koba wa di ilu osogbo mu, bi ose ntesiwaju yii lasiko yin, yoo maa tesiwaju. Bi o ba ti wan tesiwaju, edakun e maa je ki won o dina mo awon omo yin lafi ni ka wa bayin. Kabieesi ooooo. Oga wa o ba wa soro lori oro yii.

Ogbeni Debo Adeniran –

Kabiesi oooo, ati se iwode, ati de gbogbo ibi toye kaaa de, atirin lati oke osun de isale osun, atiri gbogbo ibi ti won sope o baje loju ona to maa jeki won ti ona pa, asi ti ripe ti won ba ti ona yen pa, o maa di opolopo ohun oro aje ta nse, o maa di lowo. Awa kan ngba ibe losi ile ibi ta ngbe, awon omo wa kan ngba ibe losi ile eko won, awon kan ibe lona oko won wa, awon kan ibe lona ibi ise won wa. Won wa nipe ese nikan ni kama firin tabi kalo wa ona miran fun rawa, a sope a lodi si idagbasoke ti won fe se, awa naa fe idagbasoke, awa naa fe bi ose je pe ijoba agbaye won ti ri oju osun gege bi nkan to je atewogba, gege bi ibi isenbaye ti gbogbo aye gbodo wa maa wari fun lododun, afe ki o je pe won se idagbasoke ibe ti o fi maa dee awon alejo tan ba nwa lorun. Sugbon ao le titori alejo, ki a fiya je omo onile, alee pese ina funrawa, ale pese omi funrawa, sugbon ao le pese ona fun rawa. Ti won ba di ona ti a maa fi de ile wa, ti won di ona taa maa fi de ibi taa ti nsise wa, awa ti ro pe, asi mo be pe o maa je ki isoro ai derun ko ba gbogbo awon ti won ba nlo ona yen. Asi fe ko je pe ijoba ma fi owo ola gba wa loju, nitori gbogbo nkan ti won so pe o ba je nibi ona yen, nitori pe ijoba ko kobi ara si nigba to ye ki won kobi ara si ni. A deti so fun won pe, ibi to baje nibi bridge ti won lawon fe se, ki se nkan to ye ki o gba ijoba nii pe ki won ti ona yen pa, tori opolopo awon ibi ti iru nkan yen ti sele ni orilede Nigeria ni ati mo pe, nkan ti won koko maa se ni pe, won koko se ona miran ti awon eyan maa gbe motor gba, ti awon eyan maa fese rin gba. Won ni won fe fee bridge yen seyin si, ti o fi maa le gba motor opolopo, awa naa o lodi si, sugbon ki won to bere, ki won maa di oro aje wa lowo, ki won maa di awon omo wa ti won gba ibe koja lowo.

Atosan, ati oru, ati ajin ni awon eyan wa nfese rin gba ibe, won gun keke gba ibe, won gun alukuku gba ibe. Afe ko je pe ona to jin ti won o ni le debi ti won lo lati je pe won maa wulo fun ise ti won fe se ni won maa nipe ki won lo gba, gbogbo awon ona miran to wa, ti won ba ti ona yii pa oun lo jinna si ibi ta nlo.

Iyen la fi wa so fun awon ijoba, latun wa fi ran kabieesi si awon alase ilu, awon oselu wa, awon adari ilu wa, ki won ba wa jise fun won pe ki se pe a lodi si idagbasoke, sugbon nkan ti afe ni iya ti o maa fi je wa ti won ba ti ona yen pa. Iyen ni ase nipe a gbodo juba eyin agba, eyin tie je adari ilu, eyin gangan lorisa tie je igbakeji olodumare ti a le ran si ati eledumare, ati awon eniyan, eyin leri inu, eyin leri ita. A gbodo se iru nkan be yen lati gbe gbehin yin lo. A si tun so fun awon ijoba wa pe ipinle omoluabi ni ipinle ti awa, awa o ki nse jagidijagan, a si tun so fun won pe osun obinrin onisuru ni, oni wa pele ni, abiyamo ni, o fe maa ri awon omo ee ni koja, o fe ki ara de ara ile kode ara oko. Sugbon ti won ba di ona ti o ye ki awon omo osun maa gba koja, osun gan inu re kole dunsu, gbogbo awon anfani ti o de n se fun ilu, a fe ko di nkan to je pe o maa di rukerudo. Awon omo osun won ki nba ijoba ja, sugbon ti ijoba apapo ba lawon fe fowo laa gba wa loju, a maa so fun wipe awa ara ilu ni won nse ijoba le lori. Bi a se nran eyin baba wa tie je kabieesi si awon ijoba loke



