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PLAY YOUR PART, PAY YOUR TAX, AND BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

Milton Friedman put the capitalism model succinctly by saying, there is one and only one social responsibility of business and that is to use its resources and engage in activities that continue to increase profit. This capitalist position has since changed as the society moves from being driven by industrialization to technology and now knowledge.

The 3 G of growth under the capitalism model revolves around growth that is consistent, growth that is competitive and growth that is profitable. Today there is a paradigm shift, and organizations that will thrive in this age of knowledge must be ready to embrace the fourth G of growth which is captioned as growth that is responsible.

Social responsibility has been described as the only way that can bring about the creation of sustainable value. This is so because it not only yields economic value, but also social value that can sustain the growth of any organization. In the race to make money, organizations around the world have started to be more concerned about not only how to make money but also how to do good to the society by being responsible. The focus of attention of organizations that will survive in this knowledge age must therefore shift from just being profitable, but on how to become great

organizations and also have a great environment around us?

The answer to the above question is found in 'doing well by doing good'. We may want to quickly ask, how do we make this happen? The only way to make this happen is found in the leadership. The leadership of the organizations that will do well by doing good should be able to define the roles of their organizations in the society such that the focus of the organizations should be much larger than the

It is therefore with joy in our hearths that we embrace the Kwara State Government resolve to, not only start the Infrastructure Fund Kwara (IF-K), but go the extra mile to set up the Infrastructure Fund Implementation Committee to ensure that several of the on-going projects in the State can now be assured of funding and the hope of completion of such projects have been rekindled. Moreover, the new projects that the government have promised to embark upon can also be rolled out, with the clearly designed arrangement that the Internally Generated

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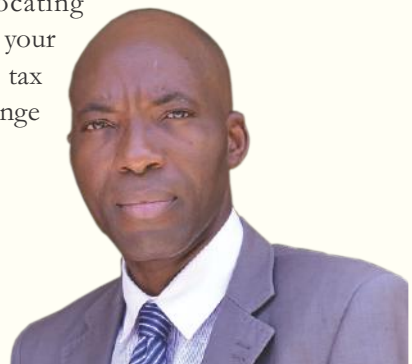
products that the organization is known for. The leadership should be able to define the values and purpose of the organization clearly, and it is only such organizations that can be referred to as the organizations of tomorrow.

What are our roles and purpose at Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, you may want to ask? it is not to mobilize revenue only but to bring about positive changes in Kwara State that will bring about development. In other words the focus of attention of KW-IRS in the immediate, is principally on how to, through our actions, change people's lives through some small actions which we have wrapped up in our community impact programme focusing on education, environment, enterprise, empowerment and employment.

In the medium to long term, however, it is not just about mobilizing revenue, but ensuring that the revenue, so mobilized, are channel towards making positive changes that are consistent and sustainable which would lead to development. We therefore have our attention focused on how our small actions will bring about the consistent and sustainable changes that the society is asking for.

Revenue of the State will be channeled appropriately towards the infrastructural development of the State, thus allaying the fears of the populace on the sincerity of government in the application of the revenue collected appropriately to the benefit of the residents of the State.

This therefore further confirms the fact that the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service is indeed the catalyst or change agent that will bring about the expected change that Kwara State has been waiting for as you begin to see taxpayers' money at work. In this edition of our monthly publication, we are therefore advocating that you 'play your part, pay your tax and be the change you want to see'.



Muritala Awodun, PhD
Executive Chairman
Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS)

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Executive Chairman, KW-IRS Dr Muritala Awodun presenting cheque to Olofa of Offa

KW-IRS DONATES ₦5M TO OWODE MARKET SHOP CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

AbdulHakeem AbdulRahman

It is often said that a man's word is his bond. At KWIRS our word is not only our bond but also our brand. It is in keeping with this commitment of walking the talk that the management and staff of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) led by the Executive Chairman, Dr Muritala Awodun on Tuesday, 2nd August 2016 visited the Palace of Olofa of Offa to redeem the pledge of support for the Owode Market Project. The visit was in fulfilment of the KW-IRS promise earlier made to the people of Offa to help in the roofing and ceiling of the reconstruction of the Owode Market.

Present at the meeting were His Royal Majesty, the Olofa of Offa, Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi Okikiola Esuwoye II, the Secretary General, Offa Descendants Union (ODU), Chief (Mrs.) Wosilat Atinuke MCarthy, President of Offa Artisans, Mr

Adewumi Wasiu, Offa Chiefs, and the Owode Market Executives which included the Babaloja & Iyaloja, among others.

In his opening remarks, Dr Awodun congratulated the Olofa of Offa on the victory recently recorded in the final court judgement, and prayed for more success and development for the people of Offa. He recalled that KW-IRS made a pledge to support the reconstruction of the burnt shops at the Owode Market, Offa with a donation of N5 million. He informed those present that the needs of the people were of high priority to the Service and it would have taken an expeditious step to support the market at the first visit but for the projects that were being executed at that moment which included fencing of Kara Market in Ajase-Ipo and the reconstruction of the burnt shops at Baboko Market in Ilorin.

Dr Awodun stated that it was easy to fulfil the pledge for support because of the executive support received from His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kwara state Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed who is not only passionate about the welfare of the citizens of Kwara but also gave the Service the approval to include the community Impact Program in its activities. He therefore presented the cheque to the Olofa of Offa on behalf of the Governor of the State for the roofing of the reconstructed shops of the market.

The Secretary General, Offa Descendants Union (ODU), Chief (Mrs) McCarthy appreciated the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS and his team for their enviable reputation saying that it is a mark of honour to keep to one's word. She disclosed that much has been expended in the reconstruction of the Owode Market following the fire disaster on which the Olofa alone has expended over

N25 million. She however confirmed and appreciated the Olofa's unflinching support and commitment towards advocating for the Service. In her concluding statement, the Secretary General assured the KW-IRS team and Owode Marketers that work would begin without delay and completion would not exceed a week.

HRM, the Olofa of Offa appreciated the people of Offa for embracing the KW-IRS mandates, and applauded the management for their great sense of responsibility and responsiveness which was manifested in keeping to their words. He added that he had assured the people of Offa that the Service would certainly keep its promise. He promised that he would complement the effort and support of KW-IRS by paying N3 million debt of suppliers and expected the Government to take the responsibility of painting the Market which will cost N4 million before commissioning.

Olofa therefore appealed to the Marketers to emulate the “promised and fulfilled” precept of KW-IRS when he said, “the Government of the day is the Government of Offa. The more you pay your taxes, the more you gain”. He added that the development of Lagos State is attributed to the significance of paying taxes accepting the fact that oil has lost its value so looking inward for self-sufficiency is the best option. The President of Offa Artisans Union, Mr. Oyewumi Wasiu appreciated the management of KW-IRS for their ingenuity to positively impact on the lives of the people through a convincing approach, the Community Impact Programme (CIP) from which the people of Offa as beneficiaries have just been given a sum of N5 million for the roofing and ceiling of Owode Market in Offa. Speaking on behalf of Offa Artisans, Mr Wasiu assured the KW-IRS team that they would respond positively and meaningfully to any form of taxes that is due to them and would help in advocating for the Service.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS thanked the Olofa and his people for the kind words. He posited that Trust is one of the core values by which the Service operates and this was just an opportunity for the people to see that. He enjoined the people of Offa to ensure the donation is used quickly to ensure the market people are able to conduct their business in a safe and dignified environment.



Secretary General of Offa Descendants Union (ODU) Chief (Mrs) Macarthy and Chiefs



Owode Market Executives at the palace of Olofa of Offa



KW-IRS Management and Staff at the palace of Olofa of Offa



President of Offa Artisans expressing appreciation on behalf of his members



Olofa of Offa, addressing the Press



Staff of KW-IRS and some members of the community during the campaign

KW-IRS LEADS ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN: ADMONISHES RESIDENTS TO BE THE CHANGE THEY WANT TO SEE

AbdulHakeem AbdulRahman

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) has commenced sensitization campaign on how to make Kwara roads and environment clean. The Executive Chairman of KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun, who led KW-IRS team on Saturday 27 August during its monthly Community Impact Program said the awareness campaign became imperative as the change that everyone was clamouring for cannot be achieved by folding our arms. He explained that the precarious condition of our roads is not only the responsibility of the government but also that of the residents of Kwara. He added that the careless way in which refuse is dump into our gutters has led to the blockage of the gutters and water spilling on our roads. Thus destroying the roads.

Dr. Awodun said the sensitization campaign was informed by the need to make Kwara neat, adding that the clearing of drainage is to allow for free flow of water and avoid blockages. According to him, the patching of potholes which began with Tanke-University of Ilorin road would soon be extended to other axis like Asa Dam road, Sango and many others.

The exercise, he said, will serve as a temporary measure of making our roads to last long. Dr. Awodun said plans have been completed to purchase 40 tricycles that would be used to clear waste on a daily basis. He disclosed that nylon where the waste will be packed will also be distributed to households.

He admonished residents of Tanke in particular and the State in general to take ownership of their environment. This explained is necessary if we must see the desired change. He concluded that for things to change positively every resident must endeavor to be the change they want to see.

The Saturday exercise was championed by the Change Team of KW-IRS a team of 44 staff who recently concluded a Capacity Building Workshop at the KW-IRS Training School. This was also in collaboration with the Ministries of Environment and KWARTMA with the support of the Ministry of Works.



Executive Chairman and staff of KW-IRS during the Environmental Campaign



Executive Chairman addressing the Men of the Press



Tax Payers money at work. Clearing of drainages by KW-IRS



Tax Payers money at work. Clearing dirt and fixing pot holes on the road



Cattle at Noble Ranch



Demonstration of e-tagging process

KW-IRS COMMENCE CATTLE TAX (JANGALI) COLLECTION

AbdulHakeem AbdulRahman

In continuation of its efforts to drive change and stimulate the transformation of tax processes and procedures in Kwara State, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) on Saturday, 6 August 2016 commenced collection of cattle tax popularly known as *Jangali*. The Deputy Director, Informal Sector, Mr. Lekan Rotimi, led the staff of the Informal Sector Directorate to the Noble Ranch, located at Ogidi, Oloje, Ilorin South Local Government Area (LGA) of Kwara State.

In his opening remarks, Mr 'Lekan Rotimi explained that things are no longer what they used to be in the past, hence, the need to embrace technology so as to achieve the expected result at optimal level. He stressed the significance of the Kwara Resident Identification Number (KRIN) which is aimed at aiding the Government in its planning policies and urged all residents of Kwara State to support the scheme for them not to be excluded from essential public services and benefits.

Mr 'Lekan Rotimi explained that three parties are involved in the process of cattle tax collection; KW-IRS as the tax collector, cattle owner as the taxpayer and technical partner who will facilitate the process through technological input. He charged that the three parties have to work interchangeably for success to be

attained on their given assignment.

Explaining to the cattle stakeholders present at the flag off of cattle tax collection, the Unit Head, Cattle Tax, Mr. Bello Mohammed who is also in charge of the automation of the process of collection under the Informal Directorate, gave an insight on the two processes involved for the collection of cattle tax. The process which he stated as the offline and online phases would make connection convenient and will function with or without internet access. To demonstrate this, the Chairman, Noble Ranch, Alhaji Oba Ajara, was registered on the database and card was issued to him. In the offline phase, cows are tagged using the Quick Response popularly called the QR code which can be scanned with a QR enabled device. This process is an

electronic process and what the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) calls eTagging. It is important to note at this juncture that every eTagged cow will be linked to its owner's card. This makes it easy for monitoring and enforcement team to do their job. Alhaji Ajara flagged off the cattle tax collection by paying for the cattle in his ranch.

In his remarks, Alhaji Ajara expressed that the process is extremely important; giving that technology has become a key factor. Therefore, the Service has chosen to tread on the best path by adopting the method of electronic tagging. He explained that that cattle were used to being tethered in the past but such cannot be adopted anymore. He further highlighted the need for the government to enforce the use of slaughterhouses which



View of an e-tagged cow

would reduce the theft of cattle. Alhaji. Ajara further pledged to manifest absolute sincerity when it comes to declaring the number of his cattle. He stated that short changing the government is not to either party's advantage.

