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first observation is that Kwara is predominantly a Civil Service State and the people in the service of the State are the most culprit when it comes to all forms of tax payments and remittances.

Taking the issue one after the other, our study reveals that the arrears of PAYE outstanding due to under deduction, under remittance or non remittance from the Federal, State and Local Government organizations in the State is about N11 billion. Next to this is the non payment of arrears of property taxes by some agencies of government whose liabilities have grown over time to about N10 billion. With this high level of recalcitrant attitude of government agencies, the staff of these agencies too have come to see non payment of taxes as a way of life.

It is an attempt to correct this that informs the commencement of enforcement with the government and no less a person than the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji (Dr) AbdulFatah Ahmed whose strong believe in leadership by example was demonstrated with his support for us to start the enforcement with him. We are therefore assured that the challenges of correcting this attitude, which people have lived with for so long, are enormous but we just have to start facing realities of

living as civilized citizens and begin to consciously live up to our obligations and that of our offices.

At the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, we are resolved to make Kwara great again, but this can only happen if we all join hands together to live up to our responsibilities.

Therefore we enjoin you all to support us in making Kwara great again as you **play you part, pay your tax to make Kwara great again.**



**Muritala Awodun, PhD**  
*Executive Chairman*  
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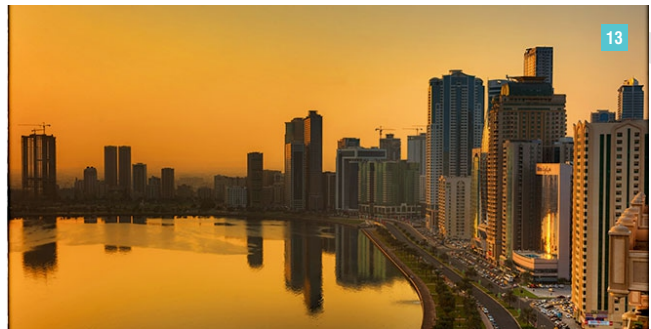
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A cross section of Local Government Council Chairman with the gentlemen of the press

## EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH MEMBERS OF THE JOINT REVENUE COMMITTEE AND THE PRESS MEN

Adegoke Afuye

**T**he Joint Revenue Committee on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 held a media parley at the Board Room of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service. The programme brought together media correspondents from various media houses and national dailies across the State. Also present with the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun was the Director, Administration and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Lekan Rotimi.

The Executive Chairman, Dr. Muritala Awodun welcomed everyone present most especially ladies and gentlemen of the press and apprised that the media parley is holding for the third time since inception in the first quarter of year 2016.

While addressing the press, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun explained that the Joint Revenue Committee was inaugurated in February 2016. Since its inauguration, the Committee has met regularly on a monthly basis to carry out its responsibility of harmonizing revenue collection in the State, so that the revenue of the Local Government and the State can be harmonized in order to eliminate all instances of multiple taxation. This move is in compliance with the directive of the Joint Tax Board, and it has helped KW-IRS to increase



The Executive Chairman, Dr. Muritala Awodun addressing the press men



Other members of the Joint Revenue Committee



the revenue drive, improved the relationship between KW-IRS & Kwarans, and in addition has helped in eliminating friction in the process of revenue collection.

Kwara State is unique from other States because all the 16 LGAs in Kwara State have engaged the services of KW-IRS to collect revenue for all the LGAs in addition to its responsibilities for the State. The Revenue meant for the State goes to the State and that of the Local Government goes to the Local Government. Once the revenue collection is made, the JRC are saddled with the responsibility of meeting monthly to approve the amount collected on behalf of each LG, whilst the collection for the State goes to the State TSA. So far, we have not had any challenge with disbursing revenue collected to the State and the Local Government, respectively.

KW-IRS has also been able to address the challenges of revenue collection through certain strategies which have made the challenges to be non-existent. KW-IRS adopted the use of persuasion instead of forceful means of collection.

KW-IRS commenced the issuance of Kwara State Citizenship certificates in the month of July 2016. The harmonised process of the issuance of Citizenship certificates commenced in July. A total of 8,426 Citizenship forms were issued between July, August & September 2016, and the sum of N21,065,000.00 has been generated so far. This amount has been distributed among the LGAs. Amongst the 16 LGAs, 6 LGAs have issued over a 1000 Citizenship Certificates ahead of others, Ifelodun, Ilorin East, Ilorin West, Irepodun, Oyun & Offa LGAs.

#### QUESTIONS FOR THE JOINT REVENUE COMMITTEE

*What are the months in the quarter in question? And how much was realised in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter?*

The third quarter comprises of the months of July, August & September 2016. The sum of N20.8 Million was generated for the LGAs in the month of July, the sum of N31.3 Million was realised in the month of August and N30.5 Million was collected in the month of September 2016, making a total of N82.6 Million generated in the third quarter of the year.

*If you have taken over the revenue collection for the LG, why do we still see people collecting taxes from the commercial operators (drivers & motorcyclists) in some market places in Kwara State? What efforts are you making to totally curb this trend?*

If I understand you correctly, you probably are mistaking the National Union of Road Transport Workers with the revenue collectors. The NURTW Officials are responsible for the collection of union dues from their members. These commercial operators remit their dues to certain unions. Both KW-IRS and Local Governments have no control over these Union dues, because these commercial operators have obligations to



Members of the Joint Revenue Committee



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The Legal & Enforcement Team with the Executive Chairman at the Press Conference



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their associations. However, as far as the amount to be remitted to the State and LG is concerned, so far we have had a seamless revenue collection process in the past months.

*You said you have been able to address the challenges, are you saying there are no more challenges?*

By my own training, I don't see problems, I see opportunities. When a problem emerge, all I try to do is overcome that problem and move on. As I said earlier on, there has been challenges but we have been able to overcome these challenges through the open door policy and an open mind to solving the problems. Problems will always arise, but we don't have to overemphasize the problems. Most of the things we call problems are things that ordinarily are expected to happen because we are dealing with multiple people i.e. people from different backgrounds.

*We discovered that there is no difference between the state of the drainages along Tanke Oke-Odo before and after the intervention of KW-IRS.*

Thank you for that question, however I need to correct that impression because it is a road that I pass through regularly. Those debris that were cleared from the drainages were not left by the way side, they were brought out and then moved away with tippers. From the onset, we were conscious of the fact that if we leave them there, the rain will wash them away, hence the evacuation; and since then there has been a significant improvement in the flow of the drainage. However, the problem left to be addressed is the issue of the potholes. The State Government has its plan to fix all the roads after the raining season. This month, after the

commission of the Asphalt plant, the Kwara State Government will commence work on the road. Kindly note that the drainages were our main concern. In addressing the challenge of dumped refuse in the drainages and those littering the middle of the road, I would like to throw a challenge to the Ministry of Environment to enforce the cleanliness of environment by ensuring that offenders are prosecuted. There should also be a permanent solution by providing designated areas or dumpsites, where people can dump their refuse and garbage from henceforth.

*We got to know that the Local Governments have about 21 revenue items, and only 5 has been given to KW-IRS. What are the plans to allow KW-IRS take over the others?*

That question came to fore in the first quarter of the year; we have moved beyond that level now. As we speak, all revenue items from the Local Government have been released and nothing is being held back by the LG. It is now our own capacity to drive the revenue heads, and so far, that has not been a problem at all, because the improvement in revenue for the Local Government points to that fact.

*Supposing all the Council Chairmen did not come from the same party, would it have been easy to achieve the significant growth in revenue?*

One thing that we shouldn't do is mix politics & governance, they are not the same thing. When a Local Government Chairman is appointed, he is not appointed as the Chairman of a party, but as the Chairman of a Local Government. Regardless of the party which any one is elected from; be it the reigning party or not, it is the responsibility of that individual to drive revenue to support the people of the LGA whether from his party or not, and not only those who appointed him to that position.





# THE TAXPAYER AS THE FOCUS ON REVENUE COLLECTION

Dr Teju Somorin, FCTI

**T**axpayers are the primary focus of all Tax Authorities all over the world, due to the significant role they play in the tax system and to a large extent in a buoyant economy.

According to Professor Dotun Philips, chairman of the Study Group (2002) on the Nigerian Tax System, "Taxpayers are the single most important group of stakeholders in the tax system. They are the bedrock of the tax system and the source of all revenue generated by tax authorities." Whilst presenting his report to the Federal Inland Revenue Service on the topic *TAXATION IS A BUSINESS and the TAXPAYER IS KING*, Philips remarked as follows:

"Throughout our work, the Study Group held the basic view that in any successful tax system, the taxpayer is king, much like the customer is king in any successful business. In other words, taxation should be conducted like a business.....a successful business. As is commonly known, a successful business requires treating the customer as king and making adequate investment in the business. The tax business is not different! This is the basic philosophy underlying our Report..." (pg 348 of *Nigerian Tax Reform in 2003 and Beyond*) The taxpayer should be the center-piece of any tax reform. The Report noted further that there are four contenders in tax matters- the Government, The Tax Administrators, the Tax Consultant and the Tax payer. "This Study Group has chosen to cast its lot with the taxpayer, i.e the goose laying the golden eggs, because it is only when the taxpayer is the primate in tax matters that the other three contenders also benefit significantly and be sustained. Otherwise, they all lose."

Nearly all adults in a number of countries are subject to some form of taxation and, therefore, most adults are taxpayers. The term taxpayer often refers to the workforce of a country who pays for government projects through taxation. Essentially, all government-funded projects are funded by the taxpayers.

## Who is a Taxpayer?

The term has been variously defined as follows:

- A person who pays taxes.
- An individual or entity that is obligated to make payments to municipal or government taxation agencies. The term taxpayer generally describes one who pays taxes. Taxes can exist in the form of income taxes as required by Federal and state governments and property taxes imposed on owners of real property.
- A person who pays a tax or is subject to taxation.
- One that pays or is liable to a tax.

A person who is subject to, liable for, or pays tax as opposed to a non taxpayer who is neither the subject nor the object of revenue laws.

- The one who bears the tax liability for any particular transaction.
- One who is subject to a **tax on income**, regardless of whether he or she pays the tax;
- A person whose income is subject to taxation; one from whom government demands a pecuniary contribution towards its support (*Black's Law Dictionary* at pg. 1459);
- One who is **assessed** and pays a tax. He is the client of the Tax Authorities;
- A person, company or organization who pays or is liable to pay a tax.

The US Internal Revenue Code in Section 7701(a)(14) defines "taxpayer" as "any person" subject to any internal revenue tax, and section 7701(a)(1) defines "person" to include an individual, trust, estate, partnership, or corporation.

Under most tax systems, individuals, corporations, estates, and trusts are subject to income tax. Partnerships are not taxed; rather, their partners are subject to income tax on their shares of income. Taxes may be imposed on individuals (natural persons), business entities, estates,

trusts, or other forms of organization. Taxes may be based on property, income, transactions, transfers, importations of goods, business activities,

Taxpayers can be classified into two major categories – individual and corporation. These major categories can be further divided in different subcategories.

**WHO ARE THE TAXPAYERS UNDER THE NIGERIAN TAX SYSTEM?**

Taxpayers are in two categories- Individuals and Corporations.

- **Individual taxpayers:** this category of taxpayer is further sub-categorised for ease of administration into-
  - Resident individuals- taxpayers who reside in Nigeria for a period or periods amounting to 183 days or more in any 12 month period including leave and temporary absence.
  - Non-resident individuals- this category includes immigrants and any individual who is in Nigeria for some temporary purpose only and not with intent to establish residence.
- **Corporations:** any company incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act.

The term taxpayer is not defined in any of the Nigerian tax laws

**TAXPAYERS UNDER THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX ACT (PITA)**

The Personal Income Tax Act Cap. P 8 LFN, 2004 (as amended) makes provisions for the imposition of tax on individuals, families, trustees, communities and estates throughout the country. Liability to personal income tax in Nigeria does not depend on the domicile or nationality of the taxpayer. The taxpayers are specified under section 2 of the PITA.

Every taxpayer in Nigeria is liable to pay tax on the aggregate amount of his income whether derived from within or outside Nigeria. The salaries, wages, fees, allowances, and other gains or benefits, given or granted to an employee are chargeable to tax. The Employers of labour are deemed to be agents of the tax authority for the purposes of remitting taxes deducted from salaries due to employees

**Other Persons as Taxpayers**

*The following other persons, that is—*

- (I) persons employed in the Nigerian Army, the Nigerian Navy, the Nigerian Air Force, the Nigerian Police Force other than in a civilian capacity;
- (ii) officers of the Nigerian Foreign Service;
- (iii) every resident of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and



*(iv) a person resident outside Nigeria who derives income or profit from Nigeria*

Section 2 (2) of PITA provides that profits arising from a trade, business, profession or vocation, from any source inside or outside Nigeria, are chargeable in Nigeria if the taxpayer happens to be resident in Nigeria. Foreign residents are also taxable in Nigeria if they have incomes arising from a Nigerian source.

