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**The Executive Governor of Kwara State,
Government House,
Ilorin.**

**Attn:
Dr. Muideen Akorede,
SSA to Governor on Media and Publicity**

Sir

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ILORIN WATER RETICULATION PROJECT

We are a Kwara-based registered Civil Society Organization. Our primary aims are: to promote good governance in Kwara by participating in policy formation, campaign against corruption, promote government's good policies, advocate for open leadership, protect citizens' rights, and evaluate/monitor the implementation and performance of Kwara-related budgets.

You may wish to recall our previous press statement on Ilorin water reticulation project (<http://enetsud.org/2018/07/02/where-is-the-water-kwarans-ask-governor-ahmed/>) where questions were asked about the project in public interest. In order to have an official exchange of information with the Government towards knowing her genuine position, we are sincerely making a request for the following information from the State Government:

- i. Breakdown of the money spent and the proposed further expenses on Ilorin water reticulation project since its commencement till completion
- ii. The phases of the project and the time frame for their execution (including the completed, ongoing and future phases)
- iii. The particular locations in Ilorin that the project is expected to serve after its completion

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Registered Address: 30 Kamaldeen street, Okekere, Ilorin, Kwara state, Nigeria

Liaison office: c/o Lateef Abdulsalam & Co., 8 Adebare Street, Ogudu, Lagos

- iv. The exact period that the residents and indigenes of Ilorin should be expecting its completion so that they can begin to enjoy uninterrupted water supply as promised

While hoping to hear from you soon, please be assured of our esteem regards always.



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Coordinator



Mr. Usman Baba MAHMUD
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Cc:

Commissioner for Water Resources



ILORIN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: STATUS REPORT -2018

The problem of water supply to Ilorin metropolis were identified during the World Bank National Water Rehabilitation project of 2011 as mainly:

- Inadequate water production
- Inadequate Storage capacity
- Old and obsolete pipe networks

The Solution Proffered included:

- At least doubling the treatment water production at Asa Water Works
- Upgrade the pumping capacity (Low and High Lift) to cope with the increased water production capacity
- Increase in storage capacity in the system

- Complete renewal of the water distribution system by replacing the old AC pipes and replacing all asbestos cement pipes with uPVC pipes

It was recommended that the combined efforts of the Federal State and even local Government to implement the proffered solution and more importantly it could only be done in phases

PROGRESS SO FAR

2003-2007

- *Refurbishment and upgrading of existing Asa Water treatment plant

Client - Kwara State Government

Capacity - 50,000m³/ day

Contractor - Biwater

*New Water Treatment Plant

Capacity - 55,00m³/day

Client - Federal Government of Nigeria

Contractor - Biwater

Cost - N1.17Billion

2008-2009- *Upgrading of Low Lift Pump Station and Construction of a New High Lift Pump Station

Client - Kwara State Government

Capacity - 4,900m³/hr (118,000m³/day)

Contractor - Biwater

Cost - N2.2Billion

2009-2018 - *New 110km of new pipeline consisting of

- 39.94km of Transmission lines

- 44.13km of Principal Distribution Pipelines
- 11.57km of Secondary Distribution Pipeline
- 15.18km of Tertiary Distribution Pipeline.
 - 2nos Booster Stations
 - 1no 10,000m³ concrete circular tank
 - 1no 570m³ elevated tank

Client - Kwara State Government

Contractor - CGC (Nig.) Ltd.

Cost - N6.54Billion

2018 *Proposed 305km Tertiary Distribution Network made up of 110mm, 160mm and 200mm HDPE Pipes.

Achievements

1. Doubling of the treatment capacity in 2006 from meagre 27,000m³/day to over 105,000m³/day.
2. Construction of the 4,900m³/hr High and low Lift Pump Stations at Asa Water Works
3. The laying of 39.94.km (800mm and 400mmD.1) new transmission mains 44.15km of principal distribution network and 26.75km of secondary and tertiary distribution network
4. The construction of 10,000m³ concrete circular tank at Oloje and the 570m³ elevated tank at Oja-Oba and the connection to Oke-Ose 5,000m³ tank
5. The Ilorin Water supply scheme now comprises a water treatment plant of double capacity, new water transmission mains, new principal distribution network and water storage facilities that envelop the Ilorin Metropolis feeding the city with potable water by gravity

6. The data house connections

- **Present Situation**

Kwara State Water Corporation database

House Connection - 13,500

Active - 3,000

- **After completion of this project**

House connection - 48,000

- **After the proposed tertiary distribution network**

Household connection – 105,000

The proposed tertiary distribution network, when completed will enable direct household connection to municipal water.

Facts Sheet

It is pertinent at this juncture to take a look at the basic statistics available for Ilorin up to year 2050.

Statistics

1. Population

2006 - 913,149

2017 - 1,036,140

2050 - 3,418,860

4. Source of Raw Water

Asa Dam Reservoir - $44.0 \times 10^6 \text{m}^3$

Agba Dam Reservoir - $1.3 \times 10^6 \text{m}^3$

Unilorin Dam Reservoir - $1.8 \times 10^6 \text{m}^3$

2. Area Size

2008 - 293 sq.km

2017 - 378 sq.km

2050 - 613 sq.km

5. Water Production

1976 - $44,000 \text{m}^3/\text{day}$

2008 - $102,000 \text{m}^3/\text{day}$

2020 - $240,000 \text{m}^3/\text{day}$

2050 - $550,000 \text{m}^3/\text{day}$

➤ 2020 and 2050 statics are projection

3. Water Demand

2008 - 137,000m³/day

2020 - 56,000m³/day

2050- 512,00m³/day

6. Service Reservoirs 8. Distribution Mains

1976- 25,000m³ 1976- 40.0km (AC pipes)

