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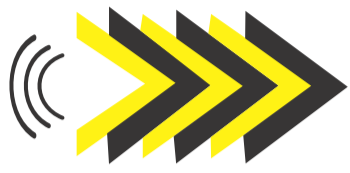
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# FRSC Warns Of Heavy Traffic On Kubwa Expressway

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) on Monday alerted motorists on heavy traffic along the Kubwa Expressway in Abuja following an accident.

The accident involved a trailer that obstructed movement on the busy route.

In a statement posted on its official social media handle, the corps described the situation as an “unusual traffic gridlock,” adding that emergency teams had been mobilised to clear the obstruction.

“The Federal Road Safety Corps wishes to inform the public that there is an unusual traffic gridlock along Kubwa expressway caused by a fallen trailer.

“While efforts are being made to remove the obstruction, motorists are advised to be patient and ply the road with caution,” the FRSC said.

According to the corps, personnel are managing traffic flow at the scene while

recovery operations continue to restore normal movement.

The corps appealed to all road users to remain calm, obey traffic instructions and exercise patience until the expressway is fully cleared.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the Kubwa corridor is one of the busiest access routes between satellite towns and the Abuja city centre, and any disruption often resulted in long vehicular queues.

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# President Tinubu Awards Contract For Benue-Cross River Road

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President Bola Tinubu has awarded a contract for the construction of Oju-Ogoja Federal Road, which links Benue and Cross River States, reaffirming his administration's commitment to infrastructure development in the region.

The President disclosed this in a message delivered by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, SGF Sen. George Akume, during this year's New Yam festival held at Oju Local Government Headquarters at the weekend.

President Tinubu commended the Igede Traditional Council in Benue State, North Central Nigeria, for their efforts in preserving the culture of the Igede Agba new yam festival, emphasising its role in promoting heritage and unity among the people.

The President highlighted the traditional council's importance in fostering peace, unity, and progress within the state, as well as its contribution to his

administration's development initiatives.

A statement by the Special Adviser on Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr. Terrence Kuanum, said President Tinubu also praised the involvement of the Igede-speaking people in peace-building efforts in troubled areas.

“Your Royal Highness, the Adiharu of Igede, CP Oga Ero Rtd. I wish to commend you very specially for hosting yet another successful edition of this rich cultural festival (the Igede Agba new yam festival).”

Sen. Akume conveyed President Tinubu's appreciation for being invited to the event, noting the government's commitment to driving growth and development across all sectors of the economy.

“The renewed hope agenda of President Tinubu has been able to touch on every region of the country, with the economy growing on a positive trajectory as both the base and superstructure are accelerating rapidly”.

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Nigeria's fast-growing and trusted lubricants and engine oil brand, CDN Oil and Lubricants Limited, has expanded its operations to Borno State, North-East Nigeria, in line with its massive expansion drive to become the household name for quality, affordable oil and lubricants in Nigeria.

As part of the expansion, Mr. Aminu Mohammed has been announced as the Borno State Representative and will spearhead the company's growth and market penetration efforts across all nooks and crannies of the state, ensuring accessibility of CDN's products to motorists, transport operators, industries, and households.

Speaking on the development, Dr. Chukwuka Daniel Nwokolo, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CDN Oil and Lubricants, reaffirmed the company's commitment to deepening its reach and strengthening its impact in Nigeria's energy and automotive sector. According to him, the holistic and strategic expansion move reinforces



CDN Oil and Lubricants limited

the company's mission to deliver premium, affordable, and reliable lubricants to every corner of Nigeria, ensuring that motorists, industries, transport operators, and households across the country enjoy access to its high-quality lubricants products.

Dr. Nwokolo stated, “Our vision is to make CDN Oil a trusted household name across Nigeria by delivering

quality lubricants at affordable prices. This major expansion into Borno State is a strategic step towards achieving that goal.

“We are confident that with Mr. Aminu Mohammed's leadership, our products will reach consumers at every level, supporting mobility, industry, and economic growth in the State.”