lohun, ni a maa ran awon asoju ijoba ipinle, awon gomina wa, a maa ran si won. Iyen nipe a fe ki e ba wa jise fun won ni gbogbo ona ti e ba le gba, bo se aroko le fe pa ranse si won, e paroko ranse si won. Awa osun afe ja, gbogbo awa ti awa nibiyi ki se osogbo ni gbogbo wa ti wa, ifowosopo ni a nse pelu ara wa, nitoripe, ija ona yen, ija ona ijoba apapo ni. A si nso fun won pe ki won le mo pe ki se osogbo nikan lo so pe ko te awon lorun lati je pe ki ijoba ti ona yen pa, ni a se pe awon eyan wa kaakiri gbogbo local government, gbogbo ijoba ibile to wa losun lati pe ju si biyi, ki won maa dina mowa, ona ibe yen laa ngba lo si oko wa, la fi ngba sise owo wa, la fi ngba lo ile eko. Iyen laa ni ki eyin baba wa bawa dasi. Kabieesi.

Comrade Waheed

Lakotan kabiesi, toripe Yoruba bo won ni, a kin koomitan ka tuni kini kan nrun. Anfani tani yii ani ka lo de le, lara anfani ta ni pe ijoba agbaye ni won ro pe ona yen o da, awon fe se daadaa, won si mo bi won ti ma nse, won mo ohun ti egbe ngba lagbaye, ki won maa ro pe boya oju wa ti dudu nibi, bi oju ti awon ti o bi wa ba tile dudu, won ti ran awon omo wa jade. Ati kaakiri aye, a ri gbogbo bi won se nse kaakiri agbaye. Ki won ba wa tun agbegbe yii se ko joju wo, sugbon ki wa se ki won fi pa oro aje awon eyan wa lara. Kabieesi

Kabieesi(Representative of kabieesi)

Ese ooo, adupe ee, oro ti won so oro to niye lori ni, to si logbon lori. Awa naa te si fi biyi lori oro yi, awa naa o dake, gbogbo isale osun patapata ati osogbo ni won ti wa sodo wa, ti won si mo iru ise ti baba mi Alhaji Jimoh Oyetunji Olanipekun II (Ataoja Osogbo) iru ise ta won naa nse lori e, awon naa oo duro. O wa dun mi die, nje eso pe ele nbo tele, to ba je pe eti so tele pee e nbo ni, kii see iru yin loye ki kabieesi maa ri, ko to iseju mewa ti kabieesi jade. O daa naa bi ese wa yii, maa jise yin fun won lekunrere, awa naa ngbe igbese le lori, ebi gbogbo awon ara isale osun lere ti ajo nse meeting lori ee tori kole ba da ni. Ohun ni mo se sope eni to ba laye oo dake, ki se ohun nikan ni yoo je. Eyin te wa sibi loni, e to idamewa awon ti yoo maa gba ona isale osun,

sebi kole ba da naa ni. Mosi gba ladura pee ire ni yo jasi fun gbogbo wa, ilu osogbo koni baje, ipinle osun koni baje, gbogbo Nigeria koni baje, irorun ni yoo je fun gbogbo wa, ti kabieesi bade ao jise fun won.

Comrade Oyatoro

Ikini, nigbati a de ibiyi, oju lakoo te kato teni, e teju fun wa, esi tun teni fun wa, e fi aye gbawa, e farabale gbo wa, koda eni oju nkanyin, eni nkan seyin, e si gba tokantokan, lehin igba yen kabieesi o tun wa si nile e so fun wa, ni gbogbo ona ni yoo maa ye yin oo, osogbo koni baje oo, awa naa wa dupe lowo yin wipe pe ese gan sir. Awa naa kise omo buruku, omo inu ogba ni wa, omo iran ni wa, a baa po ju bayi lo, ohun to sele laaro nipe bi ase gbo lase gbe igbese lori e. Lori eleyi, odo yin la maa fi eto ro si, pelu ogo lowo olohun gbogbo e yoo wa si imuse, e ba wa jise fun kabieesi pe ki won gba wa oo, oju oni ti won.