**TAXPAYERS UNDER THE COMPANIES INCOME TAX ACT (CITA)**

Once a company is incorporated in Nigeria, it becomes a legal entity and is treated as an artificial person, separate and distinct from its shareholders. This is as per section 37 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C 20 LFN 2004. Corporate bodies are charged to tax under the Companies Income Tax Act. However, while Nigerian companies are taxed on their worldwide income, foreign companies by virtue of section 13 of the CITA are liable only as regards the portion of their profits, which is attributable to business operations carried on in Nigeria.

Section 9 of the CITA stipulates that any company whose profits accrues in, derived from, brought into, or received in, Nigeria is a taxpayer.

**9. Charge of tax**

*(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the tax shall, for each year of assessment, be payable at the rate specified in subsection (1) of section 40 of this Act upon the profits of any company accruing in, derived from, brought into, or received in, Nigeria.*

**TAXPAYERS UNDER THE TERTIARY EDUCATION TAX ACT**

**Taxpayers under the Education Tax Act;** CAP. E 4 LFN 2004 {1993 No. 7} are companies incorporated in Nigeria. All incorporated companies are required to pay 2% of their assessable profit into an Education Tax Fund. This is charged by virtue of the Education Tax Act, Cap E 4 now replaced by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Established, etc) Act 2011.

**TAXPAYERS UNDER THE VAT ACT**

VAT was introduced by the Value Added Tax Decree No. 2 of 1993, to replace the old sales tax. It is a consumption tax levied at each stage of the consumption chain, and is borne





by the final consumer. By virtue of the Value-Added Tax Act, all purchasers of chargeable goods and services are the taxpayers who are expected to pay 5% of the purchase price as tax. The Value-Added Tax Act is a federal statute and the tax is administered by the Federal Inland Revenue Service on behalf of the federal, state and local governments. The purchasers of chargeable goods and services who are the final consumers are the taxpayers.

### TAXPAYERS UNDER THE PETROLEUM PROFITS TAX ACT

All companies engaged in petroleum operations are charged to tax under a special legislation, the Petroleum Profits Tax Act (PPTA) thus such companies are taxpayers.

### TAXPAYERS UNDER THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX ACT

#### Capital Gains Tax

Capital Gains Tax Act, Cap C1 LFN 2004, charges to tax any capital gain accruing to individuals and corporate bodies whenever they dispose off assets. Such individuals and corporate bodies are the taxpayers. The rate of tax is 10%, and such chargeable assets may be corporeal or incorporeal and it does not matter that such asset is not situated in Nigeria. Where however the taxpayer is a non-resident company or individual the tax will only be levied on the amount received in or brought into Nigeria.

### TAXPAYERS UNDER THE NIGERIAN INVESTMENT PROMOTION COMMISSION (NIPC) REGULATIONS 2014

Pioneer Status Incentive is granted under the Industrial Development (Income Tax) Relief Act ("IDITRA") to companies by exempting their profits from tax under the Companies Income Tax Act.

The taxpayers are the companies that are granted pioneer relief. They pay taxes on expiration of their tax holiday.

### CHARACTERISTICS OF TAX

- A tax "is not a voluntary payment or donation.
- It is an enforced/compulsory contribution, exacted pursuant to legislative authority" and is imposed by government", whether under the name of duty, custom excise, levy
- A tax is usually a monetary charge on a person's or entity's income, property or transaction.
- Tax is usually collected by a defined authority at the Federal and State Level.

- Taxes may be direct or indirect and may be imposed on individual basis, on entities, on assets and on transactional basis.
- Tax does not guarantee a direct relationship between the amount contributed and the services rendered.

### TAXPAYERS IN NOT-FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Non-profit or Not-for profit organizations are also taxpayers and they can generally be classified as:

- **Governmental Institutions**  
e.g Federal, State, Local Government, District Council, Emirate Council and Village local authorities. Governments pay taxes as agents of collection and charge the VAT as consumers.
- **Educational Institutions**  
e.g Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges, Primary and Nursery Schools.(as agents of collection and employees are taxpayers, suffer withholding tax on investments.)
- **Health Institutions**  
e.g. Voluntary Agency Hospitals, Clinics, Dispensaries and Rehabilitation Centres.
- **Ecclesiastical Institutions**  
e.g Churches and Mosques, Para-religious organizations, Scripture Union, Christian Association of Nigeria Baptist Union etc.(offerings and tithes exempted, trading income and business incomes are subject to tax)
- **Professional Organisations**  
Accountancy, Medical, Legal, Engineering, Nursing etc professional bodies, e.g Nigeria Bar Association, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, Nigeria Medical Council, Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, etc. (subject to withholding tax and VAT; Employees are subject to Pay Roll tax in form of PAYE)

**These classes of taxpayers may enjoy exemption from income tax, but they must charge VAT, being a consumption tax. It is mandatory under section 55 of CITA for every NGO to file a tax return every year. In addition to its obligation of filing, NGOs are statutorily required to:**

- i) Keep accurate records of their employees;
- ii) Maintain proper books of accounts
- iii) Deduct Pay As You Earn (PAYE) from their employees' salaries and remit same to the appropriate tax authority;

- iv) Deduct withholding tax (WHT) on payments made to its contractors/suppliers and remit same to appropriate tax authority in accordance with the laws; such remittance is to be accompanied with schedule of deduction;
- v) Pay tax as when due on non-exempt activities; and
- vi) Pay Value Added Tax (VAT) on goods and services consumed except those purchased exclusively for its humanitarian projects or activities;

Failure to comply with the above requirements will attract appropriate penalty under the law.

### **CATEGORIZATION OF TAXPAYERS AS PER SIZE**

FIRS has further categorized taxpayers as per size. Three categories are identified.

- (a) Large Taxpayers
- (b) Medium Taxpayers
- (c) Small Companies

In Nigeria, Small companies are those companies having an annual turnover of one million naira (N1, 000,000.00) or less and are taxed at 20% of total profit for the first five years of commencement of business.

The lower rate of tax of 20% is payable by the small companies in the preferred sector of the Nigerian economy for the first 5 years of commencement of business. Dividends received from small companies in the manufacturing sector are excluded from tax in the first five years of their operation.

### **CATEGORIZATION AS PER BEHAVIOUR OF TAXPAYERS**

Taxpayers can be categorized into:

- Will Pay Taxpayers –these are taxpayers that will pay voluntarily;
- Will Not Pay Taxpayers-these are taxpayers that are not willing to pay no matter the efforts of the Tax Authorities to get them to pay;
- Can Not Pay Taxpayers- are taxpayers that do not have the ability to pay.

### **ROLES OF TAXPAYERS**

Tax payers have an important role to play in meeting their obligations under the law. Though the obligation of taxpayers vary between jurisdictions and from one taxation role to another, there are four categories of obligations likely to exist for all tax payers irrespective of jurisdiction. These are:

- registration in the system;
- timely filling of tax return;
- reporting of complete and accurate information (incorporating good record keeping); and
- payment of taxes on time.

Furthermore, the following obligations are expected from taxpayers:

- Taxpayers must be registered with relevant Tax Office nearest to them and obtain a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
- Taxpayers should render appropriate tax returns.
- Taxpayers should obtain Assessment and Demand Notices were applicable.
- Taxpayers should remit all taxes to the approved collecting Banks in the various forms so designed for such purposes and obtain an Electronic Ticket (e-ticket).
- Taxpayers should present the e-ticket for the issuance of official receipts.

Taxpayers are required to ensure voluntary registration with tax authorities and make timely, correct and complete tax returns and payments as required under the law.

Taxpayers should assist tax authorities in the discharge of their functions by providing necessary information and such other assistance as may be required by the tax authorities.

Tax payers are entitled to submit disputes with tax authorities to the Judiciary for adjudication when necessary in order to aid the development of Nigerian tax jurisprudence.

They are also entitled to make necessary input to proposed tax legislation and suggest changes to existing tax legislation.

In effect, there should be frequent interaction between tax payers, tax authorities and other stakeholders in the tax system.

According to the National Tax Policy document which is being reviewed by a Committee constituted by the Minister of Finance, taxpayers are to see themselves as part and parcel of the Nigerian tax system and not outsiders and should carry out their constitutional and civic roles as their contribution to National development and growth.

Taxpayers comply readily with the tax laws when they have the assurance that the government that is imposing the tax is for them and their perceived interest and well-being are protected.

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## ROAD TAX ENFORCEMENT COMMENCES IN KWARA STATE

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**T**he Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) in collaboration with the Vehicle Inspection Officer (VIO), The Nigerian Police Force (NPF), Nigerian Security & Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Department of State Security (DSS) and the Kwara State Road Traffic Management Authority (KWARTMA), commenced its enforcement exercise on Tuesday, 1 November 2016. The exercise was supervised by two Directorates of KW-IRS, Legal, Enforcement & Monitoring and the Directorate of Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDA).

The road tax enforcement exercise has been tentatively scheduled for the first week of October to the last week in November 2016. The enforcement drive is intended to cut across all the 16 Local Governments (LGs) in the State. The process includes checking vehicles for validity of road tax documents, and impound vehicles where necessary such that payment and issuance for registration or renewal of documents before the vehicles are released is ensured.

The inspection of vehicles started at the Government House, the Chief of Staff to Kwara State Government, Alhaji Yusuf Abdulwahab who warmly received everyone present, and he said the exercise will serve as a message to the residents of Kwara that nobody is above the law of the State. He stated that the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji (Dr) Abdulfatah Ahmed ensures that the particulars of his vehicles are duly registered and renewed as at when due. Alhaji Abdulwahab advised everyone in the State to comply with KW-IRS and urged the general public to help support the success of this process by ensuring that all vehicle particulars are up to date to save embarrassment, contribute to the IGR and thus foster the development of the State.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS Dr Muritala Awodun said the essence of the enforcement exercise is to ensure that everybody deemed to pay their tax comply. He advised Kwarans to show their cooperation to the Enforcement Team when stopped, adding that even if



their particulars are not up to date they should go to the Revenue Office for Renewal.

In his closing remarks, he gave his assurance that proceeds generated from this enforcement exercise will be judiciously utilized. During the exercise, 4 jeeps and 2 escort vehicles belonging to His Excellency were carefully checked and confirmed by KWARTMA. He added that this process is not out there to embarrass anybody but to ensure total compliance from people, bearing in mind the exercise kicked off with the Executive Governor of Kwara State.



Joint Task Force on duty



Chief of Staff Alhaji Yusuf Abdulwahab and Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun among others





## TAXPRENEURSHIP: INNOVATIVE TAX ENFORCEMENT DRIVE FOR IMPROVED COMPLIANCE

As the year gradually draws to an end, the process of tax collection moves towards enforcement, a third arm of tax administration. In our bid to commence aggressive enforcement in this last quarter of the year, we took into consideration the fact that we have to be innovative in our drive for enforcement. It is with this at the back of our mind that we drew up an enforcement programme that cuts across the length and breadth of the State and covering the entire sectors of operations.

First, we tested the waters with the informal sector enforcement, following serious stakeholders' engagement that has taken place in the course of the year, and the fact that the stakeholders are carried along on the line of enforcement to be embarked upon. Why will any stakeholder support enforcement? The answer is based on the fact that the stakeholders have been all supportive of the revenue mobilization process based on the changes observed in the people, process, and technology deployed. The purpose of enforcing payment at the informal sector is to ensure that those who have voluntarily complied within the time period of the demand notice are not seen as foolish while those who have refused to pay becomes justified for non compliance.

Closely following the informal sector enforcement is the road tax enforcement which equally commenced alongside. What has been observed is the fact that most of the government vehicles operating on our roads hardly have their correct and updated vehicle particulars. In an attempt to correct this anomaly, we engaged the government in series of letters to inform them of our observation and our plan to correct this situation. To make this happen, we started by ensuring that all vehicles of the Revenue Service and officials of the Service are properly licensed before embarking on an exercise to enforce the road tax.

