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- The underlying causes of poverty and unemployment in Nigeria.
- The truly poor, unemployed and rich people in Nigeria.
- Practical solutions to poverty and unemployment in Nigeria.
- Unbiased recommendations for individuals, governments, institutions and organizations.



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## **DEDICATION**

This book is dedicated to the Holy Spirit of God for the enablement and wisdom.

## THE READERS GUIDE

Everyone is expected to read and understand this section before reading any part of this book as several misconceptions would be addressed.

First and foremost, the researcher wishes that, everyone should be Liberal, empathetic and compassionate.

**This writing has not passed through the standardized processes of vetting. This was due to financial constraint. However, the ideas and findings are weighty and its worth spending time with.**

This research, advocate for an end to poverty and unemployment in Akwa Ibom State, and Nigeria at large. The writing is not targeted to subjugate any individual or group of persons. Hence, it shouldn't be used as weapon against governments, organizations and individuals. Ensure you read this book thoroughly to the end before criticizing or drawing conclusion on any statement.

This research is not biased in any form as such it could be adopted as valuable tools to transform the Nation, Nigeria. This book is not for sale and it should not be sold to any person. This is the author's contribution towards to the development and advancement of Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria at large. Hence, denied himself of huge monetary gains from this intricate endeavour. The author is open for partnership from any well spirited individual, organizations or governments in upholding the authority of this research or its implementation.

The means for data collection were interview, questionnaires,

observations and the respondents are anonymous. Love, unity, truth, empathy, compassion and respect are what this work stands for, but in case you observed otherwise, treat same in love.

It found was out that, no Nigerian leader (religious, traditional, political or in families) are completely bad and wicked as known. It establishes that, the best of their actions was a reflection of their knowledge, skills, experiences and will.

It charges all to see, Poverty and unemployment as a common enemy that is threatening the realization of sustainable peace in Nigeria. To this end, the researcher is convinced that this writing will be generally accepted by all and the prosperity of Nigerians would not be hindered anymore.

This writing is part of the means adopted for the realization of Equal Life and Help Foundation mandate. Equal Life and Help Foundation is an unregistered Non-governmental organization that has a vision of taking the common man from poverty to wealth, unemployment to employment, ignorance to knowledge and injustice to justice.

Some of its activities under reviewed:

The foundation has trained over five Akwa Ibomites on its 'free' skills acquisition program and had empowered one person with startup tools. It has sensitizes a cross section of Nigerians within Akwa Ibom State; enlightening them on what they can do to independently and collectively defeat the societal enemy – **poverty and unemployment**. In addition, the foundation has subsidized educational material, making it affordable to all, particularly the poor. This was pertinent because it sees education as the permanent solution to several challenges. ([www.facebook.com/equallifeandhelpfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/equallifeandhelpfoundation)).

# THE PROOF





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Ibomites, provision of befitting shelter to families, skills acquisitions training and financial empowerment to Akwa Ibomites, facilitating employment opportunity to Akwa Ibomites, feeding the poor, disseminating educative information , among others.

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## INTRODUCTION

There is no problem as great as ignorance (Rev. Dr. Uma Ukpai).

The poor and unemployed are found in every nook and cranny of Akwa Ibom and Nation, Nigeria and they represent the greater percentage of our population. As the income level of these people is very low, they live in abject conditions and most are more often than not unable to afford the basic needs of life being food, shelter and clothing.

The English Dictionary defines poverty as the quality or state of indigence or of want of means of subsistence. On the other hand, it sees unemployment as a state of joblessness.

According to the United Nations, a poor person in Nigeria is one living on less than one dollar (\$1) per day, which is an equivalence of #300 to #400. This index is in agreement with that of the National Bureau of Statistics, who in her 2020 report on poverty and inequality in Nigeria, stated that 40% of Nigerians live below poverty line of #137,430 annually (#376.52 daily). Thus, they cannot afford the basic necessities of life.

Robert Kiyosaki, in his books, *Rich Dad's CashFlow Quadrant*, *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* and *Why We Want You to Be Rich* (coauthored by Donald Trump), showed that the poor are usually employees or self-employed. However, he noted that the income from such employment is usually not sufficient to grant them access to good medical care, financial and time freedom.

Consequently, in order to make ends meet, many poor and unemployed are usually pushed into various heinous and nefarious acts such as robbery, prostitution, kidnapping, human trafficking, cyber crime, advance fee fraud and the like. These acts are not only sinful, they are also injurious to the government and the larger society.

Population explosion, ignorance and corruption are some of the

factors incriminated in the persistence of poverty and unemployment in Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria at large.

Over the years, individuals, government and non-governmental organizations have channeled concerted effort towards eradication and alleviation of poverty and unemployment in Nigeria. For instance, in Akwa Ibom State, provision of free and compulsory education for primary and secondary schools, PDP business quest, introduction of Dakkada Entrepreneurial programmes, provision of agricultural loans to farmers in the state and establishment of small and large scale industries are some of the milestones recorded in this pursuit. Moreover, the N-power scheme, an initiative of the Federal Government in training and empowering youths for self reliance, is another commendable effort towards the attainment of this goal.

Despite these commendable efforts, poverty and unemployment appear to persist in Akwa Ibom State and Nation, Nigeria. Hence, the puzzling question, are there things not done properly? Are there vital issues that have not yet been indentified and addressed? These and many more are the questions which this work seeks to answer.

Undoubtedly, eradication of poverty and unemployment is an intricate task. Nonetheless, it is by no means insurmountable. It involves discovering and addressing the underlying problems. It requires the collective effort of all: individuals, government and non-governmental organizations. When this is done, the menace of poverty and unemployment would be dealt a death blow and peace would be sustained in the Nation, Nigeria.

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## CHAPTER ONE

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### THE TRULY POOR, UNEMPLOYED AND RICH PEOPLE IN NIGERIA

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The truly poor people in Nigeria are regarded as those having little or no money (English Dictionary). They are those living on less than one dollar (\$1) per day, which is an equivalence of ₦300 to ₦400 (United Nations). Similarly, National Bureau of Statistics in her 2020 report on poverty and inequality in Nigeria, classified them as those living below poverty line of ₦137,430 annually (₦376.52 daily). According to them, 40% of Nigerians are poor. Furthermore, Robert Kiyosaki sees them as employees and self employed, rendering services for a very low pay. According to him, this set of person cannot access good health care among others things capable of making life worth living well. Moreover, this research sees some of the poor people as being unemployed. However, an online dictionary sees the rich, as a person who possesses great material wealth.

From the above, especially going by the report of National Bureau of Statistics, it is clear that the poor people represent 40% of Nigerian population, while 60% could be considered as being rich. Judging from its monetary based of ₦137,430 annually (₦376.52 daily), its therefore, implies that, the rich people in Nigeria are employees from the Federal and State Government establishments, agencies and parastatals which their monthly salaries are between ₦30,000.00 and ₦500,000.00, depending on one's grade and position.

Similarly, it could also mean that another set of the rich are

employees and individuals from the informal sector, in which their monthly turnover or salaries usually falls between ₦15,000.00 and above. Furthermore, it could also be said that corrupt individuals occupying public offices, drugs dealers, human traffickers, among others whom the wrought of the law has not yet fall upon are equally considered to be rich. These facts are tied to the conviction of others in the same crime in which their illegally acquired wealth runs in millions and billions of Naira. Finally, it could equally be interpreted that another set of the rich people are those through hard work, competence and excellence, acquire their wealth legitimately.

However, this research saw it necessary to classified and segments the poor and the rich people into distinct groups for easy identification. As such, Nigerians would know which group they truly belong to. To this end, a rich person would not be mistaken for the poor person and a poor person would not be termed rich anymore. Hence, competence, hard work and excellence would regain its rightful place in nation, Nigeria.

These groupings are: the poor-unemployed, poor-employed, rich-employed, rich-poor and poor-rich. The groupings are necessary as it could be misleading separating one from another because they are intertwined.

Firstly, it establishes that a **poor-unemployed** person, though regarded as just being poor, is an ignorant person; ignorant of what kind of problem to solve at a given time and situation. In addition, it sees a **poor-unemployed** person as anyone not sensitive to the problems around his or her environment (as in a global village) and attempting to solve them. This problem could either be a menial problem or a severe problem. This set of person would be considered as gamblers and “anything for the boys” set of people.

Secondly, a **poor-employed** person, though termed as just being poor, is a person who solve menial problem yet, does not have



good food to eat; decent cloth to wear even the house he or she lives in, is not well furnished and secured to the standard of man's glory. This is on the basis of the very low income they received for solving menial problems. In addition, it sees a **poor-employed** person as anyone who solves problems (menial or severe) yet, not totally in control of his or her time. This set of person appears to be living comfortably when actively in service but when retired or retrenched, they could barely provide for their needs and that of their family. They are considered as petty traders, employees, among others.

Thirdly, a **rich-employed** person, though termed as just being rich is anyone who solve problems especially severe problems and is totally in control of his or her time. As such, its reward is a valued assets and very high income. This is a rich person of the 21<sup>st</sup> century highly competitive world. Studies shows that this set of person are usually tagged to their solutions (products or services). For example: Uwem Okoko (Engineer - Building and Road Construction), Aliko Dangote (Businessman – Dangote Cement), Mark Zuckerberg (Computer Programmer - Facebook), Innocent Chukwuma (Automobile Manufacturer – Innoson Motors), among others. In the contrary, people (investors) who invest in businesses they do not have proficiency at and are almost not unaware of how such businesses are managed are not inclusive herein.

Fourthly, it establishes that a **rich-poor**, though termed as being rich is anyone who through illegality, acquired wealth; yet not apprehended and convicted for it. This set of persons represents all those that would be made public soon via various media outlet across the nation, Nigeria.

Finally, it sees a **poor-rich** person, though considered as being rich as anyone who through illegality, acquired wealth; being convicted for it; made to return the wealth (full or part) as such end up in correctional facility either for a time or for life. This one's were pushed into this crime by greed or desperation for wealth

due to several years of ceaseless suffering. They previously falls between the poor-unemployed and poor-employed or rich-employed and rich-poor.

To this end, the rich and the poor would no longer be justified by the means of monetary accumulation. But rather, the poor would be weighed by one's level of insensibility towards solving problems and having control over the management of his time. Similarly, the rich would be justified by one's ability to solve problems and have control over other people time.

Having establishes that, would you still agree with the report of National Bureau of Statistic, which stated that 40% of Nigerians are poor going by its monetary justification of #137,430 annually (#376.52 daily)? Similarly, would you equally agree that Akwa Ibom State represents the second highest State with unemployment in Nigeria as earlier reported by them? To this end, this research faults the various reports, calling on the public to disregard it because it is not so true and lacks merit as nearly all Nigerians and Akwa Ibomites in particular are engage in one activity or the other for daily survival. However, it calls for a more thorough investigation and detailed analysis even as they would adopt this classification as a guide.

Undoubtedly, the truly poor-unemployed and poor-employed could be higher in number than the rich-employed, rich-poor and poor-rich people in Nigeria. This is because the only reliable means that would have facilitated Nigerians competence in solving problems especially severe problems is unquestionable not functional vis-a-vis with others in the world.

The educational system in the country is in a deplorable state that needs to be overhauled. It is on this basis that, majority of students says "School na scam" in Nigeria; the best is found abroad. Quality education is indeed, the only means by which the abundant resources (humans and natural) of Nigeria would

have being adequately harnessed for sustainable development. This research reserved the position of Nigeria educational Institutes in the world educational ranking. This revelation wouldn't have being healthy for all as they could see the best Institution in Nigeria being among the least in the world. This deficiency has made millions of Nigerians to comfortable and some others painfully paying millions of Naira for oversee education. Thus, upon graduation, most of these one's do not return home as these countries has already made employment provision for them. Hence, Nigeria loses even more.

Finally, the truly poor, unemployed and rich people in Nigeria are thereby regarded as poor-unemployed, poor-employed, rich-employed, rich-poor and poor-rich and they represent the totality of Nigerian population.

## CHAPTER TWO

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### THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NIGERIA

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There are several underlying causes of poverty and unemployment in Akwa Ibom State and Nigerian at large. The facts are the products of ten years of intensive research carried out in Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria at large. These findings are authentic, reliable and could be verified.

