



**Zakat and Sadaqat
Foundation**

15th Zakat Distribution Ceremony



27th October 2019 (28th Safar 1441AH)

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall,

Lagos State Secretariat Mosque, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos

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To establish cordial relationship with other similar organisations both locally and internationally

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Programme

1. Opening Du'a
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Recitation from Glorious Qur'an
4. Welcome Address- ZSF Board Chairman
5. Address by the Chairman of the Occassion
6. Lectures
7. Brief by the Executive Director/CEO ZSF
8. Symbolic Distribution
9. Goodwill Messages
10. Remarks
11. Vote of Thanks
12. Clossing Du'a

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BACKGROUND

Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation is the foremost Zakat institution in the country. The foundation, otherwise known as ZSF came into being out of the concern to revive the most neglected pillar of Islam in the year 2000. It was incorporated in 2006 by the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria (RC 21237).

VISION

To be the foremost and leading organisation committed to improving the welfare of less privileged and adding value to stakeholders' support.

OUR MISSION

1. To help the rich enrich the poor
2. To care and touch people's life
3. To benefit Muslims and humanity in general

OBJECTIVES

Key objective of ZSF are:

1. To bridge the gap between the rich and the poor
2. To re-awaken the spirit of social responsibility amongst the Muslims
3. To return Zakat to its right position among Muslims
4. To create a credible channel of distribution of Zakat
5. To ensure even distribution of wealth for the empowerment of the less privileged
6. To establish cordial relationships with other similar organisations both locally and internationally

OUR CORE VALUES

The acronym **PACT** is our core values which means:

Professionalism which implies our expertise and competence

Accountability to Allah and the stakeholders which implies our stewardship

Care to humanity which implies our dedication

Trust from Allah and the stakeholders which implies responsibility and confidence reposed in us

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Alh. Umaru A. Mutallab, CON, FCA	Chairman
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Dr. (Engr) Ibrahim Abdul	Member
Dr. Tajudeen Yusuf	Member
Prince Sulayman Olagunju	Member/ Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Tajudeen Yusuf	Chairman
Prince Sulayman Olagunju	ED/CEO
Imam Tirmidh Muhammed Jamiu	Member
Arc. Mikail Zakariya	Member
Alhaji Abdul-Waheed Amida	Secretary



Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation

CHOOSE ZSF FOR YOUR ZAKAT & SADAQAT PAYMENT/ COLLECTION SOLUTIONS

At Zakat & Sadaqat Foundation, we are fully conscious that zakat and sadaqat payers are concerned about the judicious disbursement of their contributions. Therefore we are always guided by the injunctions of Allah and the expectations of zakat and sadaqat payers. Our experiences over the years have put us in good stead over and above others. And your trust will never be misplaced.

OUR SERVICES

ZAKAT ASSESSMENT, COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Our primary objective is to provide quality zakat assessment, collection and distribution services to both private and public individuals as well as corporate bodies. We are ever-ready to respond to any of your inquiries on zakat assessment, sadaqat payment or distribution anytime of the year. Zakat assessment, sadaqat payment or distribution anytime of the year.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SUPPORT

Zakat collected is used to procure merchandise goods, vocational materials, and equipment among others. This, we do in order to assist the poor to establish small-scale enterprises or repositioning of existing ones.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

In fulfillment of the obligation of Allah to acquire knowledge, ZSF is seriously concerned about the education of Muslim students. Therefore, we pay school fees for indigent Muslims, procure educational materials for and give research grants to both local and international students among others.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

As a matter of priority, this is one area that touches our hearts deeply. We help those in need to offset their bills, procure medications, treatment, undergo surgical operations within and outside the country as the situation demands.

WIDOWS/ ORPHANS' SUPPORT

ZSF is fully committed to putting a smile in the faces of widows and orphans. This, we try to accomplish through the Sadaqat we collect from donors. During Ramadhan, Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha festivals, ZSF usually provides food items, clothing materials and some monetary incentives to these people, as well as provide fund and equipment for their empowerment.

IFTAR SAIM SUPPORT

Annually, we organise Iftar Saim (i.e. feeding of fasting Muslims) across the Southwest and some parts of the South-South and northern parts of the country. We provide bags of rice, live chickens, beverages and fruits among others for the less privileged people in our communities.

MOSQUE SUPPORT

We support the building of new mosques or renovation of existing ones. In addition, we provide utility materials to other ones as the case maybe.



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EMERGENCY RELIEF

Our primary concern in this regard is to bring succour to victims of flood, accident, fire disaster, ethno-religious and conflicts. This, we achieve by donating house-hold utensils, food items, clothing materials and funds for the rehabilitation of victims among others.

SADAQATU JARIYAH

We encourage Muslims to revive the culture of executing projects that the less-privilege would continuously benefits from while the executor (s) too will continuously reap bountiful rewards from Allah. This can be accomplished by digging bore-holes, building schools, provisions of good health facilities among others.

INFAQUL AFUW (DISPOSING FAIRLY USED MATERIALS)

Many well-to-do people have abandoned materials in excess and are left unattended to; thus, they got rotten away even as their fellow men and women suffer in abject property. To assist the have and have-not in this direction, we encourage people to donate used or abandoned materials to us for onward distribution to the less-privileged ones and hence get reward from their Lord.

WAQF

We collect donations of land, buildings or money as an endowment, which are invested, the profits from which are given away as charity to indigents, or for construction of public utilities such as borehole, schools, hospitals etc.

SUPPORT SERVICE TO MUSLIM ORGANIZATIONS

There are many Muslim Organisations propagating pristine Islam and in their endeavours, they encounter a number of challenges impeding their growth and development. To complement their efforts, we provide office needs, furniture, propagation instruments, food items for camping programmes, sponsorship of seminars/workshops among others.

DETERMINING AND SHARING INHERITANCE

ZSF assists in the administration of deceased estates and in most cases, we offer professional advice on inheritance that is Shariah compliant based on request.