This exercise which commenced with the Executive Governor of Kwara State and his fleet was to let the residents of Kwara know that nobody is above the law. With the total support received from the Governor's Office, the enforcement drive went full swing thereafter and the rest is now history. What is significant about this enforcement, particularly the road tax enforcement is that the level of non compliance to road tax payment, which is predominantly prominent with government vehicles and government officials is the more reason why

the non government officials too are adamant and prefer to run away from updating their vehicle documents with impunity.

Our massive advocacy, and warnings prior to the enforcement has become one major reason why the collections from road taxes witnessed some significant improvement and is expected to even be better in this last quarter of the year. What this tells us is the fact that our society is still far from reality when it comes to voluntarily complying with the laws of the land. People would rather wait to be arrested and talk their way or bribe their way through thereafter than pay what is due voluntarily.

**“With the use of technology, we are also introducing early notices to the various owners of vehicle registered through sms services that will serve as reminders for their vehicle registrations.”**

It is therefore important that we consciously draw up the strategy that will encourage voluntary payment of taxes, particularly such that are expected to be made by the various organizations. The Service has discovered through this exercise the need to introduce group or fleet registration with incentives such as fleet discounts, and early bird registration with various forms of incentives. With the use of technology, we are also introducing early notices to the various owners of vehicle registered through sms services that will serve as reminders for their vehicle registrations. This is essential because it has been observed that it is not that most people do not want to register or update the particulars of their vehicles but they are too engrossed with the challenges of the environment that they tend to forget completely. So a form of quick reminder will help reduce the tendency of forgetting.

In addition, making the process of updating the records such that could be done online without a visit to the office will go a long way to make voluntary compliance more than what it is at present.

For us at the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, the 2016 enforcement exercise is more of a research/study that is expected to produce a better service to the residents of Kwara State.

# KW-IRS HOLDS BREAKFAST MEETING WITH PRESS CORRESPONDENCE IN KWARA STATE

Fareedah Abdulwahab

**T**he Management staff of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service headed by the Executive Chairman, Dr Muritala Awodun met with Press Correspondent Kwara State Chapter at Savannah Hotel on Tuesday 25, October 2016. In attendance at the occasion were Director Admin and Corporate Affairs, Mr Lekan Rotimi, Director Informal Sector, Mr Olusegun Olaniyi, Director Operations and Process, Mrs Adenike Babajamu, Director MDAs, Mrs Iyabo Abubakar, Director Legal, Enforcement and Monitoring, Dr Isaac Gbenle, the NUJ Correspondent Chairman Kwara State Branch, Mr Olayiwola Olarenwaju and Press and media correspondent amongst others.

In his opening remark, Dr Muritala Awodun, warmly received and appreciated them for their continuous support in the journey of strategically transforming revenue mobilization in Kwara State. He started with a brief history of KW-IRS, he said in 2015 Kwara State Internal Revenue Service came on board to steer the ship of revenue generation in Kwara State. He added that bearing in mind that the organisation was established to serve the resident of the State, since the resident are KW-IRS customers who remit their Personal Income Tax to the organization as when due.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS emphasized that Service will ensure judicious utilisation of revenue

collected in the state. While speaking he commended the significant role played by the Press Correspondents for informing and educating Kwarans on the activities of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, adding that they have made the job easy by communicating to people far and large. Dr Awodun educated them on the carefully crafted vision, mission, and core values guiding the organization.

Dr. Awodun further stressed on the fact that KW-IRS through its Community Impact Programme would touch all the 16 local governments across the state. He enlightened them on stakeholder's engagement and the visit round the 3 senatorial districts in the State to secure stakeholders' support. He added that KW-IRS is a performance driven organisation and has carefully recruited reputable staff to run the organization.

The Director Legal, Enforcement and Monitoring, Dr Isaac Gbenle enlightened them on the new enforcement drive which has been grouped into different schedule. He said from 1<sup>st</sup> week in November, 2016 to 1<sup>st</sup> week in December, 2016 there will be enforcement on road taxes. He stated further that Property and Tenement Enforcement will commence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November, 2016 to 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December, 2016. The enforcement on Corporate Organizations will commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November, 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

Mr Biodun Oyeleye, Bureau Chief of New Telegraph asked



L-R: Director, Operation & Process, Director, Legal, Monitoring & Enforcement, Executive Chairman and Director, Informal Sector





Director, Operation & Process



Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs



Press Correspondent



Cross section of media correspondent



Cross section of media correspondent



questions on road taxes and tenement enforcement, Assistant News Editor of Vanguard Newspaper, Demola Akinyemi on the total number of staff sanctioned as a result of bad conduct, he also asked on why local government workers salary were not paid despite improved federal government allocation.

Dr Gbenle in his response, thanked them for their questions, he said on road taxes, property and tenement, penalty will be decided based on violation. He added that KW-IRS will be fair as law enforcement officers are well trained. He also said that the service will work closely with the ministry of Justice and Attorney General Office to resolve cases.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS in his response said the issue of incentives is not tilted towards multinational organization. He said same guidelines will be filled by both foreign and indigenous companies. He added that no organization can shun away from staff contravening with rules and regulations, he stated that KW-IRS made sure staff employed are appropriately tutored on the job and very little case of bad character have been recorded

because KW-IRS is performance driven.

Dr Awodun in his response to Local Government collection, he said there is need for Kwarians to be properly educated and informed. He said KW-IRS agreed to the collection because of exigencies. He also made reference to the huge gap of collection in 2015 by the old BIR with a total collection 7. 1 billion as against the 12.5 billion recorded by KW-IRS. The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS also educated them on the Infrastructure Fund Kwara (IFK) set up by Kwara State Government to provide for abandoned projects and new projects in the state with 500million from the IGR money.

Dr Muritala Awodun also said that residents of Kwara have been cooperative, adding that if you don't get to serve people, you won't know the type of people you are dealing with. He said people need the right information to comply with rules and regulation. Responding to the question asked on the introduction of new taxes, he said no new tax has been introduced and there are no increment in taxes. He stated that tax is law based. No new tax will be introduced until such are passed by the House of Assembly into law.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS addressed specific concerns as necessary, thanking the press correspondents for their support and compliance in revenue generation.

The Director Operations and Process thanked Mr Olayiwola Olarewaju and his team for their continued support given to KW-IRS.

# Internally Generated Revenue (IGR), Gateway To Infrastructural Development

Yetunde Elegboja



It is no longer news that Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) has been the only saving grace to states in view of the current nose dive in the oil sector and the constant crash in the oil price which has affected the state of economy of our dear country, Nigeria and some oil producing countries who have failed to diversify their economy. This development have engendered a state of recession in Nigeria, hence, the need for states in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to look inward on how to bail out their states from this economy recession and also give motion to infrastructural development in states which has greatly been put to a halt.

In a bid to safe Kwara State from the economic and financial reality which has affected the economy of states and even crumbled the state treasury of some states in the nation, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji. Abdulfatah Ahmed after his re-election 22 June 2015 embarked on two important steps which is signing to law the Kwara Revenue Administration Law of 23 May 2015 which defunct the old Board of Internal Revenue (KW-IRS) and established the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) which is put in place to provide the financial structure to establish the new Kwara. He also signed to law the Kwara State Private Public Partnership bills of which Private Public Partnership (KP3) is to create the strategic framework to achieve the infrastructural developmental project aspirations of the state.

To achieve infrastructural development for Kwara, the financial expectation of the State Government is designed to come from the revenue collected by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) which is the only assigned agency by law to collect revenue on behalf of the Kwara State Government. KW-IRS is the organization that is established to finance the infrastructural developmental projects of Kwara State by a set aside of 500 million naira monthly from the total revenue collected for the state and this was what necessitated the establishment of a structure that will put together the structural framework of this laudable desire hence, the establishment of the Infrastructural Fund Kwara (IF-K) which was officially launched on Tuesday, 25 September 2016.

In the speech of His Excellency, during the official launch of Infrastructural Fund Kwara (IF-K), His Excellency, the

Executive Governor of Kwara State affirmed that the establishment of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) have tripled the Internally Generated Fund (IGR) of Kwara State and have positioned the State for development and progress. Dr. Abdulfatah Ahmed explicated that the infrastructural development of Kwara State would not have been a reality if not for the proactive move of his administration to instituting the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) an establishment that have saved the state from financial collapse. Dr. Ahmed nonetheless announced that the days of abandoned project is over in Kwara State.

Speaking about the role of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) in the establishment of Infrastructural Fund Kwara (IF-K) project in an interview with the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun, defined KW-IRS as the financial partner of the Intra-Fund Kwara (IF-K). He substantiated his point by stating that the major contribution for the IF-K projects comes from the revenue collected by Kwara State Internal Revenue service (KW-IRS) on monthly basis where a huge amount of 500 million naira is set aside from the revenue collected by KW-IRS for state projects. He however noted that Federal Government seed will also be set aside for IF-K projects.

Further buttressing the comment of His Excellency, Dr. Abdulfatah Ahmed at it relates to KW-IRS performance since inception, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun assured Kwarans that with the performance recorded by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) in the last eight (8) months where a total of 11 billion naira has been collected at an average of 1.2 billion naira monthly by KW-IRS against the 7.2 billion naira collected by the former Board of Internal Revenue Service (KBIR) throughout 2015 calendar year, KW-IRS will be able to collect enough revenue monthly which will ensure that the monthly set aside of 500 million naira for infrastructural projects is realized.

Dr. Awodun also elaborated on the place of policy in ensuring that the Infrastructural Fund Kwara (IF-K) project meets up with the expectation of Kwarans. He expounded on the Irrevocable Standing Payment Order (ISPO) legally provided for IF-K which makes the scheme free from state interference. He revealed that the IF-K funds is entrusted into the hands of trustees and that the assigned trustee which are financial institutions will only pay contractors (partners) upon the issuance of Certificate of Project Conclusion by the partners.

Also in an interview conducted with the Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs, KW-IRS, Mr. Lekan Rotimi, he confirmed that the Infrastructural Fund Kwara (IF-K) concept agrees with the vision of KW-IRS which is *Mobilizing Revenue for the Strategic development of Kwara State*. In his own opinion, the citizenry is given the opportunity to be a part of governance because they are the sole partners of the state through tax payment, he however stressed that tax payers money is used to execute infrastructural projects in the state and when the people cannot see any judicious use of their taxes, they have the right to ask questions.



# THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF KWARA STATE STUDENT REVISITS KW-IRS

Yetunde Elegboja

**T**he National Association of Kwara State Student (NAKSS) visited the Corporate Head Office of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) on 6 October 2016 to express their appreciation to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun for the outstanding lecture he delivered at the Seminar organized by their Association on Thursday, 29 September 2016 at the Banquet Hall. The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS delivered his lecture in line with the topic chosen by NAKSS: **Peace and Entrepreneurship Summit**. The President of the NAKSS, Korede Abdulazeez led the team. Others who were with him include: Abubakar Abiodun the Senate Clerk, etc.



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS addressing NAKSS Executives

Speaking on behalf of NAKSS, Comrade Korede Abdulazeez, President, National Association of Kwara State Student (NAKSS) appreciated the effort of the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun towards the success of the Peace and Entrepreneurship Summit organized by the Association. He acclaimed the fatherly role played by Dr Awodun which took him away from mere delivery of his lecture but also the presentation of the Entrepreneurship for Secondary School book authored by Dr Awodun free of charge to over 500 students present. The President, NAKSS however solicited for more support from the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS and the Management of the KW-IRS for the subsequent seminars and events that will be coming out from the stables of NAKSS.

Responding to the NAKSS Executives, the Dr Awodun lauded the visit of the Association to the Corporate Head office of the KW-IRS. Dr Awodun however acclaimed that the little support accorded to NAKSS is a responsibility on the part of the KW-IRS to invest into the future of the youths.

Dr Awodun further appealed to the Senate members of the NAKSS to ensure that the Peace and Entrepreneurship Summit is taken round the 36 States of the country through the tertiary institutions. He affirmed that this will go a long way in impacting students and also prepare them for the challenge ahead. Dr Awodun pledged the support of KW-IRS to the campus storm through the provision of entrepreneurship materials, and other means of support.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, however noted that the university structure and curriculum in use is not in line with the reality of what is obtainable outside school especially in this scientific and computer age. He stated that these curriculums set up in the 1960s are not commensurate with the realities of today's society. Suggesting the ways out of economic mess and unemployment situation of the country, he posited that the inclusion of entrepreneurship in school curriculum is key to the rescue of Nigeria's economy and that of Africa as a whole.