#### 1. SILENCE

Poverty and unemployment persist in Nigeria because majority of people particularly the poor-unemployed and poor-employed are quiet.

It is obvious that no situations or system of things has ever or would improve unless men and women especially the most affected speaks out. Speaking in this context is an active word with corresponding actions. For instance, history shows how several men and women took it upon themselves to speak against certain ills of the society. Among whom were: Nelson Mandela (an anti-apartheid activist) who spoke against apartheid in South Africa and Mary Mitchell Slessor (a Scottish Presbyterian Missionary to Nigeria) spoke against infanticide of twins. These one's spoke and prevailed for humanity. They did not just speak once, but often as possible; being fearless, committed and disciplined in that course thus became voices that weren't ignored or neglected both in the local and international scene.

In the context of this study, it appears that the youths which are

mostly poor-unemployed and poor-employed are shying away from speaking against poverty and unemployment. On this basis, an attempt was made to ascertain what would constitute their negligence. It was observed that, most of the poor-unemployed and poor-employed youths who would have spoken are financially handicap to carry out such intricate task. Secondly, it was alleged that, they are voiceless as such the system of Nigerian society does not regard the cry of the poor-unemployed or poor-employed people. Finally, they remained quiet due to fear of being persecuted or assassinated by what they termed as “monsters”. This is on the basis of their experiences and a certain erroneous belief that says “the world does not love the truth and whosoever speaks the truth will surely die”.

This research observed that, this statement has made millions of people across Nigeria to remain silent on ills of the society. Notwithstanding, it should be known to all that, the power of life and death is not in the hands of anything but God as such nothing happens without His pre knowledge or consent. Moreover, it is a glorious thing for any man to be persecuted for the course of Christ Jesus than lived for nothing.

Amidst all impediments, the poor-unemployed and poor-employed are challenged to come out from their shell and faced the reality of their existence because no one solves this problem better, except he who bears the pains. This action would be demonstrated in a coordinated, creative, logical and lawful manner as such they could become voices that would not be ignored or neglected both in the local and the international scene. Having established these facts, suggestions are made to guide their speaking. This include: writing of solutions oriented tracks, articles and books, learning skills that reflect one's choice of discipline before and after tertiary education, starting business ventures and encouraging others to do same, abstaining and advocating against examination malpractice and other crime, hosting seminars/conferences that enlightens the citizenry on ways of living above poverty and unemployment, among others.

Notwithstanding, the resultant effects of such efforts may not be felt instantly but with time, good successes would be achieved if they faint not.

Finally, it is expected that the authorities' pays more attention to the yearnings and plight of her people because no media has ever presented to the public, the day to day report of poverty and unemployment in Nigeria.

## **2. UNAVAILABILITY AND INACCESSIBILITY OF FUNDS**

It was observed that millions of Nigerians are poor-unemployed and poor-employed due to unavailability and inaccessibility of funds for the development of ideas and expansion of business ventures. It is a true saying that every person needs some amount of money to develop or expands an idea and a business venture. This money could either come from their personal savings, cash donations from friends and family, grant from donor's organizations/government or loans from financial institutions (commercial and microfinance banks). It is expected that ideas and businesses are funded by personal savings and cash donations from friends and family but to the poor-unemployed and poor-employed, the funds from such, are usually not sufficient for their endeavours as such they are left with no other option but to lend from financial institutions with unreasonably high interest rate of over 20%.

It was found out that, millions of small and medium scale enterprises even artisans and petty traders who had lent money from these financial institutions had crashed out from business while the few others are currently trading for their lenders. It was on this wise that, the Holy Bible says, "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is a servant to the lender" (Prov. 22:7). This practice has made thousands of borrowers to develop high blood pressure even as some of them are living on debt. This act has made these lenders richer while the

borrowers poorer. This practice is a violation of God's instruction to mankind.

Thou shalt not lend upon **usury** to the brother; **usury** of money, **usury** of victuals, **usury** of any thing that is lent upon **usury**: unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon **usury**: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it (Deuteronomy 23:19-20).

Without doing a thorough exegesis of that scripture, lending with usury is forbidden whether to a brother or a stranger. By way of application, a brother would be all Nigerians in narrowed context. The word “usury” in that text is defined by an online dictionary as the action or practice of lending money at **unreasonably** high rates of interest. God has condemned such practices and it would be wisdom for Nigerians to uphold it.

To justify the credibility of this research; just at the verge of this publication, it was reported that, the Federal Government of Nigeria under the leadership of His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari GCFR had begun the registration of Nigerian entrepreneurs in accessing “MSME Survival Fund”. Indeed, a step in the right direction if the information reaches the ends of Nigeria. However, they deserve some commendation.

### **3. A DIFFERENT KIND OF WORLD**

There are two different kinds of world existing ironically as one. A world for the poor and the like and that of the rich and the like. Although, it appears to be in an indivisible state, yet its division is obvious; only the experienced can comfortably tell the story. In the Nigerian society, a person is either poor or very poor, while

the other is either rich or very very rich. In view of this, it would be asked: Is this how God (the creator) design the Nigerian world to be? If yes, is this how others, in developed countries such as United State of America (USA) and England are? If no, what created this division? Will it ever come a time in this nation, Nigeria that there won't be any obvious differences between the poor and like and the rich and the like? These are some of the questions everyone needs to sincerely attempt its answers.

It was found out that these differences have dug deep in all spheres of Nigerians lives: starting from the food they eat to the water they drink and to the school they attend, even the relationship they nurture to keep, etc. It is saddened that, the Nigerian system has not recognized this indivisible differences even as its sets its laws, rules, norms, as though they are the same.

It was observed that, majority of the rich; both young and aged are practically unaware of the true state of the poor. These rich ones had never in their life experienced poverty or do any circumstances or situations prompted them to cry. These ones are extremely rich and famous to a degree, as if it was possible, they could have bought for themselves and their family members a reserve life span. However, there are others that are poor from birth up to the point of death. These are the ones this research regard as “Landlord” in the world of the poor.

In view of this, how could such people with that great affluence (especially those placed in positions of authority who administer the needs of the truly poor-unemployed and poor-employed people), come to the same understanding and acceptance, that millions of people are hopelessly poor-



unemployed and poor-employed? By learning, they would have known that people are poor-unemployed and poor-employed but without them permissively experiencing it they will not truly understand what it means for a person to be poor-unemployed or poor-employed. On this basis, learning birthed knowledge but true knowledge is one's experiences that facilitate conviction.

In the light of this, Rev. Dr. Uma Ukpai, one of Nigerian most respected gospel preacher, admonished his students to develop strong passion and love in helping the poor and those afflicted. In his word "... all those who cannot cry when the afflicted (poor, sick, etc) cries are not worthy of God's anointing and empowerment". Similarly, though in a different context, said "... any man that cannot cry can beat the wife". This statement could agree with the word of God in Proverb 21:13, "Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard". This would sound very simple at the ear of people that have never cried but to other, they would assent how painful crying can be. These set people would not in their right senses make the poor cry, let alone consenting for any other factor to make them cry.

Having established that, true knowledge is one's experiences that take away all forms of unnecessary argument. In Akwa Ibom State, the people are naturally compassionate and loving to one another but it is saddened to note that despite numerous attempts by individuals, organizations and government in ameliorating the plight of the vulnerable masses. It appears that poverty and unemployment seems to increase daily. This could be dependent on the fact that various authorities, not limited to government alone, are not truly aware of what it means for a person to be poor-unemployed or poor-employed and how to

effectively administer to their needs.

On the other hand, the poor-unemployed and poor-employed are ignorant of what wealth entails. The mental state of the poor-unemployed and poor-employed people revolves around their past or immediate circumstances and situations. The way, these ones view life is quite different from that of the rich-employed and the like. A rich-employed person sees problems as a golden opportunity for wealth creation while majority of the poor-unemployed and the like sees it as a spiritual attack. Similarly, a rich-employed person sees his or her best as a motivation to achieve more while the poor-unemployed sees the least as his or her ultimate best. Could they be castigated for thinking like that? Not at all. Their actions and attitude are the reflection of their knowledge capacity.

Sound knowledge is indeed the greatest challenge facing the poor-unemployed and poor-employed people. It is practically impossible for the poor-unemployed and poor-employed to afford quality education considering the high cost of acquiring such. Thus, it could be said that, quality education is exclusively for the rich-employed and rich-poor. In Akwa Ibom State, the demand for quality education is quite amazing as parents (especially the rich ones) will ensure that their children get nothing but the best at any cost while the poor-unemployed and the like will be left with no other choice but to settle for the less. It may be asked, what makes quality education? This research provided answers to this question, when it studied some schools under category "A" and "B". It found out these: quality teachers, conducive learning environment, curriculum that reflects modern realities and sound educational administration and management are what make quality education.

The financial equivalent for such standard usually falls between #100,000.00 - #500,000.00 on termly or session basis. As such there is no way a poor-unemployed parent and the like in this context would afford such huge amount. They are left with no other choice than to send their children's to schools under category "B". Parents who afford the above cost would definitely get the value for their huge investment which would be translated to their children's being the most preferred in terms of employment and others endeavours while others would struggle for a very long time before succeeding, only if they faint not.

To this end, ending poverty and unemployment would be realized soonest, if there are well thought-out plans that are suggestive in one way and compulsive in the other way. Until then, no one would properly and effectively administer change that can eradicate poverty and unemployment in Nigeria.

## **4. THE AUTHORITIES**

### **a) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The Federal Government of Nigeria has contributed to the existence of poverty and unemployment in Nigeria:

- **Inability to de-regulate the activities of the Power sector in the country**

Poor power supply is experienced in Akwa Ibom State and Nigerian society because of certain laws and policies of the Federal Government. These laws and policies are the impediment to the realization of an uninterrupted power supply in Nigeria. For instance, in Akwa Ibom State, darkness loomed even when the

State has a functional power plant that generate enough power which could have served the State and beyond.

Constant power plays a very crucial role towards the rapid development of any society. Without it, there is no meaningful development especially such that would benefit the voiceless in the society. In Akwa Ibom State, there are so many skilled entrepreneurs and artisans who are idle and jobless in their line of trade due to epileptic power supply. These ones lack the financial capacity of managing power from generators. For example, a welder needs roughly #300,000.00 to buy a kind of generator befitting for his job. In the light of this, there have been several outcries from Akwa Ibom State indigenes and residents even from the Executive and Legislature calling on Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHEDC) to improve power supply in the State, yet they seems to play deaf to those demands.

Successive Government in Akwa Ibom State has made huge investment in the power sector. These investments would have made the State have a “24” hours uninterrupted power supply. Notwithstanding, the present administration under the leadership of His Excellency, Mr. Udom Emmanuel (Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State) has equally shown commitment by consolidating to the achievement of his predecessors even as he is poised at providing power for all by 2021. This research observed that, this feat may not be realized because the State Government does not full license for managing its power from “Ibom Power Plant” that is, generation, transmission and distribution.

To this end, the Federal Government should de-regulate the

power sector for optimum productivity. They should grant licenses to any State that has shown competence in managing its power. When this is done, the Nation would attract more foreign investment into the country as poverty and unemployment could not survive anymore in the Nation, Nigeria.

- **Abandoning, Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON).**

The Federal Government of Nigeria has abandoned ALSCON for years. It was found out that, ALSCON, a multi-billion dollar company, sited in Ikot Abasi Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State was indeed one of the greatest things that had happened to the good people of Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria at large.

It was learnt that, ALSCON began operation in late 1990's; employing over 2,000 direct workers with numerous others benefiting indirectly. At that time, life was so beautiful for the indigenes and residents of the host community in particular and Nigerians in general. But the worse days began, when Nigerian Government enlisted and sold ALSCON to a Russian company, UC RUSAL. At that time till that day of collating this information, the living conditions of Nigerians especially Akwa Ibomites had not been the same.

At the time of gathering this information, a certain senior staff of ALSCON asked: In his word, “can we imagine where Nigeria would have been in terms of jobs creation, human capacity development, technological transfer, revenue generation, among others, if ALSCON was still in its operational state”? This question is critical and Nigerian Government should attempt giving sincere answer to it. Moreover, all Nigerians especially the poor-

unemployed and the like should join voices in asking same.