Ogbeni Debo Adeniran

Saa saa saa                      waa  
Saa saa saa                      waa  
Saa saa saa                      waa

Asese bere ni, odi igba ti won ba pese eto ona mii fun wa, ni ato maa jawo ninu pe a nso fun won. Gege bi nkan ti ati so, gbogbo nkan to je bi iwe lama ko si iwe, a maa fi ranse si UNESCO, to je pe awon to ti gba ibe yen, pe ti won ba fe ti ona, won gbodo se ibo miran ti a maa maa gba, a maa ko we si ijoba apapo, a maa ko si ijoba ipinle ati ijoba ibile to wa nibe, gbogbo won laa maa fi to leti pe, gbogbo awa osun afe bi won se seto yen, ti won ba fe ti ona yen, ki won fun wa lona mi, ti won oba ti funwa lona mi, ki won si funwa ni anfani lati maa gba ibe, ti won ba mope awon o le ba wa tunse, awa gan ti ndawo lowo ara wa, iwon ba ibi ta ba le tun se de, a maa tunse debe, sugbon ki won maa fi iya ti oto je wa. Iyen ni idanileko teyin naa maa mu losi agbegbe yin pada, te maa lo so fun won pe, kise pe afe idagbasoke ojubo osun oo, sugbon won oo gbodo fi ya je wa nigbati won ba nse idagbasoke yen, gbogbo ona to ba gba ki won ba wa saa lati fi se ona mii fun wa, ki a maa gba lo si ibi ta ba fe lo ti koni je ona jinjin laa maa

gba de ibi ti oye kade. Saaa saa saa waa.

Ese gan, e ku ataaro, eku ifitomoniyanse, ki olukaluku worowo e pada si adugbo yin, elo educate awon eyan yin gbogbo nkan ti ati se loni ati ana, elo fi esi ee jise nile, ki awon naa gbaradi toripe atun npada bo.

Saa saa saa waa.

### **Yoruba version of Speeches Delivered At Osogbo Bridge**

Atiri nkan ti won se, ati ri nkan ti won so, ati ri excuse ti won fe give lati gba ona mo wa lowo, awa oni gba, oga wa ani gba lode yii. Otipe ti ona yii ti waa nbe lati aye alalumole, ati wo abe gada yen, ati won awon beam to wa nibe, ati wo gbogbo nkan ti won se sibe, iwon ba ise lo wa lati tunse, sugbon to ba je pe ijoba won se oojuse won ni, koni baje debi to baje deyi kan to so pe won maa gbona mowa lowo. Ona ile ise wa leleyi, ona oko wa leleyi, ona ile iwe wa leleyi, ona ibi ti anti se ise oro aje wa leleyi, won le gba mowa lowo, ki won to se gada ona ilobu, oburu ju bayi lo. Sugbon aye wa, osun faye sile lotun, losi ti won ba fe tun gada se, won le se gada mii, toba je pe ijoba to feran ara ilu, to feraan mekunnu ni, won ni sope awon maa di ona atije, ati mu mekunnu kan to tun gada se. To ba je pe won feran wa ni, won ni jeki gada kodi bayi kan to se.

Saa Saa Saa! Wa!

Saa Saa Saa! Wa!

Saa Saa Saa! Wa wa wa!

Ejeki Waheed oba wa soro

Comrade Waheed (spoke in Yoruba Language)

Saa! Saa!! Saa!!! Waa!

Saa! Saa!! Saa!!! Waa!

Saa! Saa!! Saa!!! Waa!Waa!!Waa!!!

