

## ADDRESS FROM OFFICE OF THE PG AGUOBU IWOLLO

First, I wish every one of you and all the great people of Aguobu Ezenike a happy and prosperous New Year. I thank God for making it possible for us to weather the storms of the previous year and emerge into 2022 unscathed.

I sincerely thank our people for their vote of confidence by re-electing me and my executives into office.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge some of the accomplishments of my administration during our first term in office. Thereafter, I will highlight my administration's goals and objectives for our second term in office.

## First term accomplishments:

I am pleased to announce that my administration recorded significant achievements in the various projects and activities we deployed during our first term in office. These achievements contributed significantly to ensuring the peaceful coexistence amongst our people and facilitating the growth and development of our community.

Some of these achievements include:

- Bringing together our segmented youths as one towards a peaceful co-existence.
- Co-opting some of the youths into FIAC security network.
- Fostering the empowerment of petty traders in our community.
- Securing approval and supervision of the construction of five-speed breakers on our road; etc.
- Attracting the Enugu State Universal Basic Education Board (ENSUBEB) site engineer for inspection and subsequent production of cost implication for the reconstruction of two blocks and one block of building in our community primary and post-primary schools respectively.
- Organizing a condolence visit to honor our PG emeritus Late Chief Robert Chikeluba Okonkwo.
- Ensuring the last FIAC end-of-year general assembly was held peacefully in Aguobu Iwollo.
- Successful conduction of the town union election.



• Domain name registration and SSL for the community website.

While the above accomplishments are notable, we appreciate that there is so much more we can and need to do, to ensure that peace and stability reign in our community and that the wellbeing of each member of our community is improved. To this end, I highlight below a high-level summary of some of the projects we aim to carry out during our second term in office. We would welcome any suggestions on how to improve on or execute the projects.

## Goals and objectives of second term:

- Sourcing of funds to equip, train and pay stipends to our internal security to encourage them.
- Set up farmers' cooperative in Aguobu Iwollo and through this cooperative help our smallholder farmers to access training, farm inputs, high-value markets, and financing.
- Attracting foreign investors in the Agriculture value chain to Aguobu Iwollo.
- Constitution of different committees on key sectors of the economy to work in various capacities with the town union government.
- Completing our website and automating various registration
- Ensuring all progressive members of Aguobu Iwollo get involved in moving the community forward through paying stipulated levy's in accordance with our constitution, voluntary donations to support impact projects, and voluntary community services.
- Ensuring our women get involved in the developmental activities and affairs of our community.
- Getting the appropriate persons/personnel to sign the MOU with the Association of Land Donors for Polytechnic Permanent site Aguobu Iwollo.
- Intensifying actions towards securing government approval for the reconstruction of the two blocks and one block in our community primary and post-primary schools respectively.
- Capacity building during deployment of Impact projects.



I am confident that with the support of the members/stakeholders of Aguobu Iwollo, my executives and I will continue to make efforts to make our community more united, progressive, secure, and peaceful.

Before I go on to other matters, I would like to specially congratulate our brothers and stakeholders that received the new Chieftaincy titles during the "ofalla" festival of Igwe Ralph Okolo of Iwollo Omashi.

- 1. High Chief Livinus Obiekwe (O kaakaa gburu gburu-1)
- 2. High Chief Onyeka Oguejiiofor(O kaa obulu Uzo-1)
- 3. Chief Kennedy Okafor (Nwa ji Ugo Nna ya)
- 4. Chief Anslem Ejiofor

Also special congratulations to;

5. High Chief Ozor Dr. Joseph Uhama (Okpolu-ozuo 1 of Ezeagu)

It is going by your wealth of experience and achievements that Iwollo Omashi and Ezeagu LGA deemed it necessary to confer these titles to you. Hence, I'll be soliciting your wisdom, ideas, and assistance as usual in the coming months to make our community a better place. I hope you come forward to assist whenever you are called on for your support, in the affairs of the Aguobu Iwollo Autonomous community. Once more, congratulations on your respective titles.

Moving forward, I observed with concern the comments by High Chief Ozor Dr. Joe Uhama. I have great respect for Ozor Omenuko, and I understand that his comments were coming from a place, not of spite, but from his big heart and concern for the well-being and good of the community. As we all know, Governance is of the people, by the people, and for the people. Therefore every concern is meritorious and will be looked into. The stakeholders, my executives, and I will look into the concerns, and criticisms of Chief Ozor Dr. Joe Uhama and make amends where necessary.

However, it is my considered view that if we are, to be honest with ourselves, we would find that it is not the past PGs that have caused the problems and slow development in Aguobu Iwollo Autonomous community. Rather, it is our Community leadership tussle which has been ongoing for 16 years now, that has played a huge role/part in causing the disharmony and chaos in the community.



*Out Ref. Date* I'm privy to the fact that certain stakeholders in our community have been fighting and trying to restore peace in the community. The following remedial steps have been taken:

1) The leadership dispute is currently pending at the Supreme Court.

2) Some stakeholders have reached out to the Enugu State Government to intervene and restore peace in the community.

3) Some members from the five villages of our community have taken a peaceful stance (instead of rioting or causing an uprising) by undertaking a peaceful protest against the retarded growth of our great community - caused by the injustice of the ongoing leadership tussle. This protest was reported by national and local news media outlets (Guardian, Sun, ThisDay.., radio stations, etc.).

My executives and I are at the center of the above-described steps. We are working behind the sidelines, towards ensuring that peace comes forth in the community (in line with the verdict of the courts). We are reaching out to the various stakeholders of the government. We are making efforts to settle the matter through consultations with well-meaning organizations and relevant government agencies.

In my capacity as the present PG, I promise you and I assure all of you that I'll do everything within my powers even while this leadership tussle is ongoing to move our community forward. I'll ensure that peace, growth, and development are restored back to the community in light of my goals and objectives.

As I have said before, the government is an open government, my priority and speech are to ensure that the voices of all and sundry are heard, and their issues tabled and considered.

I appeal to everyone to join hands to build a practical United Aguobu Iwollo based on truth and fairness to entrench peace for our children's children.

Let happiness, peace, and love be with us in abundance.

Hon. Festus Ndubuisi President General, Aguobu Iwollo Town Union.

Francis Nechi Ukolio Secretary-General, Aguobu Iwollo Town Union.