HOW TO PARTNER WITH ZSF

With our Staff-members stationed across the southwest and some parts of the northern region of the country, the procedures of engaging us either to pay your Zakat or Sadaqat subscription or both are:

Step 1: Contact Us

1. Call our Office or Staff-member.
2. Download forms from our website;
3. Complete the form and submit same.

Step 2: Payment

1. You may wish to pay directly into our Zakat Account for Zakat payment or pay through our staff-member who shall issue you with receipt, or
2. Pay directly into our Sadaqat Account for your subscription or through our staff-member who shall issue you with an official receipt.
3. For any other payment please pay using any of the designated account below.

OUR ACCOUNT

STERLING BANK NIG. PLC

Account Number: 0500267463

Alternative Finance

Account Name: Zakat & Sadaqat Foundation

FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC

Account Number: 3064100530

Account Name: Al-Barakah Microfinance
(Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation)

ACCESS BANK PLC (Zakat)

Account Number: 0030378184

Account Name: Zakat & Sadaqat Foundation

JAIZ BANK (Sadaqah)

Account Number: 0002495868

Account Name: Zakat & Sadaqat Foundation

GTBANK PLC (Sadaqah)

Account Number: 0016101110

Account Name: Zakat & Sadaqat Foundation



**Zakat and Sadaqat
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His Excellency
BABAJIDE OLUSOLA SANWO-OLU
Governor Of Lagos State



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His Excellency
DR. KADRI OBAFEMI HAMZAT
Deputy Governor Of Lagos State



**Zakat and Sadaqat
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Alhaji (Dr.) Umaru Abdul Mutallab, CON

Chairman, Advisory Board
ZAKAT AND SADAQAT FOUNDATION



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Tajudeen Olalekan Yusuf

Chairman Board of Trustees
ZAKAT AND SADAQAT FOUNDATION



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Prince Sulayman Olagunju

Executive Director/CEO
ZAKAT AND SADAQAT FOUNDATION



CHAIRMAN OPENING SPEECH

I welcome you all to this Zakat Distribution Ceremony (ZDC). While I congratulate our new zakat recipients, I must not fail to emphasize the importance of this occasion. The collection and distribution of Zakat is an obligation we owe to Allah. In the same vein, we, as recipients must see this as an opportunity to improve our circumstance from being needy to being on the path of prosperity.

This gesture is path of our contribution as an NGO to nation-building. The government can partner or we partner with the government to entrench the dividends of democracy in the lives of our people. We have the experience and technical know-how to get to the grassroots and also follow up on the judicious use of the fund. The government can entrust some of its poverty-alleviation resources to us for management. We are open, transparent and accountable. Our books are regularly externally audited and at public view for scrutiny. We are proud to say that our corporate governance culture is second to none.

So far, the Foundation has come a long way in this annual ritual of doling out cash and material items for the less privileged among us as one of the pillars of Islam. It is a ritual we feel honoured to shoulder and render on behalf of Islam.

Take, [O, Muhammad], from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase, and invoke [Allah's blessings] upon them. Indeed, your invocations are reassurance for them. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing. (9: 103).

Our consistency and resilience on this path is partly accounted for by our financial prudence and discipline in public fund management and more importantly by the grace of Allah and the undying trust and confidence that our Zakat payers have reposed in us. The Executive Director will soon reel out how much we have collected from which state and how we have distributed them. In Islam, poverty can only be a choice. It is not a pride. Our religion abhors poverty and destitution. The Prophet encouraged his followers to be hardworking, diligent and innovative in the search for dignified means of livelihood. "Oh Allah, I seek refuge in You from unbelief and poverty"

The cash and material items we give out annually across the country are not to be misused and wasted on unviable projects. The Foundation is available for mentorship in this regard. You must also show gratitude to Allah by being spiritually and morally inclined in your utilization of these resources we are entrusting in you. Be prudent and prayerful.

Our Zakat payers are the heroes of Islam who continually render this obligation through our Foundation. We acknowledge and profusely cherish your continual patronage and unalloyed loyalty to our Foundation. May Allah continue to preserve you for His cause and reward you abundantly beyond your imagination in this world and the Hereafter. Another group of heroes are our staff and workers who tirelessly sacrifice to mobilise the funds and materials we are distributing today. Their contribution is beyond description. Never rest on your oars. The sky can never be your limit. Paradise is your goal and we shall all be admitted in it Inshaa Allah.

Just like being experienced in the conventional tax collection, there is the need to widen the zakat payer bracket. There are still many able Muslims who may not know that a Foundation like ours exists who collect and distribute Zakat. It is the duty of our current payers to introduce us to this category of Muslims. Just give us their contact and we shall gladly follow up on them.

I hereby seize this opportunity to once again congratulate our zakat recipients and formally welcome them to the path of prosperity.



BRIEF BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Permit me to join the chairman of this occasion and other important dignitaries to welcome you to the 15th edition of Lagos Zakat Distribution.

In furtherance of our collaborative effort with the Lagos State Government, religious leaders, Zakat payers and other Zakat agencies in the state to ensure better life for the less privilege of our various communities in Lagos state, I am pleased to inform you that the sum of N167,374,712 is being distributed to 1,664 beneficiaries in Lagos State to formally end this year's Zakat distribution that commenced in June across the nation. The amount being disbursed here today is about N25 million more than that of last year that stood at N142,938,905 in the State.

The sectorial disbursement analysis of 15th editions of Lagos Zakat Distribution has shown that larger percentage of the Zakat in the state still goes to empowerment and medical support just like that of last year. This simply means we still have a lot to do in areas of economic empowerment and medical support without neglecting other important sectors like educational support, welfare support to widows, orphans and senior citizens.