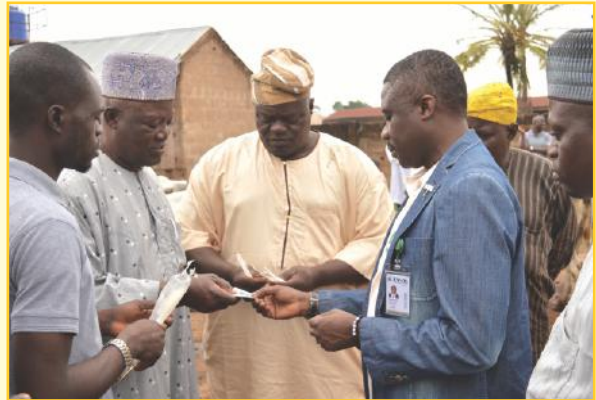
According to the Deputy Director, Informal Sector, in an interview he granted the Kwareve News team, he explained that a substantial amount is expected from the *jangali* project

having realised from the survey recently carried out that some individuals have as many as 200 or more cattle and considering the law provides the rate per cow to be N300, it is indeed an advantage on the revenue side. However, *“what is expected of the government through the Service is basically what will be given back to herdsmen, because if they could take a moral obligation to fulfil their civic obligation, it is also necessary for the government to show responsiveness to some of their needs”*.

Mr. 'Lekan Rotimi further stated that the technology in place is an indigenous one that takes into cognisance the peculiarity of the State, so practicable measures will be taken to sustain it. He added that as soon as they are successfully done with the collection in the Kwara Central the process will be replicated in other senatorial districts, most especially Kwara North.



Offline registration of Alhaji Oba Ajara by KW-IRS Staff



Deputy Director, Informal Sector Mr. Lekan Rotimi presenting tags to Alhaji Oba Ajara



Online registration of Alhaji Oba Ajara by a technical partner



Alhaji Oba Ajara taking KW-IRS Staff round Noble Ranch



Group photograph of KW-IRS Staff, herdsmen and technical partners

TAXPRENEURSHIP: IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE AND VALUES

As we continue in our development of the concept of taxprenneurship, the focus of attention is being shifted early and rightly to the people and value factors in entrepreneurship. Every organization is built around people and values and a tax organization cannot be an exception. More than may be required even by other organizations, tax agencies are primarily driven by people and values.

The people given the responsibilities to determine through assessment, collect whatever is assessed, and enforce collections where the people are reluctant have to possess the right and appropriate values to do the job and accomplish their targets. In doing so there are always so many people oriented challenges that have to be dealt with. Right from assessment to enforcement the tax collectors interface with people, either directly or indirectly.

This singular reason is more than enough to justify why the people to be saddled with the responsibilities of revenue mobilization must be the 'right' kind of people, and must have the 'right' kind of values. If the people are right and the values of both the people and the organization are right, then the job will be done rightly.

This is why the concept of taxprenneurship must revolve around the people to survive. The people selected to serve must be given the appropriate orientation that will make the people to be served ready to receive and accept their service. It is more necessary in our own society where values have been so destroyed that the tax collector must be seen to be a person that can be trusted with the people's money.

What are the characteristics of a taxprenneur? It is obvious that for one to be regarded as a taxprenneur, such a person must be creative and innovative. However, beyond these are other required traits of being hardworking, diligent, target driven, team player, accountable, responsive and reliable. These features are obviously not exhaustive but it is important to note that issues relating to tax administration is practically moving away from the

conventional, hence the need for exceptionally brilliant people.

Following the above, we set out at KW-IRS to select and recruit people that have these characteristics and thus have put in place, from the onset the criteria that will assist in achieving it. Our cream of staff were carefully chosen within the limits of what the society can provide, and we augmented with an immediate training programme that was meant to fill in the gaps observed.

More importantly is the fact that as an organization, we carefully and appropriately put our values together presenting them to the crop of staff and making them realize they have to live with those core values.

Our core values acronym SHIRT addressed the issue of service that the people recruited are expected to render to the people of Kwara. It also brought to the fore the fact that the service must be rendered in all honesty. Honest service to the organization and the society cannot be compromised and this is rightly captured by the core values. At the heart of these values is the integrity of the service and the servant. For us to be able to sustain whatever service we have packaged for the society, we realized that we must be responsible and trustworthy. So in showing concern for the society through our community impact programmes, we have to solicit and elicit trust through service.

The 21st century tax administrator, which is what we are out to build must thus be able to diligently serve the people, honestly serve the people, and responsibly serve the people. The sustainability of the tax administration process particularly in a period of recession requires ingenuity on the part of the people given the responsibility to serve and they should not only be ready to do so but must be ready to go the extra mile for the people.

Taxprenneurship is therefore about the people and the values. If the people given the opportunity to do the job are right and their values are also right, they will be able to do the right things and do them right too.

The 21st century tax administrator, which is what we are out to build must thus be able to diligently serve the people, honestly serve the people, and responsibly serve the people.



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS being screened by one of the officers



Credentials of KW-IRS staff being screened by one of the officers

KWARA STATE GOVERNMENT SCREENS STAFF OF KW-IRS

AbdulHakeem AbdulRahman

In a bid to have an accurate data of the total workforce of the Kwara State Government both at the State and Local Government level, the Kwara State Government commenced a detailed staff screening earlier this year. The Screening is intended to match the overhead wage bill against the physical personnel employed by the state. It would also ascertain that those candidates with appropriate qualifications are employed to work at the various ministries and

Parastatals of the state as well as fish out ghost workers.

Despite the autonomy granted the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) at inception which distinguishes it from the modus operandi of the civil service, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) as the collection arm of the Kwara State Government was scheduled to commence the screening of its staff from Monday, 15 August 2016 through Wednesday, 17 August 2016 at the IT department of the Government House. In

compliance, staff of the Service went en masse with their appointment letters, confirmation letters, identification cards and the originals of their credentials to be screened.

The screening exercise which also included the management team of KW-IRS was a huge success with very positive response from the consultants handling the screening exercise. The success is traced to the efficiency of the Human Resources Department of the KW-IRS which had previously screened its workforce.



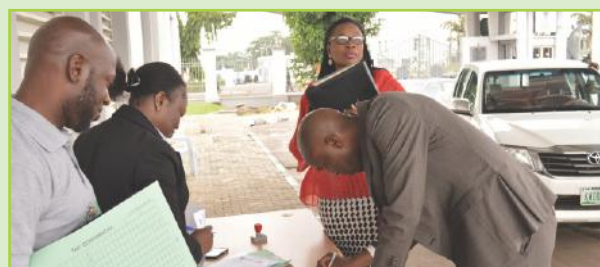
One of the stages of KW-IRS staff screening exercise



Director, Admin and Corporate Affairs registering her biometric information



Executive Chairman registering his biometric information



Executive Chairman verifying his BVN

KW-IRS HOSTS OFFICIALS FROM THE TAX ACADEMY OF THE CHATTERED INSTITUTE OF TAXATION OF NIGERIA (CITN)

AbdulHakeem AbdulRahman



KW-IRS Management Staff and Officials of CITN Tax Academy

A

5-man team from Tax Academy of the Chattered Institute Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) on 4 August

2016 visited the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). The purpose of the visit was to seek partnership with the Service in the area of capacity building of the staff in order to drive an effective and efficient tax system. In her welcome address, the Director of Admin and Corporate Affairs, Mrs. Adenike Babajamu appreciated the visit as she hoped it would induce a more cordial relationship between KW-IRS and the Chattered Institute Taxation of Nigeria (CITN). She conveyed the greetings of the Executive Chairman, Dr. Muritala Awodun who was ably represented by the Director, MDAs, Mr. Segun Olaniyi

Speaking on the purpose of the visit, the Team Lead, Prof. A.A. Owojori explained that the academy is working diligently in collaboration with the National University Commission

(NUC) to incorporate Tax Education Programmes into the academic curriculum of the Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete and Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin. He recommended that to achieve this, the input of professionals from the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is required considering the remarkable achievements of the Service thus far. He added that Nasarawa State University is set for an adjustment of their academic curriculum to fit into this programme.

The Director, MDAs, Mr Segun Olaniyi explained that the Management of KW-IRS is always committed to learning as learning is one of the prerequisite to measure performance at the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). He stressed that this has equipped the Management and staff of the Service to technically solve some of the challenges encountered by the Service at inception. He explained that the Service is ready to expend as much resources as necessary to

continue to train the staff having seen the programme introduced by the Tax Academy as a rare opportunity with reference to the existing relationship the Service has enjoyed with CITN.

The Director, Tax Audit & Assessment (TAA), Alhaji. Nuhu Olaide Muhammed in his contributions, appreciated the CITN Tax Academy for their positive idea which he said could have come into existence a long before now as it could have averted some of the challenges the country is facing right now. He apprised that taxation is the profession of the moment and it is all about dynamism and updates. In agreement with Director, TAA, the Director, High Net- worth Individual and Corporate Organisations Alhaja. Iyabo Abubakar and Deputy Director of Informal Sector, Mr Lekan Rotimi appreciated the information made available to the Service. They unanimously agree that the proposed programme proves that taxation is key for self-sufficiency now that oil price has radically dropped.



Team Lead, CITN Tax Academy officials addressing KW-IRS team

Professor. E. O Nwadiakor a member of the Academy explained that the Mandatory Profession Training Programme (MPTP) for CITN members is scheduled for 21st and 22nd October, 2016. He appealed to the Management of KW-IRS to send their staff to participate in the annual event. He further informed the Management of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) of the programmes for first, second and doctoral degrees in Taxation which the CITN Tax Academy has in place for all. He added that accreditation has been a major constraint in most universities but the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) will not relent in ensuring that the proposed courses get accredited

The KW-IRS Director of Admin & Corporate Affairs, Mrs. Adenike Babajamu in her votes of thanks appreciated the visiting team for their ideas and charged them for a better relationship.



CITN Tax Academy officials



KW-IRS Management Staff



Director, MDAs addressing CITN team



Director, MDAs presenting souvenir to officials of CITN Tax Academy



Director, MDAs receiving proposal from CITN Tax Academy Team Lead



Discussion between KW-IRS Management Team and CITN Tax Academy Officials

KWARA STATE REVENUE ADMINISTRATION LAW: LAYMAN'S DIGEST

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The Kwara State Revenue Administration Law 2016 (as amended) is the Law creating a new regime of Taxation in Kwara State and established the KW-IRS through the Section 1, with the power to mobilize revenue for the strategic development of the State. The Law was signed into law on the 22nd day of June 2015 by the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alh,(Dr) Abdulfatah Ahmed.

Introduction

This write up seeks to discuss briefly the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law 2016 (as amended) and its relationship to Tax Administration in Kwara State. It is understandable that the Law is enacted to enhance revenue mobilization in the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), the proper understanding of the application of the Law becomes apposite to guide the staff and the public at large. This write up looks at the establishment and functions, powers, mode of payment, assessment and revision of assessment, enforcement and various offences and penalty.

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For the purpose of this work, the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law will herein be referred to as Law.

Before the discussion on the application of the Law, it will be very important to speak briefly on the applicability of both the Act of the National Assembly and that of the State House of Assembly. The legislations from the National Assembly are called "Act" while that of the State is called "Law". The Act of the National Assembly has over-riding effect in Nigeria while that of the State is only peculiar to the States establishing that Law.

It should also be noted that, the Act does have operational effect on State, especially when there is a gap in the State legislations, example of such Acts are the Taxes and Levies Approved List of Collection 2015(as amended) and the Personal Income Tax Act 2011 (as amended) which implies that, the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law cannot be read in isolation, references must to be made to other relevant Laws of the National Assembly.

Kwara State Revenue Administration Law,Relevance to Staff and General Public

The Tax Administration in Kwara State took a new regime with the enactment of the Law and the Law also established the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). The staff and general public is expected to be conversant with the provisions of the Law so as to enable and ensure professionalism, competency and corporate due diligence.

This article will discuss briefly the legal framework as categorised below;

- Establishment
- Powers
- Mode of payment, Assessment and Revision of Assessment
- Enforcement
- Offences and Penalty

Establishment

The Law by its Section 1 established the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) to be a Corporate

Body with perpetual succession and a common seal, it has the power to sue and be sued in its own name. The Service may acquire, hold and dispose of any property or interest in property. By Section 21 and 30, the Law makes KW-IRS the sole body responsible for revenue mobilization in Kwara State. It further empowers the Service to assess, collect, enforce, collaborate with Parastatals, ensure compliance, collaborates with Law Enforcement Agency and to collate and keep state policies on revenue mobilization.

Among other things, the Law established the Local Government Revenue Committee (LGRC) and State Joint Revenue Committee (SJRC). The LGRC is comprised of 6 members to be chaired by the Supervisor of Finance. They are responsible for the assessment and collection of all taxes, fines, rate, charges and other revenue items under their jurisdiction. The SJRC is comprised of the Executive Chairman of KW-IRS, the Chairman of each Local Government Revenue Committee or Local Government Chairman, Representative of State Ministry of Local Government not below the rank of a Director, Legal Adviser and the Secretary of the Committee, who shall be a member of staff of KW-IRS. It is the responsibility of the committee to harmonize tax administration in the State.