Nigerian Government should ensure ALSCON is revitalized for the overall good of Nigerians. In addition to that, passionate appeal was made to some highly placed Akwa Ibomites to collaborate with the Federal Government towards the revitalization of ALSCON among whom are: His Excellency, Mr. Udom Emmanuel (Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State), Senator Udo Udoma, Senator Bassey Albert, Senator Chris Ekpeyoung, Senator Akon Eyakenyi, Hon. Onofiok Luke, Hon. Francis Uduyok, Senator Ita Enang, Senator Godswill Akpabio, Arch. Obong Victor Attah, Hon. Aniekan Uko, Mr. Umana Okon Umana, Engr. Uwem Okoko, among others.

When this is done, poverty and unemployment would have been dealt a death blow in Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria at large.

## **b) THE AKWA IBOM STATE GOVERNMENT**

The Akwa Ibom State government has equally contributed to the existence of poverty and unemployment her state. Some of the ways are:

- **No Structural Communication Channel**

The Government of Akwa Ibom state does not have a structural communication channel that relates its programmes, policies and laws to her citizens, especially those in rural communities which represent a greater percentage of the population. This situation has exempted most citizens from participating in the activities of the State government as such would have aid in taking them out of poverty and unemployment. Moreover, due to this deficiency, some citizens are unlawful and unpatriotic to

her father's land because the State government does not make these laws and policies accessible to them. The schools would have provided a better platform for the teaching and learning of these laws, policies and programmes. However, this research establishes that, no schools within the context of this examination convey such information to the students which were majorly indigenes. This action would have made the citizens adequately informed and powerful. This statement is in agreement to a popular saying “information is power” as without it the people are deformed.

It was found out that, this deficiency has caused an imminent separation between the State government and her citizens. Majority of Akwa Ibomites does not really believe and trust in government words. They termed their words as falsehood. State government would make statements or initiate programs which they expect her citizens to respond with joy and admiration. Instead of such, some their responses appears to be the opposite. For instance, State Government says “Akwa Ibom Ado okay” some citizens' reply “Ado okay only for their family”. Similarly, State Government says “Akwa Ibom Dakadda” some citizens says “will I use my mouth to Dakadda”. Furthermore, State Government says “Mkpo Amaa Change” some citizens says “Mkpo Amaa change with no good roads in my village”. State government says “... they are committed to the realization of Ibom Deep Sea Port before 2023” some citizens say “... it is a political statement, that is how they normally say it then will not do it”. This is an unhealthy situation; a challenge that must be urgently addressed for more development and prosperity of Akwa Ibom State. These differences existed because the government is not accessible to the people. The citizens are asking so many questions on daily basis but it pathetic that millions of these questions are left

unanswered. Thus, they are left with no other choice rather than believing in false speculation that, the State government does not care for their welfare.

To this end, this research suggests that, State Government should not just give priority to the print and broadcast media even the Internet alone because these outlets has a limitation of reaching a wider audiences but rather they should engage communities based communication outlets, so that rural dwellers can be equally informed thus, participating in government programmes and policies.

- **Selective Development (Infrastructure And Humans)**

It appears that successive government in Akwa Ibom State appears to be selective in its development (infrastructural and human capacity) programmes. It seems they give high priorities to the major cities and its dwellers. This research observed that, there are so many people in the State desiring of assistances in one aspect or the other. For instance, in the reverie villages, there are thousands of Akwa Ibomites desiring for assistance (in the area of advance training in fishing, funds to procure basic fishing tools, among others). This assistance would have helped in the expansion of their fishing businesses as well as improve their living condition.

Similarly, at Ibom Plaza, Uyo metropolis, this research observed that, there are Akwa Ibomites who are phone and laptop technicians numbered in hundreds desiring for assistance in divers areas especially in the area of training and retraining. These targeted trainings could equip them with advance skills in phone repairs and maintenance even as it could equally make



some of them to becoming manufacturers of phone and others accessories.

Furthermore, thousand of Akwa Ibomites have left home in search of greener pasture in other state of the Federation and abroad. However, it appears not to be juicy over there as majority are prepared to come back home to associate with their families and friends as well as to help build the Akwa Ibom State of their dream. These set of persons are really in need of help. In the light of this, Her Excellency, Dr. Deaconess Martha Emmanuel (Wife of Executive Governor, Akwa Ibom State) has made remarkable efforts to this regard as she had empowered indigenes (women) of Akwa Ibom State residing in Lagos. Indeed, the prayers of those women would continue to flourish her life. Amen. In spite of these commendable efforts by her Excellency and other not known to this study, there are many others hoping and wishing for help some day.

An average Akwa Ibomites especially those without famous background having their residence in the rural communities believes that, they have been marginalized by successive State Government of Akwa Ibom State. To this end, this research investigates the history of Akwa Ibom State and what were the practices in those days. History would justify this investigation that, nearly all Akwa Ibomites that became famous in the then Akwa Ibom State was not born famous and rich. They became what they were because of the collective efforts and sacrifices of the forefathers. The forefathers of this great land had a sincere and genuine love for one another. In those days, it was gathered that, communities contributed money for some intelligent indigenes to further their education oversee with the hope of them coming back to helped develop the rural communities. The

forefathers had their unborn generations at heart when they took such uncommon steps towards the development of Akwa Ibom State. They did not allow ethnicity and language differences to erode that pursuit. That uncommon initiative produced prominent sons and daughters of this great land, Akwa-Abasi Ibom State and it could be said that all Akwa Ibomites of the now even the unborn are, and will be, products of the forefather's dreams. To this end, every Akwa Ibomites is forever indebted to one another and the father's land, Akwa Ibom State.

Considering numerous outcries and protest of marginalization by some communities and indigenes, could it be said that, Akwa Ibomites are reciprocating the sacrifices of the forefathers? For instance, Ikot Abasi local Government Area is seen as a mere monument; just being remembered for her past glory without any meaningful development and progress at of the time of collating this information. It would be recalled that, it was in Ikot Abasi that Sir Fredrick Lugard performed the declaration of **“1914 Amalgamation”** that is to say the official signing of the treaty that birthed Nigeria took place there. However, no successive Government of Akwa Ibom State has seen it necessary to preserve that history in which the wooden old structure would have been transformed into a world class edifice. Though, the Federal Government of Nigeria supposes to acknowledge such remarkable history in Nigerian calendar, yet, they ignore it. Hence, the State government should acknowledge and preserve it.

Oron, Ika, among others, are some of the Local Government Area, agitating for Government presence in terms of good access road, safe drinking water, etc. At the beginning, it was not

so; there was no “Oron Nation”, “Ibibio Nation”, “Annang Nation” even “Eket Nation”. In addition, there was no “APC” or “PDP” but one united, indivisible Akwa-Abasi Ibom State. These factors appear to threaten the unity of Akwa Ibomites and would end soonest if history is honoured. Nonetheless, the unity of Akwa Ibomites is unshaken despite the existing challenges as such everyone is charged to stop heating up the polity undesirably but rather, should caution in love as such it would help in the processes of realizing a more prosperous, peaceful and one-unity Akwa Ibom State.

This research has it that, a State of this great magnitude did not have a database of her citizens as such, it would have been practically impossible for any successive State Government to properly and equally develop and empower the entirety of her citizens. But thank to God, at the verge of this publication, it was reported that, the State Government under the leadership of His Excellency, Mr. Udom Emmanuel (Governor, Akwa Ibom State) had made plans to develop a “Data Bank” for her citizenry. Indeed, an action deserving high praise in a native language; Government 'Ette Emmanuel, sosongo ooooo'.

Emphatically speaking, Akwa Ibom state is rapidly developing into becoming an economic and industrial hub and safest destination of choice in Nigeria, Africa and the world at large. Such progressive fate is attracting more people into the state either to invest or to struggle for the few available jobs that could have served the teeming youths of Akwa Ibom State. Thus, it is pertinent for the State Government not just to have a “Data Bank” but should equally formulate and legalize a comprehensive economic plan with great preference to financial security. This would make Akwa Ibomites, active players (employers and

investors) in the emerging economic and industrial boom.

When this is done, several protest of marginalization of rural communities and indigenes without famous background would have been dealt with and the spirit of brotherhood sustained in the light of Christ Jesus, their maker.

## **5. FALSE (UNTRAINED) PREACHERS**

Some Individuals, parading themselves as preachers and teachers of God's word has directly or indirectly contributed to the existence of poverty and unemployment in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria.

It was found out that, these set of person has come under the umbrella of Christianity to perpetuate evil in the name of ministry. Majority of them, prefer Akwa Ibom State because they knew that Akwa Ibomites are Godly and kindhearted. They hide under the freedom of worship; established organizations in the name of churches even as some of them are legally grounded via Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). This business organization, called churches do not teach sound doctrines. They do not give precedent to the standard as entrenched in the Holy Bible in regards to the calling of a preacher and teacher of God's word even in the structuring of the church. They teaches or preaches heresies; exploiting millions of Akwa Ibomites and Nigerians of their possession and valuable.

By all justification, ministry work is the greatest, most demanding endeavour in the surface of the earth. It deals with all aspect of man's existences: from spiritual to physical life. Its manual (Holy Bible) provides answers to every situations of life. The Holy Bible is undoubtedly a reference point for all

professions in the world, starting from Medicine, Engineering, and Education, Science to name but a few even as other religion of the world borrows a leaf from it. Yet, this is the same profession that every “Tom, Dick and Harry” goes about in the name of preachers and teachers of God's words causing untold hardship and misleading millions of people to both earthly and eternal destruction.

God has emphatically, at in time past (as recorded in the Holy Manual – the Bible) and now, warned that anyone who is not chosen, trained and empowered is not qualified to teach Him to the world. (Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Tim. 3:1-6; 2 Tim. 2:1-2; 15). The early teachers and preachers upheld this standard as you would see in the lives of the following:

Paul was trained by Gamaliel. Gamaliel was a teacher of law (Acts 22:3). On that knowledge based, Christ Jesus was revealed to him (Paul) before being empowered to preach and teach. Similarly, Peter, a fisherman by Profession, was trained by Jesus Christ for about four years before being empowered to preach and teach (John 21:15-17; Acts 2:14-41).

Undoubtedly, preaching God word is a responsibility of all believers but teaching God's word is for the chosen and the trained; without such they would destroy themselves and others. Peter acknowledges this fact and warned people not to attempt teaching God words except they are called, trained and empowered. In his epistle, he admonishes:

And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in

them of these things; in which are some things **hard to be understood**, which they that are **unlearned and unstable** wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, **unto their own destruction**. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked**, fall from your own steadfastness. (2 Peter 3:15-17).

Despite all these warning, you still see this legally established business organizations “Churches” recruiting people to preach and teach without proper theological training. This research has it that, this “business managers” has proficiency in Shoe Making, Business Administration, Law, among others. They goes about with unnecessary titles like “major Prophet (MP)”, “Ambassador”, “Commander”, “Chief General Overseers (CGO)”, among others. Their ignorance are best seen in their conducts and messages among which were: “7 steps to success”, “Father bless me or I die”, “The oil of prosperity”, etc. These messages represent ideas and philosophy of men that are not profitable for doctrine, reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that a man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:16-17). To make their philosophical ideas a bit spiritual and Godly, they will force the scripture into their preconceive notion; tagged a certain biblical text to it. For instance: “7 steps to success” – text is (2king 19:37). This approach is erroneous: an heresies that Apostle Paul had condemn in his epistle to Galatians (Gal. 5:20). Biblical scholars call it “eisegesis”. They detest theological education, claiming it is irrelevant in ministry.

This act has pushed God's people (some Akwa Ibomites) into ungodly practices. Hence, deprived of God's blessing. As such, it appears that, the only true God, Jesus Christ the Lord is not

committed to fulfilling his promises. God forbid.

Finally, this research brings to the knowledge of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN) and true teachers and preachers of the gospel to work out modalities to send these “business managers” out from Akwa Ibom State even as the dignity of the Christian faith would be restored and preserved.