2010- 38,000m³ 2010- 140,000km (D.I., uPVC,HDPE Pipes)

2020- 48,000m³ 2020- 250,000km (D.I,uPVC, HDPE pipes)

2050- 300,000m³ 2050- 250,000km (D.I.uPVC, HDPE PIPES)

7. Transmission Mains 9. Tertiary Distribution

1976 - 17,809km 1976- 100km (AC Pipes)

2010 -59,189km 2010- 81.1km (AC,uPVC pipes)

2020 -80,780km 2020- 400.0km (uPVC,HDPE Pipes)

2050- 120,000km 2050- 600.0km (Upvc,HDPE,pipes)

Future

Statistics have shown that Ilorin metropolis is growing at an exponential rate not only in population but also in service areas.is

There is therefore the need to start planning for increased water treatment capacity, new transmission mains and expanded water distribution network. The planning horizon is 2050.

Role of the press and civil societies

The press (Print and Electronic). NGO's and other civil societies must help to educate our people that:

- Dirty water may be free, but clean and potable water cannot be free because it costs money to produce and distribute clean water to your household.
- Potable water from water corporation is after all cheaper than that of the water vendors
- The public must support the water corporation to sustain the water supply scheme by promptly paying their water charges.

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Date: 5th November, 2018

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SSA to the Governor (Media and Communication),
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Dear Dr. Muideen Akorede,

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You may wish to refer to our previous letter referenced ENetSuD/KWSG/01/1 dated 12th September, 2018 and your response dated 19th October, 2018 on the above subject matter. We sincerely commend your response to our request, which is a sign of your administration commitment to promote Transparency, Accountability and Open Leadership in the Governance of Kwara state.

We have carefully studied your response and noted that it highlighted the efforts made by successive administration of Kwara state government to address the problem of water supply within the state. We regret to give you feedback that the response did not specifically answer most of our questions.

In order to avoid ambiguity, we are therefore re-emphasizing the need for you to provide us with **specific answers** to the following questions on **ILORIN WATER RETICULATION PROJECT** that commenced in 2009, and not broadly on Ilorin water supply scheme:

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THE MULTI-BILLION NAIRA ILORIN WATER RETICULATION PROJECT: NO VALUE FOR TAX-PAYERS MONEY

The Elites Network for Sustainable Development (ENetSuD), a Kwara-based Civil Society Organization, has again described the multi-billion naira Ilorin Water Reticulation Project as not having value for Kwara tax-payers money. The CSO, through its press statement on 2nd July 2018, had previously described the project as a scam (<http://enetsud.org/2018/07/02/where-is-the-water-kwarans-ask-governor-ahmed/>).

In a statement signed by the Coordinator of the Organization, **Dr. Abdullateef Alagbonsi**, ENetSuD said that as part of its **#FollowKwaraMoney** project, it wrote Kwara State Governor on 12th September, 2018 to request for the following specific information on the Water Reticulation Project: (i) Breakdown of the money spent and the proposed further expenses on Ilorin water reticulation project since its commencement till completion, (ii) the phases of the project and the time frame for their execution (including the completed, ongoing and future phases), (iii) the particular locations in Ilorin that the project is expected to serve after its completion, and (iv) the exact period that the residents and indigenes of Ilorin should be expecting its completion so that they can begin to enjoy uninterrupted water supply as promised. Continuing, **Dr. Alagbonsi** said that the Government responded on 19th October, 2018 and extensively explained the efforts it has been making to solve water problem in the

State. It also disclosed that 6.5 Billion naira has been spent on the Primary and Secondary phases, while the Tertiary phase has been appropriated in the 2018 budget. Subsequently, the Government commissioned this Water project on 22nd November, 2018 and provided lists of areas where the completed water projects were located. Till date, our question concerning the breakdown of the money spent on this project remained unanswered by Kwara State Government.

In order to ascertain the presence of the water projects in the locations listed by Government, and to also know if these tax-funded projects are working for the Citizens of Kwara State, our Directorate of Investigation and Public Petition visited the locations listed by Government to interview residents on the projects. To our dismay, residents in some of the places visited falsified government's claim by saying that the water project is not available in their places and neighborhood. In most of the places where it was found, the water project was not working since the first day of erecting it. Only in few places were the water found to be working (listen to the investigation interview here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-854744499/enetsud-investigation-on-the-value-for-n65-million-ilorin-water-reticulation-project>).

Ilorin water reticulation project, which is meant to make water available to the nooks and crannies of Ilorin metropolis, is one of the major projects inherited by the current administration of Alhaji Abdulfatai Ahmed from his predecessor, Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki. It involves water distribution network that will provide water routes to the consumers after it has been collected and treated. Being the capital city of Kwara state, Ilorin continues to expand on daily basis and the need to expand the water radius becomes very inevitable. The project started in year 2009 and has remained one of the most controversial projects since that time. It has gulped several billions of naira since almost a decade that it commenced but it's sad that the light has not been sighted at any end of the tunnel. The project, which was reported to have been 98% completed in 2014 by Mr. Yomi Ogunsola, the then Senior

Special Assistant to Governor Abdulfatah Ahmed on Investment Promotion and Strategy, took the Kwara State Government more than 4 years to complete the remaining 2%.

In conclusion, we are challenging the Kwara State Government to provide the exact locations in the places where residents denied to have sighted any of the Water project. We are also calling on Kwara State Government to provide value for tax-payers money by ensuring that the Water project is producing the water that it is meant to produce, and not a mere historical structure for tourism. Lastly, the Kwara State Government should proof its transparency and accountability by providing Kwarans with the breakdown of how the said 6.5 billion naira was spent on this project.

Signed

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