Powers

With respect to the powers bestowed on the Service, the Executive Chairman of KW-IRS as enshrined in Section 4 of the law has among others, the power to execute policies and the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Internal Revenue Service. Section 18 also permits the Service to accept gift in form of money or other property but states clearly that the Service shall not accept such gift if the condition attached to it are inconsistent with its functions.

KW-IRS is also empowered through the Law to borrow by way of loan, overdraft with the approval of the House of Assembly, notification of the Ministry of Finance and the clearance of the Executive Governor of the State.

Sections 34 and 35 give power to an officer of KW-IRS authorized by the Executive Chairman, to within the hours of 9am-4pm have free access to all lands, buildings, places, and to all books and documents, whether in the custody or under the control of a public offer, institution, or any other person. This also includes the inspection of documents stored or maintained on computers, or on digital, magnetic, optical or electronic media and any property, process or matter which the officer considers necessary or relevant for the purpose of collection of tax.

The Law also vests on the Service the power to enter, inspect and seize any material necessary for the collection of tax. In exercising this power, the Law empowers the Service to co-opt enforcement officers whenever necessary. In addition to the above powers, the Law also empowers the Service through audit to call for necessary documents for the purpose of the exercise. Any taxpayer who defaults in the payment of his tax after demand could be fined appropriately.

The Service is saddled with the responsibility to issue Tax Clearance Certificate. It is also part of the Law for the Service to appoint or engage a person or company in the exercise of its duties. The Service also has power to investigate a taxpayer, which could either be done by the Service or through the enforcement agencies. The Law permits the tax authority to appoint an agent for a taxpayer, where the person has established himself in a manner to conclude as such.

Mode of Payment, Assessment and Revision of Assessment

For proper accountability and efficiency, the Law stipulates the mode by which payment can be made which includes; cash, bank draft, electronic debit or credit card, or money transfer into any of the banks designated by the Board or the Chairman of the relevant Local Government Council entitled to such revenue. It should be noted at this juncture that cash collection is only allowed in very rare cases.

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The Law made provision for assessment of taxes on income of taxpayer. The process further involves the computation or ascertainment of the tax liability of eligible taxpayers. The tax authority is empowered to serve a Demand Notice on the taxpayer in whose name a tax is chargeable and if payment is not made within one month from the date of the service of such demand notice, the Service may proceed to enforce payment under the Law.

The Law provides that where a taxpayer disputes on assessment, he may apply to the Board by notice of objection in writing to review and to revise the assessment. It states further that the application of such shall state precisely the grounds of objection. This can be done by the objector within 30 days from the date of notice of assessment.

It is significant to state that after review, the tax authority is required to serve on the taxpayer notice of the amount of the tax chargeable as determined by the Service.

Enforcement

Section 38 of the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law empowers the Kwara State Internal Revenue to distrain. The Law provides that notwithstanding any other power conferred on the relevant tax authority for the enforcement of payment of tax due from a taxable person that has been properly served with an assessment which has become final and conclusive and a demand notice has been served upon the person in accordance with the provisions of this part of the Law, or has been served upon the taxable person, then, if payment of tax is not made within the time specified by the demand notice, the relevant tax authority may, in the prescribed form, for the purpose of enforcing payment of tax due. The Service can;

- Distrain the taxpayer by his goods, other chattels, bonds or other properties, movable or immovable
- Distrain upon any land, premises or places in respect of which the taxpayer is the owner and, subject to the following provisions of the Law; recover the amount of tax due by sale of anything so distrained.

Offences and Penalty

In ensuring that the Law on Tax Administration is respected and safeguarded, the Law made provisions with respect to offences and penalty to deter potential offenders from committing the offence. It empowers the Chief Judge of Kwara to post Magistrate to Revenue Court to try tax

cases expeditiously. In the Law, certain offences were created together with their punishment. This is contained from section 56 to 65, they include;

- Failure to remit or deduct tax
- Failure to pay tax, levy or other revenue
- Obstruction of authorised officers
- Untrue declarations
- Counterfeiting documents
- Connivance to contradict the law
- Impersonating revenue collector.

Conclusion

By and large, the signing into law of the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law is commendable and a good effort, especially for the commencement of a Tax Administration Regime in Kwara State with enhanced technology and Human Resource. Staff are greatly implored to ensure that their dealings with taxpayers are guided by the provisions of the Law, while the general public is also encouraged to act within the confines of the Law.

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Kwara State Revenue Administration Law 2016 (as amended)

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CATTLE TAX (JANGALI)

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Cattle Tax popularly known as *Jangali*, has been in existence since 1985 as provided for in the Kwara State Cap C4, Cattle tax law. It is a tax paid by cattle farmers on their cattle. It is important to note that 'cattle' in the Kwara State Cap C4, includes other animals like heifer, oxen, calves, steers, cows, goat, sheep and lambs. The collection of *Jangali* in Kwara state is backed by the Kwara State Cap C4 law on Cattle Tax which came into limelight for the first time in the year 1985, amended 1999 and 2006 respectively. It is imperative to recognise that the law also specified the amount to be collected which is N300 on cows, bullock, cow, heifer, steers and N100 on goats, sheep and lamb.



eTagged cattle, a laminated QR coded card would be seen on the tail of such cattle.

One of the reasons that necessitated the signing to law of the Kwara State Administrative Law No.6 of 2015 that established the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) by the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji. Abdulfatah Ahmed was poor performance by the defunct Board of Internal Revenue and leakages of revenue collected. Consequently the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) was given the mandate to block all leakages, eliminate multiple taxation, provide convenient means of collection and grow the revenue of the State. The KW-IRS was therefore given a target of 32 billion naira as its budget for the year 2016. To realize the given target, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) strategized on splitting its budget on a progressive growth so as to make it realisable without putting undue burden on the populace.

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) spread the 32 billion naira budget into a quarterly breakdown of 1.2 billion naira monthly to realize a total of 4.6 billion naira in the first quarter, 2.4 million monthly to generate 6.6 billion naira the second quarter. Progressively, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) was able to collect a total of 8.09 billion naira for the first half of year 2016. This is a laudable performance when compared with the 7 billion naira collected by the old Board for the whole of 2015. For the third and fourth quarter of the year 2016, is required to double her performance with an average of 3.3 billion monthly for the rest of the year.

To meet up with this target, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service

(KW-IRS) have to look within so as to identify potential areas for achieving the set target hence, the revisit of the Cattle Tax law, Cap C4, cattle tax law of 1985 which allows tax payment on all cattle.

It is no doubt that the re-introduction of the cattle tax by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) came with a lot of misconceptions and apprehensions among citizens of the state leading to questions such as: What is the payment modality? What is eTagging and how can one identify tagged cattle? What are the benefits for the payment of Jangali? Will KW-IRS be visiting homes to enumerate cattle? Will stray sheep, rams & goats be taxed? Does cattle tax eliminates other cattle revenue collections?

It is important to first clarify the

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misconceptions about the Fulani herdsman who constitute the major tax payers of *Jangali*. People wrongly perceived the Fulani tribe as destitute and impoverished tribe and this is absolutely incorrect considering the quantum of cattle in the custody of the Fulani. Although the Fulanis are sentimentally attached to their cattle about their cattle yet they believe in the supremacy of their traditional rulers and the acceptance of whatever decision they make on their behalf. It is therefore not surprising in reaching out to the Fulanis, the Management KW-IRS thought it wise to first secure the buy-in of the traditional rulers.

At the Cattle Tax Stakeholders' meeting organized by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) on 21 July, 2016 the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji. Dr. Sulu Gambari and Traditional Rulers throughout the state, gave their support to the collection of cattle tax and appealed for the support of all cattle holders. However one of the major concerns of stakeholders was the collection approach to be used by KW-IRS. The collection modality adopted by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is the use of pre-loaded POS machine which are configured to work on/offline.

To further ease the process of cattle tax collection for the Fulani tribe and cattle stakeholders in general, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) have opted to partner with the two key associations of Cattle farmers, the Miyeti Allah and Jamul-Nati-Fulbe who know cattle sellers in their community, understand the business and speak their language. This will make collection stress free for KW-IRS and the advantage of cattle tax payment will be well

communicated to the cattle owners.

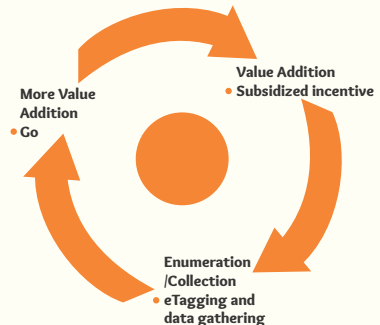
The eTagging process introduced by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is QR (Quick Response) coded. This embeds and encrypts data only readable by NFC (Near Field Communication) enabled device. When an eTagged cattle is scanned with the QR coded enabled device, it gives all the required details of the scanned cattle. The QR code is a technology adopted by KW-IRS for easy enumeration, identification of cattle owner as well as the payment status of a particular cattle. eTag also help to identify a healthy and already vaccinated cattle. eTag will reduce cattle theft and rustling and allow the cattle to enjoy the free, secured and monitored grazing reserves to be provided in the North, Central and Southern parts of Kwara State. An eTagged cattle will have a laminated QR coded card attached to its tail.

As part of the strategy to encourage compliance and also add value to the collection drive, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) has secured the approval of the Executive Governor Dr Ahmed Abulfatah to provide boreholes in the Fulani settlements. The service also intends to extend her Community Impact Program (CIP) to communities who are compliant.

As against the various speculations that the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) intends to access the premises of Kwarans for cattle enumeration, KW-IRS will only deal with individuals who engage in cattle business. These individuals are known by the Service and the

approved consultant on this project and they are the target for cattle tax collection. It is also important to note that stray animals are not to be taxed neither will they be confiscated by the state government. Lastly, the payment of cattle tax does not stop the payment of other cattle revenue charged on cattle business owners such as tickets issued at the abattoirs, meat inspection fee, etc.

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The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service has not limited driving cattle tax to itself. Rather, stakeholders are encouraged to support and work with the service. This will engender voluntary compliance and would bring about efficiency and smooth revenue collection.



Process of e Tagging the cattle

CO-OPERATE WITH KW-IRS - OLOMU OF OMU-ARAN

Yetunde Elegboja

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun on 3 June 2016 led the management and staff of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) to the palace of HRH. Oba Charles Oladele Ibitoye, the Olomu of Omu-Aran as part of the Service's advocacy campaign in Kwara South Senatorial district. The essence of the meeting was to seek the support of His Royal Highness, the Olomu of Omu-Aran for the Service, receive his prayers and jointly agree on convenient mode of collection for Omu-Aran putting in cognisance the peculiarity of each community.

After paying homage to the Olomu of Omu-Aran, HRH. Oba. Charles Oladele Ibitoye, Dr. Muritala Awodun, EC, KW-IRS gave a background to the establishment of the Service. He explicated on the reasons for the establishment of KW-IRS which is to ensure accountability, block leakages and eliminate multiple taxation. Dr Awodun said the Joint Revenue Committee (JRC) inaugurated by His Excellency, Alhaji. Abdulfatah Ahmed gave room for cordial relationship between KW-IRS and the Local Government Council.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS however explained to His Royal Majesty the reason why KW-IRS took over some collections on behalf of the local governments. He clarified that this was done with the consent of the local government Chairmen to synchronize collection and eliminate multiple taxation. Dr. Awodun stressed that money collected on behalf of the local governments are given back to the local governments. Shedding light on the importance of support for the demands of KW-IRS, Dr. Awodun gave a breakdown of the decline in the Federal Allocation



Olomu of Omu-Aran, HRH Oba Charles Oladele Ibitoye

shared to Kwara State which used to be N3billion and has witnessed a continuous downward trend since the beginning of the year.

The Olomu of Omu-Aran, Oba. Charles Olaide Ibitoye admonished the chiefs and the council members present to cooperate with the demands of KW-IRS because the State needs money for development in view of the crash in Federal Allocation. He enumerated the importance of sensitization of the people of Omu-Aran and Kwarans in general because "when there is no law, there is no crime". As a former secretary of the Board of Internal Revenue (BIR) in the year 1984 during the days of the then Chairman, Mr. Omitayo, the Olomu of Omu-Aran said the management of KW-IRS must ensure that every area of leakages is blocked.

The Chairman, Irepodun Local Government, Hon. Lukman Owolewa, commended the process of revenue harmonization adopted

by KW-IRS, he confirmed that it has to a large extent helped the local government to realize more than they used to. The Honourable also stressed that the local government used to collect N2.7billion as allocation and out of the N2.1billion, N1.3billion was for teacher's salary while N1.1billion was for SUBEB and Pensioners. He stated that allocation coming to local government now is not enough for the payment of teacher's salary. Hon. Lukman Owolewa, called the attention of KW-IRS to the nonexistence of banks in Omu-Aran due to the incessant armed robbery attacks of the past. He said this is affecting the economy of Omu-Aran and will definitely affect revenue collection. He spoke of the risk involved in taxpayers travelling as far as Ilorin to transact. Hon. Lukman Owolewa decried the lack of industries and that 80% of the residents of Omu-Aran are civil servants.