Giving a brief into the reasons that prompted his contributions towards the establishment of the Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Kwara State University (KWASU) before the National University Commission (NUC) accepted entrepreneurship as one of the foundational courses in the curriculum of universities in Nigeria, Dr Awodun expressed his disapproval on the experience of young graduates in the country who despite their university degrees still could not fit in directly into their employment structure. Hence, the organization of training sessions for graduate employment. Substantiating on one of his reasons for publishing of the Entrepreneurship for Senior Secondary book, Dr Awodun established that the publication came into being out of the need to serve his environment. Dr Awodun added that learning is a continuous process and that one must to learn to be literate.



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS addressing the students

## CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT THE REVENUE HOUSE ON EXCURSION

Fareedah Abdulwahab

**S**tudents from Cornerstone Independent High School visited the Revenue House on Wednesday 19 October 2016 on a mini-excursion, to get first-hand information on the activities of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). The students were warmly received by the Director of Admin and Corporate Affairs, Mr Lekan Rotimi.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun in his welcome remarks commended the bold step adopted by the school to seek for more knowledge on the new IGR drive of KW-IRS. He started with a brief history of the Service, which used to be the old Board of Internal Revenue Service (BIR) which was made defunct by the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law No. 6 of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 and which established Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). This law gave KW-IRS the mandate to be the sole agency to collect revenue in Kwara State.

Dr Awodun further explained the autonomous power

given to KW-IRS where by the Executive Chairman reports directly to the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed instead of reporting to the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Finance as the old BIR law mandated. He also enlightened the students on the Mandate, Vision, Mission, Strategy and Core Values of the Service. The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS also explained that KW-IRS is a performance driven organization which is empowered to recruit graduates who are properly trained and appropriately remunerated.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS also briefed them on the various directorates of KW-IRS and their different and synergistic roles.

He also gave a brief history of the previous IGR collection in Kwara State giving an example of the total IGR collected in year 2015 which was N7.2billion in comparison with the IGR of the first 9 months of KW-IRS which in N12.3billion. He apprised that this serves as evidence to the fact that the change that was



visualized by the State Government was indeed a realistic one.

Furthermore, the Executive Chairman enlightened them on some of the strategies adopted by the Service to meet the needs of the residents of Kwara State through the Community Impact Programme (CIP) which is centred on five Es which are: **Education, Environment, Empowerment, Enterprise and Employment**. He gave examples of CIP which includes the distribution of school bags and uniforms, clearing of blocked drainage along Tanke and Offa road and the presentation of endowment prizes to Tertiary institutions among others. He further explained the importance of the sensitization visits to Stakeholders in

different communities in the 3 Senatorial Districts in the State to secure approval from the traditional rulers and community leaders to encourage and create awareness on tax policies.

In his closing remarks, Dr Awodun appreciated the principal, teachers and students of Cornerstone Independent High School for deeming it fit to visit the Service. He made reference to the ongoing Tax Club Quiz Competition which had just been concluded with 44 Senior Secondary Schools in Kwara Central. He encouraged the school to prepare to participate in the competition next year.



Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs, Mr Lekan Rotimi addressing the students



Executive Chairman, Dr Muritala Awodun with the students



One of the students asking a question during the visit



A Teacher from Corner Stone Independent High School making a comment



Cross section of students from Corner Stone Independent High School

# KW-IRS MEETS WITH THE EXECUTIVES OF THE SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (KWARA STATE CHAPTER)

Jumoke Dada

The Executives of Suppliers Association led by the Association Chairman, Alh. Issa Irewumi paid a courtesy visit to KW-IRS on Wednesday 19 October 2016 at the Revenue House. Other Executives that were present for the visit were Alhaji Saka Salami, Mrs Adenike Salami, Mrs Olusegun Bamgbose, Alhaji S.K. Lawal, Alhaji Saka Afolabi, Alhaji Abdulkadri Aliu, Alhaji Onitiro, and Alhaji Issa Ejoo.

The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Dr Muritala Awodun received the Executives of the Association. Alhaji Irewumi appreciated the Service for its support to Kwarans. He made mention of the Community Impact Programs (CIP) initiated by KW-IRS, which includes the re-construction of shops at Oja Tuntun Market, clearing of gutters, building of toilet facilities in Ago Market, etc. He said the CIP is indeed a great initiative which makes it very easy for Kwarans to willingly comply with tax payment.

Alhaji Irewumi promised to support the advocacy drive of KW-IRS amongst the Association on the benefits of paying taxes regularly and also that there will be more awareness programmes on their part so as to bring in more artisans to the tax net.

Alhaji Irewumi also stated that the main reason for the courtesy visit is to solicit for support from KW-IRS to engage members of the Suppliers Association, who are willing to supply building supplies and other construction materials for the CIP activities of KW-IRS.

Dr Awodun in his response stated that the establishment of KW-IRS is for the good of everyone i.e. the organisation attends to the basic needs of the residents in their communities and also to assists the State Government to attain specific Economic and Social policies, systems and targets which will also be of immense benefit to the people of Kwara State. Hence the residents of Kwara State are the major beneficiary of the dividends of a good tax system, and this can be seen through the various interventions of the Government through the CIP, which he said is centred around 5 Es which are **Education, Environment, Empowerment, Enterprise and Employment**. He also added that KW-IRS is not only concerned about revenue collection but also interested in providing services that will add value to the people in Kwara State.

In acknowledgement of their suggestion, he stated that bearing in mind that KW-IRS collects revenue from people, it's also saddled with the responsibility of advising the Government on how to judiciously utilize money collected in the State.



Executive Chairman, Dr Muritala Awodun (middle), Director Informal Sector and the executives of IREDE Suppliers Association



Dr Awodun further explained the process of collection by the Informal Sector Directorate, briefing them on the various meetings that had been held with the Artisan Congress. He further said that members of the association could be engaged as consultants to provide supplies for the works done by the organisation but it will be based on full Terms of Agreement. In addition, he said that in the defunct Kwara Board of Internal Revenue (KBIR), there were variations in the rate of money imposed and collected due to inefficient assessment. However, with the establishment of KW-IRS, proper assessment and collection have been recorded and the instance of multiple taxation has been reduced. He implored them to join the tax net and be tax compliant.

In his closing remarks, the Executive Chairman implored the members of the Association to assist the Service in its revenue mobilisation by appealing to their members. Also, KW-IRS is opened to suggestion, ideas and initiatives from the Association. He thanked them once more and implored them to write to the organisation introducing themselves stating in clear picture how they typically go about work when engaged. He advised them also to do good work so as to be able to partake in bigger projects.

The Secretary of the Association, Mrs Olusegun Bamgbose appreciated the Executive Chairman for his good speech and approach. She said that the letter and proposal will be submitted and asked if the women within the Association will pay tax. The Executive Chairman responded stating that everyone, both male and female are by law under obligation to pay as long as they have a source of income.



The Chairman IREDE Suppliers Association Alh. Issa Ireunmi introducing the Association



One of the Executives appreciating the EC and giving a suggestion



Mrs Olusegun Bamgbose making a comment



The Executive Chairman listening to the Chairman of the Association making a comment



The Executive Chairman giving out souvenir

### BEYOND EXPIRATION

The melodious rhythm of the moment  
A twang in very high tempo  
Sonorous and unambiguously loud  
Bodies twirling in free style in a dance  
to an indistinct, inarticulate mime

The young and old  
Light skinned, dark skinned  
Race notwithstanding  
Chanting along a rhythm  
a satire, a mockery of realism  
A state of confusion that appears as  
a symphony in perfect rhythm

Even the foetus yet in the crucible  
Chant the lullaby  
of what must be  
How insane can the world remain?  
Living an illusion far from reality  
Regarding not the expiration  
Of a once exotic dance  
That ultimately destroyed the cat and the mice  
together

- KW-IRS and VIO Train SEAP Drivers
- October Field Feedback Training
- Bukola Saraki Launches STEP Empowerment Scheme for Youths in Kwara
- KW-IRS visits Kwara State House of Assembly
- First Annual Kwara State Tax Club Quiz Competition
- KW-IRS provides Start-Up Capital to Business Competition Winners
- Tuyil is still operating in Ilorin - says KW-IRS at IEDPU Secretariat

### HEAR ME OUT

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

*I applied for Kwara State Citizenship online but it was not my picture that was uploaded. Please what can I do?*

Ifabiyi Olamide

**Mr Ifabiyi,**

Thank you for contacting KW-IRS. What you simply need to do is to email us via [helpdesk@kw-irs.com](mailto:helpdesk@kw-irs.com) and supply us with the following:

- Screenshot or scanned copy of your Transaction ID
- Your full name
- Your Transaction ID and

- Your correct picture to be uploaded

*My vehicle papers have become due and I want to renew. Where do I make payment?*

Abdulrazaq Rasheed

**Mr Abdulrazaq,**

Thank you for contacting KW-IRS. Kindly visit any of our Motor Licensing Offices across the State to make payment for your vehicle particulars renewal.



# HOME REMEDIES TO LOSE Belly Fat

Abdulwahab Fareedah

One of the biggest questions people ask is “*how do I lose my tummy fat? I've tried several things but nothing worked*”. When asked what they tried they scream 100 daily sit-ups, cutting calories, fat burners, etc. People worry the most about their appearance, or more importantly, losing that stubborn fat that grips to their waist. Belly fat is usually estimated by measuring the circumference around your waist. This can easily be done at home with a simple tape measure. Anything above 40 inches (102 cm) in men and 35 inches (88 cm) in women, is known as *abdominal obesity*.

Trying to lose belly fat in a week will not produce miracles. However, satisfactory results can be achieved if you do the right things. Avoid sugar, salt and other foods high in calories. You don't need endless sit-ups, supplements, starving yourself or worse surgery.

Here are some remedies to lose unwanted belly fat that actually work and won't damage your health in the process.

- **Eat Breakfast Regularly:** It might seem difficult to eat if you're trying to lose weight, but studies show that eating breakfast within an hour of waking up keeps your insulin levels steadier and your LDL cholesterol levels lower. Eat food that contain high level of protein for example eggs, beans and food rich in fibre like oats, fresh fruit, and vegetables, etc.
- **Cut Carbohydrates from your diet:** Carbohydrates control is a very effective way to lose belly fat. Studies have shown that low-carb diets are particularly effective at getting rid of belly fat, around the organs and in the liver. When people cut down on carbs, their appetite goes down and they lose weight. Try to avoid eating refined carbs (white breads, pastas, etc.)
- **Exercise is effective at reducing belly fat:** Exercise is important for various reasons. It is among the best things you can do if you want to live a long, healthy life and avoid disease. Exercise can be very effective if you are trying to lose belly fat. Exercise also has a number of other health benefits. Aerobic exercise like walking, running, swimming, etc. has been shown to cause major decreases in belly fat. Another study found that exercise completely prevented people from re-gaining abdominal fat after weight loss, implying that exercise is particularly important during weight maintenance
- **Reduce Belly Fat with Lemon Juice:** Lemon



cleanses the mixture of all toxins together with fat, certainly, you ought to begin your day with lemon juice. It works amazingly better by strengthening your liver and helping it in softening that fat around your waist. To begin with crush out the juice of lemon, Blend this lemon juice into the glass of warm water, after that Drink this water on an empty stomach regularly in the morning. This will help your digestion system remarkably for the entire day.

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# KWARA STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE SEPTEMBER FIELD FEEDBACK/TRAINING.

Jumoke Dada



**A**s is the norm of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) staff and Management team to meet on a monthly basis in order to appraise the activities of staff and to discuss the way forward for the improvement of the organization, the field feedback session of the month of September was held at Latara Event Centre.

Guests that were present for the field feedback were the Director General (DG), Kwara Public Private Partnership (KP<sup>3</sup>), Mr Yomi Ogunsola, the Chairman Trade Union Congress, Comrade Kolawole Olumo, and the Secretary of the Trade Union Congress, Comrade Joseph Stephen.

Comrade Olumo apprised that Mr Ogunshola envisioned KW-IRS. He appreciated the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS for his hard work, enthusiasm and motivation towards the growth and development of the State. He stated that the welfare of KW-IRS staff is paramount to the Association. He added that they act as a mediator between KW-IRS staff and the State Government (the employer). He also explained that the Association are creates platform in which challenging working conditions can be effectively tackled in order to get

satisfactory results. He further stressed on the need for staff to demonstrate loyalty without compromise when discharging their duties.

The Secretary, Comrade Joseph, commended the staff and management on their efforts for giving hope of a bright future to Kwarans. He explained that NASCS is the umbrella that is covering all Unions. He spoke further on the benefits of joining the Association, which include but are not limited to entitlement to training and seminars within and outside the country. He elucidated on the collective bargain, rights and privileges that cover members both presently and in the future under the current constitution. He encouraged all staff to join so as to have their future protected.