Ladies and Gentlemen, with your support, we were able to increase the number of states where Zakat was disbursed this year to twenty (20) one from seventeen (17) that we covered last year. The additional four states were Kogi, Nasarawa, Niger and Zamfara. It is also worth mentioning that despite the economic situation of the country, we were able to move up the zakat collection from N318,152,130 mobilised at the end of October, 2018 to N325,346,697 as at end of September 2019. The total amount of Zakat disbursed so far this year including the one being disbursed today across the 21 states in the country stands at N220,348,391 to 2,647 beneficiaries. This show a slight increment of about N16 million above last year's disbursement.

In line with our philosophy of giving priority to applicants with health challenges, the disbursement of this year's Zakat commenced on the 28th of June where the sum of N32,365,000 was disbursed to 53 beneficiaries with various health challenges that required surgeries such as kidney transplant, hearing disorder, cancer etc. Alhamdulillah, most of the applicants that were supported had undergone successful operations. As at the end of September, the total amount disbursed on medical support was N44,080,082 which is equivalent to 20% of total Zakat disbursed so far this year.

The sum of N94,118,724 went to economic empowerment which includes support to setup and run small scale industries, provision of working tools and capital to artisans and traders, Manpower development in forms of training and workshops. We equally engaged the services of mentors for the winners of our Business Plan Competition to ensure the effective use of Zakat allocated to them for economic empowerment.

The sum of N26,833,746 was expended on welfare support which includes provision of stipend and essential materials to more senior citizens, widows and orphans from time to time, support to prison inmates, old people and physically challenged people. The sum of N14,876,930 was disbursed for educational support while the sum of N8,767,334 was disbursed for construction of nine (9) boreholes in nine (9) different communities where portable water is a challenge.



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Against this backdrop, we appeal, to our beloved 15th Lagos zakat distribution beneficiaries to ensure judicious use of their allocations so that we can wipe out poverty in our state. 'Idagba so ke ipinle Eko, Ajumose gbogbo wa ni'

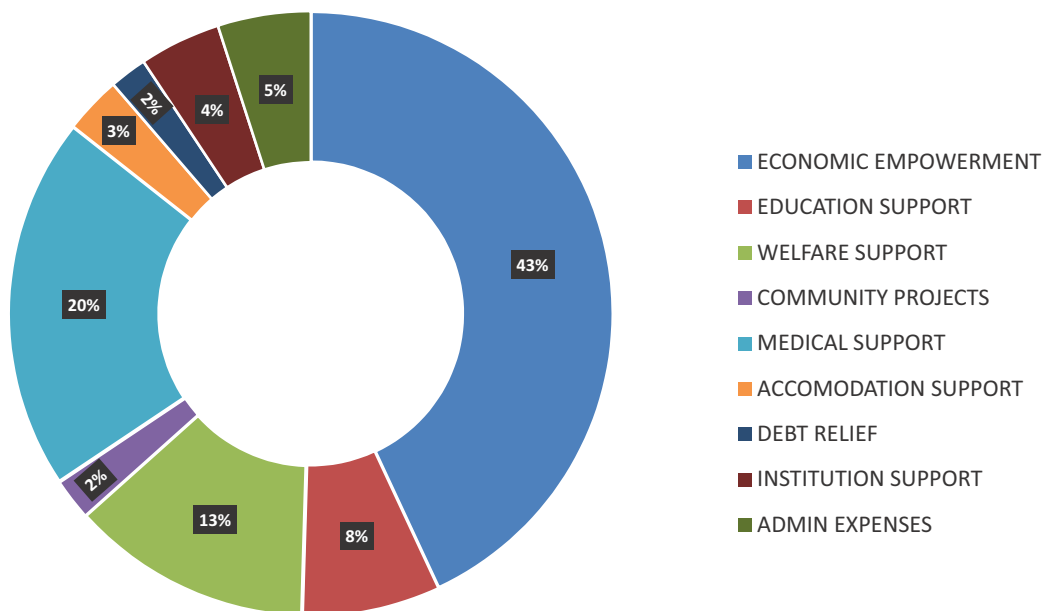
Our distinguished guests, all Zakat Agencies, Members of the Press and all Stakeholders, kindly accept our appreciation for gracing this occasion. To our Zakat payers, May Allah continues to bless you all. Amin.

Thanks

2019 SECTORIAL DISBURSEMENT OF N 167,374,712 ZAKAT TO 1,664 BENEFICIARIES IN LAGOS STATE

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT	EDUCATION SUPPORT	WELFARE SUPPORT	MEDICAL SUPPORT	ACCOMODATION SUPPORT	DEBT RELIEF	INSTITUTION SUPPORT	TOTAL
73,743,724.00	10,533,880.00	24,809,583.00	39,909,982.00	6,483,000.00	3,301,600.00	8,592,943.00	167,374,712.00
44.06%	6.29%	14.82%	23.84%	3.87%	1.97%	5.13%	100.00%