Elder S.N Aweda requested to know if tax is a flat rate and ask for

confirmation on speculations in town that KW-IRS is collecting tax on Radio and Television available in people's homes and offices. Elder David Ajayi advised KW-IRS to ensure that all leakages are blocked, and to increase its sensitization programmes not minding the cost of media. He suggested that rates collectables are itemize and make public so that people can be well educated on what to pay and at what rate. He said this will bring about some checks and balances.

Reacting to the questions asked and welcoming the suggestions brought forward by the Olomu of Omu-Aran, his chiefs and the people of Omu-Aran, Dr. Awodun stressed that the property enumeration project is to ascertain the actual properties in

Kwara State so that the State can properly plan for its citizenry. He elucidated that some areas are marked as bush in the State plan despite the fact that development has crept into such places. He said with the property enumeration project, the State Government will be able to earmark such areas for development. He informed the Omu-Aran people of the Community Impact Project (CIP) that KW-IRS embarked on as a give back measure to the people of Kwara State. He mentioned a number of projects to that credit which includes, kitting of primary school pupils, drilling of boreholes, clearing of dirt at Alapa market, evacuation of dirt at the Ipata market's abattoir among others.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS

however promised to discuss with the Executive Governor on how the activities of banks can be restored to Omu-Aran and its environs so as to make transactions much easier for the residents of that community. He spoke of the importance of paying tax for the development of the State. Dr. Awodun shed light on the payment of PIT, he said the Personal Income Tax (PIT) is pre-deducted from the earnings of salary earners and the Presumptive Tax Regime, which is a collection guide circulated to the States by the Federal Government for the Informal Sector is used to determine what people at the Informal Sector pays. He said N1,500 is agreed upon for the artisans and N3,000 for the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and Road Transport Employment Association of Nigeria (RTEAN).



Irepodun Local Government Chairman, Hon. Lukman Owolewa, Olomu of Omu-Aran and Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun



Olomu of Omu-Aran with Management Staff of KW-IRS and Irepodun Local Government Chairman



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS presenting souvenir to Olomu of Omu-Aran



Royal fathers in Irepodun



Royal fathers in Irepodun



Traditional Chiefs in Irepodun

KW-IRS HOSTS BUDO OKE COMMUNITY, ASA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

AbdulHakeem AbdulRahman

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) on Thursday, 18 August 2016 received the delegates of Budo Oke Community, Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State at the Revenue House. Receiving the delegates were the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun, Director, MDAs, Mr. Segun Olaniyi, Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs, Mrs. Adenike Babajamu and Mr. Tolutope Owolabi, Supervisor, Asa local government, Property Enumeration Department.



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS addressing delegates of Budo Oke Community

Speaking on behalf of the Baale, Budo Oke, the General Secretary, Budo Oke Community Mr. AbdulRauf Sodiq expressed profound appreciation to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS and the management team for the warm reception accorded him and his team. He tendered his heartfelt apologies on behalf of other team members who could not make the visit as a result of reasons beyond their control.

Receiving the representatives of the Budo Oke, Community of Asa Local Government, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun expressed appreciation to the team members for their visit which is geared towards the moving forward of their community and the state at large. He explained that their concerns and suggested solutions to bring about a reconnect between the people and the state government is well taken. Dr. Awodun made a brief reflection into one of the reasons for the establishment of KW-IRS about 8 months which was to advise the State Government on social and economic policies, hence, much consideration must be to the people knowing fully well that many problems have emanated in the past because of a disconnect between the government and the people.

The Secretary General, Budo Oke, Mr. Sodiq appreciated Dr. Awodun for his

clear comments which reflected great knowledge and wisdom. He advised the Service to entrust tax collection process to various community heads in the state with the hope that the strategy would help suppress the effect of illiteracy amongst the people. He however lamented that Budo Oke community has been subjected to darkness because of lack of electricity supply. He stated that the community at some point had to contribute money to buy and install a transformer. He noted that the provision of transformer is the utmost priority of Budo Oke community amidst other needs: others being provision of pipe-borne water, good drainage and employment opportunities for their youths.

In his response, Dr. Awodun stated that there are some national problems that no state can solve; therefore not all blame can be borne by the state government. He enlightened the people on the importance of tax payment adding that it is a civic responsibility. He however called on Kwarans to join hands with the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) so as to promote infrastructural development in the State. He disclosed that KW-

IRS has a mandate to give back to the people through its Community Impact Program (CIP). He emphatically stated that part of that decision was recently demonstrated in Asa local government where pupils of Eiyenkorin Primary School were fully kitted with 2 pair school uniform, a pair of rubber sandals and a school bag each.

The Executive Chairman assured the people of Budo Oke Community that the door of KW-IRS is always opened to receive their complaints. He stated that their needs will always be appropriately channelled to the government for immediate action. Dr. Awodun further pledged that the Service will commit itself to providing the community's most essential need, i.e. a transformer but will not install it until the people entirely carry out their civic responsibility of tax payment.



General Secretary, Budo Oke Community relaying the message of Baale to the KW-IRS management

A tax collector

MY Passion
Oh what intensity
Passionately beloved are you
I awake with your thoughts
Anxiously waiting for the break of day
A new dawn and a new experience
Embraced by the thought of meeting you again
Spending my day with you and
hoping you would love me just I do you
Oh! how you challenge me
Sometimes exposing my inadequacies
And down playing my strength
Yet I find joy in you
My job, a Noble and grandeur career
A tax collector
That's who I am
And that's what I love to do

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Revenue staff open up about
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HEAR ME OUT

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

*Good day,
I made an online payment for my
citizenship form but I was debited twice. How
do I get my money?*
Abdulfatai Ayodele

Dear Mr. Ayodele,
We apologise for the inconvenience this might have caused you. Kindly come with your evidence of payment and statement of account. An instruction will then be sent to the bank to credit your account.

Thank you.

*Hello.
I realized that I made some typographical errors after I
had submitted and printed out my citizenship
application form. How do I correct these errors?*
Temitope Sheriff

Dear Mr. Sheriff,
Please send your phone number or transaction ID via SMS to our Help Desk on 07006959477. You can also effect the necessary corrections on your printed form and scan via email to helpdesk@kw-irs.com.

Thank you.

*Good afternoon,
I mistakenly paid online for tenement rate instead of
citizenship application form. What will I do to
download the form?*
Ahmed Alao

Dear Mr. Alao
Kindly bring your evidence of payment and statement of account. You will then be able to download the form as soon as you receive a notification that your erroneous payment has been regularised.
Thank you.

NATURAL WAYS TO CLEAR PIMPLES AND ACNE



The face is the human friend and also the centre of attention for all. A face filled with pimples and dark spots can be quite embarrassing especially when you feel like leaving your face bare without the application of foundation or concealer. Therefore blemishes like pimples and acne should be prevented as much as possible because the effect they leave behind can sap one's self esteem. It is important to note that how smooth our face looks is dependent on what we eat and apply on our face. Eating well, good personal hygiene and the use of natural products can redeem the face from being infected with pimples, acne, black heads, eczema and other facial impurities other than the use of pricey products and harsh creams which have substantial amount of steroids composition. Little do we know that natural products around us are very useful and effective in getting rid of pimples and acne. Here are some of the natural ways to get desired result.

- **Sugar Scrub:** sugar helps to get rid of excess skin cells clogging up pores. Mix sugar with honey or olive oil or just plain water, add one and half cup of brown sugar and one and half cups of water. Mix with 4-5 tablespoons of olive oil or honey. Scrubs gently with your face and wash off with lukewarm water. This can be done thrice a week for effective result. Please note that white sugar can also be used to achieve this.
- **Avocado and Honey Mask:** Aside from eating Avocado, it helps to clear pimples, rinse your face with

water and pat dry. Scrap out the inside of an avocado and mash it up then stir in the honey. Continue mashing/stirring until it turns into a paste. Apply to your face and leave it for 15-20 minutes. Wash off the mixture with lukewarm water and pat dry.

- **Wash your pillowcase:** personal hygiene is also important in getting rid of pimples or preventing it. Technically, pillowcase should be washed at least once a week so as to extract the oil retains that drools in it while sleeping.
- **Tomatoes Scrub:** Tomatoes are rich in Vitamin C and helps to treat acne and pimples. Tomatoes scrub may be used once or twice a week to get a fresh and glowing face. To achieve this, Steam your face in a bowl of hot water; make sure you use tomatoes that are red in colour to get a substantial amount of juice inside. Cut into two, squeeze out the juice, add 2-3 tablespoon of sugar mix well and gently massage to your face and leave for 2 minutes. Wash off with regular tap water. Do not use hot water so as to close the pores that were opened while steaming. Apply some moisturizer to keep your face moisturised.
- **Garlic:** Garlic is an excellent natural remedy that helps you to quickly get rid of pimples. Garlic is rich in sulphur that will accelerate the process of drying and curing pimples. Cut a fresh garlic clove into two pieces. Rub the garlic on the pimples and leave it for five minutes before washing the skin

with lukewarm water. Repeat the treatment several times a day to achieve desired result.

- **Egg Whites:** Egg whites are rich in vitamin; it also gives the skin a healthy glow. Egg whites is great for oily skin. Remove the egg yolk and mix the egg white in a bowl until it looks like foam. Apply the foam on your face and let it dry for 10-15 minutes. Your skin pores will begin to shrink in size. Wash the egg white away and apply moisturizer.
- **Cucumbers:** Cucumber contain high amount of water and also have a soothing effect on the skin and because of the amount of vitamins it contains. Cut and grind fresh cucumber into a paste. Apply to the skin and let it dry for 10 minutes. Wash off with clean water. This is very effective for clearing pimples.
- **Drink lot of water:** This is very important, drink a lot of water, the more water you drink the more it purifies your skin and keeps away all of the toxins out of your body and also helps to transport oxygen to the body. If you want a clear skin drink a lot of water.
- **Lemon Juice:** Applying Lemon Juice to your skin will help clean off dead cells which clog pores. Lemons are rich in vitamin C. Make sure you use fresh lemon juice and not bottled juice. Dip a clean cotton wool in fresh lemon juice and apply it to the affected area before going to bed. Wash off in the morning with clean water.

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE IYALOJA GENERAL, KWARA STATE

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obtainable outside. Our tours to other developed nations will only make sense if we learn from the good example practiced in the various countries that will visit. It is no news anymore and we are also living witness that the developed countries that we visit got to a state of admiration because they diligently and religiously engage in tax payment. Yes! It may be difficult, but this is a great sacrifice we all have to make for the development of Nigeria and the future of our children. We get ourselves involved in decision making by paying tax. How? It is simply because by paying tax, we can ask the government questions. We can request the government to give a report on what they have used our money for and even inform them of what we need.

***Kwareve News:** The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) has been working towards capturing people at the Informal Sector into the database of the KW-IRS for adequate revenue collection and the payment of Personal Income Tax (PIT). The market sector, which is under the jurisdiction of your office, is one of the areas targeted to be captured by KW-IRS. Would you say this is a fair decision?*

Iyaloja General: The decision made by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) to capture the people at the informal sector is fair. Tax payment is everybody's obligation. It is one of the way where one can distinguish a patriotic citizen. Before now, the government both at the state and federal level focused only on people who earns salary. Infact, we are made to understand that the government deduct tax from the salary of workers before the civil servant and even workers of multi nationals and private sector collect their salary. I want you to ask, is it good for the government to be using the money collected by civil servant to develop the state? Won't people at the market sector also enjoy the development provided by the government with the money deducted from the salary of civil servants and other tax payers? So, as far as i am concerned, capturing of the informal sector by KW-IRS is a step in the right direction. In developed nations, people willingly pay their tax because they are

One major sector where the activity of the KW-IRS is prominent in its 8 months of existence is the Informal Sector. This sector constitute over 70% of the tax payers in the state. It is therefore not surprising that a lot has been invested into the sector. The Kwareve Team by way of feedback from the Informal Sector held an interview with a major Stakeholder in the sector. Below is an extract from the interview with the No. 2 person in the Kwara Markets, the Iyaloja General Alhaja Adenike Abdulkareem Lambe

***Kwareve News:** Would you say the establishment of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is a good development for moving Kwara State forward?*

Iyaloja General: yes! The establishment of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is indeed a step in the right direction. We all know that tax payment is good and it's the only means of moving a state forward not to say, a country. Especially if you put into consideration the state of the nation at this time, in view of the crash in the oil sector and the constant nose diving of the Federal allocation accrued to states. Taxation is not new; it has been in existence since the days of our fore fathers. Infact, every citizen of this country have to join hands together for the development of this country. You will agree with me that we all travel out of the shores of this country and see what

rest assured that their government will use their money for the development of their country.