He restated that the latest expansion

underscores CDN's long-term vision of becoming a market leader in the lubricants industry and a reliable partner for Nigeria's economic development.

According to him, “Our expansion brings with it opportunities for job creation, local partnerships, and a boost to small and medium-scale businesses that depend on lubricants to power transportation, agriculture, and industry.

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## Local Transport News

# Port Harcourt-Aba Train Service Resumes Tuesday, Says NRC

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The suspended Port Harcourt-Aba train services will resume operation on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

The services were suspended following a breakdown of the train at Imo River on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at about 16:22 hrs.

This is according to a statement signed by District Public Relations Officer, Eastern District, Dr. Onyedikachi S. Onovo.

According to the NRC, the train, which was en route from Aba to Port Harcourt, suddenly developed an unusual fault and ceased functioning. "Despite the best efforts of our engineers to revive the locomotive, the fault persisted. Consequently, an alternative engine, Loco 2306, was quickly deployed to rescue the stranded train.

"While some passengers chose to take alternative routes to their destinations, others were conveyed back safely."

According to Onovo, the train was returned to Port Harcourt and is

currently undergoing thorough repairs to ensure it is fit to resume service in line with our enhanced quality control.

All passengers affected by the disruption are advised to visit NRC stations in Port Harcourt or Aba, bringing evidence of payment, for a possible refund or replacement train ride.

"NRC management reiterates its commitment to transforming the Corporation under the Renewed Hope Agenda and our Rail revitalisation programme, ensuring safer, more

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# Uba Sani Flags Off Historic Makarfi Road Project

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Governor Uba Sani has declared that Kaduna State comprises 23 local governments and not just Kaduna town, so projects ought to be spread across board.

The Governor also reaffirmed his administration's commitment to inclusive development.

Speaking during the groundbreaking of Durum to Kuruntumawa road in Makarfi local government on Monday, the Governor declared that "people living in rural areas are also part of Kaduna State."

He argued that the project was not just about road construction but about correcting "historical injustices" suffered by rural communities.

"Makarfi is among 12 local government areas in Kaduna State that had not benefitted from a completed road project in the past ten years. I am therefore very happy to be here to break that unfortunate record," the Governor stated.

Governor Uba Sani explained that roads

remain central to his government's promise of spreading development across all 23 local government areas, without discrimination.

"I always said that Kaduna State is not only the urban city but people living in rural areas are also part of Kaduna State. We don't discriminate among the residents because the state's resources belong to all of us. Our government is a masses government, a people's government," he added.

Highlighting the economic importance of the project, the Governor noted that Makarfi is one of the state's major farming hubs, producing crops like maize, sugarcane, tomatoes, and soybeans.

"This road from Durum to Kuruntumawa is more than an asphalt it is a promise fulfilled, a lifeline for farmers, traders, students, and families," he said.

The Governor recalled that since assuming office in May 2023, he has initiated 85 road projects covering 785 kilometres across the state, out of which 44 have been completed.

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## Local Transport News

# Popular Kano Bridge Collapses After Heavy Rainfall

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The Kano State Police Command has warned the general public, particularly road users, that the Yaryasa Bridge in Tudun Wada Local Government Area has collapsed due to heavy rainfall.

In a statement issued by the Kano State Police Command's spokesperson, SP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, the bridge serves as a critical link between Kano State and other states, including Kaduna, Plateau, Benue, and the eastern part of the country.

The statement said that in the interest of public safety, the Command has taken immediate measures to secure the area and prevent accidents.

It explained that barricades, detours, and warning signage have been set up to redirect traffic and alert motorists to the hazard.

It added that police officers from the Motor Traffic Division (MTD), alongside personnel from the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Kano Road and Traffic Agency (KAROTA), and

members of the Transport Union, are on ground to ensure smooth traffic management.

It added that the area around the collapsed bridge has also been cordoned off to prevent vehicles from approaching the danger zone.

"Motorists travelling towards Tudun Wada and beyond are advised to cooperate with traffic officers and follow the designated alternative routes to avoid any risks to life and property," it said.