Aki oga wa, asi ki gbogbo awa ti afe ki ilu o derun fun gbogbo wa, ohun ti anso fun ijoba nipe, ani ki won maa se ona, lati se ona, ohun ti oye ki ijoba se fun ara ilu ni, sugbon ti e baa fe se ona, emaa di ona mowa nitoripe ona laa file se ona, ona lase kato se ona, emaa di ona mowa lati se ona, nitoripe ona yii oo, ona ibuje ti wa ni, ona ibuje wa

ni oo, ona oro aje wani, ijoba lese ona ni gbogbo ona tii yo tewa lorun. Ta bawa feki won se ona lona ti yoo te wa lorun, emaa dina mowa. Lati dina mowa, a o ni gba fun yin, a o ni gba ki e dina mowa o, nitori ona waa leleyi, a o nigba ke di na mowa, ohun ti aso nipe ki won se ona ti oma a gba koja la agbegbe yii nigba ti won ba nse ona yii lowo. Ani ki won maa se ona, nibiti aye laju de loni, bi agbegbe yii seri gan oo, koba ohun ti anpe ni osuwon ijoba agbaye mu, nitoripe osuwon ijoba agbaye ohun to so nipe ibi ti awa loni yi, ojubo kan ni fun ijoba agbaye, ti oba wa ri bayi, oye ki oju ki oti Ijoba Ipinle Osun, Ijoba Orile Ede Nigeria pe ibi ti won pe ni World Heritage Centre ti UNESCO ti approve pe Centre ni fawon, ona siri bayi nibe. Ta bawa so pe bayii lori, ohun to ku nipe ki ijoba pa oju ti mora ki won wa atunse to ye, ki won se lai dina mo mekunnu Kankan. So nidi eyi, gbogbo ohun ti yoo ba nan wa lati ripe won dina oro aje mo wa lao lo, gbogbo ohun ti yoo ba nan wa lati ripe won dina onaa ile mowa lao lo, ao ba ijoba fowo so wopo sugbon a oni gba ki ijoba dina mowa. Nidi eyi gbogbo waa eje kagba pe ati fohun soka loni, ati fenu soka loni, asi gba pe oju ona wa lona yii, ki sona ijoba, ijoba ni won laa fun wa lati rin, nijo ti won ti laa tan oti di ona wa, nidi eyi ohunkohun ti yoo ba dina mo wa, gbogbo ohun to ba gba laa se si lati ripe ona oo di mo wa, ona oni di mowa.

Akiwa aku oro ilu, ilu naa a maa gbe waa o, ilu a duro ti wa.

Aa laseyori, Aki wa.

Saa Saa Saa! Wa!

Saa!Saa Saa! Wa!

Moki gbogbo wa pe aku oro ilu, olohun koni je ko su wa se. Mo kan fe so nkan kekere lori oro yii, osise ibi yi lawa naa, kosi awon oga wa ni ile. Seri nigba ti ijoba agbaye ti gba ibi bayi ni odun 2005, won ti ona yi nigbana rara, won fi ona yi sile pe ki awon eyan maa gba lati igbana, sugbon nkan kekere kan to wa sele lenujo meta yi, lo fe je ki won ti ona yi fun anfani gbogbo wa naa ni, kise pe won momo so pe ibinu ni won fe ti ona yi. Ti e ba lo si ibi gada yen nisin, eri pe ona yii ko se gba mo, won si so fun wa pe gada yi laipe yii o le pack, so osi le affect opolopo

wa, olorun maa je kari nkan buruku, ki eyan wa ko maa lo, ki gada deede ja, gbogbo awon to ba wa ninu motor lo ma abo si inu odo, nkan ti a nso yii ko lamo so nigbana, so nkan buruku oni sele si gbogbo wa. Won wa ni ona yi bo se wa, won gba awon eyan laye ki won maa fi ese rin koja, sugbon motor ati okada nikan ni kole koja nibiyi. Won fun awon eyan laye most especially awon omo ile iwe, awon to ngbe adugbo yi ki won ma fi ese rin lo sugbon motor nikan ni koni koja nibe, nkan to wa nibe ni yen.

### BAALE IMAM SIKIRU WAZIRI OKE OSUN

Saa saa saaa waa

Mo je okan ninu awon asiwaju oke osun, emi ni imam ajenisunwa, waziri oke osun patapata, nikan bi odun marun seyin nigba ti ase akiyesi pa gada yi fe ja, bale osaara, bale ajenisunwa, bale agric oke osun, awon baale baale bi mefa ati awa agba oke osun, awa se ipade pe afe tun ona yii se, asi da owo to to owo jo, eje ka tunse nigbana. Eni kaa kowe si Abuja, a kowe si Abuja, akowe kaakiri, nigba to wa ya leni efun wa laye kaa gbe ibikan ko wo inu odo lo, eyan le funwa laye, e je ka raye wo ibi yii to fi di isinyi ni asi un struggle pe afe tun gada yen se, koda gan ati da owo jo, olori awon obinrin oke osun gan wa nibiyi alhaja olorode, kise okunrin nikan lajo se ipade sugbon ati obinrin la jo se, koda lowolowo bayi a sin da owo jo bayi, ti e ba gba wa laye, atun gada yen se.