However, God Almighty is faithful and merciful to forgive them as they would repent, and depart Akwa Ibom State in peace. When this is done, more Nigerians particularly Akwa Ibomites would live a fulfilling, prosperous God's kind of life here on earth and thereafter, eternity.

## **6. PARENTAL DELINQUENCIES**

Most parents especially those without formal education, residing mostly in rural communities have contributed to the existence of poverty and unemployment in Akwa Ibom State.

It was observed that, these parents have enforce, direct, advice as well as impose certain rules and decisions on their children in their sincere attempt to securing for them a brighter future yet, not foreseeing that such efforts would becomes counterproductive as years goes by.

Majority of young people studying in various higher institutions across the State are fulfilling the wishes and desires of their parents. For example, most of these parents want their children to study certain courses like, Medicine, Law, Engineering, etc, on the basis that, people who graduate from such discipline usually

becomes employees of governments and would become rich. Hence, they ensure that, their children study same. They take that decision without due consideration on other factors.

Similarly, most of these parents decide for their children/wards what kind of skills/craft to learn. They assume ultimate power and authority over their children choices. Their justification was based on other people's successes without considering their children capacity and ability. It was establishes that, the failure and inability of most young people in mastering certain crafts and skills was tied to this deficiency.

Furthermore, these parents are prone at lying of curses on their children in an attempt of expressing displeasure over a child's wrong doing and misconduct. This uncivilized, evil and inhuman practice have led to limitation, lack of favour, low success syndrome, poverty and unemployment of several young people. They use inappropriate words such as: “you will never prosper in life”, “your children will certainly do same to you in hundred fold”, “may my breast, which you fed, speak against you” and “you shall not have a child that will give you water”. Little did they know that those words were established firmly with consequential effects: physical, spiritual, psychological and emotional. Sometimes, you would wonder why some people are frequently rejected; even when they were the most qualified? The answer could be the effect of curses.

Furthermore, this research establishes that, most of these parents do not have well thought-out plans that would have guaranteed a bright future for their children as compared to their rich counterpart as such, exposes these innocent children to early hustling and unavoidable suffering. This deficiency is



dependent on multiple children and ignorance.

Finally, this research declares that, it would be impossible for any person to succeed in today's modern world without a well thought-out plan: a plan for quality education (primary, secondary and tertiary), skills and business development and financial security.

## **7. MARRIAGE (MARRIAGE RITES)**

Marrying in some part of Akwa Ibom State is indeed a difficult endeavour that may be impossible to accomplish by majority of people (indigenes and non-indigenes) especially the low income earners and the truly poor-employed.

The following are what makes marriage a difficult endeavour:

- **Complex Events (Multiple ceremonies marriage)**

Complex events have gradually become an acceptable practice in Akwa Ibom State. Majority of people (indigenes and non-indigenes) are influenced into accepting complex marital events that is not really necessary. Some of these practices are self invented or imported from other societies to further inflict hardship on the people of Akwa Ibom State as well as her prospective in-laws. These include:

- i. Spinster's last hour's celebration:** This is an ex-lover's mockery show. This celebration is done a night to the actual marital day.
- ii. Traditional marriage:** This is an acceptable marital celebration by Africans, Akwa Ibomites inclusive.
- iii. White marriage** (though ignorantly termed as church

marriage): This is a western kind of marital celebration.

- iv. Court marriage:** This event provides additional power and authority to the women in her marital home.
- v. Reception marriage:** This is an elite show.

In view of that, are most of these celebrations and practices really necessary considering the huge financial burden they have on the couples, families, and friends? If yes, does marriage begin and end in just celebration? If no, why is it being practiced? To this end, these unprofitable practices should be put to an end as such marriage would be celebrated in the best simplest way.

Nonetheless, it worthy to note that, marriage is established whenever two adults agree to live together in love and harmony, followed by payment of the basic dowries and the blessing of both parents. Subsequently, a celebration (traditional marriage) may be considered if one has the finance and sees it mostly necessary.

- **Exorbitant Marital Dowries And Other Requirements**

It was found out that, some families and parents in the State, especially those headed by acting parents which are mostly poor-unemployed, uncivilized and traditionalist, have financially exploited a lot of people in the disguise of marital dowries.

Could it be shocking to note that, a person is expected to budget between Eight Hundred Thousand Naira to Two Million Naira in order to fully pay off the marital dowries and other related fees imposed by these families and parents? They see marriage as their golden opportunity to exchange their daughters “marketable product” for self enrichment. In view of such, they are bent on doing anything to oppose any one who speaks

against such exploitative and uncivilized act even as they justified their ignorance in this statement “marriage is not for children as such, any person that wants to marry must be fully (financially) prepared for it”. Nonsense!

These marital dowries and other requirements include the following items: motorcycle, tricycle or bicycle, goats, cows, beds, cloths, assorted kinds of drinks, generator, cash, etc, for bride's parents, grandparents, great grandparents, villagers, step-brothers/sisters, uncles, mother's family, etc, even with observance to certain traditional rituals and practices as well as the presentation and serving of all native and modern food.

It was found out that; majority of the average earners who fulfill the above requirements usually ends up very poor. These practices have directly or indirectly contributed to the existence of unemployment and poverty in the State as most potential in-laws, especially non indigenes have diverted their interest from grown up girls in Akwa Ibom State to grown up girls in other States. In the light of this, the State has been robbed of such great relationships that would have had a positive impact on the bride's direct family and friends.

For point of emphasis, this research establishes that, nine out of every ten young girl (adult) are into a relationship with the opposite sex either as casual or intimate partners mostly propelled by “Love”. As days go by, the relationship grows stronger, interest becomes unified, purpose redefined as well as both prospecting the future as husband and wife. Majority of these relationships might have ended in marriage yet; some have crashed out due to financial constraint occasioned by exorbitant marital dowries and multiple ceremonies. This exploitative act

has contributed in making most of the grown up girls single thus, exposing some of them to unsafe acts or activities that would have been avoided assuming they were married.

On this note, it is suggested that, these uncivilized practices should be urgently reviewed in order to enable more young people get married and not being impoverished. Going by that, a popular adage has it that, “marriage does not finish in a day”. In addition, it was observed that, most young people usually become more responsible, focused and hardworking when they are married as such, it would save the destiny of young people from acts and practices capable of truncating their future.

In conclusion, young girls should not clinch for exorbitant lifestyle of the elite but rather, they should moderate their lifestyle based on an average standard. Yet, believing and hoping for a more better (juicy) days as such, their decisions are very critical in determining and moderating the exorbitant charges and complex event.

## **8. INSENSIBILITY AND POOR PLANNING**

Majority of the people are currently poor and may remained in perpetual poverty due to insensibility and poor planning. The English Dictionary defines insensibility as the property of being insensible. This implies that, an insensible person lacks sense or intelligence. On the other hand, “poor preparation produces poor results” (Anonymous). It can also be said that, “he who fails to plan, plans to fail” (unknown)

It was observed that, some people have adopted a certain religious acclamation as an article of faith which says

“whatsoever was meant for me will certainly come to me whether the devil or any other person likes it or not” This postulation is not completely wrong but on instances where people neglect an important aspect of works (excellence, competence and persistence), the realization may be questioned. In view of this, some individuals were interviewed. The interview was aimed at ascertaining the level of citizens sensibility and preparedness in taking part of the progressive economic/industrial boom in the State; some of their responses were amusing and disgusting while others were satisfactory, reflecting the intelligence of a true Akwa Ibomites.

These amusing and disgusting responses were necessitated on basis of false information, promoted by haters of the State's progress in which some citizens have become victims of their acts thus, disbelieved every good initiative of successive State Government.

For the purpose of clearing doubt and falsehood, Akwa Ibom State is progressively being industrialized; a progressive transition from civil service (mono) driven economy to a private sector competitive economy. This assertion is devoid of any sentiment either on political, religious or ethnic basis; as it could be verified in these: Ibom Air, Lion's Plywood Factory, Metering Solution Factory and Jubilee Syringe Factory. Others include, King's Floor Mill factory, Peacock Paint Industry, Rice Mills and Cassava/Garri Processing Factories, Fertilizer Blending Plant, St. Gabriel Coconut Factory, among others.

It would be asked: how many Akwa Ibomites are working there? Are all these industries owned by the State Government? Do these industries only exist on social media? Or do these industries pay

taxes to Akwa Ibom State? The responses would be:

- The Vice President of Nigeria (Prof. Yemi Osinbajo) commissioned some of these Industries.
- The National Bureau of Statistic had rated Akwa Ibom State as the second highest State to attract direct foreign investment (FDI) into Nigeria.
- The products of these industries are sold in some part of the State and beyond.
- These industries are currently paying tax to the State Government which has boosted the internally generated revenue profile of the State.
- Most of these industries are not operating on their full capacity, thus, her employment capacity would be low.

On this wise, let the few unbelieving and uninterested persons not allow anything robbed them of their rights of becoming an active players in the emerging, industrialized Akwa Ibom State.

## **9. INFLUENCE BY NEGATIVITY**

The way some people think, behave and react to certain circumstances and situations is a thing of serious concern. This is worrisome because a man's success is a direct reflection of what he thinks and believes.

It is factual to note that, whatsoever the mind has conceived and nurtured, sooner or later, the hand will certainly demonstrate it. In the Nigerian context, several things have happened on daily basis. These happenings have positively and negatively shaped the mental state of Nigerians. These negative happenings have filled some people's mind with impure thoughts and guided their

actions into lawlessness and laziness. Among which are:

- People becoming millionaires overnight via betting. That is to say, someone simply selecting 10-15 games with a potential stake of #100 and would wins Millions of Naira.
- People becoming millionaires via money doubling platforms such as “MMM”.
- Educational successes due to examination malpractices.
- Unlawful and inhuman endeavours such as human trafficking, corruption, among others.

These have further made some people not interested in learning skills and starting up businesses. They claimed that such endeavour would never yield the expected result because of no enabling environment for small businesses to thrive. Similarly, some others expect politicians of their constituency to fully cater for their day to day needs. Furthermore, majority of students has lost interest in the pursuit of excellence due to the poor state of Nigerian educational system and its management; viewing it as a fraudulent deal “School na scam”. Nevertheless, every society has its own challenges and difficulties. However, no one can solve the problems of Nigeria better than he who bears the pains. Indeed, it is the responsibility of Nigerians to individually and collectively solve the problems of this country, yet, within the confine of the rule of law and sincerity to God.

To those who may still believe that this country could never get better; Rev. Dr. Uma Ukpai, one of Nigerian most respected gospel preacher said, “... As a Nigerian, the best place to call your home is Nigeria”. Similarly, he equally said that, “... Whenever a king misses direction, he becomes a slave in another man's land” this he said, charging his followers, to invest in the growth of the

country.

Finally, this research affirms that, “there is no short cut to genuine success”. Every genuine success must come with a price and if any person must live to enjoy it, he or she must pay the price per time. However, the price is not strenuous but just the acquisition of requisite knowledge and the dedication of appropriate time and patience.

### **10. FEW PEOPLE ARE PRACTICING ENTREPRENEURS**

The high rate of poverty and unemployment in Nigerian society had made various authorities to adopt skills acquisition and entrepreneurship as the most vital alternative for job creation. This was aimed at making the people self-reliance and enterprising.

Such commendable efforts were seen in the introduction of entrepreneurial studies in tertiary institutions and the encouragement of all graduates to embrace vocational skills and entrepreneurship. Despite these commendable efforts, most graduates still search for jobs instead of being creator of jobs. It was found out that, most entrepreneurial textbook at Nigerian universities does not provide the much needed practical knowledge of running a successful business and most of these students were not exposed to real life business environment. They were told that, “companies will train them” as they eventually got employed.

Similarly, it was found out that, majority of organizations, facilitating skills acquisition training programs usually mobilize the people to be trained in days and week. This research



observed that, this practices has not guarantee the competence of the trainees especially on technical skills (Welding/Fabrication, Fashion Designing, car maintenance/repairs, etc) that requires much time, learning and experiences.

Furthermore, it was observed that, most competent artisans do not have the needed skills and funds to setup and manage a corporate business.