Mr Yomi Ogunsola in his speech thanked the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS for the opportunity given him to be part of the Field Feedback/Training session. He spoke about the 2016 yearly performance of KW-IRS as against where we should be in year 2017/2018. He expounded on the Infrastructural Development Project which is a project that will benefit Kwarans even beyond this administration. He reiterated on the commitment of the State Government to



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Director, Legal, Enforcement & Monitoring, Dr Isaac Gbenle



Director, MDAs  
Alhaja Iyabo Abubakar



Director, Operation & Process  
Mrs Adenike Babajamu



provide social amenities and create more job opportunities for its residents. Therefore, he encouraged staff to brace up by putting more efforts on their job. He also indicated that the law that established KW-IRS and the Infrastructural Development Project were signed on the same day. He appealed to staff to suggest to the Executive Chairman, Directors, and other Heads of Departments ways in which KW-IRS can improve IGR collection processes in the State, through emails, letters etc.

Speaking on the Union, the DG KP<sup>3</sup> advised staff to focus more on the organization that employed the staff, rather than the Union. He outlined the benefits that the organization provides compared to what the civil servants receive from the State Government, because KW-IRS staff are not civil servants but specialists with skills. He encouraged staff to embrace the restructuring of staff as it is to identify strengths and promote job satisfaction. He closed his presentation by pleading with staff to put in more effort to work and to hope for a brighter future.

As the Field Feedback/Training continued, each Directorate presented detailed analysis of their activities, implementation, strategies, objectives, success, expected result, challenges, as well as the possible solutions to the challenges.



Mr Yomi Ogunsola,  
Director General KP3



Comrade Kolawole Olumo,  
Chairman Trade Union Congress



Comrade Joseph Stephen  
Secretary, Trade Union Congress



KW-IRS Staff asking a question



The Executive Chairman (middle) with the two staff of the month of October  
Ahmed A. Harunah and Yakubu Abubakar M.



KW-IRS Staff asking a question



Cross section of staff at the Fieldback Training



KW-IRS Staff asking a question



Cross section of staff at the Fieldback Training

# 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER JOINT MINISTERIAL BRIEFING HELD BY KW-IRS AND THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION WITH MEDIA CORRESPONDENTS

AbdulHakeem AbdulRahman



The Executive Chairman KW-IRS Dr Muritala Awodun, Hon. Commissioner for Education, Alhaji Mahmud Ajeigbe and Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs, Mr Lekan Rotimi

**T**he Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) in collaboration with the Kwara State Ministry of Information on

Wednesday 5 October, 2016 held the third quarter joint Ministerial Briefing for the 2016 calendar year at the Kwara State Ministry of Information Conference Room, Ilorin. The joint press conference brought together forty eight (48) media correspondents from various media houses and national dailies across the State. Present at the press briefing were the Hon. Commissioner for Information, Alhaji Mahmud Ajeigbe, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information, Mrs. Rhoda Funmilayo Ajiboye and the Director, Admin and Corporate Affairs of KW-IRS, Mr. 'Lekan Rotimi.

Declaring the press briefing open, the Honourable Commissioner, Kwara State Ministry of Information, Alhaji Mahmud Ajeigbe welcomed all the media correspondents present to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter joint press briefing which is done in collaboration with the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). The Honourable Commissioner apprised that the media parley had been slated to hold every quarter so as

to allow the general public to have an overview of the operational activities and the revenue performance of KW-IRS.

While addressing the press, Dr. Muritala Awodun explained that the Service was exactly a year old on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 (a day before the press briefing). Awodun stated that he and the 7 Directors at KW-IRS resumed officially on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2015, though the operational activities of the service started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2016. Baring his mind to the media correspondents present, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, affirmed that the task given to KW-IRS seemed impossible at first but with the focus of KW-IRS management on the blockage of every possible revenue leakage, an appreciable change would be made.

Dr. Awodun however stressed that people, process and technology are the three factors which the management of KW-IRS were able to identify necessary to be transformed if the goals of the Service were to be maximally achieved, the immediate result of which was employment of 528 people who have been absorbed as permanent staff in the organization with a positive effect of reduced rate

of unemployment in the state, pointing out that staff of the defunct Board were not disengaged from the State's civil service, but were only transferred to various ministries and parastatals.

Relating the positive effect of the implementation of changed process, people and technology to the performance recorded by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Dr. Awodun expressed that the transformation of the highlighted factors have brought about significant growth in the State's IGR having blocked all revenue leakages and ensured that funds accurately get to the right coffers. However, the Executive Chairman applauded the performance of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) for having collected 12.5 billion naira on behalf of the State government in 9 months as against the 7.2 billion naira collected by the old board throughout the whole of 2015 calendar year.

Without much argument, the KW-IRS Executive Chairman shared with members of the press what the Service has made so far, stressing the fact that in what has become an unprecedented stride, the Service collected N977m, N1.07b and N1.25b in January, February and March respectively



which gave a cumulative total of N3.3b for the first quarter. It has collected N2.06b, N1.44b and N1.41b in April, May and June respectively with a cumulative total of N4.9b for the second quarter. It also generated N1.09b, N1.74b and N1.5b in July, August and September respectively giving a cumulative total of N4.3b for the third quarter. He noted that in the last 9 months of operation, KW-IRS has made N12.5b as against N7.2b generated in the whole 2015, and if N5.8b collected in first 9 months of 2015 was compared with N12.5b generated in 9 months of 2016, it would unquestionably give 114% increase in IGR.

Dr. Awodun however attributed the significant growth in the IGR collection to improved processes in the method of collection which has led to the blockage of leakages. In addition, new taxpayers have been introduced into the tax net, through the establishment of Community Impact Programmes (especially the Informal Sector that makes up the grassroots) which is in line with the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law No. 6 that mandates KW-IRS to promote voluntary compliance and assist the government in social and economic policies.

Furthermore, in fulfilment of the vision of KW-IRS which states that KW-IRS was established to mobilize revenue for the strategic development of the State, KW-IRS has earmarked N500m from the State's Monthly IGR as part of its initiative designed to develop infrastructure for the State. The State Government launched the Infrastructure Funds (IF-K) on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 which is a great step in the right direction for Kwara State.



Cross section of media correspondent

Dr. Awodun further noted that the Service also took a conscious step towards harmonizing revenue collections throughout the State by partnering with the Local Government Areas in the collection of Revenue. He stated that the revenue lines of the Local Governments are more sensitive than those of the State Government. He gave an instance of the new process of citizenship application which is purely an automated system to ensure that total revenue generated from the revenue items gets to the appropriate purse, as well as curb the process of issuance of fake certificates which is targeted at addressing issues of lost opportunities for Kwarans in the past, in terms of incentives from the Federal Government and other partnering countries for Kwara State indigenes, which were lost to other State indigenes who in previous times posed as Kwara State indigenes.

The Executive Chairman made some clarifications after taking a question from a Correspondent from Daily Trust who wanted to know if KW-IRS had the power to fund its Community Impact Programme from the IGR.

Dr. Awodun reiterated that the program is a CSR program which has been appropriated for in the 2016 Budget and approved by the Kwara State House of Assembly. In his response to questions from Correspondents from Vanguard & Herald Newspapers, who wanted to know if Infrastructure Funds (IF-K) will improve if IGR improves, and the sustainability of the IF-K amidst the lingering economic recession, the Executive Chairman stated that IF-K is a carefully planned programme of the State Government which started with initial budget of 100 million before it was increased to 500 million on the fact that no funds earmarked for infrastructure that is too much. He concluded with his response to a question asked to know what challenges had so far been encountered by the Service when he further clarified that KW-IRS embodies entrepreneurs who are used to converting challenges to opportunities by creating solutions to their challenges rather than emphasising them.

The Permanent Secretary, Kwara State Ministry of Information, Dr. (Mrs.) Rhoda Funmilayo Ajiboye in her vote of thanks commended the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji. AbdulFatah Ahmed for giving priority to merit at the point of appointing the KW-IRS Executive Chairman who has proved himself without reasonable doubt as a capable hand for the assignment of revenue mobilisation for Kwara State. She therefore appreciated Dr. Awodun for his outstanding performance which has clearly translated the State's IGR to the next level.



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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## KW-IRS DIRECTORS

By: Doyinsola Akande

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## OLUSHOLA SAMUEL



Olushola Samuel is a staff of the Directorate of Administration and Corporate Affairs. He is the Chief Maintenance officer who is in charge of maintaining both the technical and infrastructural facilities of KW-IRS Corporate Headquarters. He does this by performing weekly safety checks on the facility to ensure a safe work environment for KW-IRS staff. In addition he supervises the cleaners by ensuring that the work environment is conducive and fit for work on a daily basis.

Mr Maintenance as he is fondly called by everyone is humble, honest and he displays a high level of politeness in the discharge of his duties. He responds to emergency requests effectively and efficiently as required, and does not relent in performing other related duties with or without supervision.

Congratulations Olushola!

## Taxpedia

Afuye Adegoke

### TENEMENT RATE

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# TAX PERSONALITY

## ADEMOLA AJIBOLA JULIUS CHAIRMAN MOUNT OLIVE NIGERIA LIMITED



**M**r Ademola Ajibola Julius was born the 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1969 and hails from Ijara in Isin LGA, Kwara State. He is married to a lovely wife and caring wife Mrs Elizabeth Ajibola and they are blessed with two wonderful boys. He commenced his academic pursuit at Iwanu- Nasiru Primary school and later proceeded to Oro Grammar School, Irepodun LGA, Kwara Staate. Mr Ademola attended the Kwara State Polythenic for his A level after which he proceeded for B.SC in Pharmacy at the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

As a young man, he started his business career at undergraduate level packaging sachet water with the help of his late mum Mrs. Lydia Ajoke Ajibola, he successfully established the business alongside practicing his profession as a civil servant employed at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital. With a vehement interest of having an independent business through selfless dedication and discipline with the core support of his wife, he was able to build the empire 'Mt OLIVE GROUP OF COMPANIES' having more than four independently running management systems, this include **Mt Olive Commodity with branches spread across the country fully staffed, Mt Olive Quarry with granite and limestone production lines, Bright way Microfinance Bank Limited, and Sadeng Real Estate among others.**

The Persuasive team leader has over 16 years of proven expertise in commodity distribution, marketing, sales, logistics with over 200 Daf trailers, estate management and implementation of world class fully IT cooperate head office with a new computerized Northern regional office fully staffed. Mr Ademola Ajibola Julius is the chairman board of Directors of one of the fastest growing microfinance Bank in Ilorin- Bright way Microfinace. He has travelled far and wide to countries like China, United Kingdom, United States, Dubai, Germany, India, Spain, Kenya, South Africa to mention but a few.

He has employed currently over 80 regular staff across the country in various departments on full monthly pay package and numerous casual staff across the country with welfare benefits such as car gifts, truck mortgage etc.

As an individual with high personal integrity he has established outlets within the state and outside Kwara State with REAL TIME business transaction. Mr Ademola Ajibola Julius is currently the highest employer of casual staff in Ilorin West Local Government, with over 100 staff working daily.

The philanthropist donated Ultra-Modern E-Library (Drug Information Centre) to the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Kwara state Branch. He installed 100KVA Transformer and also constructed culvert drainage on roads leading to the community central market. Mr Ajibola is a certified members of Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN). He carried out the electrification of over 5 village situated along the quarry route at Ballah Alapa Village with a dedicated independent transformer and shouldering monthly bills consumed as community beneficial contribution.

He is an award recipient from various organizations, this includes Kwame Nkrumah Leadership Award on Societal Development 2012 by West Africa Student Union (WASU). He was the winner of Ebullient Business Magnate. Mr Ajibola Julius is a grand patron Vigilante Group of Nigeria Kwara State Command. He is the chairman Kwara State Baseball Club and the chairman Roemichs International School (PTA).

He is the active chairman Board of Directors Bright way Microfinance Bank Limited. The Grand Patron Vigilante Group of Nigeria Kwara State Command. Under his distinguished chairmanship of Mt. Olive Nigeria Ltd, the company the company has being awarded with various achievement medals; 1<sup>st</sup> position nationwide distributor in 2013 from Flour Mills of Nigeria Limited. His company was awarded outstanding sales performance in 2012 from Honeywell Flour Mills Plc. In addition to that he was awarded the Key Business Partner in 2007 from Honeywell Super Fine Food Limited. He has received the outstanding sales performance in 2012 by Honeywell Flourmills.