2019 SECTORIAL DISBURSEMENT OF N220,348,391 ZAKAT TO 2,647 BENEFICIARIES IN 21 STATES IN NIGERIA



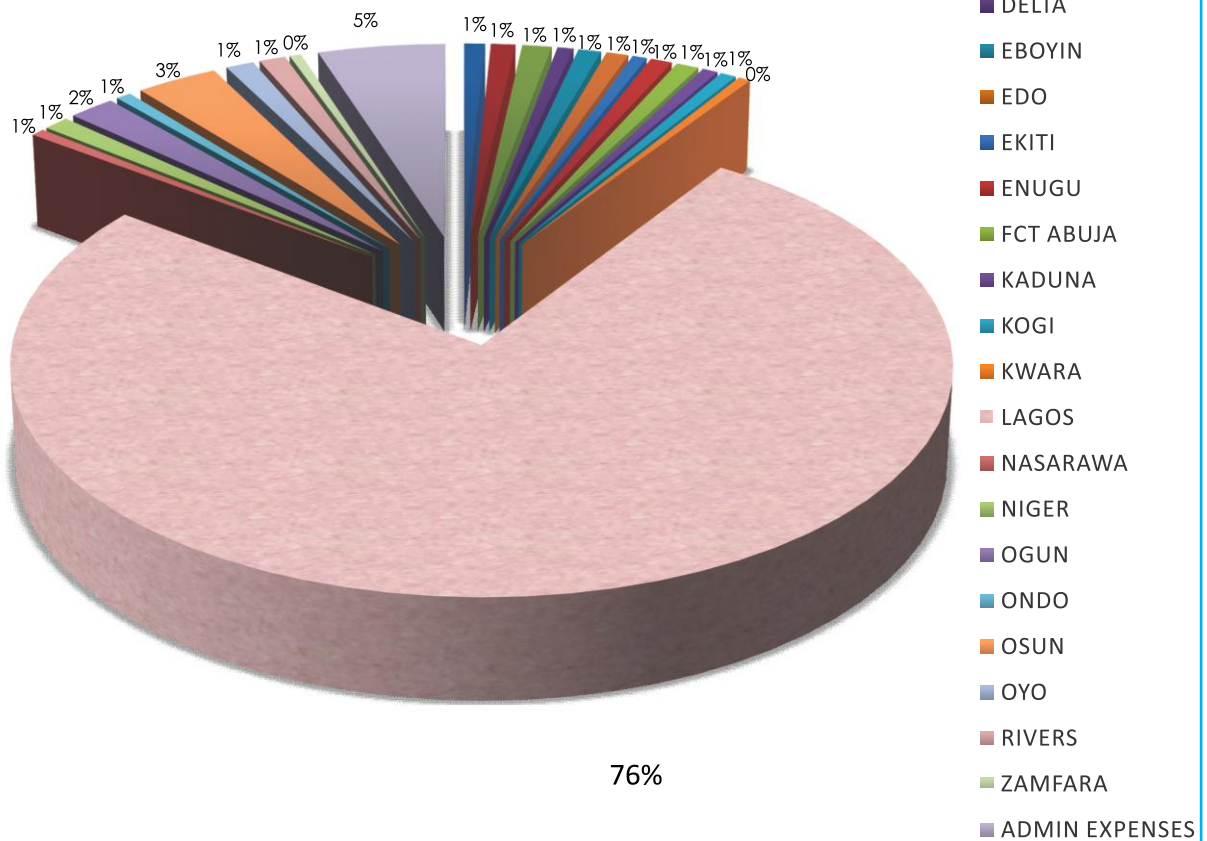


2019 STATES ZAKAT DISBURSEMENTS

S/N	STATE	DISBURSED AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE	NO OF BENEFICIARIES
1	ABIA	1,789,000.00	0.81%	62
2	ADAMAWA	2,095,000.00	0.95%	50
3	AKWA IBOM	2,527,000.00	1.15%	59
4	DELTA	1,392,000.00	0.63%	40
5	EBOYIN	1,964,644.00	0.89%	59
6	EDO	1,890,060.00	0.86%	35
7	EKITI	1,244,000.00	0.56%	38
8	ENUGU	1,857,000.00	0.84%	60
9	FCT ABUJA	1,960,000.00	0.89%	39
10	KADUNA	1,350,000.00	0.61%	20
11	KOGI	1,388,000.00	0.63%	63
12	KWARA	1,047,346.00	0.48%	22
13	LAGOS	167,374,712.00	75.96%	1,664
14	NASARAWA	1,195,000.00	0.54%	40
15	NIGER	2,250,000.00	1.02%	55
16	OGUN	4,028,085.00	1.83%	79
17	ONDO	1,324,000.00	0.60%	36
18	OSUN	7,050,000.00	3.20%	97
19	OYO	2,415,412.00	1.10%	38
20	RIVERS	2,279,000.00	1.03%	64
21	ZAMFARA	990,000.00	0.45%	27
22	ADMIN EXPENSES	10,938,132.00	4.96%	2,647
		220,348,391.00	100.00%	