In the light of this, this research took a thorough look at entrepreneurs from the Eastern part of the country, “The Igbo's Businessmen”. It saw that, entrepreneurs from that region spent up to seven to ten years on apprenticeship as such, they mastered the intrinsic of such line of business and upon graduation; are well established, knowledgeable and financially. As it was observed that, they rarely fail or crashed out of business.

This research suggests that, competent (practicing) entrepreneurs and artisans should be brought into the educational system for the training and retraining of emerging entrepreneurs.

## **11. FEAR OF WITCHCRAFT ATTACKS**

In ancient African culture, the practice of witchcraft, magic, sorcery, etc, was generally acceptable by the African people, Akwa Ibom State inclusive. The practice was primarily used as a medium of defense against external forces as well as to uphold brotherhood. But, since the advent of Christianity with modernization, the practice have gradually faded away as many people see such practices as being fetish and unholy to identify with. However, some people allege that, there are witchcrafts representatives (witches/wizards) in nearly every family of the

African people, pointing to the fact that spirit don't die.

It was observed that, so many people attribute their misfortune, failures, disappointments, afflictions, lost of jobs and poverty to witchcraft attacks. Such belief system has directly or indirectly affected their focus to the pursuit of greatness thus encouraged laziness. Similarly, due to the fear of witchcraft attack, some individuals have disassociated themselves and their families from partaking in any activities that would have contributed to the development of their local community.

Could it be true that, an acceptable practice of the ancient people could have the potency of causing untold hardship on the modern people? Certainly, not at all. In view of these, this research took a thorough investigation to ascertain the origin of such belief system in the lives of some people within Akwa Ibom State.

The Findings established that, some of those people have visited certain spiritual houses and prayer homes owned by “Business managers”. Similarly, some of them have been told on how certain members of the family failed in life because of witchcraft oppression and attacks. Some of them have had dreams of certain images, beings and creatures which they attribute it to being evil or witchcrafts.

Notwithstanding, the attacks from the wicked one (Satan) should not cause fear or panic but rather, it should aid grow the faith as well as increase the knowledge of God in the life of believers, knowing that one with God is a conqueror (Ephesians 6:13-18). Also, let Jesus statement be your courage and defense “behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over

all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19). The statement implies that, no power (witchcraft or the like) on earth can hurt any person who believes in Him because the believer's victory is in the name and the blood of Jesus Christ.

To this end, everyone are requested not to reject their respective communities on the ground of witchcraft attacks and oppression but rather should find a way to educate, train and empower the rural dwellers for sustainable development.

## **12. POOR SCHOOLING AND MANAGEMENT**

Poor schooling and management is a serious issue that must be treated with caution and outmost sincerity. With utmost sincerity, this research established that, the public educational system in Akwa Ibom State is not good enough vis-à-vis to most private schools. It was found out that, successive State Government has made attempt to improve the educational sector, especially in the provision of basic infrastructures and motivation of teachers. However, some teachers, students and pupils are bent on worsening the system.

Some of the factor responsible for poor schooling and management include:

- **Non Sufficient Infrastructural Provision And Unsafe Learning Environment**

It was found out that, most public primary and secondary schools in the State do not have a comfortable, well secured classroom for teaching and learning. Similarly, the numerical populations of the pupils and students are by far greater than the classes provided.

For example, a single class will accommodate pupils and students above fifty (50). Furthermore, at the time of this investigation, strangers were seen associating with pupils and students during school hours. This was on the basis of poor security architecture of the schools.

These deficiencies have directly and indirectly affected pupils and students' academic performances and their pursuit for academic excellence.

- **Less Interest In Studies**

Could it be shocking to note that, most pupils and students in most public schools could barely read and write? Would you also be surprised that, examination malpractices are not only seen and practiced in secondary schools but equally practiced by pupils with full support from most 'faceless' teachers? Are you also aware that most parents especially the poor-unemployed ones and the like would prefer their children to hawk after school instead of studying their books?

These factors and the like have made most pupils and students to lost interest in studies. They believe that studying is a waste of time, acknowledging that there is always an alternative toward passing examination. In view of such, would you imagine what would become of such students after schooling? Indeed, poverty and unemployment may not be far from them.

- **Wrong Choice Of Discipline And Institution**

It is obvious that most students studying in tertiary institutions across the Nation, Nigeria chose their discipline and institution due to friends/parental influence, ignorance, supplementary admission or “I must go to school or am tired of staying at home, syndrome”.

In the light of these, a visiting lecturer to Uma Ukpai School of Theology, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State once shares his displeasure over student's wrong choice of discipline and institution. In his word, "I asked my class of over 200 students a simple question: why are you here?" that is to say, why do they choose the course they are studying? According to him, less than 10% were able to provide correct and sensible answers to that question. In view of such, it could equally be asked:

- What took them there?
- Who gave them admission?
- Was there any pre or post admission orientation class for those students? This class would have served as a guide for the school in assessing and evaluating the student's choices. This orientation class would have equally provided students with accurate information of such discipline and institution.

In another instances, a certain businessman was interviewed on why he is not practicing his profession as a botanist. In his word, "I wasted good four years studying botanical names that have nothing to do with my various businesses". According to him, he originally wanted to study Medicine and Surgery but due to his inability to meet up the cutoff mark for Medicine and Surgery, he supplemented to Botany with hope that he could switch to Medicine in his second year. But unfortunately, he couldn't as he had no other option rather than ending up in department of Botany. At the time of this interview, he was seen to be a successful businessman but not a botanist. Could it be said that, Botany is a bad course? Certainly No. Could you equally factum the successes he would have recorded despite what it have attained

already, if he had study business administration and management? This should make every student to be cautious while taking decision.

In other situation, this research took its study to College of Education. This was to ascertain the main reason why students are studying in a special school that provides training for teachers and the like. Its findings were disheartening and well pleasing as it would be a thing of serious concern to thousands of Nigerians, particularly to those interested in the development of Nigerian educational system.

It was found out that, some of the interviewees chose the institution because they just wanted to be named among students of higher learning. That is to say, they were propelled by “I must go to school or am tired of staying at home syndrome”. This was possible because the pre admission criteria of 100-150 Jamb cutoffs mark were at their favour as such it could be asked: why should Nigerian educational regulators subject the standard of Colleges of Education to such a very low benchmark? This is done, even as they know, that teaching could be considered the mother of all professions. This research establishes that, the quality of a teacher determine the quality of teaching and learning.

Similarly, some other said, they chose College of Education because upon graduation, they are better placed at gaining direct entry admission into university. Furthermore, another set of interviewees said, they actually chose College of Education because they just love teaching. In their separate words “teaching is my life”, “I want to develop leaders that will transform Nigeria”, “I am called to teach”, etc. These are true

teachers. These are the ones that will ensure that, their students succeed with excellence. They are the ones that would resist any attempt, by person or groups of person towards the disruption of educational activities.

Finally, it was found out that, majority of students do not study courses that could help develop their gifting and talents. This is called, “turning talents into skills”. (Anonymous). For example, some people are gifted in singing; they could sing to the admiration of many yet, they don't see it appropriate to study Music as a course which would have made them become a musicologist and a professional music artist.

To this end, everyone (students, pupils, teachers and educational administrators) should consider the words of John Dewey (an American Philosopher, psychologist and educator) which said “Education is not preparation for life but life itself”. The ability for anyone to overcome life challenges is dependent on the quality of his education. Quality education will facilitate and sustained an end to poverty and unemployment in Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria at large.

### **13. THE DISSEMINATION OF FALSE (ERRONEOUS) INFORMATION**

The spread of false information is a thing of serious concern in Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria at large. It appears to be on the increase as days goes by. Such acts are promoted ignorantly, intentionally or jokingly without the promoters underscoring the adverse effects (short, medium or long term). It appears that majority of the people patronizes such information without doing a thorough examination as such they becomes partners in spreading falsehood.

This research observed some erroneous and false information that should be disregarded by the general public. Among which are:

- **Prosperity is Evil**

Could you be surprised that some people still sees riches to being evil in today's modern world, despite being gotten legitimately? Majority of false preachers (Business Managers) have twisted the writing of the Holy Bible to their own destruction even as they teach others same.

For example: Prosperity messages are rejected by some ignorant preachers; they termed it as anti-gospel. Most of them based their ignorant claims on Paul's exhortation to Timothy without understanding the context and principles of application.

**“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some converted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Tim. 6:10).**

- By context, this exhortation was specifically addressed to Timothy (a young minister). Paul made him understand that godliness with contentment is great gain (Vs 6).
- Paul's exhortation was aimed at making Timothy to be more focused on ministerial assignment. Hence, he should not allow material needs to cloud his mandate. Paul knew that as a young man, Timothy could desire to make money while in ministry as such he will love one than the other. (Vs 8-12).

This biblical text, was not supposed to be apply in every context



of believer's life. Believers should understand that by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and his resurrection; prosperity was their right. God expect them to prosper and they should prosper.

To this end, relying solemnly on Paul's special exhortation to Timothy is misleading and unnecessary.

- **The world is ruled by the devil**

If it would be asked, who has ever seen the devil? Which part of the world is ruled by the devil? Is obvious, no one would provide answers to it. It is saddened that, majority of people even among believers (babes believers) still believe that this world is ruled by the devil (Satan). They attribute nearly everything that has happened on earth to the devil. Hence, magnified a faceless creature.

Going by the Biblical account, Jesus had defeated the devil and reclaimed back, all that was partially in the devils possession as such the devil (Satan) is in his state of defeat.

**“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18).** Jesus made this statement to his disciple after his resurrection. He told his disciples that the devil lost the battle at the cross and that He (Jesus) has reclaimed all power to believers (Acts 1:8-9). By way of application, all believers are manifesting the powers and they would exercise more authority as they grow in the knowledge of God.

Emphatically speaking, this research establishes that, this world is not ruled by the devil or any other creature but it is ruled by God in partnership with man. Hence, people should not be intimidated or

frightened in their pursuit for greatness.

- **Nigeria will not get better**

It is disheartening that, majority of Nigerians do not believe in the progress and development of this nation, Nigeria. As such, they are committed in doing anything humanly possible to further deteriorate the current state of things in the country. It is unbelievable to watch, hear, read a whole lot of unimaginable things people promote on social media against their country. The truth is, the failure of Nigeria is the collective failure of all. With the Corona virus pandemic, the only place you could truly call your home is Nigeria.

These set of Nigerians are pleased to promote discord among each other. They desire the best in another man's country as such they channeled resource (human and financial) towards the disintegration of the country rather than its development and advancement. To this end, let it be known to all that, if Nigeria break up because of propaganda and violence, the other country they seek would equally break up because of how it would come to exist. However, Nigerians especially the youth should desist from acts capable of projecting the name of this great country in mud.

This research establishes that, there is no country on earth without its own internal challenges. The development of such places came as a result of the citizens sacrifices. Bearing that in mind, let everything be done amicably, in love and dialogue rather than unwarranted violence as such it would win an enemy and strengthen friendship.

Nigeria could get better, if everyone takes responsibility by doing

the right thing at the right time. Though, it may appear as if there is no opportunity yet, such could be created. This includes the parents, teachers, Imams, Gospel preachers, politicians, students, pupils, barristers, Judges, Entrepreneurs, and the entire citizens. It appears that, majority of citizens blames only the government for every wrongs happening. To this end, it could be asked: what made up the government? Is it a spirit, foreigners or Nigerians? Certainly, it is Nigerians. Bearing that in mind, every politicians or public office holders were raised by a biological parent or caregiver. He or she was trained by teachers and holds membership to a religious organization.

If the Nigerian government is this bad, it would be appropriate to question the integrity and authority of their parents, religious organization, teachers, among others. Emphatically speaking, the way a man thinks, behave and act is a direct reflections of his beliefs and trainings. No one could completely ignore the advice and precept of his faith and parent. And if they go contrary, it would be wisdom to caution or sanction them, secretly or publicly depending on the violations. As such, positive change would be inevitable.

Finally, if Nigeria would break up someday, it shouldn't happen in violence as every blood is precious to Christ Jesus but rather, it should happen by referendum. However, as Nigeria exists, everyone should ask his or herself this sincere question: Am I truly committed to the betterment of this country?