Mt Olive was on the 5<sup>th</sup> position on distribution of Golden Noodles Pan Nigeria in 2011-2012. The company was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> position on distribution of Golden Pasta Pan Nigeria in 2011-2012. Awarded with the best Golden Penny Semovita and Goldenvita Distributor in 2011-2012. Mt Olive is also a recipient of outstanding sales performance in 2010 from Honeywell Flourmills Plc. Awarded

with the outstanding performance in 2011 from Honeywell Flourmills Plc. Mt Olive was awarded with the best costumer in western region from Golden Pasta Company Ltd in 2010.

Over the years Mr Ademola Ajibola Julius is known to be a tax compliant citizen of the state. He remits his Personal Income Tax and that of his staff regularly and as when due. Mr Ajibola deserves this great recognition for the value he has added to Kwara State Internal Revenue Service.

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**Muritala Awodun, PhD**

*Executive Chairman*

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# KWARA STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE COMMENCES THE TRAINING OF DRIVERS

Afuye Adegoke



A cross section of KW-IRS drivers at the training

**T**he Kwara State Internal Revenue Service in collaboration with the Vehicle Inspection Officer (VIO), commenced the training of drivers on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016.

The Executive Chairman declared the training opened on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 when he stated that this was the first training to be conducted for the drivers and the training had become necessary as a result of increase in number of Official drivers in the Service. He mentioned that as drivers, they bear the image of KW-IRS because they are kitted as staff of KW-IRS (with their identity cards and branded t-shirts), hence they need to be aware of the Core Values of the Service. He further explained that when they drive around on the roads, they should be aware of their environment and be sensitive to the needs of the public by ensuring that they do not violate traffic laws or abuse the members of the public by taking undue advantage of their position in the Service.

On the core values of the Service, he explained the acronym SHIRT which stands for Service, Honesty, Integrity, Responsibility and Trust.

S - signifies Service to the public, and that KW-IRS was established to serve the people of Kwara. He mentioned that the Drivers should have a service-oriented pattern of thinking. He gave an illustration that drivers of the Service could show readiness to serve by ensuring that they get to their principals on time so they don't impede the activities of the Service at any particular time. That they are not only called to serve their bosses but also the general public which might require them to stop to save the life of an accident victim by evicting them to the nearest hospital on time.

H - signifies honesty, Dr. Awodun stated that it necessary to be honest in their all their dealings with the Service and the Public in general, as any act of dishonesty exhibited in the public can have a negative effect on the Service as a whole. He mentioned that little acts of defrauding the Service, other staff members and Kwarans, should not be found among them, because such acts may result in a negative stain on their personality.

I - Integrity, he said that Integrity is as important as the others in

the delivery of Service. They must ensure that their word is their bond. Integrity is centred upon all activities of the Service, for example lying to cover up tracks is not acceptable and can leave a wrong impression on the minds of people around them.

R - Responsibility, means they must deal responsibly with the public. He mentioned some areas in which the Service has demonstrated a sense of responsibility to the public which is through the Community Impact Programmes e.g. the clearing of drainages along Tanke road, and cleaning of Ago market place etc. He encouraged them to look out for areas in which they believe the Government can intervene in the needs of the communities that they visit when carrying out their duties.

T - Trust, means that they must show a high level of trust among themselves and the populace by ensuring that their attitude exude trust.

In addition, he mentioned that they should ensure that vehicles in their care are maintained periodically through regular servicing, so that the lifespan of the vehicles can be prolonged. He closed the session by encouraging them to be pragmatic in ensuring the safety and upkeep of their vehicles. As part of the Executive Chairman's closing speech, he promised that all KW-IRS will be kitted with new uniforms to ensure that they portray a smart look always and when conducting their duties.

On the second day of the training, the Vehicle Inspection Officers who were invited to train the drivers also admonished the drivers to always be conscious of traffic laws, codes and directional signs etc when carrying out their duties. The spokesperson of the VIOs charged the drivers on the common causes of road accidents which can be summarised in the various categories: Mechanical factors e.g. the mechanical condition of the vehicle, Psychological condition of the drivers such as stress level of the driver, Environmental condition such as the weather i.e. raining or hazy weather conditions, Health conditions of the drivers e.g. Drivers with medical history should report to the office before embarking on any assignment.

# WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH KW-IRS - MAN O WAR

Bolaji Abdulkadir



The State Commander of Man 'O' War, Kwara State Command making a speech

**T**he State Executives of the Man O War, Kwara State Command, led by the Kwara State Commander; Alibaba, paid a courtesy visit to the Corporate Head Office of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016 in his company were Executive Members of the State Command, Officer in Charge (OC) of Kwara Central, Aremu Ismaila, OC Admin, Secretary General of the Command, Folorunsho Sulaiman, OC traffic, Kwara State Command; Mudashir Zikhrullah, Muritala Azeez, Adebayo Ismail, Abdurashheed Uthman, the Head of Woman Uni; Tunrayo Sulaiman, Yusuf Abdullah, Amin Nasir Yusuf. The Man O war team were well received by the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun and The Director, Admin and Cooperate Affairs, Mr 'Lekan Rotimi.



The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS addressing the Officers of Man 'O' War

The State Commander saluted the Chairman and other members present at the gathering. He said the team is happy with the establishment of the organization. He stated that looking at things critically, the existence of KW-IRS in the last couple of months has marked a golden point in the history of the State, the economy and the standard of living of the people of Kwara State in general. He added that standing on that, they want to partner with KW-IRS in areas we they can help by volunteering to contribute towards effective and smooth running of the Service. Some of the areas proposed are with respect to safety.

The State Commander said the immense contribution of KW-IRS in all the 16 Local Government (LG) in areas of infrastructural development is evident. He said therefore, they



Man 'O' War Officers during the visit to KW-IRS



give their support in partnership with the establishment in the area of security such that Man O War officers shall be stationed at all points of duties of KW-IRS field personnel. He stated that this will avoid embarrassment of KW-IRS personnel by people who do not understand the benefits of paying tax.

The State Commander appealed to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS on their request to KW-IRS with regards to recruitment of some of their members in the future. He added that they will help with the leadership training course for some staff of KW-IRS who may like to partake in such training experience. The essence of this training he said is for people to awake their conscious mind in case of any sudden attack and for people to be able to proffer solutions to problems as quickly as possible. He assured the KW-IRS team present that the Man O War, Kwara State Command would contribute their own quota to the development of the State.

A merit award was presented to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS by the State Commander for an outstanding performance and transformation in revenue generation in the State.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Awodun, gave his assurances to the group that some members of staff in the organization who are interested in the leadership training will be referred and added that their enlisted requests shall be look into.



Man 'O' War Officers during the visit to KW-IRS



An Officer making a comment



Presentation of Plaque to the Executive Chairman by State Command, Man'O'War



Presentation of souvenir by The Executive Chairman



Executive Chairman and Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs in a group photograph with the officers of Man 'O' War



# INAUGURATION OF TAX CLUB IN KWARA NORTH

Afuye Adegoke

**T**he Official Inauguration of Tax Club in Kwara North took place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at Government Day Secondary School, Gbu-gbu in Edu LGA.

About 44 schools were represented at this event. Some of the guests who were present at the event include; the Commissioner of Education and Human Capital Development, Alh. Musa Yeketi; who was represented by Pastor Kayode Alabi. Also present was the State PTA Chairman who was represented by Alh. Aliyu Baba (the Akinni of Gbugbu), the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun, the Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs Directorate, Mr Lekan Rotimi. Other guests present were Mr Mohammed Ndana, the Principal of Government Day Secondary School Gbu-gbu, and the representative of ANCOPS Lafiagi Zone in person of Mr Ibrahim.

The Opening Remark was chaired by the Hon Commissioner of Education & Human Capital Development who welcomed everyone present to the inauguration ceremony. The Hon Commissioner reiterated the commitment of the present administration to improve the livelihood of the citizens of the State. In his speech, the Hon Commissioner commended the KW-

IRS for being ahead of other States of the Federation in regards to Internally Generated Revenue. Hence, he was pleased with the move of KW-IRS to inaugurate Tax Clubs in Senior Secondary Schools as a means of educating youths on tax matters; so as to prepare them for the future. He encouraged the youths to evolve a culture of responsibility and explore creativity by showcasing their talents as they represent their schools in the Quiz Competition, and if possible in exploring a future career path in taxation and its related areas of study.

The Executive Chairman of KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun also gave a brief on Tax Club which he said was first inaugurated in Kwara Central in Ilorin and also in Kwara South in Omu-aran. In a bid to cover the landscape of Kwara State, it is now extended to Kwara North. Dr. Muritala Awodun further explained that the motive for setting up Tax Clubs across Kwara State is to use it as a medium to educate students and their parents on tax policies, so they can have a clear understanding of the role of tax in the development of the economy. In his words, Dr. Awodun said that one of the best ways to inculcate knowledge to the young ones is to teach them early, because when they become adults, they are not likely to forget the principles that have been taught to them. This



A cross section of senior secondary school students of Kwara North Senatorial District at the Inauguration Ceremony





Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun



Representative of Hon. Commissioner for Education and Human Capital Development



Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs, Mr Lekan Rotimi



Cross section of students



Cross section of students



Cross section of students



invited guests



process of imparting knowledge is known as tax education. Since Tax education could not be brought formally into the school curriculum, it had to be introduced in schools as Tax Clubs. The process of tax education will be carried out by members of the Club, who are our vanguard at the various schools to educate their colleagues, teachers and parents. To make learning more interactive and interesting, we decided to introduce Quiz Competition among the various schools, because when there is competition, the tendency to learn will increase.

Dr Awodun described the stages of the competition which comprises of three stages, the first stage is going to take place among schools within a particular Local Government, winners will emerge from that Local Government and then they will move to the Senatorial Level to compete, winners at the Senatorial level will move to compete at the State level. At the various levels, the winning schools will get some prizes, members of the Tax Clubs will get items too that will identify them as Tax Club members such as KW-IRS customised bags and exercise



books. In addition to the prizes that the winning schools will win, we intend to give some form of appreciation such as Certificate for participation and other prizes at the Local Government, Senatorial and State levels, respectively. Prizes will be presented to the best performing schools during the final round of the competition. Beyond the fact that the first prize of N1, 000,000.00 will be given to the school that emerged winner, students who emerge winners will also qualify for scholarship from KW-IRS. In addition, the teachers that take part in training & motivating their students to win will also get certain rewards which may be in the form of a sponsorship for professional certification. So, it is a win-win situation for everyone.

Dr. Awodun encouraged everyone to begin the process of

preparation for the competition which commenced with Kwara Central on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and then it would be the turn of Kwara South and finally Kwara North. All winning schools that get to the final stage will be invited for the Grand Finale.

In his concluding speech, Dr Awodun indicated that by year 2017, KW-IRS plans to take the Tax Club to the tertiary institutions in Kwara State. He also believes that very soon, the Tax Club initiative will extend beyond Kwara State to all States of the Federation.

KW-IRS branded bags and exercise books were presented to all members of Tax Clubs in the 44 schools that were present at the Inauguration.



Presentation of school bags and educational materials to students by the Executive Chairman



Presentation of school bags and educational materials to students by the Executive Chairman



Cross section of students



# JUDICIARY, NOT REVENUE MAKING ENTITY

**- JUSTICE SULAIMAN KAWU** Bolaji Abdullahi Abdulkadri

**T**he Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Dr Muritala Awodun accompanied by the Director, Admin and Corporate Affairs, Mr 'Lekan Rotimi, the Director MDAs, Mrs Iyabo Abubakar had a brief business chat with Chief Judge of Kwara State, Justice Sulaiman Kawu on how to eradicate the discrepancies in revenue generation in the Judiciary of the State. Also in attendance was the Special Adviser (SA) to the Executive Governor of Kwara State on Judiciary.

The S.A, Judiciary commenced the conversation welcoming everyone in the gathering and expressing his displeasure on the low turnout of revenue generated in the judiciary of the State. He also clarified the difference in the operation between the Judiciary and the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) explaining that the MOJ is the more appropriate body to be liaised with in terms of revenue generation. He added that the Chief Judge or the Chief Registrar are in the better position to get the revenue information facilitated appropriately.

Dr Awodun acknowledged the observations made by the S.A, Judiciary and appreciated the Chief Judge for honouring the visit. In recommending a liable solution to improve the performance in revenue generation in the Judiciary, he said there is a lot to be done to improve but with the help from the Judiciary itself. He stated that the KW-IRS proposed budget for 2017 leaves no stone unturned, bringing in all parastatals, government agencies, ministries and sundry.