2019 Sectional Disbursement of N220,348,391 to 2647 Beneficiaries across twenty one (21) states in Nigeria

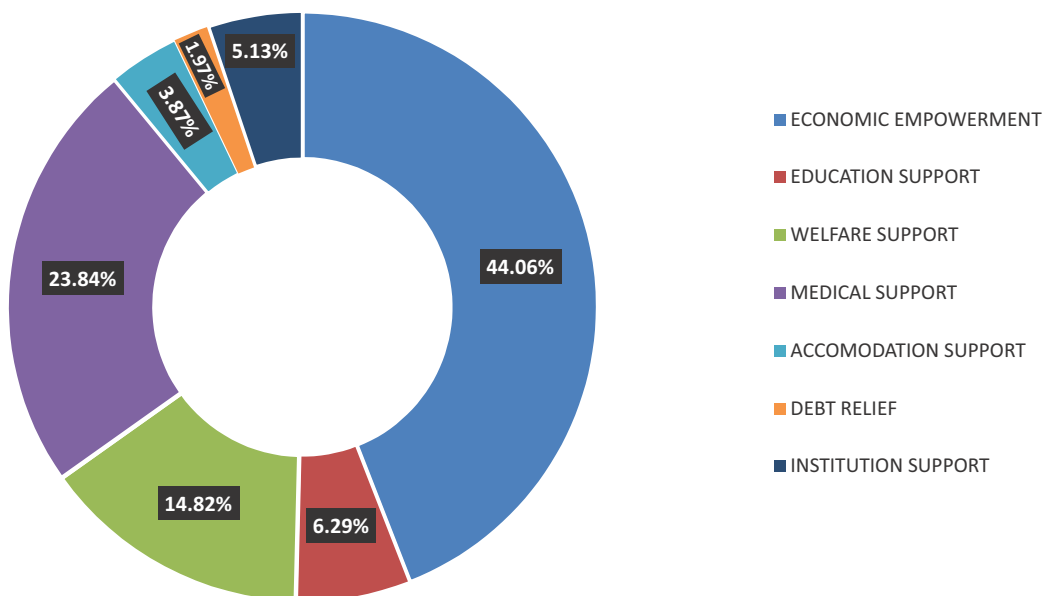




**2019 SECTORIAL DISBURSEMENT OF N220,348,391 ZAKAT
TO 2,647 BENEFICIARIES IN 21 STATES IN NIGERIA**

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT	EDUCATION SUPPORT	WELFARE SUPPORT	COMMUNITY PROJECTS	MEDICAL SUPPORT	ACCOMODATION SUPPORT	DEBT RELIEF	INSTITUTION SUPPORT	ADMIN EXPENSES	TOTAL
94,879,724.00	16,316,575.00	28,436,235.00	4,964,200.00	44,080,082.00	6,733,000.00	4,397,500.00	9,602,943.00	10,938,132.00	220,348,391.00
43.06%	7.40%	12.91%	2.25%	20.00%	3.06%	2.00%	4.36%	4.96%	100.00%

**2019 SECTORIAL DISBURSEMENT OF N167,374,712 ZAKAT
TO 1,664 BENEFICIARY IN LAGOS STATE**





2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT ABIA STATE



Sewing machines and other equipment being presented to beneficiaries at Abia State Zakat Distribution Ceremony



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT FCT ABUJA

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A cross section of beneficiaries being presented with various equipment for empowerment at Abuja Zakat Distribution Ceremony



Winners of the Artisan and Traders Business Competition being presented with their cash award at the America University of Nigeria Yola, Adamawa State.



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT AKWA IBOM STATE

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Beneficiaries at the Akwa Ibom Zakat Distribution Ceremony being presented with various equipment at University of Uyo Central Mosque.



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT DELTA STATE



Zakat beneficiaries at the Delta State Zakat Distribution Ceremony receiving various equipment at Asaba Police Barracks Central Mosque

2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT EBONYI STATE

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Ebonyi State Zakat Distribution Ceremony showcasing various equipment presented to beneficiaries.



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT EDO STATE

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Sewing machine and other equipment being presented to beneficiaries at Edo State Zakat Distribution Ceremony

2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT EKITI STATE

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Beneficiaries of Zakat at the Ekiti State Zakat Distribution Ceremony being Presented with various equipment.



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT ENUGU STATE

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At University of Nigeria Nsuka Central Mosque, Zakat beneficiaries were being presented with cash and other equipment during Enugu State Zakat Distribution Ceremony

2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT KADUNA STATE

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Cheque being presented to students at Amodu Bello University, during this year's Zakat Distribution in Zaria, Kaduna State.



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT KOGI STATE

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Equipment being presented to Zakat beneficiaries at Kogi State Zakat Distribution Ceremony held in Okene, Kogi State.

2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT KWARA STATE

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Kwara State Zakat Distribution Ceremony in pictures showcasing various equipment being presented to beneficiaries at Ilorin, Kwara State

2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT LAGOS STATE



The Grand chief Imam of Lagos State and other dignitaries presenting equipment to beneficiaries at the Lagos State Zakat Distribution Ceremony



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT NASARAWA STATE



Nasarawa State Zakat Distribution Ceremony showcasing various equipment presented to beneficiaries at the Nasarawa Zakat Distribution Ceremony.



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT NIGER STATE

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Niger State Zakat Distribution Ceremony in pictures, held at Suleja.



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT OGUN STATE

OGUN



Deep freezers, sewing machines and other equipment being presented to beneficiaries at Ogun State Zakat Distribution Ceremony



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT ONDO STATE

ONDO



At Akure Central Mosque where various equipment were being presented to beneficiaries at Ondo State Zakat Distribution Ceremony.



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT OYO STATE



At Bodijah Housing Estate Central Mosque, Ibadan where Zakat was being disbursed to various beneficiaries at the Oyo State Zakat Distribution Ceremony

2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT OSUN



Various equipment being presented to beneficiaries at the Osun State Zakat Distribution Ceremony



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT RIVERS STATE

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Rivers State Zakat Distribution Ceremony at Racheal's Hotel Port-Harcourt where various equipment were being presented to beneficiaries



2019 ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION AT ZAMFARA

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Orphan's being supported with cash and other materials at various Qur'an Memorization School in Gusau, Zamfara State at this year's Zakat Distribution Ceremony



2019 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

FREE WATER FACILITY

Alh. Banuso Mosque, Back to Land, Ede, Osun State.



FREE WATER FACILITY

Otito Inu Community, Agbale, Ede, Osun State.



FREE WATER FACILITY

Ayeloja Mosque, Barack Area, Oke Gada, Ede, Osun State.



FREE WATER FACILITY

Asewunmi Community, Agbowo Area, Ibadan, Oyo State.



FREE WATER FACILITY

Sanya Ogbo Community, Leguru 11 CDA, Ibadan, Oyo State.





MEDICAL SUPPORT





BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION





FIELD OFFICERS

	FIELD OFFICER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	PHONE
S/N	LAGOS STATE		
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	OGUN STATE		
11	Amosuro Musa Gbolahan	Musa1428@yahoo.com	08064262849
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PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