Undoubtedly, Politicians and public office holders are not just the only problems of Nigeria; but by extension, all Nigerian citizens.

- **Akwa Ibomites Don't Love Themselves**

This statement “Akwa Ibomites don't love themselves” makes a lot of people jittery and confounded. It was observed that, majority of Akwa Ibomites especially those residing outside the state, are displeased over this speculation because it is an opposite of what they are experiencing. This statement usually comes on the basis of one's inability to assist another at a particular time of need as such the recipient concludes by generalizing that Akwa Ibomites don't love themselves without underscoring the reasons for not being helped.

To this end, I (Researcher) examine the reliability of this statement, judging from my personal experiences. Over the years, I have been repeatedly disappointed by my fellow Akwa Ibomites on several planned endeavours, I needed their assistance. However, I realize that, they weren't my parents and maybe they didn't see the need to assist my project at that time. That did not make me hate them or conclude that Akwa Ibomites don't love themselves. In spite of that, I had been repeatedly helped by my fellow Akwa Ibomites thus, making me eternally indebted to all Akwa Ibomites.

For point of emphasis, permit me to share a story of how my fellow Akwa Ibomites, I have not met before, provided helped to me in Aba, Abia State, Nigeria.

On that faithful day, I traveled to Aba, to buy some basic tools necessary for the establishment of welding and fabrication workshop. Before my travel, I had made enquiries that would have guarantee smooth journey. However, on arrival I realized, I had been wrongly directed. In the midst of the uncertainty, I stop a certain tricyclist, told him my identity and challenges. He took

me and handed over to my fellow Akwa Ibomite (Mr. Etiebiet, a generator mechanic, indigene of Oruk Anam Local government Area, AKS) along Aba, Port Harcourt expressway. An action that, God's hand was involved. Arriving his workshop, we exchanged pleasantries in our native language. He asked me in native tongue “Eyen eka nsi ido” which is translated “My brother what is it”. To summarize the story, he closed his shop at about 10:45 am; took me to the market and bought all the tools I needed. He boarded a car of my destination while ensuring I departed safely. At about 4:25 pm, the bus left the park and then he waved at me with a smile. The most beautiful part of the story was that, he did not charge a kobo from me rather he gave me money to add to my transport. In his word, “I did what I did because you are my brother”. Indeed, an act that reflected the unquestionable peaceful and hospitable disposition of a true Akwa Ibomites; a demonstration that will forever remain sacred in my heart.

In view of the numerous things I have enjoyed from Akwa Ibomites, I have equally reciprocated such gestures in diverse ways such as: Training over five (5) persons for free, on Tiles fixing and painting/production and have provided a startup park for one person, supporting the less privileged children with educational materials such as books, shoes, pens, pencil, etc.

Similarly, my help initiative “Equal Life and Help Foundation” is a step in the right direction as many others have being trained, sensitized and assisted. Furthermore, this book, **Solution to Poverty and Unemployment in Nigeria**, is a fulfillment of my sincere desire to improve the lives of Nigerians, Akwa Ibomites in particular as such it became imperative to make this book accessible for all; denying myself the monetary gains. In view of this, few interested sponsors withdrew their proposed investment

plans which would have funded this project (vetting, publication and advertisement). In spite of that, am not deterred.

In the light of this, I echo with fellow Akwa Ibomites, that we (Akwa Ibomites) truly love ourselves despite the various differences (politics, language, ethnic and interest) that exist between us as such the public should disregard such erroneous statement, if they might have heard. However, it is worthy to state clearly that, the few people that are practicing hatred among themselves represent those that have not in their life helped someone without expecting something directly from them or have little or no exposure to other environment beyond the state and they don't represent a true Akwa Ibomite that is loving, peaceful, hospitable and inquisitive.

To this end, this research suggests that, Nigerians should stop spreading false information because this uncivilized act have contributed to the underdevelopment of the country as such, it has made millions of Nigerians to live in mediocrity, fear, poverty, unemployment, among others.

#### **14. Corruption**

Corruption is a form of dishonesty or criminal offense undertaken by a person or organization entrusted with a position of authority, to acquire illicit benefit or abuse power for one's private gain. (Wikipedia.org). In the same vein, Transparency International defines corruption as the abuse of entrusted power for private gain. Furthermore, Corruption is the act of corrupting or of impairing integrity, virtue, or moral principle; the state of being corrupted or debased; lost of purity or integrity; depravity; wickedness; impurity; bribery (Anonymous Dictionary). In view of the above definition, it could be seen that, corruption is a criminal offense that is perpetuated by individuals

for private gain. It is equally seen that, corruption is a dishonest or wicked act. In the light of this, it implies that, a corrupt person is a wicked person.

In Nigerian society, the word “corruption” is known by nearly all Nigerians. Over the years, there have been several reports of corruption in the media. These include the embezzlement of public fund by public office holders worth millions and billions of Naira, snake swallowed public funds yet; no one get to know where the snake came from and if it was arrested or persecuted and even trial in court of competence jurisdiction, people trading humans for money, Nigeria still remaining in prevalent darkness despite trillions of Naira being released into the power sector, Nigeria still importing refines petrol, kerosene and diesel from other countries despite having all what it takes to fix her refineries, among others.

By all justification, Nigeria has all what it takes to provide practical leadership to others African countries and some countries of the world: politically, economically, technologically, educationally, spiritually and otherwise if not because of corruption. Similarly, In spite of the abundant resources (humans and natural) corruptions has made Nigeria “giant of Africa” to be rated among countries with high rate of poverty and unemployment, an embarrassment to some Nigerians who truly love this country as their family. Hence, defeating corruption shouldn't be left alone in the hands of the government but should be a thing of serious concern for all.

Successive Federal Government of Nigeria have made attempt to curbed corruptions in Nigeria but it appears as if corruption is fighting back, going by the trend of things in recent years and now. This research observed that, the Federal Government of Nigeria under the leadership of His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari GCFR has made significant progress in the fight against corruption

especially by the introductions of Treasury Single Account (TSA). According to report, this reform has significantly, curbed the mismanagement of public funds, promoted accountability, among others. Despite these commendable efforts, corruption is increasing.

Undoubtedly, corruption has eating deep in nearly all aspect of Nigerian existences. As such, it could be said that, nearly all Nigerians have been involve in one acts of corruption or the other. This research observed some act of corruption that is not regarded as corruption by a common Nigerian. These include:

- Some men using “I will marry you slogan” to lure grown up girls into doing things they would not normally want to.
- Some people are promoting cheap blackmail among brothers and sisters.
- Some people supporting falsehood because of temporary material gains.
- Some people are waiting patiently for theirs opportunity to take part in the exploitation of the country's revenue.
- Some students are actively involved in examination malpractice even with the support of some faceless teachers and some members of the public.

To this end, ending corruption in Nigeria could be impossible going by the fighting approach of the Federal Government and its agencies. This research establishes that, the best way to defeat an enemy is not by fighting. This is because they may be so numerous than what ordinary eyes may perceive. Loving them; finding ways to improve their living condition, promoting equality, among others, could be the permanent solutions and



best approach. In the light of this, the Federal Government should overhaul the educational system that is in a deplorable state. They should ensure that all those who seek political positions are trained and certified in an organized educational institute. Furthermore, they should invest more on human capacity development, among others. When this is done, millions of Nigerians would be discouraged from indulging in corruption.

### **15. SPIRITUAL UNAWARENESS**

It is obvious that, majority of people are not aware of life beyond the physical (seeing and touching). The spiritual state of life controls the physical. The spiritual state of life is undoubtedly deeper, heavier and dreaded than what an ordinary person can comprehend.

The success of a man is dependent on his spiritual consciousness and authority. Every rich and successful person is spiritually rooted in a source. In the contrary, an ignorance of this critical factor has made a lot of people prone to several unfortunate situations (living in poverty) that would have been averted.

To this end, demands are made and the successes of the uniformed would not be resisted henceforth.

## CHAPTER THREE

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### WHY NIGERIANS SHOULD HELP THE TRULY POOR- UNEMPLOYED AND POOR-EMPLOYED PEOPLE

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Before anyone could truly help the poor people, he or she should image them as being his or her sons or daughters, parents and loves ones. When that happens, your heart would be filled with compassion and love.

Reasons include:

- It is not the will of God for anyone to be poor or suffers.
- Majority of them ignorantly gave birth to so many children thus, making it very difficult to cater for these innocent ones.
- They have several plans that have not being developed.
- They are really in need of help. That is, qualitative education, training and retraining, financial empowerment and guidance.
- They hope that things will get better one day but, though may never be realized except they are helped.
- Majority of the poor have lost their loves ones and many others would die in poverty.
- They are not comfortable with their conditions yet; they don't know what to do towards improving their lives.
- They engage in all manners of hard jobs to make ends meet, yet, earns very low. For example: Women doing concrete jobs.
- They never prayed to be born poor. However, they could

not decide their parentage and origin.

- They are God's creation, endowed with great gifting at birth and would be as great and successful as any other person, when assisted.
- They are easy pushed into crimes and other sinful acts, all in an attempt to end their numerous sufferings.
- Going by several predictions, more people are likely going into extreme poverty due to Corona Virus pandemic.

Finally, let everyone acknowledged that, no one would be buried alongside his earthly wealth. Also, “whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard (Proverb 21:13).

## CHAPTER FOUR

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### HOW POVERTY MAY LIKELY BE TRANSFERRED FROM PARENT TO CHILDREN

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Poverty may likely be transferred from parent to children if adequate measures are not put in place to avert the trend.

- **Marriage**

Poverty may likely be transferred from parents to children due to unplanned marriage. In Akwa Ibom state, two people or more are considered to be married when they have fulfilled certain traditional and religious rites or the like. Similarly, they could equally be considered married due to unwanted pregnancy. In such case, that union is said to be forcefully instituted. It was observed that, in almost all cases, these ones live in abject conditions and are often than not unable to afford the basic needs of life, being food, shelter and clothing as such, the unplanned union compounded to their already existed burdens.

As time goes by, more children were born as such it was difficult for them to make ends meet and to adequately cater for the family. They engages in all forms of jobs and menial businesses even as their children were compelled to start early hustle (selling of sachet water, banana, oranges, etc) just to compliment the parent efforts; most of these children dropped out of school. Sometimes, some of them had to attend classes once or twice a week. As such, the interest for education fades off. At that point of undue freedom, most of these children

started associating themselves with all kinds of people even those older than them.

Credible source affirms that, some of these ones easily got influenced into joining bad gangs that engages in heinous acts, such as stealing, prostitution, among others. And some other, got themselves engaged in menial businesses just as their parent.

It was observed that, most of these ones usually end up poor even poorer than their parent.

- **Untimely Death**

Poverty may likely be transferred from parents to children due to untimely death.

According to the Holy Bible, death is inevitable to man. This implies that, at an appointed time, all humans would surely die whether the poor or rich but in a situation whereby it occurs prematurely; it quite worrisome and a thing of serious concern. This research observed that, such situation had caused great pains and hardship to the bereaved family. In most of these cases, the deceased person was the bread winner of the family. At that point, the bereaved (wife or husband or children) had no other means of livelihood. On instances that the deceased had children, the children have to discontinue their education in order to engage in menial businesses (jobs) just to make a living.

It was observed that, as times goes by, these children grows to become adult without any meaningful improvement in their living condition. A time came, that they were no longer comfortable living alone; a partner (wife or husband) became a necessity. Eventually, they found someone that falls within their

standard. At that point, this two considered themselves married as such, children were born.

This research established that, these ones continued in the poverty trends of their parent.

## CHAPTER FIVE

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### THE SOLUTION

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#### **Solution One:**

#### **LONG TERM SUSTAINABLE WEALTH PLAN**

##### **Objective:**

- To raise both technical and skilled (competent) entrepreneurs that would grow the economy, create jobs thus, boosting the internal generated revenue (IGR) of the Nation.
- To make every citizen financially independent.
- To discourage over dependence on government, individuals and the like.
- To end poverty and unemployment indefinitely even to unborn generations.

##### **Targeted beneficiaries:**

- Students and pupils

This plan should be properly adhered to.

