



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

NOTICE PAPER

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- 1. Provision of Adequate Equipment for more Kidney Dialysis Centres at Subsidized Rates in all Federal Government Health Facilities across Nigeria:**
Hon-Usman Zannah:
The House:

Notes that Kidney Disease is a serious condition associated with premature mortality, decreased quality of life; and increased health-care expenditures;

Also notes that kidney disease is usually caused by diabetes, high blood pressure and other disorders and is emerging a worldwide public health problem;

Further notes that the disease, if left untreated, can result in end stage renal disease which would necessitate dialysis or kidney transplant;

Aware that according to a number of reports, kidney disease in Nigeria affects 20% of the population and can be connected to the rising cases of high blood pressure among the populace;

Also aware that reports have shown that high cost of treatment and absence of functioning dialysis machines at the various kidney treatment centres are affecting management of the disease;

Concerned that kidney disease has contributed to the nation's rising mortality rate as patients are unable to either afford the cost or treatment or have access to the facilities;

Also concerned that the existing facilities are fraught with enormous challenges such as inadequate funding, shortage of specialists, poor health promotion strategies and obsolete equipments;

Worried that most communities do not have a primary health center, thus making it difficult to identify a large pool of people with kidney disease and those at risk of developing the disease and where the facility exists, there is lack of doctors to effectively man the hospital;

Also worried that in the north especially, where the major cause of death among kidney disease patients is the cost of consumables, which is making dialysis unaffordable and discouraging patients from seeking timely intervention;

Cognizant that the prevailing poverty in the country, lack of government attention to those with chronic kidney disease, low number of doctors in rural areas/ low number of nephrologist in the country and lack of facilities in the country to effectively manage these patients are major challenges that need to be addressed urgently;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to establish more fully equipped Kidney Dialysis Centres in Health Facilities across the nation and employ qualified personnel to manage the Centres;
- (ii) Also urge the Federal Government to subsidize treatments for kidney disease patients in order to encourage them to seek early intervention, thus saving their lives;
- (iii) Further urge the Federal Government to commence sensitization campaigns, especially in rural areas, on the need to seek treatment in the provided healthcare facilities closest to them;
- (iv) Mandate the Committees on Health Institutions and Healthcare Services to liaise with relevant stakeholders with a view to ensuring compliance with the aforementioned prayers and make provisions for establishment of fully equipped Kidney Dialysis Centres across the country in the 2020 Budget estimates.

2. Need to Rehabilitate the Aguleri-Otuocho-Ezuanaku- Omor-Omasi-Adani Federal Road:

Hon Vincent Ofumelu

The House:

Notes that the Aguleri-Otuocho-Ezuanaku-Omor-Omasi-Adani Federal Road which was constructed by the administration of late President Shehu Shagari, is one of the major roads link in the agrarian communities of Anambra and Enugu States;

Also Notes that this road which has in the last 40 years been abandoned, even though it is a major link to both Ayamelum Local Government Area of Anambra State and Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State, the food baskets of these two neighboring States;

Concerned that the continuous neglect of the road by both the States and Federal Government has left it in total disrepair and thus turned to a safe haven for all forms of criminal activities and a source of major environmental degradation;

Worried about the quantity and quality of agricultural products, wasted as a result of the menace can feed over 10% of Nigerians most especially with the ban on the importation of foreign rice by the Federal Government in order to boost local production;

Disturbed that pregnant women and the sick in search of better health care, have died on their way to hospitals in the nearest urban areas as a result of the deplorable of the road;

Cognizant that the vision for the creation of the Anambra Imo River Basin Development Authority by the former president Obasanjo which was to support agricultural initiatives of the Government for increased food production for local consumption and export has been defeated due to bad road network;

Disturbed that despite the persistent cries of the residents and commuters for remedial actions on the road nothing has been done by successive governments to ameliorate the situation, leaving the people with resentment;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to carry out rehabilitation work on Aguleri-Otuocha-Ezuannaku-omor-Omasi-Adani Federal Road;
- (ii) Mandate the committee FERMA to ensure that the project is accommodated in the 2020 budget estimate.

3. Need to Enhance a Broad Based Agricultural Policy in the Country with Large Emphasis on Youth Participation

Hon. Nkem Uzoma Abonta
Hon. Boma Goodhead
Hon. Chukwuma Onyema

Hon. Tahir Mungono
Hon. Chris Azubogu

Hon. Magaji Aliyu
Hon. Nicholas Ossai

The House:

Aware of the dire prerequisite of initiating and driving a deliberate and broad-based agricultural policy in order to galvanize any perceived economic diversification in the country;

Also aware of the large youth population which ought to stimulate economic activities but could also result in a demographic disaster if this enormous youth population is not provided with adequate social and economic investments to harness their potentials;

Concerned that there is currently no clear and adequate strategy put in place to ensure a youth inclined agricultural policy where more youths can earn from the agricultural sector and contribute to the growth in gross domestic product and the economy at large while also assuring food security in the country;

Notes that the 2012 Baseline Survey of the National Bureau of Statistics revealed that 37.0 percent of youths are engaged in agriculture, spreading through various sub-sectors like crops, livestock, fishing and forestry;

Also notes that the same Baseline Survey indicates a distribution of the annual turnover of youth's from agricultural business based on types of activity as crop farming activity contributed the sum of four Trillion (N3trn) Naira, livestock contributed Two Trillion (N2trn) Naira, poultry contributed Twenty Billion (N20Bn) Naira, fishing also contributed Twenty Billion (N20Bn) Naira, while forestry contributed One Billion (N1 Bn) Naira.