	NAME	DESIGNATION	ZONE	PHONE
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2	Iysa Oni	Internal Audit Manager	Head Office	08028753254
3	Yusuf Adelakun	Accountant	Head Office	08057742504
4	Muti Shittu	Head of I.T.	Head Office	08055804899
5	Misbaudeen Ismail	Head, Monitoring & Evaluation	Head Office	08029487023
6	Lukmon Gawatta Yakub	Head, Field Operation, Infaq Afuw	Head Office	08055678355
7	Qasim Durojaiye	Admin Officer	Oyo State	08055374340
8	Olaoye Moshood Adebayo	Admin Officer	Osun State	08062316022
9	Abdul-Rasheed Jatto	Admin Officer	Edo State	08064333440
10	Sirajudeen Adisa	Admin Officer	Kwara State	08033598711
11	Ismail Yusuf	Admin Officer	FCT Abuja	08056264812
12	Yusuf Maruf Olatunde	Admin Officer	Ogun State	08020765288
13	Hajia Fatimah AbdWahab	National Female Head	Head Office	08052233042
12	Najimdeen Sulaimon	Sec, Management Board	Head Office	08023155646
14	Sulaimon Shitta	Team Head	Lagos State	08098941093
15	Khadijah Hussein	Female Head	Lagos State	08055352519
16	Abdun-Nafi Musa	Team Head	Oyo State	08023457489
17	Rizqat Abdul-Ganiy	Female Head	Oyo State	08076819236
18	Muktar Muh Thanni	Team Head	Kwara State	08052063200
19	Bashirah Abdur-Raheem	Female Head	Kwara State	08052946070
20	Iyiola Mikhail Oyedeji	Team Head	Osun State	08037170911
21	Monsurah M. Awwal	Female Head	Osun State	08065138889
22	Abdullateef Ajetumobi	Team Head	Egba/Yewa	08069698562
23	Halimat Ashim	Female Head	Egba/Yewa	07065061001
24	Abdul-Lateef Lawal	Team Head	Ijebu/Remo	08056130678
25	Marufat Otubu	Female Head	Ijebu/Remo	08162353481
26	Engr. Abdur-Rahman Daud	Team Head	Edo State	08072237974
27	Fatimah Abdul-Quadri	Female Head	Edo State	09032505232
28	Engr. Adelakin Daud	Team Head	Abuja/FCT	08033066804

Police arrest 24 suspected criminals

KADUNA State Police Command yesterday said it had arrested 24 suspected criminals, and recovered eight guns and live ammunition.

The Commissioner of Police, Malam Ahmad Abdurrahman, at a briefing, said the arrest followed a special operation by the command to rid the state of criminals.

According to him, among those arrested were two people suspected of kidnapping. He explained that other suspects were arrested over crim-

inal conspiracy, armed robbery, receiving stolen property, car snatching, house breaking, theft, illegal possession of firearms, thuggery, among others.

Abdurrahman said exhibits recovered from the suspects included, three pistols, 15 rounds of 9mm ammunition, one Dane Gun, and four locally made guns.

Other items recovered were five Toyota cars, 10 laptop, a Galaxy Tap, one Samsung duo handset, one new wrapper, a wristwatch, sword, a long sick-

le, drum and one cutlass.

The police commissioner added that the command also recovered an Army camouflage jacket, a Police mobile force Denim trouser, two black lane yard, two police belts and two decoders.

According to him, the suspects have made useful statements and would be charged to court on completion of investigations.

On the upcoming elections on Saturday, Abdurrahman said: "I am appealing to political stakeholders in the state

to continue to play the game by the rule and avoid hate speech during this election period.

"They must also desist from using youths as thugs so as to ensure violence free gubernatorial and State Assembly elections."

He reassured the public of the command's commitment to fight all forms of crime and criminality and urged them to volunteer useful information regarding activities of persons who are likely to constitute danger to the society.

Teenager charged with illegal possession of gun

AN Ikraja Magistrates' Court yesterday remanded an 18-year-old boy, Sodiq Shehu, in Kirikiri Prisons for alleged unlawful possession of a gun, a cutlass and other items.

Chief Magistrate M.L. Dan-Oni ordered that the case file be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for advice. She did not take the defendant's plea.

Prosecuting Inspector Victor Eruada alleged that the defendant committed the offence with others at large on February 10, at 10:30 pm, at Shibiri bus stop, Ajangbadi, Lagos. He alleged that the defendant was caught with one revolver pistol, one cutlass, 11 automated teller machine (ATM) cards and an LG phone.

"The defendant failed to give convincing reasons why he was in possession of the items," he said.

The case was adjourned till April 21.

Use your vote to support anti-corruption war

By Tajudeen Adebajo

THE Muslim Rights Concern (MURC) has urged Nigerians to manifest their patriotism by voting in support of the war against corruption.

Its Director, Prof Ishaq Akintola, in a statement yesterday, said: "Nigerian voters have the right to be properly enlightened about the need to vote right. It is about a better tomorrow. It is about ensuring that our children do not suffer from poverty, disease, and joblessness the way we were made to suffer. It is about insulating the coming generation against the 'wasted generation' phenomenon."

"The repercussions of corruption over the years have been most felt among the middle class and the downtrodden masses. It has brought acute poverty, epileptic power supply, poor public health facilities, pension woes and a comatose education sector."

"But things started looking up within the short span that the Muhammadu Buhari's administration locked horns with the corruption cankerworm. Electricity megawatt rose from 3,000 to 7,000. Nigeria's road network witnessed an unprecedented turnaround. The railways roared back. Pensioners were able to smile and several social welfare schemes which were put in place facilitated the redistribution of wealth in such a manner that poor Nigerians received cash directly from the Federal Government."

All these, Akintola said, go to prove that the anti-corruption efforts of the Buhari's administration have yielded fruits.

He said: "Our national image has also improved."

Whereas Transparency International (TI) ranked Nigeria as the First Most Corrupt nation in the whole world in 2001, Second Most Corrupt in 2003 and Third Most Corrupt in 2004, our rating has now improved tremendously. According to the 2018 Corruption Perception Index by TI, Nigeria now occupies number 144 out of 175 countries.

"We stand a good chance of boosting the war against corruption on Saturday by voting for governorship candidates who identify with President Buhari. On the contrary, we will be supporting corruption if we cast our votes for candidates who oppose our president."

"It is not about any political party. It is for the sake of Nigeria. Our clarion call is to awaken true patriots. We must allow the good works of President Buhari to continue without distractions. We must vote in such a way that conflicting interests are removed in developmental issues. For instance, metropolitan cities like Lagos, Kaduna and Kano stand to gain more by aligning with the centre."