Kwareve News: The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) has designed the Community Impact Program (CIP) as one of its strategy to assure Kwarans that the government of the day is going to ensure that revenue collected are judiciously utilized for the development of Kwara State and its resident and you will agree with me that the market sector is a great beneficiary of this development. How will you rate the impact of the Community Impact Program (CIP) strategy on the market sector?

Iyaloja General: The introduction of the Community Impact Program (CIP) initiative of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is a wonderful strategy and this strategy as really benefitted the market sector. I want to on behalf of my office, the executives and the market people of the market sector express our full appreciation to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun, the management and staff of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service. The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) has really impressed the market people via their Community Impact Program (CIP) strategy. The most amazing thing is that, KW-IRS does not wait for the people to pay before they impact. Take for example; the Ago market people have not begun payment of their Personal Income tax (PIT) as at the time KW-IRS donated to the people of Ago Market an ultra-modern toilet facility with water. The Ipata Abattoir is not exempted from this same privilege. Infact, as at the time KW-IRS impacted the Ipata market, the Ipata market people have not commenced the payment of Personal Income Tax (PIT). Regardless of that, KW-IRS went to the Ipata market to clear the dung that has been piling up for years. The terrible thing is that is where the meat we eat is being slaughtered and sold. Kwarans should really appreciate the quick intervention of KW-IRS which I believe has controlled a possible outbreak of cholera. Another impressive thing is that, KW-IRS does not limit their assistance to the markets in Ilorin. We all are aware of the fact that KW-IRS gave a donation of N5 million naira to the Owode Market people in Offa for the roofing and ceiling for the shops that were razed by fire early this year. All these are pointer to the fact that the market sector have really benefited from KW-IRS and we are happy about it. KW-IRS did not just collect money from the people but they have ensured that the money collected from us comes back to us in form of one form of development or the other. Ones KW-IRS get to know the need of the people, they quickly respond to it. KW-IRS also ensures that each local government in the state get impacted. Ipata Market is in Ilorin East; Alapa Market is in Asa local government, Ago Market is in Ilorin West, Owode

Market in Offa local government, etc. This is really commendable.

Kwareve News: How will you measure compliance by the market people despite the great support accorded the market sector by KW-IRS?

Iyaloja General: you will agree with me that despite the fact that Taxation has been in existence since the time of our fore fathers, it is still not a part of us. Infact in those days, our fathers used to go into hiding to prevent the payment of tax. This is still in existence but with the adequate sensitization conducted by KW-IRS the market people are getting more informed and they have commenced the payment of their PIT. In other to aid compliance by the market people, the market executives have also engaged in

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persuading the market people. Infact, i as the Iyaloja General and the Babaloja General with other market executives had several meetings with KW-IRS with the plea for the market people to pay their PIT in two, three instalments putting into consideration the state of the economy which is tough at the moment and surprisingly, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) accepted our proposition and this has greatly improved the level of compliance. The market people understand that tax payment is compulsory and that the law have specified the age of those who have been exempted from tax payment. The Lagos State example must be replicated in Kwara also. We travel to Lagos and see the level of development there. We understand that the support of the people in Lagos gave the state that great achievement and want to have the same experience in Kwara State. I want to assure you that those that are yet to pay will surely pay. The market executives have not relented and will not relent in sensitizing the market people. We have being doing that and we will continue to sensitize the market people until tax payment becomes a voluntary habit for them.

Kwareve News: what is your office doing to sensitize and encourage the market people to ensure they comply with the demands of KW-IRS by paying their Personal Income Tax (PIT) and other levies?

Iyaloja General: we cannot under estimate the fact that the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is doing so much in the sensitization of the people of Kwara State,



infact, they go from one local government to achieve this but I also want to say this categorically that, the office of the Iyaloja General as well as the market executives are doing so much in complimenting the efforts of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) in this regard especially at the market sector which is our jurisdiction. Myself as the Iyaloja General and the Babaloja General with other market executives go from one market to the other to inform the market people on the importance of paying tax. If you check the records of KW-IRS, you will discover that the compliance level at the market sector is highly commendable. This is the effect of the sensitization we are conducting. The market Executives however informed all the markets in Kwara State that no market should shut its doors against the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). We educate them that the payment modality for tax payment is now different. We inform them that receipts will be issued to them after payment and it is this receipts that they can use to collect their tax clearance. We go as much as letting them know that the tax clearance is an important document that will be needed at some point of transaction especially when it has to do with contract bidding, Visa processing and even for them to be able to access government facility. We all know what is going on in states like Lagos, Osun, etc where students have to present their parents tax clearance before they are given admission into any of the Schools. Infact, the office of the Iyaloja and the market executives goes as far as educating the market people on all the project of KW-IRS such as the citizenship project.

Kwareve News: *KW-IRS reconstructed 40 shops that were gutted by fire June this year and commissioned it on 15 August 2016 with the intension to ensure that the source of living of the victims of the inferno is not shutdown. What is your take on this achievement?*

Iyaloja General: Oja tuntun is under the Ilorin West and I can remember clearly

that after the fire incident that razed down 40 shops and 13 kiosk at the Oja tuntun market, KW-IRS paid a visit to the wrecked site the second day and promised that they would look into the reconstruction of the shops as soon as possible. We were yet to recover from their visit when they came again to introduce to us the buider in charge and the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Awodun specifically stated that the shops will be ready in 6 weeks. That was exactly what was witnessed yesterday. We are used to this and we know that KW-IRS is always true to its words. KW-IRS have really brought a lot of progress to the market sector in Kwara State.

Kwareve News: *As the Iyaloja General, what are you and other market executives doing to ensure that the various projects conducted by KW-IRS for the market are well maintained?*

Iyaloja General: the office of the Iyaloja have set up a committee that is responsible for the monitoring of all the projects established by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) and whenever any form of damage is observed, the executives of such market is issued a query and instructed to fix such problem within 24 hours. We understand that a lot of money is expended into these projects and as such, the projects must be maintained. You will agree with me that the maintenance culture in this part of the world is poor but we all have to learn it by force.

Kwareve News: *what is your final word for the market people as well as KW-IRS?*

Iyaloja General: my advice for the market people is for them to constantly cooperate with the demands of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). They should ensure that they regularly pay their tax. My advice for the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is that they should not abandon the maintenance of their various market projects to the market executives, KW-IRS should also set up a committee that monitor all of the projects they are putting up at the various markets.

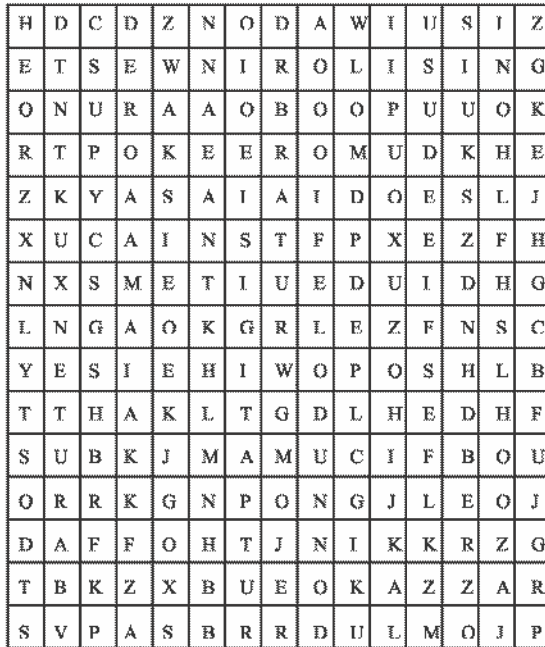


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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA IN KWARA STATE

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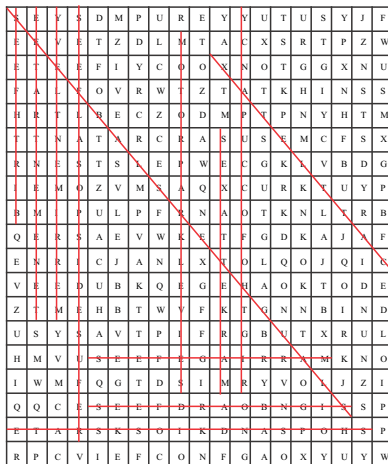


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Comfort Bamidele has been nominated by the staff of Tax Assessment and Audit as deserving the hall of fame spotlight for this month. Comfort who is fondly called Iya TCC by her colleagues has been described as a team player, a highly disciplined staff who is always punctual. She displays high level of efficiency in the discharge of her duties and is self-motivated, hardworking despite the immense pressure for urgency under which she works. In the words of her superior, she is bold and intelligent. Congratulations Comfort!

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CATTLE TAX

Cattle tax is a law to raise revenue by tax on cattle. This law made provision for tax collections on bulls, cows, oxen, steers, heifers, calves, sheep, lambs and goats. Cattle tax also known as "Jangali". In Kwara State its at N300 per cattle and N100 per sheep and payable by farmers only.

According to Dr Olateju Somorin (President, Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria) cattle tax is introduced to check the excesses of herdsmen in parts of the country and it reduce the penchant of herdsmen to invade Nigerian communities at will. Cattle tax will allow nomads to stay in a place for grazing.

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An Assessment of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS)



Zainab Tolulope Ojulari

On June 22nd 2015, Kwara State signed the **Kwara State Revenue Administration Law (Law no.6 of 2015)**. With this, the **Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS)** was established, and the old **Kwara Board of Internal Revenue** was discontinued. KW-IRS, now the sole entity responsible for the administration of tax on behalf of the Kwara State Government, has been bound to operate under the following mandates;

- To maintain the integrity of tax laws and the processes of collection by *eliminating all instances of multiple taxation.*
- Assist the state government to achieve specific *economic* and *societal policies, systems and targets.*
- Encourage voluntary compliance in order to facilitate *the representation of the majority of the populace in executive decision making.*

Taking these mandates into account, KW-IRS has chosen to pursue the vision:

"To mobilise revenue for the strategic development of Kwara State"

To realise this vision, KW-IRS mission is to:

1. *To serve the residents of Kwara State*
2. *Employ the most convenient strategies available, to add value and integrity to the revenue mobilisation process*
3. *Actualise the developmental objectives of the Government*

The core values of KW-IRS are **Service, Honestly, Integrity, Responsibility and Trust (SHIRT)**.

My analysis of the performance so far

KW-IRS has done a stellar job in its endeavour to inform the public (its stakeholders) about the new tax

system and everything that comes along with it. KW-IRS took the initiative and started the production of **KWAREVE NEWS**, which is published every month. Each issue contains informative articles and other information pertaining to the happenings in KW-IRS. This keeps the public informed and ensures transparency of the organisations actions. Alongside this publication, KW-IRS also hosts a radio show and a television program called **'Let's Talk Tax'**, which also serve to educate the public about taxation, tax laws etc.

In the same vein, KW-IRS has taken the time to discuss the new developments and changes to the taxation system with the traditional leaders in the community, the heads of educational institutions, the heads of corporate organisations, key individuals in the judicial, legislative and executive arms of the state government and the heads of the local governments in the state. The heads of the various professional associations in the state, ministries, departments and agencies have also been included in these discussions and a working relationship has been established with the local police force. All of these measures demonstrate the dedication of KW-IRS to honouring its mandates and its vision.

In keeping with the vision of the organisation, its core values and its mission, KW-IRS recognises that the government also has a responsibility to the tax-payers, to develop the state with the revenue generated. Taking this into account, KW-IRS has dedicated itself to taking a pro-people approach to achieving its targets. This is fully embodied in the organisations **Community Impact Program**. The program is geared towards carrying out community development projects, with the needs of the community at the heart of all the projects embarked upon. The projects will all be based around the 5 E's, which are;

- o Environment
- o Education
- o Enterprise
- o Empowerment
- o Employment

So far this program has kitted children in 4 primary schools with school supplies, 2 pairs of uniforms and a

Visitor's Notes

pair of sandals each. The program has also worked to clear the dump around a marketplace and new community development projects will be undertaken every month.

The head of KW-IRS has made it apparent that although significant progress has been made towards achieving the target revenue for the year, more work still needs to be done. This attitude of hard work and dedication to the objective of the organisation can be observed to have passed on to the rest of the organisation. This is evident from the amount of dedication observed in the staff during the short stay in which this report was written. This hard work is also demonstrated in the attention to detail of some of the programs run by KW-IRS including;

- The property enumeration exercise being conducted to ensure that the collection of property tax is accurate and reliable information can be supplied to the government
- The process of formalising the informal sector in order to ensure that the appropriate tax is paid by the sector and appropriate support can be given to the sector.