Dr Awodun further suggested that the first crucial step to be taken has to do with the rate or certain percentage to be collected as revenue from the Judiciary. He also said all hands are on deck from KW-IRS to make the change and fine tune the process that might have been done in the past differently. He added that this can be improved upon technologically with the support from the Judiciary.

Justice Kawu said the Judiciary of any country is not a revenue generating entity. He added that the essence of any judiciary is to provide the platform for businesses and other things and the Judiciary is working with the Revenue House. He stated that for instance if a defaulter was arrested, he will be taken to the judiciary where he will be charged. For the consequence of failure, the culprit pays. Therefore, the judiciary is helping in revenue generation.

Meanwhile, he expressed that there is a proposed percentage of rates existing in the Judiciary's new budget as well.

Dr Awodun responded to Justice Kawu saying that at KW-IRS, the process of consideration of budget of various ministries and parastatals had been resolved because some ministries are classified as non-revenue generating ministries which he explained does not mean that they are not generating revenue but rather that the revenue is not substantial enough especially compared to what others generate.

The Honourable Justice said the highest means of the Judiciary's revenue generation is through probate and expressed his concerns on the out station officers representing the Judiciary in the collection of revenue in cities like Omu-Aran and Lafiagi, who fail to perform their duties appropriately. He suggested that the use of the inspectorate department would be a better means to monitor and curb the inappropriate act.

**“Justice Kawu, said the Judiciary of any country is not a revenue generating entity. He added that the essence of any Judiciary is to provide a platform for business and other related areas. He however stated that the Judiciary have always enjoyed a good working relationship with KW-IRS.”**

Dr Awodun said, there are officers of KW-IRS who oversees how revenue is being collected in hospitals and other agencies across the State from time to time. He said such exercise will be extended to the Judiciary stating how effective the process had been.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS concluded by giving necessary information to the Chief Justice and sought the maximum support and cooperation of the Judiciary to ensure smooth relationship from both ends. He explained further the plans lined up by the KW-IRS in terms of documentations and existing templates of KW-IRS which the Revenue House had been operating upon since its inception.

# KW-IRS HOSTS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN KWARA STATE

Kazeem Akande

**T**he Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) headed by the Executive Chairman, Dr. Muritala Awodun on 10 November 2016 played host to the team of The Most Beautiful Girl in Kwara State (MBGK) at the Revenue House.

The organizer of the MBGK, Mr Saheed Alabi introduced the Top 5 contestants from the MBGK competition which was held on Saturday 5 November 2016 to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS. The Top 5 was made up of the winner, Miss Joy Ajide, a Microbiology student of the University of Ilorin; the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, Miss Folakemi Gaphar, also a student of University of Ilorin; 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Miss Abujai Ekene, a student of Auchi Polytechnic; 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up, Miss Oladimeji Damilola, a graduate of Caleb University, 4<sup>th</sup> runner up, Miss Christiana Otaru, another student from the 'better by far' University, University of Ilorin. Other members of the team present included Miss Cassandra Adeosun, Mr Oyedotun Ashaolu and Mr Joshua Adedeji.

The organizer in his opening address applauded the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) with emphasis on the fact that the impact of the Service had gone a long way to bring back hope to the youths of the state as they constitute large section of the population.

Saheed Alabi in his remarks requested from the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, alliance with the Service in key projects which are to be carried out by the beauty queens through the

year. He also noted that each of the beauty queens represent various Local Government Areas (LGAs) in the State. Notable causes in the key projects include sickle cell, gender equality, child abuse, agriculture, skills acquisition and youth empowerment. The winner, Miss Joy Ajide in her remark thanked the Executive Chairman for finding time to host the MBGK team. She noted that the competition was an avenue for self-development, self-empowerment, self-discovery and self-confidence.

Dr Muritala Awodun in his address appreciated the MBGK team for the courtesy visit and congratulated the winner and the members of the team for the success of the competition. He also commended the beauty queens for their ability to combine education with the competition. He stated that education is the first step to success and as such, it should be the primary focus of youths regardless of any other program(s) they may be into.

Dr. Awodun assured the MBGK team that KW-IRS will do its best with regards to supporting projects that will add value to the lives of the residents of Kwara. He however noted that KW-IRS will only support the team if their request is in line with the 5 Es of the organisation's Community Impact Program (CIP) which are: EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, EMPOWERMENT, ENTERPRISE and EMPLOYMENT.

In his closing remarks, Dr Awodun advised the MBGK team not to lose touch with their education as education is the bedrock of success.



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS addressing the team MBGK



The 4th Runner Up

Winner MBGK



The 2nd Runner Up

The 3rd Runner Up



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS in a group photograph with the beauty queens



# PERSONAL INCOME TAX COLLECTION PROCESS AND PROCEDURE

Nuhu Olaide MUHAMMED



## Introduction

For the purpose of control in tax administration assessment is severed from collection. Tax administration generally has three stages to accomplish a complete revenue process cycle. These are processes of assessment, collection and accounting. Assessment deals with determination of amount payable, collection collects what is assessed while account accounts for the amount collected. These processes are distinct from each other but interdependent, and have their own procedure to accomplish their respective and distinct objectives. This therefore inform the need for reconciliation in order to evolve reliable tax collection information.

The establishment of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service vide **kwara State Revenue Administration law No. 6 2016**, as amended is the beginning of a new dawn in revenue administration in the State. S. 21 (d) of the law empowers the Service to act as sole entity to collect all revenues in collaboration with relevant Ministries and Agencies where applicable, among others.

Meanwhile, each process of revenue administration is put under different directorate for ease of administration and objective accomplishment. This is also applicable to personal income tax administration. Under the current dispensation of tax administration in Kwara State, personal income tax administration process is also shared among the concerned directorates. Personal income tax assessment is the concern of Tax Assessment and Audit Directorate while its collection and accounting is the responsibility of Directorate of HNI and Corporate.

The scope of this paper is limited to collection of personal income tax process and procedure, and therefore we shall not be involved in other stages of personal income tax administration. The contents of this paper is centered on functions and job activities of Directorate of HNI and Corporate, process and procedure of personal income tax collection in the State.

## Functions of Directorate of HNI & Corporate.

- i. Exercise supervision over the receipts of personal income tax, capital gain tax and development levy.
- ii. Ensure prompt collection of personal income tax, CGT and development levy.
- iii. Accounting for all revenue collected by issuing receipts, wholly enter the collection in the register and deposit money and other legal tenders collected in the approved designated bank account(s).
- iv. Properly account for the revenue collected by classifying the collections according to revenue source and tax payer payment profile.
- v. Ensure proper safe keeping of all revenue collected.
- vi. Ensure that all books are correctly posted to date.

## Job Activities of the Directorate.

The job activities to accomplish the objective of the Directorate include the following.

- Act of personal income tax collection – collection directly by revenue collector through visitation to tax payer or tax payer reporting to HNI Directorate to pay to remittance officer or direct banking lodgment or NEFT transfer.
- Act of recording of transaction (record keeping).

- Acknowledging receipt of payment through issuance of ARR (**AUTOMATED REVENUE RECEIPT**).
- Reconciliation/balancing of accounts of tax payer and collection general.
- Accounting for all collections/revenue payments.
- Monitoring collections to ensure budget control and tax payment compliance.
- Performance evaluation to ensure budget discipline and accomplishment.

### PERSONAL INCOME TAX COLLECTION PROCEDURE.

There are two media of collecting personal income tax, namely;

- I. PAYE and
- II. Direct assessment.

**PAYE (i.e. Pay as You Earn)** is one of the two ways through which Personal Income Tax can be collected. It is employed in collecting personal income tax in respect of income derived from stable employment. Such income includes what is commonly referred to as total pay of an employee and it may consist of any one and combination of the following. This include salary, Wage Fees, allowance or any other gain or profit from employment including compensations, bonuses, premiums, benefit in kind or other perquisite allowed, given or granted by any person to **any temporary or permanent** employee other than any amount or sums as or expenses incurred by the employee in the performance of his duties, and from which **is not intended to make any profit or gain**.

For the avoidance of doubt, the totality of the under listed allowances and benefits are inclusive in determining the gross income.

- a. Basic Salary.
- b. Call Duty.
- c. Shift Duty.
- d. Hazard.
- e. Overtime
- f. Inducement
- g. Responsibility
- h. Learned Society Allowance
- i. Research Allowance
- j. Pension of Retired Public Officers.
- k. Rent Allowance/ Subsidy
- l. Transport Allowance
- m. Meal subsidy Allowance
- n. Entertainment Allowance
- o. Utility Allowance
- p. Leave Grant
- q. Teaching Practice
- r. House / Hall Mistress
- s. Head / Dean allowance
- t. Contract Addition
- u. Agency fee/allowance
- v. Wardrobe/dressing allowance
- w. Examination Supervision
- x. Employee's share of profit.
- y. 13<sup>th</sup> Month pay
- z. Acting.

The list above is not exhaustive and while the basic principle applicable in determining the taxability of any payment is the receipt of such payment which is as a result of exercising

or performance of duty with the intention of making gain or profit. On this note, if any employer is in doubt as to whether any payment is to be included in "total pay" such employer should not hesitate to consult relevant tax authority given full details of the circumstances in which the payment is being made.

It is important to stress here that PAYE scheme applies to only employees resident in Nigeria. In line with the provisions of **S. 10 (1) of PITA**, the gain or profit from an employment shall be deemed to be derived from Nigeria if:

- i. The duties of the employment are wholly or partly performed in Nigeria, unless-
  - a) The duties are performed on behalf of an employer who is in a country other than Nigeria and the remuneration of the employee is not borne by a fixed base of the employer in Nigeria;
  - b) The employee is not in Nigeria for a period or periods amounting to an aggregate of 183 days (inclusive annual or temporary period of absence) or more in any twelve month period commencing in a calendar year and ending either within that same year or the following year; and
  - c) The remuneration of the employee is liable to tax in that other country under the provisions of the avoidance or double taxation treaty with that other country;
- ii. The employers is in Nigeria, or has a fixed base in Nigeria.

Meanwhile, it is important to note that employers of labour have prominent roles to play in the process of PAYE collection. Employers of labour are employed as agent of collection. This is in line with the provisions of S. 81 (1) of PITA as amended which provides that income tax chargeable on an employee by an assessment whether or not the assessment has been made, shall, if the relevant tax authority so directs, be recoverable from any emolument paid, or from any payment made on account of the emolument by the employer to the employee. By this provision, **directed-employers** (*those authorize by the relevant tax authority to deduct and remit tax deducted on behalf of the government from any payment of or on any account of emolument made to any employee liable to pay tax in that employment*) are obliged by law to deduct and remit the total tax deducted from the employee's remuneration in a month not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the month of deduction.

### Major Stakeholders in PAYE Collection.

There are three major stakeholders in PAYE operation and these are employers of labour, relevant tax authorities (e.g. **Kwara State Internal Revenue Service**) and the employees.

#### Employer of labour

Within the context of PAYE and its operation "employer of labour" is to be taken, when necessary, to be:-

- a) any person having control of payment of remuneration;
- b) any agent, manager or other representative in Nigeria of any employer who is outside Nigeria;



- c) any agent, manager or other representative in a State of any employer in Nigeria; and
- d) paying officer of Government or any Local Government.

### The concerns of Employer of Labour.

- Ø Major operator of PAYE scheme.
- Ø Collection of Form A on behalf of the employees.
- Ø Ensure correct completion of Form A and its return to relevant tax authority for assessment.
- Ø Ensure prompt monthly deduction and remittance of PAYE due from employees' emolument.
- Ø Preparation and submission of employers' annual returns.
- Ø Deduction and remittance of WHT as applicable and appropriate.
- Ø Make records of deductions available to relevant tax authority for inspection.
- Ø Ensure correct deduction of the tax due.
- Ø To account for tax deducted and remitted during the year.

### Relevant Tax Authority

Relevant tax authority as it relates to individual for a year of assessment means the tax authority of the territory in which the individual is deemed to be resident that year. In Kwara State the relevant tax authority is **Kwara State Internal Revenue Service**.

### The concerns of Relevant Tax Authority

- Ø To issue Notice of Direction to employer of labour (then qualifying them to be Directed –Employer of labour).
- Ø To make relevant documents available for the PAYE operation.
- Ø Process completed Form A to determine the free pay and tax due.
- Ø To issue certificate of free pay and e-TDS (Electronic Tax Deduction Sheet).
- Ø Accept and account for remitted tax.
- Ø Review the employers' annual returns rendered by the employer.
- Ø Ensure correct deduction of the tax due.