Further notes that agricultural programmes of successive administrations in the past like the National Accelerated Food Production Programme (NAFPP), Operation Feed the Nation (OFN) and Green Revolution (GR) were policies showing genuine intent towards agricultural revolution in the country;

Recognizes government's efforts towards diversifying the economy with emphasis on the agricultural sector as evident in the Presidential Economic Diversification Initiative (PEDI), the Anchor Borrowers Programme, Presidential Fertilizer Initiative, and the much-publicized Food Security Council;

Also recognizes and lauds government's Social Investment programme which earmarks about One Hundred and Fifty Billion (N150Bn) Naira for conditional cash transfer to the vulnerable, school feeding programme and a monthly disbursement of N30, 000 to youths between the ages of 18 - 35 years aimed at training 500,000 university graduates to be deployed to work in their local communities as teachers, agriculture workers and health support workers among others;

Determined to compliment the efforts of the executive arm by deliberately shaping overnment's policy in the area of social investment programmes in order to accommodate and enhance more youth participation in agriculture, making agricultural activities attractive to more than half of Nigeria's population comprising mostly of idle youths;

Desirous to initiate a broad-based agricultural policy or programme that is youth inclined using the National Social Investment programme;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Agricultural production and services to appraise the National Social Investment Programme with a view to creating the opportunity and possibility of engaging more than 50 percent of the youth population in various agricultural activity;
- (ii) Also mandate the Committee on Agricultural production and services to organize a Public Hearing or stakeholder meeting centered on developing a broad-based agricultural policy and programme with focus on the creation of agricultural clusters in the country as well as youth participation in view of the National Social Intervention Programme.

**4. Call to Rehabilitation of Ikirun-Eko Ende Junction-Ore-Ile Ilosin/Osogbo Road and the Construction of Ilie Bridge Connecting Ile to adjoining Communities and Towns:
Hon. Afolabi Rasheed Olalekan
The House:**

Notes with concern the deplorable state of Ikirun-Eko Ende Junction-Ore- Iosin/Ogbomoso Road and the abandoned state of the lie Bridge connecting the town to Ikirun, Eko Ajala, Eko Ende, Ore, Olowosoke, Agbeye and Ilie to Ogbomoso in Oyo State;

Aware that the contract for the design and construction of Ilie Bridge over River Erinle at Ilie in Osun State was awarded by the Federal Ministry of Works to esser MM & IF integrated Nigeria Limited at the cost of #494,696,895.00 in 2011 with expected date of completion in 2012, but is yet to be completed;

Disturbed that another contract for the Augmentation of the subsisting contract for additional work and review of the rates for construction of the same bridge was awarded by the Federal Ministry of Works to Messer MM & IF integration Nigeria Limited at the cost of #2,546J57, 559.10 in 2018 with an expected date of completion December 2020, and yet the contractors are not on the site;

Worried that lack of the connecting bridge along the dilapidated road is aggravating environmental degradation and erosion scourge in the vicinity because the accumulated rainwater is not channel properly and therefore ends up flowing into people's farmlands and homes;

Informed that the continued abandonment of this vital bridge that serves as link road within the adjoining communities inhibits movement and hampers the transportation of agricultural produce from the predominantly farming communities to urban centers;

Also that if urgent action is not taken, especially in view of the current economic realities, the people of those communities will continue to suffer economic hardship and woes and remain at the mercy of flood;

Resolves to:

Mandate the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Works, and FERMA to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing with a view to bringing about the rehabilitation of the road, and expedite action on the construction of the abandoned bridge.

5. Checking the Activities of the Petroleum Products Marketing Company Limited and Petroleum Product Pricing Regulatory Agency in their Discriminatory Attitudes Against Independent Marketers in the Area of Petroleum Prices:

Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun:

The House:

Notes that the Petroleum Products Marketing Company Limited is a subsidiary of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation saddled with the responsibility of coordinating distribution of petroleum products in the downstream sector of the Nigeria's Petroleum Industry;

Further notes that the Petroleum Product Pricing Regulatory Agency is another subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation saddled with responsibility of fixing prices for petroleum products in Nigeria;

Aware that there are two blocks of marketers in the downstream sector of the nation's petroleum industry, that is: The Major Marketers and the Independent Marketers;

Disturbed that the Petroleum Products Marketing Company Limited being the coordinator of petroleum product distribution in the downstream sector is selling Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) to the two blocks at different prices. By selling Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) to Major Marketers at N-125.65k per litre, while to the Independent Marketers at N133.28 per litre;

Concern that: since members of the two blocks are selling their products to retailers in the same market the discrimination has been affecting the participatory capacity of the Independent marketers in the market as well as impoverish them against their contenders in the sector;

Convinced that if this to discriminative attitude of the Petroleum Products Marketing Company Limited in order to give all concerned marketers sense of belonging;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate this matter with a view to ensuring a uniform pricing for all the concerned marketers and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.