Aside from the obvious benefits listed above, there are other indirect benefits of the establishment of KW-IRS. The most significant of all being the 2000 jobs which have been created as a direct result of the re-establishment of the internal revenue service. This has positively influenced the standard of living in Kwara State.

Recommendations

After reading the editorials it became apparent that to get a true picture of how KW-IRS functions on a day to day basis, the staff of the organisation would need to be consulted. On speaking to some of them, most of the feedback was overwhelmingly positive but a few important points for consideration were noted which will be considered below.

Firstly, it was observed that communication within the directorates is very good, but the communication between the directorates needs to be improved. Better communication between the directorates will facilitate more efficiency as it will eliminate the time delay associated with miscommunication. In a similar vein, a structure for enabling employees' voice their opinions would also be very helpful as it would allow them to ensure that their voices are heard in the organisation.

Secondly, a system for monitoring the turnaround time for attending to requests between directorates would also be very helpful. For example, the HNIs and Corporate directorate require information from

the Tax Assessment and Audit Directorate in

order to discharge some of their duties. In this case, if that information is not gotten in a reasonable amount of time, it will delay the work that needs to be done in the other directorate. If the turnaround time is monitored it can be used to pinpoint areas for development and form guidelines for best practice in the organisation.

Thirdly, the field feedback sessions can be amended to include a guided reflective session where the performance over the course of the month can be discussed and ideas for improving the overall performance of the organisation can be generated. Alongside producing valuable ideas, this platform will also give the workers a sense of responsibility for the development of the organisation and this will hopefully make them more motivated to ensure the growth of KW-IRS.

Lastly, the mode of transport for the field workers is not as conducive as possible for the fieldworkers to discharge their duties. Some of them do not have a means of transport, while for others who do, it is uncomfortable. Therefore, an investment in transportation of the fieldworkers is necessary. This will enable them to discharge their duties more efficiently and thus improve the overall efficiency of the organisation.

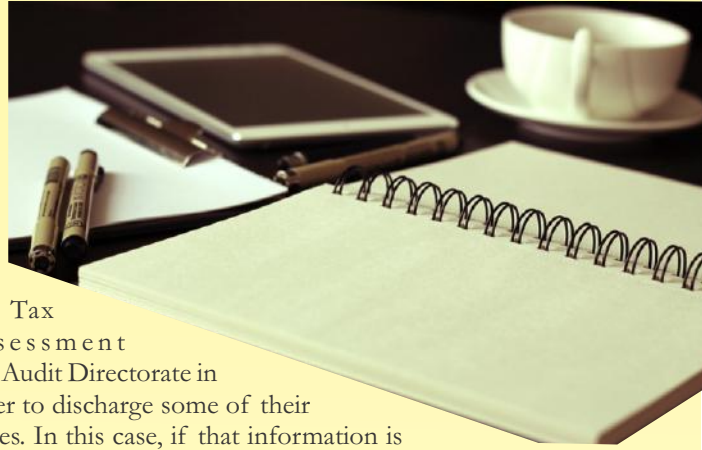
Additionally, it has been noted that the salary scale and bonuses for workers based on their performance have been discussed, but these issues still came up in discussions with some of the staff. In this case, the recommendation would be that, the external conditions influencing these things should be reiterated to the workers to ensure that they are aware of the situation and they understand the reasoning behind the decisions made.

Overall, KW-IRS is ahead of its peers and it has made remarkable progress in such a difficult time and this is due to the excellent leadership of the organisation as a whole and the leadership of each of the directorates individually.

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Mobilizing Revenue for the Strategic Development of Kwara State

KWIRS RESHUFFLES MANAGEMENT STAFF

- Mrs Adenike Babajamu

In a bid to continue the drive towards an improved tax administration and ensure efficiency and optimization of service delivery, the Executive Chairman of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, Dr MURITALA Awodun announced the changes in his management team. Speaking at a management meeting on Monday 29 August 2016, Dr Awodun stated that the changes which is geared towards optimization of human resources was approved by the Executive Governor of the State Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed. He added that this takes immediate effect as all the Management staff are to report to their new desks by 1 Sept 2016. He however explained that all hand over process should be concluded by 30 September 2016.

The changes include the transfer of the Director of Admin and Corporate Affairs Mrs Adenike Babajamu to Operations and Process. Mr Lekan Rotimi now a full Director takes the position of Director of Admin. Dr Isaac Gbenle is to head the Legal Enforcement and Monitoring Directorate while Alh Nuhu Olaide

Muhammed is to stir the ship of the HNIs and Corporate Directorate. Alhaja Iyabo Abubakar moves to the Directorate of MDAs while Alhaja Omolara Ojulari is to head a new directorate carved out of the MDAs; Property Tax. Mr Segun Olaniyi takes over the Directorate of Informal Sector.

Dr Awodun admonished all the directorate heads to view the change positively and come up with strategies on how to positively impact their new offices. He assured everyone of executive support where required.



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr Muritala Awodun



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WE CAN ONLY REAP FROM WHERE WE HAVE SOWN AS A COMMUNITY – OLOOTA OF ODO OWA

AbdulHakeem AbdulRahman

The KW-IRS team led by the Deputy Director, Informal Sector, Mr. Lekan Rotimi on Friday 12 August, 2016 paid a courtesy visit to the Oloota of Odo Owa, HRH Oba Joshua Adegboyi Oloruntoba Adeyemi Adimula Oluwanran Aniyeloye II in his palace. The visit was intended to seek support from the community and brace the KW-IRS advocacy strategy for the development of the State. Present at the palace were the Council of Odo Owa Chiefs and Odo Owa Youth Executives.

The Oloota of Odo Owa in his welcome address commended the management of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) for taking pain to go from one community to another primarily with the aim of sensitizing the people as well as partnering with the traditional rulers so as to achieve success in their given assignment. Oba Joshua Oloruntoba believes that this is a signal to the fact that Kwara State will soon become a point of call when it comes to infrastructure development because of the relationship that exists between the people and the government. The Oloota of Odo Owa however urged the Service to do all within its capacity to develop the Odo Owa community by providing social amenities like good road, standard school and potable water.

The Oloota of Odo Owa enumerated the available monuments that exist in Odo Owa which can be a point of attraction for tourists and an additional source of revenue generation for the Kwara State government. He stressed that the Babalola prayer mountain and his birth point at Gboriyin have always attracted people to Odo Owa and could attract more tourists to Odo



Oloota of Odo Owa, HRH, Oba Joshua Adegboyi Oloruntoba Adeyemi Adimula Oluwanran Aniyeloye II

Owa if the roads are good with the provision of other basic amenities. He was optimistic that this could increase the revenue of Odo Owa Community and pleaded for the state government to intervene in that regards

In his response, the Deputy Director, Informal Sector Mr Lekan Rotimi explained that nobody understands a terrain better than its people, he therefore called for the need to partner with communities and appoint for every community a Liaison Officer who will ensure proper and up-to-date records of transactions. Mr. Lekan Rotimi further explained the importance of partnering with communities saying, *“There is strength in number, number in terms of Naira and Kobo. The support of communities is paramount because the Service is committed to achieving better results”*.

Also present at the palace was the Representative of Odo Owa Community Farmers, Mr. Dele Adimula. He expressed his resentment at the government's neglect of their community and how they had decided not to support the government in anyway most especially in its revenue drive. Mr. Adimula however announced that the farmers of Odo Owa have at this point changed their initial decision having witnessed how KW-IRS has given back to the people in various communities through its Community Impact Program (CIP). He pleaded on behalf of the people of Odo Owa for a quick response to the needs of their community so they can also benefit from KW-IRS Community Impact Program (CIP). Mr. Adimula urged the Service as an agent with a mandate to help the government



Deputy Director, Informal Sector listening to a member of Odo-Owa Community

advise the Government on economic and social policies to do so strategically so that it can be channelled appropriately. He apprised that this will ensure easy revenue mobilisation, even distribution of dividends and encourage democracy.

In his closing remarks, the Oloota of OdoOwa urged the people of his community to immensely support the demands of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) stating that he believes in the saying “We can only reap from where we have sown as a community”. He once again praised the Service for its consistent effort and approach of Community Impact Program (CIP) to prove to the people that KW-IRS is not only about revenue mobilisation but also meeting the needs of the people.



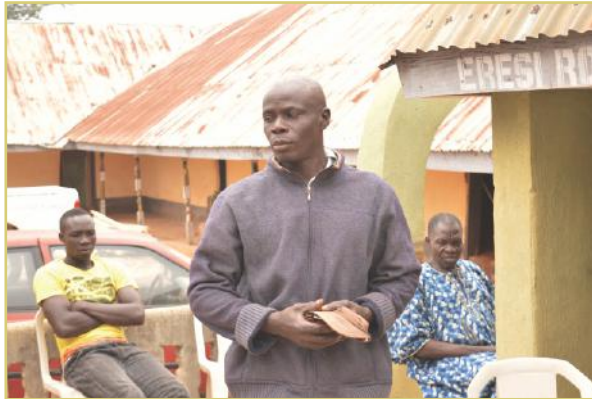
Deputy Director, Informal Sector addressing HRM, Oloota of Odo Owa



Deputy Director, Informal Sector presenting souvenir to the Oloota of Odo Owa



A chief in Odo Owa Community addressing the gathering



Odo Owa Community members addressing the gathering



Deputy Director, Informal Sector addressing the community members



Odo Owa Community farmers

TAX PAYERS SHOULD EXPECT MORE FROM KW-IRS - DR. MURITALA AWODUN

Fareedah Abdulwahab

In a desire to make peace with the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) for the initial resistance demonstrated at the commencement of the property enumeration exercise conducted by the staff of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) by the Surulere Alagbado Community, the representative of the Community, paid a visit to the Corporate Head Office of KW-IRS on 18 August 2016.

Receiving the people of Alagbado community, the Director, MDAs, Mr. Olusegun Olaniyi welcomed the team and expressed appreciation to the people of Alagbado Community for the support received during the property enumeration exercise conducted by the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) which was very successful despite the rancour between the community and KW-IRS staff at the initial stage.

In his opening remarks, the Executive Chairman KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala Awodun stated that the essence of the meeting is to educate and sensitize the people of Alagbado community. He shed light on the Kwara State Revenue Administration law of June 22, 2015 that established the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS). He apprised that if taxation is embraced by the people, it would engender the provision of basic amenities.

Dr Muritala Awodun however assured the delegates from the Alagbado community that KW-IRS will do the little it can in attending to the needs of the people of Alagbado. He added that 80% of graduates employed in KW-IRS since inception are indigenes of Kwara State. Dr. Awodun charged that the gesture alone calls for the support and cooperation of Kwarans. Dr Awodun, further made reference to the impact of KW-IRS at the Alapa market where the dump at the market which was piled up for over 4 years was evacuated. He also made reference to the reconstruction of the Baboko market recently by KW-IRS. He said tax payers should expect more from the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS).

The team lead, Mr Ayinde S. Babs appreciated KW-IRS and the team of property enumerators deployed to their community. He noted that the Alagbado community purchased a 500KV transformer, wires and poles so as to solve the electricity challenge of their community. He however lamented that despite their efforts, electricity is still a major challenge for the Alagbado community. Reason being that, the community needs more transformers to cover the remaining three phases in their community. Mr. Ayinde

pleaded for the reduction in the tenement and land use charge to residents of their community.

Buttressing the points made by the team lead, Mr Ade Adeleye J.P, highlighted the problem faced by the Surulere Alagabdo community which are transformers, bad roads, lack of schools and inadequate water supply and appealed to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Awodun to please come to their aid.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS in his response, thanked the representatives of the community for their well raised observations and suggestions; he acknowledged that every community have its own peculiar problem. He concluded by assuring the community that at least one of the challenges indicated would be addressed by the Service. He assured that the bad roads in Phase 1 will be fully graded, the cost for transformer cable will be provided in Phase 2. He further added that borehole will be sunk in Phase 4 while a new transformer will be deployed to Phase 3. He is hopeful that not only would he secure the approval of the Executive Governor to do these but he would also present the rest of their challenges to the Executive Governor. He explained that the KW-IRS also have the responsibility to advise the Government on social and economic policies based on feedback received from the people.

Dr Muritala Awodun noted that the schools in the community will be involved in the KW-IRS Community Impact Programme (CIP). He stated that the cost of payment of tenement rate and land use charge cannot be changed because it is a fixed rate based on Assessment from the Bureau of Lands. In his final words, Dr Awodun expounded the importance of paying tax which is a civic responsibility and a strategy for nation building. He appealed to the community to play their part by paying their tax.