##### **Plan A:**

- The school should pay every student and pupil 10% from the total sum of his or her school fees throughout the schooling years.
  - i. A non withdrawal account should be opened to every student and pupil.

- ii. All schools should pay 10% of the school fees into this non withdrawal account.
  - iii. The 10% school fees should be remitted to the students and pupils account immediately the school fees are paid either annually or on a termly basis.
  - iv. The students and pupils or guidance should confirm that such money is remitted into the account in either of the following ways: text messages from the bank, email message, or bank receipt.
  - v. The students, pupils or guidance should document such information continually throughout the school years.
  - vi. The school should endeavour that the students or pupils present an evidence of the 10% school fees remittance as precondition for examination.
  - vii. These practices must be duly adhered to. There should be a synergy between the government, educational stakeholders, banks and parents toward smooth running of the plans.
  - viii. Parents are encouraged to improve this process by paying additional money to this account.
  - ix. Government would equally contribute to this funding.

### **Brief calculation**

This calculation is based on Nigeria education system of 6, 3, 3, and 4. That is, six years for primary school, three for junior secondary school, three years for senior secondary school and four years for tertiary Institution.



### PUPILS ACCOUNT STATEMENT PER TERM WITHIN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARS.

Estimated school fees per pupil = #25,000.

10% school fees remittances = #2,500.

Primary session	First Term	Second Term	Third Term	Total Amount
Pri. 1.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
Pri. 2.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
Pri. 3.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
Pri. 4.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
Pri. 5.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
Pri. 6.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>#15,000</b>	<b>#15,000</b>	<b>#15,000</b>	<b>#45,000</b>

### STUDENTS ACCOUNT STATEMENT PER TERM WITHIN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL YEARS.

Estimated school fees per student = #25,000.

10% school fees remittances = #2,500.

Junior Sec.	First Term	Second Term	Third Term	Total Amount
Jss. 1.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
Jss. 2.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
Jss. 3.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>#7,500</b>	<b>#7,500</b>	<b>#7,500</b>	<b>#22,500</b>

### STUDENTS ACCOUNT STATEMENT PER TERM WITHIN THE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL YEARS.

Estimated school fees per student = #25,000.

10% school fees remittances = #2,500.

Senior Sec.	First Term	Second Term	Third Term	Total Amount
Ss. 1.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
Ss. 2.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
Ss. 3.	#2,500	#2,500	#2,500	#7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>#7,500</b>	<b>#7,500</b>	<b>#7,500</b>	<b>#22,500</b>

<b>Grand total for both Primary and Secondary school session</b>	<b>#90,000</b>
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## STUDENTS ACCOUNT STATEMENT PER SEMESTER IN THE TERTIARY INSTITUTION.

Estimated school fees per student = #25,000.

10% school fees remittances = #2,500.

Tertiary Institution	First Semester	Second Semester	Total Amount
First year	#2,500	#2,500	#5,000
Second year	#2,500	#2,500	#5,000
Third year	#2,500	#2,500	#5,000
Fourth year	#2,500	#2,500	#5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>#10,000</b>	<b>#10,000</b>	<b>#20,000</b>

Grand Total for Primary , Secondary and Tertiary Institution schooling years.	#110,000
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### Calculating the projected expenses:

- Business name registration - #5,000.
- Business/Trade School fees - #5,000.
- Total - #10,000.
- Remaining amount for business startup - #100,000.

The money would increase beyond the above, if other contributors (parents and government) are committed in doing so.

### Point of emphasis:

- There are schools that their school fees are above #25,000 per term or semester. Hence, their 10% remittance will be higher in value than others. For

example: school fees = #100,000. That is, their 10% remittance = #10,000.

- On instances that, the government pays her citizens school fees such as being practiced by Akwa Ibom State Government. The parents of such child or children must pay a minimum of #2,500 per term into his or her child or children non withdrawal account. The #2,500 represents a 10% of #25,000 school fees per term.
- For some parents that are more financially buoyant, they could pay in additional money into the account.

#### **Plan B:**

#### **SKILLS ACQUISITIONS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAININGS.**

- i. The Government should attract or establish business schools in the State and Nation, Nigeria. These schools should be made accessible to all citizenry.
- ii. The entrepreneurial school should be able to tutor the students on practical business approach in the context of the changing world.
- iii. The foundational courses expected could include, Marketing, Accounting and Business/financial management, international trade, among others.
- iv. Every person should ensure they are trained from this school.
- v. The government should ensure they help the citizen by subsidizing the cost of entrepreneurial training as well as helping them with non-interest loans.

#### **Plan C:**

#### **REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.**

- i. Every person must register his or her business with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
- ii. Every person should apply with proves of his or her bank details and prove of entrepreneurial Competent certificate.
- iii. The government should ensure they reduce the cost of business registration.

#### **Plan D:**

### **OFFICIAL HANDOVER AND CONVERTING OF THE NON-WITHDRAWAL ACCOUNT INTO A CORPORATE BUSINESS ACCOUNT.**

- I. After the above processes, each person should approach his or her bank with all relevant documents for verification and subsequent converting of the non-withdrawal account to a corporate business account. These document are:
  - Certificate of registration of business name.
  - Non-withdrawal account details.
  - Other relevant personal documents.

When this is done, each citizen has a whopping business startup funds.

For this plan to be fully implemented, everyone should take responsibility.

### **STUDENTS AND PUPILS RESPONSIBILITY**

- i. Students are qualified to apply for skills training immediately after secondary education or after tertiary education.
- ii. The skills acquisition and entrepreneurial training would be funded from his or her accumulative savings. Or better

still source for other means of funding.

- iii. These trainings could commence after finishing secondary school or tertiary institution. This is dependent on parent financial ability.
- iv. For student who may not want to be funded via his or her accumulative saving, he or she can still get trained elsewhere but must present prove of his or her competence.
- v. While in school or after school years, student must always give great preference to their studies than any other activity (extra-curricular activities) which may not positively prepare you for future endeavours.
- vi. You must seize every opportunity that aid in real life preparation.
- vii. The Nigerian educational system does not adequately prepare the pupils and students for the real life endeavours. So while in school you must be creative in your thinking and actions.
- viii. So many graduates are doing jobs outside their profession. You must decide to develop the needed skills which will make you distinctively different from others within and outside your profession.
- ix. Don't spend every kobo you owned during your schools years. Have a saving plan for yourself.
- x. Be friendly with every person but choose few friends. These ones should have similar vision with yours.

### **GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY**

- i. Government should make laws that would guarantee a smooth implementation of the plan.
- ii. Government should collaborate with educational Stakeholders, banks, and Entrepreneurial schools for

smooth implementation of this plan.

**Regarding Akwa Ibom State Government free and compulsory education policy.**

- i. Government should place a maximum and maximum benchmark for its free and compulsory educational program. That is:  
Maximum school fee = #100,000.  
Minimum school fee = #25,000.
- ii. Government should mandate parents benefiting from its free and compulsory education to pay into his or her wards non-withdrawal account between #2,500 - #10,000 depending on parent's financial ability.
- iii. No students or pupils would be promoted into the next class without proves of payment to the non-withdrawal account.

**THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- I. Ensure you adhered strictly to your roles because the success of your child is your success.
- II. In case you are benefiting from the free and compulsory education policy of the state government, please endeavour to pay into your child non-withdrawal account between #2,500 and #10,000 each term depending on your financial ability. These amounts represent the expected 10% compulsory remittance in which each schools remits to their pupils or students non-withdrawal account.
- III. Ensure that your child or children schools remit the compulsory 10% school fees into his or her account on termly basis.

IV. Pending government consent to the scheme, you (parents) should take bold steps to personally implement this scheme for your children i.e open an account in your child's or children's name and be paying between #2,500 – 10,000 every term into the account.

**What parents should consider:**

- i. There are so many unemployed artisans and graduates looking for jobs or funds to startup their business venture yet can't find.
- ii. Life is unpredictable. The unexpected may happen which may make you (parents) partially unable to cater for your child or children in the future.
- iii. You may not have what it takes to access government loans or grants.
- iv. Bank loans usually come with a high interest rate which makes it very difficult for small enterprises to excel.
- v. The successful future of your child or children rest in your ability to implement today's opportunities.

It is true that, things are very hard but don't allow the hardness of things to cripple your children's future. Take the sacrifice now. Be responsible.

**Who should first implement this scheme? The answer is you.**

Why wait?

- i. Walk up to any bank of your choice; open a non-withdrawal account for your child.
- ii. Endeavor to pay a minimum of #2,500 and a maximum of #10,000 every term into that account. This represents 10% of the compulsory remittance for school fees worth

#25,000 and #100,000 respectively.

- iii. Continue the process as long as your child is in school.
- iv. Get your child trained in any field of his or her choice immediately after secondary or tertiary education.
- v. Enroll him or her to acquire the basic skills in marketing, accounting, business management, international trade etc. This training will sharpen his or her entrepreneurial ability.
- vi. After training, proceed to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and incorporate a business name for your child.
- vii. Approach the bank, request to convert the non-withdrawal account to corporate account for your child business.
- viii. Make sure your child commence the business by utilizing the fund appropriately.

**Congratulation** to parents, you have successfully integrated your child or children into the league of entrepreneurs for long-term sustainable wealth.

## **SOLUTION TWO**

### **ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT (JOB CREATION) MODEL (EDEM)**

#### **Objectives**

- To raise successful entrepreneur that would create more jobs in the country.

**This model is best explained in practice that on paper.**



### **Budget:**

With one billion naira as investment fund over 200,000 people would be economically relevant. This implies that, over 200,000 direct jobs would be created within a period of three months to two years.

### **To start with:**

With ten million naira as investment fund over 200 people would be economically relevant. This implies that, over 200 jobs direct would be created within a period of three months to two years.

50% of the investment fund could be realized within this same period when all other factors are put in place. Such as:

- Security, Location and Basis infrastructures.

### **Areas of business include:**

- Agriculture.
- Talents to skills development.
- Building and construction.
- Fashion, among others.

### **The components include:**

- Apprenticeship model.
- Business experiences model.
- Multi-purpose Cooperative society model.
- Marketing and E-commerce model.

### **Beneficiaries include:**

- Skill, unskilled people and Graduates, etc.

This is an **Eagle Skills Company** Entrepreneurial Development Model (EDEM)

## CHAPTER SIX

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### THE JOB CREATOR'S CREED

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I believe I was not born to be poor-unemployed neither designed to be poor-employed.

I believe I can solve problems and be very wealthy.

I will learn skills, develop my talent and practice it as a profitable business venture.

I will make sure that my business is fully established.

I will not relent even when my business employs more than ten staff.

I will ensure that my goods and services are exported to countries across the globe.

This is my belief.

This is my resolution.

So help me God!

This creed would boost entrepreneurial consciousness of Nigerians.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

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### BENEFITS OF THE SOLUTIONS

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The benefits are enormous as everyone would directly and indirectly be a beneficiary.

- It will promote peace for national integration.
- It will increase the internally generated revenue (IGR) of government.
- It will boost the reputation and profile of the country.
- It will reduce the work load of the Legislators, Executives and Judiciary
- It will save government huge funds that could have been budgeted for social investment programs and securities.
- It will improve the living conditions of the citizens.
- It will promote brotherhood for one another and patriotism for Nigeria.
- There will be employment opportunity in every community and cities across the state and nation, Nigeria.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION (FAQs)

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1. Is it possible to eradicate poverty and unemployment in Nigeria? And how could it be achieved?

ANS: yes, at individual and collective basis. It could be achieved by stopping the spread of poverty from parents to children.

2. Is it true that some people were predestined to be poor and unemployed?

ANS: No, by all justification, no one was preordained to be poor and unemployed.

3. Why are some people poor and some rich?

ANS: To the rich, the reason is knowledge and parental factor while to the poor; ignorance and parental factor.

4. Is it true that the poor people are comfortable being poor?

ANS: No

5. How can someone take responsibility towards overcoming life challenges especially poverty and unemployment?

ANS: Having a willing heart, changing of mentality, acquiring requisite knowledge and skills, being hard working and consistent and finally, trusting absolutely in God.