### MR BASIRU

Se ti ri ijoba ipinle osun gege bi eti mo pe ipinle omoluabi lawa, ijoba ipinle osun won ti se ileri wipe awon yoo se ona mii, sugbon ona mii ti won fe se, gada yen ni wahala to wan be ti won fi ti le dawole nigbati awon to fe se ona yi wa lati wa cost ee, won ni yoo naa won ni owo die, koda won ti fe gbe caterpillar wa lati wa maa laa ona yen sugbon gada yen oun ni wahala to wa nibe, seri gada te nso yii, ele dawole, owo ti o gba ki se nkan ti ara ilu lese, ki se gada kekere.

DEBO ADENIRAN

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Saa saa saa

Ewo awon naa kise pe won fise ran won, awon naa npetu si awo ni, nkan tole di awo awon na kofe koda bee, ni won se so nka ti won so, ani afe se ona, eni ale se, se e timo iye owo tani lowo ni, ibi ti kosi gada rara, won se gada sibe, ki se sise ni won se ni. Kise ba kan lose wa tele ki won to se gada sibe, awa nsope ki won maa di ona mowa, eyin naa fe se gada, ti won ba se gada naa tan, talo fe lo, sebi awa naa laa maa lo gada naa, nkan tan nso nipe ki won to di ona, won gbodo se ona mii ti motor ati elese maa gba koja. Ani oro aje ti afe kowa, ani ile iwe ti a nlo, a le maa fese rin koja, ona yen o jinna sibi ti a nlo, o koja nkan ti ale fese rin lo, gbogbo ilu ti e nso awon UNESCO won mo pe gbogbo ilu to dawojo ti won fi nje UNESCO, ko si ibi ti won ti ndi ona mo awon eyan won, ki won to di ona kan, won maa ti se omiran, ti won ba fe di ona kan, won maa se ni egbe keji ni, kise pe won di ona naa patapata. Awon eyan o tun wa duro de ijoba, won o duro de UNESCO, won o duro de ijoba apapo, won la won ndawo, eyan ni wipe won o le dawo to. "Won ni ojo o da, eni ko to tana, ojo to sese bere". Sebi awa laso pe afe se gaga, e bawa jise fun won pe awa ara ilu, awa la ni ijoba, awa lani ijoba Nigeria, awa lani ijoba agbaye, awa lani ipinle omoluabi, awa naa lani gada wa. Taaba se sope afe se oun naa la maa se, e le kowa bi ase fe se nkan wa, ti e ba ni e se, awa ready lati bere, iyen ni ke lo jise fun won pe nkan tara ilu nfe ni ki awon ijoba wa se, asoju wa ni ijoba je, won o le fowo lale fun wa, ti won ba lagidi leni patapata odun merin, ona a di mo awon naa. Ti won baa dina mowa leni, patapata odun mejo, ona a di mo awon naa, awon tona di mo lana da, won wa logba ewon. Awon to se ijoba lana ti won je gaba le wa lori, won wa logba ewon, opolopo won, won le fewon jura, opolopo awon ti won gba ile wa, ti won gba ona wa, won roju won raye loni ooo, opolopo won ti daro, ori wheel chair ni won wa. E so fun leti pe osun o ki nja oo, osun fe maa ri awon omo e, ki won maa koja lo, koja bo. Ki won maa di ona mo wa, ki ara naa ma aba di ona mo won.