"Every nation that seeks genuine breakthrough must model its life pattern after a hero. South Africans chose Nelson Mandela. America picked George Washington. Lenin built Russia. China had Chairman Mao. Malaysia had Mahathir Muhammad. Today President Muhammadu Buhari has become the father of modern Nigeria but he has only worked halfway. He needs our votes for his governorship candidates to consolidate his position."

•From left: Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) General Manager Mr. Olawale Musa, former Lagos State Drivers' Institute (LASDRI) Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Phillips Ogunlade and former LASTMA General Manager Mr. Bashir Braimah cutting the 60th birthday cake of Ogunlade during his birthday and retirement programme at LASTMA Oshodi headquarters, Lagos



Obiano pledges more road infrastructure

ANAMBRA State Governor Willie Obiano said his administration will provide more road infrastructure to enhance human and vehicular movement across the state before the end of his tenure in 2023.

Obiano said this during an inspection to the ongoing construction on the Enugwu-Ukwu link road in Njikoka Local Government Area of Anambra.

The governor said the government would complete all road projects already started in the state before the rains.

He also said it would also embark on massive road maintenance interventions on potholes and failed portions of some roads in the state before rainy season to ensure its

accessibility.

Obiano, who was represented by his deputy, Dr Nkem Okeke, observed that part of the about six kilometre link road in Enugwu-Ukwu would connect with the road leading to Enugu-Onitsha express way when completed.

The governor said the link road would also provide access to other nearby communities which had already been asphalted.

He added that some parts of the road that were still at stone-based level would be attended to soonest.

The governor, who described road infrastructure as key to development, reiterated his administration's commitment to construct more roads across the state within

its remaining years of governance.

The governor expressed happiness on the pace of work on the project and promised the people of Enugwu-Ukwu community that the link road would be completed within three weeks.

He said that the state government would continue to financially support the contractor handling the project to ensure its delivery on schedule.

Mr. Emmanuel Okolo, the contractor handling the project said the state government's cooperation on the project was encouraging and commendable.

Okolo promised to complete and deliver the project on schedule as long as the

state government continued to provide the necessary support.

He said the swampy topography of the area was a major challenge facing the company and assured that with the financial backup of the state government, they would surmount the challenge.

Badagry residents rally support for Sanwo-Olu

RESIDENTS of Badagry yesterday held a walk across the three Local Government/Local Council Development Areas to show their support for the All Progressives Congress (APC) Governorship candidate, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

The Convener, Olanrewaju Saheed Minasu, said the rally was a collective one to showcase the synergy and unity that Badagry stands for.

"With the turn out today (yesterday), we are sure of having a massive vote for Sanwo-Olu and his running mate, Dr Obafemi Hamzat," Minasu said.

A lawyer and APC member, Emmanuel-Sunday Kappo, the walk was to show Sanwo-Olu that Badagry residents support his can-

didature.

"What we are doing was in line with the directive of the APC National Leader, Aiswaj Bola Ahmed Tinubu that we should go back to the grass roots for sensitisation and mobilisation," he said.

Badagry West LCDA Supervisor for Women Affairs Sesi Ogunbire Yussuf, said it is important that every member of APC come out en masse to vote for Sanwo-Olu, Layode Ibrahim and Setonji David.

Mrs. Busola Oniloghbo Odedina from Olorunda LCDA described Sanwoolu as an experienced politician, an astute administrator and a strategic leader who has the capacity to take Lagos State to the Next Level.



•Kwara State Coordinator of Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation (ZSF) Alhaji Muhi Mukhtar Muhd Thanni (right) presenting N4,700 cash to Idrees Olayin, one of the beneficiaries of ZSF Free JAMB Forms in Ilorin, Kwara State capital. With them is Idrees's father, Mr Abdulhameed Olayin.

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I was a free flow of tears of joy on Tuesday at the Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation Health Relief Disbursement ceremony as beneficiaries received cheques ranging from N1.5 million to N6 million each for the treatment of different major ailments.

At the ceremony a total of N36 million was shared among the 53 beneficiaries at the Foundation's office located within the Tafawa Balewa Square (TBS), Lagos complex.

The formal distribution kicked off with the disbursement of collected Zakat to individuals, religious bodies, health centres, communities and humanitarian organisations

53 Benefits In Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation's N36m Health Relief Package

after a thorough application and screening process.

Elated at the kind gesture of the Foundation, the beneficiaries called on good spirited Nigerians to emulate the ZSF for saving their agencies and putting smiles on their faces.

"I Don't Want To Lose My Daughter" Mother Seeks Help

Sanni Hafish came on behalf of her daughter, Ganiyat, diagnosed

of a kidney disease and has been receiving treatment at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH).

Hajia Sanni, in her struggle to salvage the life of her daughter, burst into tears as she narrated her ordeal to Daily Independent.

She said, "It was discovered when she was about entering JSS 2. She ought to take her WAEC

this year but due to the illness, she couldn't. As we speak now, her legs are swollen. Doctors said a kidney transplant is a solution and I have volunteered to donate one of my kidneys."

According to her, the surgery would gulp about N8.5 million, adding "I have raised N3.5 million before Z & S gave me N2.5 million today I am very grateful to the or-

ganisation for their support but it's not yet over. I still need N2.5 million to fly her abroad for immediate treatment," she added.

The Hajia Muslimah expressed appreciation to the Foundation for the kind donation of N2.5 million and called on all Nigerians to assist her in raising the remaining N2.5 million so as not to lose her child.

Mrs Balogun Huguayih came with her little son, Kamaldeen, who has a hole in his heart, cataract in his eye and also a hearing problem.

"He is 7 months old and we discovered the illness when he was 3 months. The doctors said we need N3.5 million and for now we have raised N200,000. Z & S Foundation donated N1.5 million making N1.7 million.

"I give thanks to Z & S for their assistance and may Allah increase every donor to the Foundation in wealth and health.

She added, "Anyone who can help Balogun Kamaldeen for his surgery should please assist us in all ways they can."