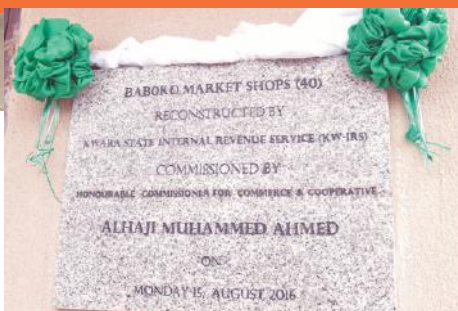


The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS addressing representatives from Alagbado Community



KW-IRS COMMISSIONS 40 RECONSTRUCTED BURNT SHOPS AT THE BABOKO MARKET

Yetunde Elegboja



Tape cutting

As an organization true to its words, the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) on 15 August 2016 commissioned 40 reconstructed shops that were gutted by fire in June 2016 at the Baboko market. Present at the remarkable event was the Representative of the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alhaja Tinuola Ayisha Abubakar the Director, Commerce and Cooperative, the representative of the Senate President, the Director-General Mandate, Hon. Wahab Issa, the Chairman, Ilorin West LGA, Iyaloja, Ojatuntun Market, Babaloja, Ojatuntun Market, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, the Director, Admin & Corporate Affairs, Deputy Director, Informal, Sector, KW-IRS staff, traders and pressmen.

In his welcome address, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Dr. Muritala expressed appreciation to the Executive Governor for the privilege and approval given to KW-IRS to reconstruct the 40 shops. He said this was a proof of the commitment of the State Government to her promise to continuously improve the lives of the residents of Kwara State.

He made reference to the previous support by the Service to the market sector through its Community Impact Project (CIP). One of which is construction of perimeter fencing at the Kara market of Ajase-Ipo which the Service commenced about the time the foundation of the reconstructed shops was laid. He gave a brief of the activity of KW-IRS at Owode market where five million naira was released for the roofing of the shops that got burnt early this year. He mentioned that the Service is also looking at ways through which the erosion problem at the Kaiama Market can be looked into as requested by the people of Kaiama.

Dr. Awodun made it clear that KW-IRS will continue to give back to the society through its Community Impact Programme. He assured that the support would be extended beyond the markets to other sectors of the

community. He however admonished the market people to support the cause of the government of the day by regularly and promptly paying their tax. He stressed that Governor Abdul Fatah Ahmed's administration is not just interested in collecting money from the resident of Kwara State but the government is ready to ensure that revenue generated are used for the development of the state. He however pleaded for more support from the people in the area of tax payment so that bigger projects can emerge as a support to the people of Kwara State.

In her speech as the representative of the Hon. Commissioner for Commerce & Cooperative, Alhaja. Tinuola Ayishat Abubakar, Director, Ministry of Commerce & Industry eulogised the step taken by the State government in the establishment of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) which is the revenue collection arm of the State. She extolled the timely intervention of the Governor Abdulfatah administration in the reconstruction of the burnt shops at the Baboko market. Alhaja. Tinuola Abubakar admonished that tax payment by Kwarans, especially the market sector which has highly benefited from the Community Impact Program (CIP) of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) be given the upmost consideration.

The representative of the Hon. Commissioner, Commerce & Industry charged on the need for adequate cooperation with the demands of KW-IRS. She explained that the constant drop in the Federal allocation and the incessant bombings of the oil wells has greatly affected the State and even Nigeria as a whole. She stated that the only way out is a refocus into tax collection and a keen approach to growing the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR). She however admitted that the task ahead of KW-IRS cannot be achieved without adequate cooperation of the people because it takes two to tangle and the *comfort of the tree is also the comfort of the bird*.

She admonished the market people never to relent in communicating their needs to KW-IRS. She stated that one of the duties assigned KW-IRS as a body that is closer to the people is to give feedback on the needs of Kwarans to the state government. She assured the people that the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) works together with the Ministry of Commerce and Cooperative and such needs would be looked into for the development of the market people and Kwara State in general.

Speaking on behalf of Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Mandate Director-General, Hon. Wahab Issa, relayed the greetings of The Leader to the market people. Hon. Wahab Issa on behalf of the Senate President condoled with the victims of the inferno. He announced that the Senate President who is a philanthropist just like his late father Dr. Olusola



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS Dr Muritala Awodun delivering his welcome address



Perm. Sec. Ministry of Commerce & Cooperative giving her speech on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner



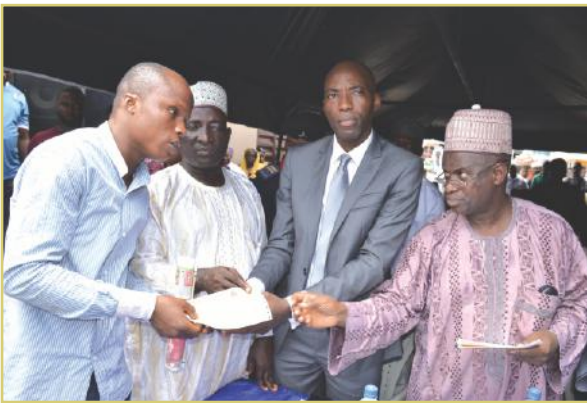
Executive Chairman, KW-IRS exchanging greetings with DG, Mandate Office



Presentation of cheque to one of the victims of Babaoko market fire disaster



Presentation of key and cheque to one of the victims of Babaoko market fire disaster



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Member of the Press at the event

Saraki has donated a token of about 5 million naira as compensation to the victim of the inferno. This is to be shared with the victims; N100, 000.00 for the shop owners and N50,000.00 for the owners of the Kiosks.

The DG, Mandate who presented the bank drafts to the recipients prayed that God would continue to protect the market against future re-occurrence. He appealed to the market executives to find a way of putting to a halt the incessant fire occurrence at the Baboko market. He noted that the Baboko market is not just deep-rooted but the biggest in Ilorin. He explained that the government and the people must jointly work towards making it a great monument and attraction for the whole world. 40 people received 100,000 naira each and their shop keys while 13 of the kiosk owners were presented 50,000 naira each. Some of the beneficiaries are: Ignatus Chinazo, Ezenwa Ifeoma, Franklyn Duru, Chigozie Uwadike, Augustine Nwaofor, Olatunde Olabisi, Popoola Janet, Nkiruka Bolade, Janet Ogundiya, Mulikat Ayantola, Oputa Anita, Ikechukwu Uzo, Salimotu Ajila, Chukwudi Ebuka, Ibekwe Chidim, Samuel Anyaogu among others.

The Iyaloja Baboko market who spoke on behalf of the recipients expressed appreciation to the Senate Leader, the Executive Governor of Kwara State and the Chairman KW-IRS. She made reference to the first visit made to Baboko market by the Management of KW-IRS where she said that the Baboko market people would not comply with the demands of KW-IRS because they had not seen the impact of the government at the market. She made bold to openly retract her statement saying with what KW-IRS has done by reconstructing the 40 shops, everybody in the market will pay their Personal Income Tax (PIT) and all revenue slated for collection by the Service. She however solicited for the intervention of KW-IRS in construction of good roads at the Baboko market. She said it is her heart desire and that of other market people to see Baboko market taken to the international standard.

It was indeed a laudable event and the traders of Baboko market unanimously concluded that payment of tax is in the best interest of the people.



KW-IRS staff at the event

KW-IRS HOSTS HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND APPROPRIATION

Yetunde Elegboja

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service played host to the House Committee on Finance and Appropriation at the Revenue House on 17 August 2016. The committee is saddled with the oversight function of the Revenue Agency. The Team which was led by Honourable Moshood Bakare was received by the Executive Chairman of KW-IRS and the Management team of the Service. Other members of the committee present at the August visit were Honourable(s) Princess Segilola Abdulkadir, Emmanuel Funsho Abodunrin and Shuaib Ahmed. Speaking in his opening address, Dr Muritala Awodun expressed his delight to receive the team. He said the Service was honoured to have the support of the committee since inception. He added that whatever KW-IRS have achieved today is a result of the maximum support received from the committee. He therefore thanked the committee for their cooperation.

Dr Awodun recalled the contribution of the committee

towards the approval of the budget for the Community Impact Program of the service. He explained that the Service has been able to leverage on the Community Impact to win the support of the residents of Kwara particularly the Informal Sector.

Responding, Honourable Moshood Bakare explained that it is the constitutional duty of the Committee to oversee the activities of KW-IRS and also to ensure that the budget was properly appropriated. He added that areas of challenges militating the realisation of the set target were to be identified and resolved together.

The first half year performance of the Revenue Agency was appraised and the committee unanimously agreed that it was impressive. Areas of poor performance particularly the Bureau of Lands and Kwara Television were to be singled out for analysis and re-appraisal. The Executive



KW-IRS Management Team and Members of the Kwara State House of Assembly Finance and Appropriation Committee

Chairman laments the lack of cooperation of both Agencies. He explained that the Bureau of Lands which captures about 70% of the total revenue expected from the MDAs needed to improve on their performance. He said their issue which was taken before the Executive Governor was a major concern to the Service. He therefore appealed to the House Committee to wade into the matter for quick resolution. He notified that the budget for the Bureau had been revised downward.

In the same vein it was reported that the GM of Kwara Television collects revenue and does not remit same to the TSA account. This has led to the poor performance of the Agency. Honourable Moshood who spoke on behalf of the committee promised to look at this and other challenges.



Executive Chairman, KW-IRS giving his welcome address



Kwara State House of Assembly honourable members



KW-IRS team



KW-IRS team



Executive Chairman presenting a souvenir to the Chairman, Finance and Appropriation Committee



Executive Chairman presenting a souvenir to a member of the Committee



Honourable Moshood Bakare signing the guest log book



KW-IRS HOLDS HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE RETREAT

Kazeem Akande

The last week of July 2016 was indeed a remarkable period for the Management Team of KW-IRS. It was a time to appraise and evaluate the first half year performance. To allow full concentration and avoid any form of distraction, the team relocated to Whitefield hotel for a 48 hour retreat between Friday 29 and Sunday 31 July 2016.

The purpose of the retreat was to pause, review, evaluate, refresh and improve performance. All directorates, departments, and units were to be checked against the vision and mission of KW-IRS. The tempo which KW-IRS took off must be maintained and as such, ensuring that the team members desired to continue, together, on the journey of mobilising revenue for the strategic development of Kwara State could not be neglected.

The 3-day Retreat was broken down into many sessions including reports from directorates and departments, video sessions, article review sessions and focus sessions on selected directorates (all revenue directorates and Operations & Process Directorates).



Director, Tax Assessment and Audit Alhaji Nuhu Olaide making a statement



Professor Otokiti addressing the management team

The Retreat was declared opened by the Executive Chairman of Kwara State Internal revenue Service (KW-IRS), Dr Muritala Awodun who remarked that it is necessary to look and think further into the vision of KW-IRS. He posited that the team must begin to think more along the lines of influencing policy development. He stated that what is required to be done in Kwara in terms of revenue is beyond the power of KW-IRS, as such, the Service must show concern and influence, advice and guide the State Government. While he recognised it as a difficult task, he enjoined the team to begin to think outside the box.

Dr Awodun apprised that the only way to make the job of the Service sustainable is that people feel the impact of the Service while set targets are being met. He mentioned that activities and engagements which would make the job of the Service easier should be of concern.

Performance

The 2016 first half-year (January – June) performance of the Service was reviewed in terms of actual performance against budgets. The EC apprised that N15billion must be added to the 8b collected in the first half if the 70% budget would be achieved for the year 2016. This N15billion is broken down monthly as:

2016 Second Half Year Budget

Month	Budget	Minimum Performance Required
July	3.2	1.5
August	3.2	2.5
September	3.2	2.6
October	3.8	2.8
November	3.8	2.8
December	3.8	2.8
Total	21.1b	15b

All directorates were requested to present their catch-up strategy to realise the target set. The retreat which came to an end on Sunday is expected to be done quarterly.



KW-IRS staff paying attention during the retreat



Deputy Director, Informal Sector making a presentation



HR, Manager, Mrs Adeleye and Mr Temi Kolawole



KW-IRS Staff at the retreat



Executive Chairman addressing the staff



KW-IRS Staff at the retreat



FAKE CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE LEADS TO LOSS OF REVENUE FOR THE STATE – DR MURITALA AWODUN

FAREEDAH ABDULWAHAB

The Kwara State Internal Revenue (KW-IRS) Team led by its Executive Chairman, Dr Muritala Awodun, in company of the Deputy Director Informal Sector, Mr. Lekan Rotimi and the Director Admin & Corporate Affairs, Mrs. Adenike Babajamu on 24 August 2016 met with the Olofa of Offa, His Royal Majesty (Alh) Mufutau Mohammed Gbadamosi, Offa Descendant Union, Chairman Offa Local Government, National Excos, Offa student union, Babaloja and community heads. The objective of the meeting was to clear the misconception by the Offa Descendant Union (ODU) and the general populace that the introduction of the new citizen certificate was to extort the people.