Saa saa saa

waaa

Taofeek

Moki awon baba wa, moki awon iyawa oooo, Ekaaro. Seri atigbo gbogbo nkan ti eyin baba ati iya wa ti bawa soo, seri gbogbo awa ti awa nibiyi, tio ba si eyin, awa naa oni wa nibi yi, ajowa laarin ara wa ni, teba si wo awa osise ibi yii, awa ta je omo ilu yii gangan naa, ase die naa mbe, gbogbo nkan ton sele yi kinse idunnu ti wa naa, reason ti gbogbo eleyi fi sele won ni bridge yen, the only condition is that, they said that bridge position to wa is at high risk, kode ni da naa ki gbogbo wa naa wa fi oju sile, olorun koni je kaari laburu, ki nkankan wa lo sele and at the end of the day naa, gbogbo blame yen naa, won tun le maa da blame yen lewa lori. Ati gbo gbogbo nkan ti etiso lataro sir, ni agbara olorun awon naa ao fise jee bi ese soo and I want to be sure that series of meetings oun lo lowo lori kini, which I will even wish like you sir boya toba possible amaa gba contact yin, eyin naa you will be invited to such meeting. Ni agbara olohun moo mo wipe didun losan maso, eje kaa farabale, ni agabara olohun ase gbogbo daadaa.

Imam Sikirulahi Isaq ni serii nipa bridge won fe gbabe woole siwa lara ni. Gbogbo oun to ti koja lo oti fi imole yen han wa.

OYEWOLE TAOFEEK

Seri sir, gbogbo ibi yii, nkan tawa naa face lori gbogbo awon ton gba ibi yii sugbon gbogbo koo laa maa mention, ewoo the Tipers association and which I want to believe that many of them are even here with you. So gbogbo nkan naa laa waa naa nse lati jeki ibi yii koo wani very good position fun everybody lati maa pass, awa naa ngba ibe sir, awon eyan wa naa kole sibe yen. Ti eba woo numbers awon to je omo osogbo to wa nibiyi very large, so many people are not even happy.

MR BASIRU

Yato fun nkan ti ekeji mi nso, te ba woo awon iya to duro yi, infact inu wa oo dun bi won se fe di ona yii, ni awa ti awa nibiyi nitori awon idi kan, seri awon iya yii ti won baa nbo wa lati oko won maa ju agbado ati

ogede, awon naa lon boo awon obo(monkey) wa. Seri kise pe inu wa dun bi won se fedi sugbon pelu bi nkan seri lowolowo bayii lofe faa awon igbese yen.

MR TAOFEEK OYEWOLE

Eee raise awon issue kan nisin pe you can even be responsible lati se bridge yen and as you know sir, ta ba se mo eyin moo, a se le maa so nkan fun yin, that thing belong to the government and whichever ti eyan ba fe se, anything belongs to the government, it passes a lot of process.

COMRADE DEBO ADENIRAN

Yes a mo processing yen, gbogbo yen naa lan ba won soo. Seri awon bridges kan wa, eyin naa ngbo nkan to nsele lekoo(lagos) awon bridges kan jonna, won oo tipa lai se alternative route ti won fi se. Eleyi to jonna niyin to je pe o je nkan pajawiri, won o ti bridge yen paa tan, won laa ona miran ti awon eniyan ngba. Nigbati won fe se bridge to ja si ojota, long bridge yen, won laa ona, won fill inu odo yen ti motor lee gba ori e koja. Nigbati interchange ni Sagamu to jonaa, won laa ona ti won maa lo gba, ti won fi maa koja. Nkan ti won so, ni ona yii nipe, boya nkan ti won se fi bridge yen sile to fi di level tan nso pe o wa ni yen. Awon naa ni won test integrity bridge yen awa ko, won oo pe wasi, won oo ni wa kamu awon Engineer ti wa naa wa pe ki won wo, se ole gbe motor duro abi kole gbe motor duro. How dangerous it is, is it collapsing really, so oye ki won pe awa ara ilu naa ka fi oju to, awon to nimo nipa integrity infrastructure naa wa ti awa naa lesope eje kajo mojuto. Sugbon seri awon ajagun gbale ni awon opolopo ijoba tan wa loke yen, awon ijoba to wa loke yen ajagun gbale ni won, won maa wa nkan kekere lati fi wole siwa lara bi baba wa se so ni o. Boya awon gan loo lo gbe brigde yen nisale nigbati awa ori, ole je pe a won gan lo baje debe o, o le je pe awon gan ni nitoripe won fe gba ile mo wa lowo, ani gba o, ile oosa leleyi o.

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