"After receiving N1m, my son needs another N1m to hear and speak again."

Unlike Kamaldeen, little Ramadin Muhammad has speaking and hearing problems with his two ears and like his mother, Aminat Muhammad narrated, "If we are able to raise N12 million, my son will be able to hear again."

Hajia Aminat's joy knew no bounds after receiving N6 million cheque from the Foundation.

She appealed to well-meaning Nigerian individuals and corporate organisations to assist in raising the remaining N6 million.

"My name is Aminat Muhammad and my son is Ramadan Muhammad. He has hearing challenges. The doctors said he would need N12 million for surgery Z & S gave me N6 million and we need N6 million more.

"The surgery is due for September in the United States of America. I thank Z & S profusely and I pray Allah to reward them abundantly. I call on Nigerians to please help me raise the remaining N6 million," she said.

Miftaudeen got N1.5m, but

Seven Months Old Hole In The Heart, Cataract Patient Receives N1.5m Support

needs more for hip surgery

Mr Miftaudeen Ajilunwa, a tailor, was one of the beneficiaries with a hip problem. He came to the event with the aid of an assistant, seeking for N3 million for surgery.

"ZSF gave me N1.5 million and I've gotten about N200,000. I appreciate the donors and pray Allah continues to bless and provide for them. I call on well-to-do Nigerians to come to my aid and assist me," he said.

In an interview with Daily Independent, the CEO of Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation, Prince Sulayman Olagunju said insufficient funding remains the major reason the Foundation could not meet the full bills of the patients, which keep increasing annually.

He, therefore, called on Muslims that are eligible to pay Zakat, the third pillar of Islam, to stand up to the challenge and pay theirs to Z & S.

Olagunju said, "Muslims need to pay their Zakat. It is compulsory for Muslims who have the means. If they refused to pay it as at when due, they are not going to escape the punishment of Allah. Also, they should know that when they help people going through health challenges, they will be happy because they are saving lives.

"Someone needs N12 million but we managed to give him N6 million. Another person needs N3 million, but we gave her N1.5 million, etc. This is what we are doing right now due to the limited resources. There are still quite a large number of applicants we are not considering at all because the funds are not there.

He added, "The little we have been able to gather was what we

have disbursed. We call on Muslim donors to visit our office and foot the bill of any of the patients."

Speaking on the transparency of the process, Prince Olagunju said, "There were so many steps involved in assessing our applicants for charity. The first is the application and we have a window of time for that, two months to Ramadan."

According to him, after receiving the applications, the next

line of action was to verify the genuineness of requests, adding "We thereafter invited the applicants for interviews. After that, we carried out independent investigations to ascertain if the information provided during the interviews were genuine.

"The lucky ones were invited for documentation of the illnesses and we also verified if we could undertake the treatments for cheaper prices in other places. We

prefer to treat them in Nigeria for those who can be treated here. It is only when we have exhausted our research and there are no other alternatives than to treat the patients abroad that we encourage them to travel," he added.

The Zakat and Sadaqat Foundation is an institution established to collect and ensure optimum distribution of the third pillar of Islam, Zakat (compulsory alms tax given to the poor by the rich) and Sadaqat (voluntary alms) to Muslims and non-Muslims as instituted in the Qur'an and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).



Sulayman Olagunju, Managing Director/CEO, Zakat & Sadaqat Foundation (right) with Ma'ruf Ahmed, Operations Manager (left) and a beneficiary, during the foundation's donation of health relief disbursement to 53 beneficiaries in Lagos, recently.

An Abuja-based Hajj and Umrah agency Comel Travel has emerged the best Hajj tour operator (private) in Nigeria for the 2018 (1439 AH) Hajj exercise.

The company, which started Hajj and Umrah operations a decade ago, was adjudged the best for the fourth consecutive time (2015, 2016, 2017 and now 2018) by the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) on Tuesday at the National Mosque Auditorium, Abuja.

The commission also named Al-Hajja International Umrah & Hajj Service and Hajj Mahruq Vin-

NAHCON Names Top Three 2018 Hajj Operators In Nigeria

tures Limited - both in Lagos - as the first and second runner-ups respectively.

The top three awards, according to the organisers, were presented to the winners in recognition of their outstanding performances at the 2018 Hajj operations, barely two months before the commencement of the 2019 exercise.

An elated Hajj Mahruq team took to the social media platforms to break the good news with a picture and video showing its MD/CEO,

Alhaji AbdulHameed Solate as he receives the prestigious award from top officials of NAHCON.

The broadcast message, titled, "An honour of outstanding achievement", read in part; "Glory by Allah's help, we bask with pride that amongst thousands of agencies, we are one of the most prestigious and recognised, which demonstrates our technical expertise as we exemplify the importance and facilitate the right performance of Hajj

and Mahruq in Nigeria.

"This is indeed a signal to keep our heads edging out in the industry and never fall short of our standard of award winning service."

The Chairman of Comel Hajj and Umrah Agency, Architect Umaru Karaye thanked the commission for the awards and promised to continue to improve on the agency's operational processes and procedures by being flexible, innovative and proactive.

"Our superlative services have surpassed our customers' expectations, and this is attested to by previous customers' testimonies and the industry regulator's awards to Comel for the second year in a row as the best Hajj and Umrah travel agency in Nigeria.

"This encouragement has therefore informed our decision to introduce an additional product, thus expanding our services to benefit a wider spectrum of Nigerians," he said.



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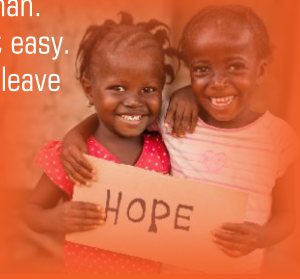
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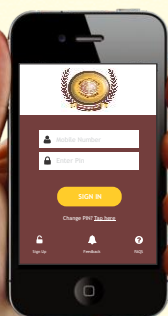


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