### Employee

Employee is defined to include any holder of an appointment of office, whether public or otherwise, for

which remuneration is payable.

### The concerns of employee

- Ø Completion of Form A.
- Ø Declaration of the total (gross) pay.
- Ø Corporation with the employer to make correct deduction.

### Authority to Operate PAYE.

It is mandatory to all employers of labour to register with relevant tax authority in their area of jurisdiction. In line with the provision of Regulation 1 of **Operation of Pay As You Earn Regulations (OPAYER) [S. I. 18 of 2002. 1993 No. 104]** an employer is expected to register with the relevant tax authority for the purpose of deducting income tax from its employees with or without formal notification or direction by the relevant tax authority. For the purpose of completing this registration, the employers are expected apply in writing and to be accompanied with the following documents.

- Ø Certificate of company registration or Business name registration.
- Ø Memorandum and Article of Association.
- Ø Form CAC 02 & 07
- Ø List of staff and payroll
- Ø Where any of the company's staff is a foreigner, the nationality of the staff should be indicated with a copy of the residential and work permit be attached.

It is upon receipt of the above that the relevant tax authority will issue NOTICE OF DIRECTION which will include allocation of a file and reference number to the company which is expected to be quoted in all correspondences with relevant tax authority. By this, it is on instruction that on the satisfaction of the relevant tax authority a Notice of Direction (to operate PAYE) is issued authorizing the employer to deduct and remit tax from any payment of or on account of emolument made to any employee.

It is however, to be noted that the above formalities does not preclude the company to commence immediate deduction and remittance of PAYE upon commencement of payment of salary to the employees. This is corroborated by the provision of Regulation 2 of **OPAYER** which provides that employer of labor shall within six months of the commencement of these regulations, or within six months of commencing a business, deduct tax from emoluments of its employees and remit to the relevant tax authority.

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# KW-IRS VISITS KWARA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Bolaji Abdulkadri



Members of Kwara State House of Assembly

**T**he Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Dr Muritala Awodun in company of the Director Admin and Corporate Affairs, Mr 'Lekan Rotimi, the Director Informal Sector, Mr Olusegun Olaniyi and the Director Legal, Enforcement and Monitoring, Dr Isaac Gbenle were all at the Kwara State House of Assembly on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 to meet the members House committee on Local Government (LG) and Chieftaincy Affairs. In attendance at the House were, Chairman of the Committee, Honourable Shuaib Ahmed, Honourable Egun Owolabi from Ekiti LG, Honourable Aishat Ibrahim from Ilorin East LG, Honourable Kamal Oyekunle Fagbemi from Oke Ogun, Honourable Abdulrafiu Abdulrahman from Ilorin North, Honourable Abdulrasheed Taiwo Abdullahi from Owode Onirin, and Honourable Ahmed Ibn Mohammed from Kaima LG.

The Chairman of the Committee warmly received everyone. He said, they are the representatives of the people, and he added that anything that bothers their people bothers them. He stated that, the reason for the meeting is sequel to issue

discussed at the session in the House on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, which was raised by Hon. Abdulrafiu Abdulrahman titled 'Contradiction arising for the issuance of LG certificate of origin'. He said motions were raised and questions proposed in



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS making a presentation to members of the House of Assembly

the house. He clearly stated that they are aware that the LG citizenship is a constitutional document among other documents which serve as identification to access opportunities at different stages of our national value. So, the high rate of abuse of the citizenship certificate through issuance to non-Kwarans limits the chances of Kwarans accessing great opportunities both nationally and internationally. This act invariably leads to loss of revenue by the State and LG. On this premise was why KW-IRS was given the cabinet responsibility to administer the issuance of the citizenship certificate to Kwara citizens. Therefore, the resistance of the people in the state and institutions calls for alarm and clarity to the house.

Dr Awodun acknowledged the observation, saluted the house and elucidated on the ambiguity stated in the process of the citizenship certificate issuance brought up by a member of the House, Hon. Abdurafiu Abdulrahman. He said the initiative to revamp the process of issuance of the citizenship certificate emerged in July 2016 when it was brought to the notice of the Government the amount of lost revenue and opportunities to those who issue fake citizenship certificates across the State. He explained how it all began with an effective communication to all institutions that the citizenship certificate has been changed.

The second part which gave rise to the initiative was the process. It was

identified that there were lots of leakages affecting the revenue generation in the past. It was due to the Joint Revenue Committee (JRC) meeting involving KW-IRS and the LG and the MoU between us that called for a round table discussion to help collect the LG's revenue, to correct the process of issuance of the citizenship certificate as well as block the leakages and jettison the criminal activities regarding the citizenship collection in the State. Changing the process means that upgrading the application process to an online one. The applicants visit the KW-IRS website to provide their information and takes to the portal to pay online as well. They print out the form afterwards and take it to the LG to the necessary offices to sign before it ends on the Chairman of the LG's desk. Dr Awodun stated that the LG are still the one issuing the certificates and not the KW-IRS, as it was perceived by some spectators.

Dr Awodun also informed those present that at the end of every month at the JRC, LG Chairmen are informed on the latest development concerning all monies received on their behalf including for the certificate issuance and the amount due to each LG is disbursed after 24 hours of the meeting to the respective councils. Dr Awodun clarified the differences between the old certificate and the new one saying that the old certificate could be acquired at every corner of the State without control, while the new one is not the same; it is electronically

configured with lots of digital features embedded in it. For those who complain bitterly on the process of the issuance as well as on the acceptance by institutions and organisations, the collection of the new certificate might not be needed at the moment by some persons but will surely be needed at the time when any concerned agencies, parastatals, ministries, institutions are requesting for the new certificate.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS further explained that revenue loss is not only on the process issuance of the citizenship, it is also significantly lost on other grounds such as issuance to non-Kwarans. He explained this point giving an instance non-indigenes using Kwara LG citizenship certificate to enjoy subsidies meant for Kwarans. For example, at Kwara State University (KWASU), if 1000 non-indigenes pay the sum of N200,000 each for the tuition fee, N200,000,000 will be generated to the State Government. If these 1000 non-indigene students however falsely obtain the citizenship, they will pay N100,000 each for tuition resulting to the generation of N100,000,000 and loss of N100,000,000. On another hand, in the area of opportunities, there are lots of job opportunities for the Kwarans in the Police, Army, and other paramilitary institutions that are lost cheaply to those who had their way manipulating the citizenship certificate. Curbing this menace helps the State amass its revenue better and retain our lost opportunities. And that's what concerns us in KW-IRS.

Dr Awodun succinctly expressed himself on how far the publicity and awareness of the new issuance of the citizenship certificate had gone when a question was raised on how people are still ill-informed about the process. It was clear to the members of the State House, Committee on LG and Chieftaincy affairs that, the KW-IRS is working on the same ground driving forward the development of the State. He also clarified that KW-IRS is not trying to circumvent rules nor is it willing to take the right or power from any Local council.



Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs, Mr Lekan Rotimi making a comment



# THE YOUTH AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

Afuye Adegoke

**I**n preparation for the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) Week which is scheduled to commence on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the President of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) led a team of four other Executive members on a courtesy visit to the Executive Chairman, Dr. Muritala Awodun at his office in the Revenue House of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

As an Entrepreneurship expert, Dr. Awodun fielded questions from the Association on Entrepreneurship which is the point of focus in the NANS Week this year. He spoke about the challenges the Service encountered in generating Revenue in an era of recession, such as Political challenges, societal challenges, ethnic challenges, religious challenges which are not so obvious but are prevalent. For example, some of these challenges include mobilizing revenue from people who had witnessed the transition of one Government to another but who have not benefited from the Government, or the resistance from people who are used to the old method of generating revenue and who are not willing to accept the new method. However, KW-IRS has been able to thrive in the midst of these challenges. Dr. Awodun gave an insight into his background as an Entrepreneur, he mentioned on how he had grown into the leader he is today through the way he sees challenges as an avenue to grow into making something out of nothing, how he learnt to live within challenges, and overcome challenges by building models that will take the challenges into consideration.

He added that the Service has been reputed as the fastest growing agency in the State and also the fastest growing Internal Revenue Service in the country which is as a result of the efforts made by some people, particularly the Government who initiated the reform of the Revenue System. He gave a summary of the events that led to the establishment of KW-IRS which was made possible by the Kwara State Government who crafted the Revenue Administration Law which was signed into law on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2015 after which the State began the implementation on a step by step basis, by getting a Management for the Service and allowing the leadership and Management to design how they want the Service to run. He gave kudos to the Executive Governor who identified the need to have a revenue reform, and who also stood his ground in

making it possible despite all odds, and that is how KW-IRS came into existence.

In addition, he mentioned that everything about Government revolves around revenue hence the need for the revenue reform in the State is on course. For example, the infrastructure projects that everyone is clamoring for cannot be possible without revenue which has made the resources available for the State.

Speaking on the motive behind his support for Entrepreneurship, Dr. Awodun expounded on the fact that as a seasoned Entrepreneur, the principles of Entrepreneurship has affected all that he does in life. In his words, an Entrepreneur has to be creative, innovative, identify opportunities, transform challenges into opportunities, show courage, and be ready to take risks. However, he identified these as a gap in the life of Nigerian youths today as most youths are too dependent on the Government and influential people and are not ready to add value to themselves nor to the society. He stated that this has fueled his passion and interest in filling the gap by introducing the concept of Entrepreneurship to Nigerian Youths and the society at large to serve as a motivation to people who are willing to turn their skills into wealth which will lead to the creation of employment and in so doing, the tax authorities will be able to collect taxes from everyone concerned and the Government will be able to deliver the infrastructure facilities that is required for the development of the State.

In summary, Dr. Awodun stated that Entrepreneurship begins with youths who form the largest percentage of the society. He mentioned that since the society is dominated by youths, they can make a great impact on their environment by identifying that opportunities abound everywhere (in their institutions and communities etc.) and they need to tap into enterprises that can be of immense benefit to all. He charged youths to study their environment and look for opportunities that can translate into business enterprises which will serve the society and meet their needs as well. He further stated that by studying the environment, students can assess areas that are yet to be tapped by others, and improve on them. He explained that it is important for youths to make good use of their skills by becoming less of dependents and more of job creators so that they can bring development to the State and the country at large.

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## EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT OF KWARA STATE ASSOCIATION OF HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS Hajia Yemisi Abdulazeez

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### Can we meet you ma?

My name is Hajia Yemisi Abdulazeez, the State President of Kwara State Association of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists.

### How did you get to know about KW-IRS?

My first contact with KW-IRS officials was in the month of February 2016 at the Artisans Meeting in Edun Secretariat, Ilorin West LGA. The KW-IRS Officials that were present at the time were Mr Lekan Rotimi who is currently the Director of Admin and Corporate Affairs and other members of his team.

### Would you say the establishment of KW-IRS is a good development in Kwara State?

It is very evident that KW-IRS is a good development to Kwara State. We are aware of the recent developments in the State such as the clearing of drainages. We are also aware that the improvement in public facilities is as a result of tax payment. That is why in our association, we strive to ensure the prompt payment of our taxes. Given the success rate so far in Kwara State, we believe that the establishment of KW-IRS was no mistake at all.

### We appreciate your association for the level of compliance in tax payment in Kwara State. As the President of Kwara State Association of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists, how have you been able to mobilise members of your association to pay taxes?

It has been a very BIG task for both the ExcOs and myself. We split ourselves into six groups, some people go to Kwara North and some to Kwara South while two groups are in Kwara Central, thus we cover the entire 16 LGAs. In addition to that, we usually have a meeting on Monday Morning every week to provide avenue for all members present to pay their revenue to date. As a matter of fact, one of the staff of the Informal Sector of KW-IRS is usually present on our meeting days to collect the revenue.

### How will you measure the level of compliance of the hairdressers and cosmetologists to tax payment in Kwara State?

So far, members of my association have been



compliant in the payment of taxes. We are even expecting the next payment next week. About 85% of the association members are compliant in the payment of their taxes. We monitor the remittance of members outside Kwara Central through weekly meetings between the Executives of our association.

### In conclusion, what is your final word for the hairdressers, cosmetologists and artisans at large, in relation to the Community Impact Programme that is being done by KW-IRS?

My final word to my colleagues who form part of the artisan congress is that we should support the Government in making the State better. We should ensure that we don't relent in informing members of the importance of tax payment. For example we are currently building our secretariat, and we hope to complete it by next year. We believe that as we are diligent in paying our taxes, very soon the CIP Project of KW-IRS will be beneficial to our association too, so that it will serve as a means of encouragement to members of our association.



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