In his opening address, the Olofa of Offa appreciated all present, he said the essence of the meeting is for better clarification and understanding of the new citizenship certificate. He added that he received a letter from Offa student union on their intention to engage in peaceful demonstration because of their disapproval on the new state of origin certificate. He explained that rather than allow the student take law into their hands, a round table discussion would solve the problem.

The Olofa therefore requested the representative of the Students Union Senator Sanni Jibril Olaide to present their grievances. Responding Senator Jibril complained on poor



Offa Local Government Chairman, Hon. Owolewa Segun addressing the audience at the Palace



Director Admin & Corporate Affairs with Deputy Director Informal Sector and some staff of KW-IRS

dissemination of information by the representatives of the Local Government Council who did not educate the people appropriately. He added that he only became aware of the new citizenship certificate when students in various universities were denied access to their registration process because they do not possess the new citizenship certificate. Other issues raised by him included the cost of obtaining the certificate that was placed at N6500.00 instead of the approved price of N2500.00 by KW-IRS. He applauded KW-IRS for adopting the same modality for each local government in the state but requested that the Service customise the Certificate for Offa citizens adding that this will distinguish it from others.

The secretary of the student union, Mr Adewale stated that the union serve as an intermediary between the government and the students, in the light of which they should be keep abreast on happenings in the community. He added that procedure of acquiring the new citizenship is online unlike the old one which is stressful and tedious. Mr Adewale pleaded with KW-IRS to assist institutions and the state government to provide basic infrastructure and learning amenities that will foster knowledge.

While addressing everyone in attendance, Offa local government chairman, Honourable Omolewa Segun, appreciated KW-IRS for allowing Kwara state residents to have a better understanding of taxes collected. He implored all to endeavour to acquire the new citizenship certificate for greater opportunity that will arise in the state.

In his response, Dr. Awodun gave a background on the establishment of KW-IRS explaining that the government of Kwara State realised there was need for a reform of IGR collection, and enacted the Kwara State Revenue Administration Law No. 6 on 22 June 2015 which established KW-IRS and empowered it as the sole agency recognised by law to collect revenue on behalf of the State Government. He stated that for a long time fake citizenship certificate has been a source of revenue loss in the state, because those with the fake certificate surpass those with the original certificate. He cited the example of Kwara State University where fees paid by non-indigenes was higher than indigenes. He added that the mode of acquiring fake citizenship certificate is so easy if you have the money however it turns out to be a loss to the state in the long run. The Executive chairman, KW-IRS mentioned that according to a study carried out, the percentage of what government lose from fake citizenship is high.

Dr. Awodun added that the interest of the state is to abolish fake citizenship so as to give opportunity for Kwara state indigenes to get good quality employment both in the the state and at federal level rather than non-indigene acquiring the state quota. He said that the new citizenship certificate is not just a regular paper; it's

embedded with security features that will make it hard to be imitated and it can be easily verified online.

Dr. Muritala Awodun explained the new process of acquiring the citizenship certificate, adding that it can only be issued by the Local Government chairman. He informed them of the meeting the Joint Revenue Committee (JRC) held with all the Local Government Chairmen where an agreed fee of 2,500 was decided. He stated that KW-IRS would only collect the money on behalf of Local Government; all revenue collected goes back into the respective Local Government account.

In his closing remarks, The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS thanked the Olofa of Offa and the good people for seeking clarifications. He said this is particularly important since one of the aims is to speak with one voice. He stated that the issue of customising the certificates will be reviewed in the coming year. He implored them to acquire the state of origin certificate. Dr Awodun assured them that the revenue collected would be used efficiently for development in Offa community. The meeting ended with all the parties smiling, as all issues were amicably resolved.



Jubril Olaide of Offa Student Union making a comment



Alhaji Fasasi Balogun of Offa Descendant Union addressing the audience



Community Heads present at the meeting

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KW-IRS ORGANISES TRAINING FOR THE STRATEGIC CHANGE TEAM

AbdulHakeem AbdulRahman

A major asset of a successful organisation is the employee. It is therefore not surprising that the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service continuously and consistently invest in the training and re-training of her staff. A total number of 44 staff selected across the various directorates was on Thursday 25th August awarded the certificate of attendance of Strategic Capacity Building course after having attended a weeklong training at the Revenue House. The training was geared at building capacity and with a view to creating effective and efficient tax administrators. The training, which commenced on Monday 22 August 2016, featured different activities that included lecture sessions, interactive sections, group work, examination and presentation of certificates.

The Executive Chairman, Dr. Muritala Awodun and other management staff among who were Director, Admin and Corporate Affairs, Mrs. Adenike Babajamu, Director, MDAs, Mr. Segun Olaniyi, Director of Tax Audit and Assessment, Alhaji Nuhu Olaide Muhammed, Director of Operations and Process, Dr. Isaac Gbenle and Deputy Director of Informal Sector handled the lecture sessions.



Executive Chairman taking the class during the training session



Some of the staff listening with rapt attention during the training

Speaking during the lecture sessions the Executive Chairman reiterated the importance of the KW-IRS Vision, Mission and Core Values which are all the requirements that must always be fulfilled by the staff. It is therefore noteworthy that the decision of the Service to organize the training was to significantly transform the processes and procedures of tax administration in order to align the staff with the best standard and practices so that the Service can surpass its target.

The climax of the training was the fieldwork, which required the team strategically called the Change Team to supervise the Community Impact Project on Saturday 27 August 2016. The exercise was geared towards the environment and members of the change team went round the Tanke community in Ilorin with an advocacy to sensitise the people on the need to keep their environment clean. They supervised the cleaning of gutters and work of patching the potholes on the roads.



Presentation of certificate by Director, Admin and Corporate Affairs



Presentation of certificate by Director, Admin and Corporate Affairs



Strategic Change Team in a group photograph with the Executive Chairman

DISCLAIMER:

KW-IRS HAS NOT IMPOSED NEW TAX ON CORPORATE ORGANISATIONS

There have been several matters of conjectures and deliberate misinformation about the relocation of Tuyil Pharmaceutical Industry and some other corporate bodies from Kwara State owing to high taxes by Kwara State Government; emanating from preconceived and erroneous notions of some segments of the public who portray themselves as armchair critics of the Government. Such segments have also been known to be typically resentful about the establishment of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) since they no longer have other means to execute their dubious plans like they used to do in the previous past. Here is the response of the KW-IRS' Director, Administration and Corporate Affairs, Mrs. Adenike Babajamu on a social media platform called Kwara Consultative Forum.

According to her, “With due respect and to set the records straight, we must as a matter of fact verify rumours and confirm the source of all information. I work with the new Revenue Agency and I want to confirm in very strong language that no new tax has been imposed on Tuyil Pharmaceutical Industry nor any corporate body in Kwara State. We have a very cordial relationship with the Managing Director, Tuyil Pharmaceuticals and if you visit the company's office, you will see new structures under construction. A company leaving town because of tax

burden will not invest in the same company. Please visit our website www.kw-irs.com for details of our activities. As for Coca-Cola leaving town because of tax, this also is false.

The objectives of KW-IRS is clearly spelt out by our vision which is “To mobilise revenue for the strategic development of Kwara State”. Yes, I agree that we had and still have unresolved issues in the State but must we continue to watch? The answer is no. Our mandate is to stimulate voluntary compliance and block all leakages which were peculiar to previous tax collection process. This, we started earlier this year and I make bold to say that we have in the first six months made progress.

The effect may not be as fast as everyone would want but in a short while, will be seen by all. A few days from now, contractors will be returning to sites on all pending projects. Talking about the bad state of our roads as a result of people depositing refuse into drainage, we started environmental sensitisation and sanitation exercise last Saturday on Tanke Road. Just last month the new Infrastructure Fund Committee was inaugurated by the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji (Dr.) AbdulFatah Ahmed, and definitely IGR will begin to fund infrastructure development in the State.

Let us believe in our State and believe in the Change process by first being the change we want to see”.



KW-IRS COLLABORATES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMING ARTS (UNILORIN) IN A COMMUNITY THEATRE PROJECT TITLED *PAY YOUR TAX*

Yetunde Elegboja

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) on 23 June 2016 extended its hand of support to the Group B 100 level students of the Department of Performing Arts, University of Ilorin on their Community Theatre Project on the theme: *Pay your Tax*. The Service believes in the educating powers of drama which is not only didactic in nature but passes information across to people in a relaxed approach with loads of lessons to be learnt. It was another opportunity for the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) to leverage on this powerful societal tool to further admonish people on the importance of paying tax.

According to ethics and discovery of

theatre scholars, Community Theatre has the freedom of location selection which means that anywhere can be used as locale for drama. The frontage of Sheik Abdulquadri Secondary School, Adewole, Ilorin, was used as the stage for the play *Pay your Tax* centres on a community that detest taxation. The community believes that there is no advantage in tax payment because of their views that government does not use the money to the advantage of the people rather; they believe that government officials embezzle public funds using it to enrich themselves.

The drama also portrayed the physical assault tax collectors often encounter while disseminating their given assignment and further emphasized the place of tax education especially in secondary schools so that tax

culture can be inculcated in students. This is expected to engender voluntary compliance attitude when they are grown and this is one of the intentions of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) for establishing Tax Clubs in senior secondary schools.

The play *Pay your Tax* is a play that addresses relevant theme in our society especially at this crucial time where the Federal Allocation keeps nose diving on monthly basis due to the crash in the oil sector. The play was highly impactful and answered a lot of pressing questions on the mind of the audience. Audience were given opportunity to ask questions and KW-IRS staff on ground did justice to a few questions raised by the audience. KW-IRS gave its support to the 100 level student of the

Performing Arts Department of the University of Ilorin in the area of costume and the use of KW-IRS staff bus to be used by the group.

The success of the community theatre was achievable because of the passion of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) for the promotion of education in the State. This KW-IRS have achieved by giving scholarships to best graduating students at tertiary institutions like the Kwara State University (KWASU), Landmark University, Kitting of primary school pupils at four (4) different local governments, support to different educational association among many.



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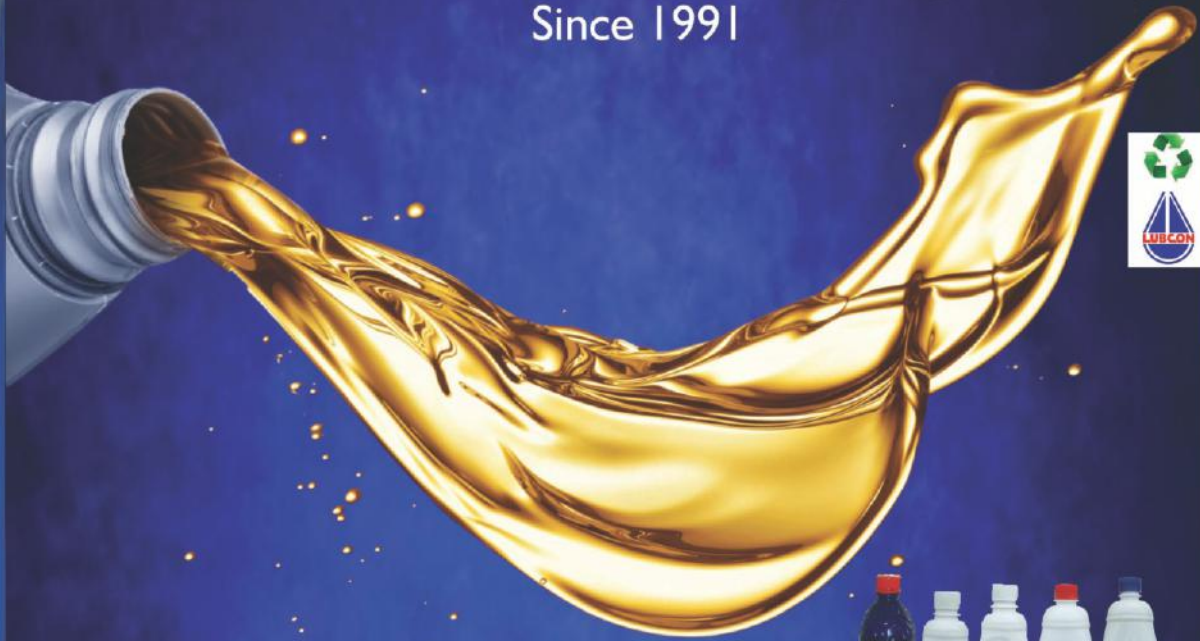
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Representative KW-IRS 3rd left Mrs Yetunde Elegboja with the students of Unilorin Performing Arts

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