6. How is poverty being alleviated and eradicated in people's life?

ANS: poverty is being alleviated in people's life when a person learns skills without financial empowerment or startup packs while poverty is being eradicated in people's life when a person identify and develop his talents into skills and is duly empowered to practice.

7. What steps could be taken to achieve a poverty-free Nigeria?

**ANS: Government/Institutional responsibilities:**

- i. Take record of both skilled and unskilled peoples.
- ii. Train and retrain them in their choice of skills to meet up international standard.
- iii. Assist and empower them to set up a business.
- iv. Monitor their progress until their business employs at least five staff or more.
- v. Provide guidance for their goods and services to be exported.
- vi. Ensure you make laws and policies that will protect and promote their sustainability.

### **Individual's responsibilities**

- i. Develop purposeful saving plans that aid in regular saving.
- ii. Learn and master at least one productive skill.
- iii. Setup and manage a business venture.
- iv. Share your business concept/ideas to at least two (trusted) persons with enterprising mindset.
- v. Frequently update your knowledge on the areas of trade, business/financial management, information and communication technology (ICT), international trade etc.
- vi. Be consistent and hardworking.

vii. Believe and have absolute trust in God.

8. Is it true that poverty is a transferable disease?

**ANS:** No, poverty is not a disease. Yet, it can be transferable. For example: if a poor parent gives birth to so many children they can't properly train to an acceptable standard, such children would likely become poor even poorer than the parent.

9. What is the true nature of a poor person in Nigeria?

**ANS:** A poor person (male or female) have three natures:

- i. **The Outer Nature (TON)** is Packaging. Packaging is deceptive.
- ii. **The Inner Nature (TIN)** is Revolving suffering. Revolving suffering is daily experiences.
- iii. **The Outermost Nature (TON)** is Endowment (gifting, intelligence or talent). Endowment is not known or not adequately developed.

10. Is it true that most graduates would become poor and unemployed?

**ANS:** Yes, the truth is, the labour market is already overcrowded with applicants without jobs.

11. What is currently invoked as alternative for “white collar jobs”?

**ANS:** it is simply, skills acquisitions and entrepreneurship.

12. Is it true that entrepreneurship is the hardest endeavour?

**ANS:** No, with proper training and mentoring, entrepreneurship is easy.

13. Between employees and entrepreneurs, who is in total

control of his time?

**ANS:** It is only the entrepreneurs.

**14.** Is it possible for a person to operate on dual capacity as an employee and employer?

**ANS:** yes, it is very possible. What such a person needs is to have the requisite knowledge on how to manage a corporate business.

**15.** Is it true that the youths have what it takes to contribute to the development of Nigeria?

**ANS:** Yes.

**16.** Why does it appear so impossible for the youths particularly those without famous background to contest elections and win in Nigeria?

**ANS:** By the trend of things, it is clear that, the elders appears to be very relevant and may uphold it as long as they live. In addition, the current political structure needs strong and wealthy candidates that will be able to defeat any opposition as such; the young people may not be a very good option.

Notwithstanding, hope is not lost but any young person who desire to lead in public governance should first and foremost setup a leadership platform within his or her capacity and start practicing leadership in a creative and excellent manner thus, progressively overcoming the challenges associated with inexperience and inconsistency. When such is achieved, he or she would no longer contest for leadership position rather, leadership will contest for him.

**17.** Is it possible that crime, sin, societal unrest, suffering among others, will reduce when poverty and

unemployment is eradicated?

**ANS:** Yes. For example: A truly born again person (believer) who is financially buoyant and economically active has nothing to do with crime.

**18.** Why should Nigerians unite to end poverty and unemployment?

**ANS:** To save millions of Nigerians from sufferings and to help preserve the unity of the country.

**19.** Who is best qualified to advocate for the poor?

**ANS:** It could be any person particularly someone who is intellectually sound and have compassion for others.

**20.** Some people believe that its government sole responsibility to eradicate poverty and unemployment in Nigeria?

**ANS:** No. it is a collective responsibility of all. Yet, greater percentage is on the government.



## CHAPTER NINE

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. Laws, policies and programmes of government should be reviewed to reflect the wishes and aspirations of Nigerians, Akwa Ibomites in particular, especially such that would help improve the living condition of a common man such as the de-regulation of the power sector and the like.
2. Government should partner with traditional institution and organized family group to review the existing exorbitant marital dowries to a more affordable level so that more young people who are of marriageable age may get married. This is because people become responsible when they are married and would less likely engage in acts that would endanger their families and loves ones.
3. Government should reserve 50% of its annual budget to education, entrepreneurial and human capacity development and empowerment.
  - i. Government should overhaul the educational system.
  - ii. Develop a new curriculum that would aid develop Nigerian intelligence in solving problems in Nigeria and across the globe.
  - iii. Provide adequate infrastructures in all schools.

- employment with strictness to international best practices.
- ii. There should be a compulsory orientation for all students and pupils studying in institutions (primary, secondary and tertiary) across Akwa Ibom State and nation, Nigeria. This should be one of the pre and post admission criteria.
  - iii. Government should make it compulsory for civil servants under the Ministry of Education to send their children/wards to public schools.
  - iv. There should be an inscription on the walls of every class and entrances of all schools across the state and nation, Nigeria. Such as **Have you identify a problem? True wealth is created when you solve problems.**
  - v. Government should established skills, entrepreneurial development and empowerment academies across Akwa Ibom State and Nation, Nigeria. These academies shall be responsible in the developing talents into skills, business ideas and the empowerment of the skillful.
4. Government should have a representative or officer in each of the villages across the State who shall serve as a liaison of the government to relate every government programs, laws, incentives and policies to the rural communities as well as forward the challenges of the people to the government.
5. Ethical and attitudinal reorientation commission should engage in targeted orientation and reorientation of the citizens. They should initiate programmes and activities

especially such that would provide opportunity for the citizens to ask questions and get instant feedback or answers. These programmes and activities should not be limited to billboard post and radio jingles.

6. Government should establish a special training school for the training and retraining of parents on parenting and home management.
7. Government should establish a special training institute for proper training and retraining of leaders especially those seeking for any political position in the State and Nation, Nigeria. This should serve as a major prerequisite before anyone is licensed to contest in any election or is appointed into any public office.
8. Government should create a “Donor Account” for the purpose of raising funds in driving the mandate of ending poverty and unemployment in the society. Thus, encouraging well spirited individuals, governments, organisations, institutions, private sectors, etc to invest in. The fund should be managed by reputable non-governmental organization (NGO) for easy accessibility and accountability while the various donors can monitor its effectiveness.
9. Legislators should make laws that mandate all political officers to establish an individually owned manufacturing industry in their community.
10. The government should partner with organized human right organization (such as Civil Liberty Organization) in

setting up teams of professionals made up of barristers, psychologists, criminologist, humanitarians, preachers and other professionals. These shall have charge of thorough, yet liberal investigation of crimes, defence of accused persons in court, criminal education, mental reformation and attitudinal change as well as provision of spiritual and material needs to the convicted criminals. This could aid restore sanity to Nigeria criminal justice system. It would also help to reduce crimes, foster smooth relationship between the Nigeria securities force and the entire citizens especially the common man.

10. Non-governmental organizations that are committed in providing sincere humanitarian services in Nigerian should ensure that, they do not only train young people with vocational skills but should equally provide financial empowerment or startup packs to their trainees. This would help the trainees to be truly established in their chosen endeavours. However, Non-governmental organization that are not financially buoyant, should partner with sister organizations, private sector or financial institution who may be financially capable and are willing to invest in human development. This is particularly so because everyone needs capital to start up or grow a business, although motivational speakers have told millions of people that businesses maybe started with 'nothing' of course, such statement cannot be said to be true.

11. Christians Association of Nigerian (CAN), Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN) and genuine church organizations should partner with relevant organizations

to sanitize Christians on ways of identifying the activities of false and untrained preachers of the gospel. This would help Christians not to become victim of their acts. In the same vein:

- i. Church denominations should restructure its setting. They should give equal preference to both the **“spiritual needs”** and the **“physical needs”** in their ministrations as such was the practice of the early church Fathers (Acts 6:1-5). In the light of this, church services should be divided into two sessions namely, the spiritual needs session and the physical needs session. Spiritual needs such as eternal salvation in Christ Jesus and Perfection in Christ Jesus should be taught in the spiritual needs session while the physical needs session should teach physical things such as seven steps to success, money and marriage. This notwithstanding, the fundamental doctrines of love and righteousness should not be neglected in the physical needs session.
- ii. Church denomination should ensure that their various parishes/branches/centers do not have membership above 100 person. This would afford the church/Pastor Incharge the opportunity to properly take care of God's flock the way God expect (John 21:15-17). Thus, church would know the name, progress and challenges of each member (1 Cor. 3:1-3). Where a parish/branch/center grows to above 100 person, the church should refer the excess to other parishes with less membership or

establish another parish to accommodate the excess. This would be liken to the home church model of the early Apostles (Romans 16:3-5, Philemon 1:1-2, 1 Cor. 16:19).

- iii. All preacher and teachers of the gospel should ensure they are theologically trained before venturing into ministry work (2 Timothy 2:15).

12. Everyone should take responsibility toward the eradication of poverty and unemployment in Nigeria.

- i. Everyone should ensure they pray and fast; calling on God to resist any power or thing that would attempt opposing the smooth implementation of this research.
- ii. Everyone should ensure they are properly trained on parenting and home management before raising children.
- iii. Everyone should ensure they do not have many children that would be difficult to properly train and control.
- iv. Everyone should ensure they are educated at least to secondary school level.
- v. Everyone should ensure they learn skills and set up a business venture.
- vi. Everyone should ensure they contribute their quota to the progress and development of Nigeria.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

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### CONCLUSION

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This study asserts that, ignorance is the main factor responsible for the persistence of poverty and unemployment in Nigeria. This fact justifies the word of Rev. Dr. Uma Ukpai, “there is no problem as great as ignorance”. As such, this research advocate for the eradication of ignorance through quality education and trainings for all. These people include parents, pupils, students, politicians, entrepreneurs, among others.

The solutions and recommendations will suggestively and compulsively take millions of Nigerians (even the unborn generations) out poverty and unemployment when endorsed. In the light of this, passionate appeals are made to relevant authorities, well spirited individuals and the entire Nigerians to consider this research worthy of implementation.

Nigerians, particularly Akwa Ibomites are charged not to heat up the polity undesirably but rather they should take responsibility towards the eradication of this problem. As such, it would be affirmed that, they are truly God's people; being compassionate, loving and peaceful. When this is done, it will be assented that, an end to poverty and unemployment is a reduction in crime, societal unrest, suffering, sin, untimely death, among other.

God Bless Akwa Ibom State.  
God Bless Nigeria. Amen.



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## VISION AND MISSION

There is a mandate of God on my life to uphold the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus for humanity.

It is with this mandate in mind, that I am committed to helping the poor and speaking the truth in love.

To further realize this mandate:

- A mental revolution campaign, tagged **One Million Problems, One Solution** would commence on various media platform and villages across the Akwa Ibom State. Nigeria.



Through this medium, the TRUTH shall be Re-introduce to humanity and He will defend Himself.

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## WELCOME TO AKWA IBOM STATE

Dear Akwa Ibomites, Arise, let us build a united and prosperous Akwa-Abasi Ibom State.

I am an Akwaibomite

I rise to a faith of greatness

MmeDakkanda!

AkwaIbomDakkada!



## Dakkada Creed

AkwaIbomites, rise to the faith of greatness

Rise to the faith that with God all things are possible

Rise to the faith that AkwaIbom was created by God out of greatness

Rise to the faith that as a people, we can move beyond ethnicity, biases, religion, and gender

Rise to togetherness

Rise to the faith of our resources, beyond what others see, human and intellectual

Rise to chart a new course for us, our children and a generation of AkwaIbomites unborn

Rise to the faith that one day; we shall be counted as great people of a great state with great minds

Rise to the faith that all these are possible and many more

Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful

I rise to the faith that Akwalbom was created to be great  
I rise to the faith that Akwalbom is destined to be great  
I am an Akwaibomite  
I rise to a faith of greatness  
MmeDakkanda!  
AkwalbomDakkada!