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He further warned that displaying on social media in uniform was against the Corps' code of conduct, hence the advice to steer clear.

"Operatives should stop to display on social media and any staff, who uses drugs must desist as these does not only endanger the life of the operative and his colleagues, but destroys the image of the Corps," he said.

Speaking further, the zonal head stated that the FRSC has zero tolerance for corruption and is prepared to deal with it decisively wherever it is discovered within the Corps.

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He said that officers were not sent to the road to enrich themselves at the expense of the motoring public, but to enforce the laws.

"However, if they are compromised by the public, they are to collect the money, arrest the culprit and report the bribe; attempting to corrupt an official is an offense, and there are charges.

"Our officers have been trained to say no to bribery, but if anyone decides not to say no, you can always call us, get evidence, and we will take decisive action.

"While I need you to be honest, truthful and live a clean life, I want you to also take care of your health by subscribing to a Health Maintenance Organisation (HMO) such as the FRSC HMO," he maintained.

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# Oil Sector Barriers Removed, FG Woos EPC Firm



Lokpobiri

The Federal Government has called on major Engineering, Procurement and Construction firms to return to Nigeria's oil and gas industry, insisting that the challenges that once forced them out have been dismantled through reforms and fresh incentives.

The call was contained in a press statement by the Special Adviser on Media and Communication to the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Oil), Nneamaka Okafor, on Sunday. According to the statement, the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Oil), Heineken Lokpobiri, told participants at the EPC Deepwater Investment Roundtable in London organised by the Oil

Producers Trade Section that Nigeria's oil landscape had changed and was now open for business.

He maintained that the government had undertaken bold reforms to strengthen investor confidence and ensure long-term stability in the sector.

"When we say Nigeria is open for business, we're not making a statement of intent; we're pointing to the reforms we've implemented, the policies we're enacting, and the partnerships we're building. The landscape has changed, and this can be confirmed directly from the IOCs, who are members of the OPTS, who are already seeing the results," the minister was quoted as saying.

The statement noted that several EPC giants had previously scaled down or left Nigeria altogether because of contracting inefficiencies, regulatory uncertainty, security concerns, and fiscal instability. Lokpobiri, however, maintained that these barriers had now been cleared.

"But those reasons no longer exist.

Through the Petroleum Industry Act, we have streamlined fiscal terms, strengthened regulatory clarity, and committed to project security in partnership with the Nigerian Navy and other security agencies," he said.

A major focus of the roundtable was the need for international oil companies and deepwater operators to move forward with Final Investment Decisions. Lokpobiri stressed that the return of EPC contractors was tied directly to the project pipeline.

"The EPCs will not return if there are no projects," he explained. "And there can be no projects if operators are not investing. I want to thank those who are already leveraging what the government is doing, but we must do more. The projects must flow for the EPCs to come back."

The government, according to the minister, has committed to globally competitive incentives for deepwater operations. Provisions under the PIA include reduced royalty rates for offshore production ranging from five to 7.5 per cent, depending on water

depth, removal of cost recovery limits to allow companies to recoup full development costs before profit sharing, tax credits and allowances for frontier exploration, as well as strengthened investor protection and streamlined contracting processes.

Lokpobiri emphasised that such incentives would not be restricted to international oil companies but would also extend to EPC contractors. "These giant EPC companies, who once left, are exactly the kind of players who can thrive in deepwater. The same way we have fine-tuned incentives for operators, we will ensure those benefits are extended to EPCs, because without the EPCs, these projects cannot be delivered," he declared.

He further highlighted the potential of Nigeria's deepwater basin, describing it as "a massive space of opportunity". He urged EPC firms to reassess Nigeria, not through the difficulties of the past, but in light of the progress already achieved and the vast opportunities that lie ahead.

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Orji explained that the MoU would not only define clear rules of engagement between both organisations, but would also address remediation issues



Ogbonnaya

flagged in NEITI's efficiency while the values of industry audit reports. deepening inter-agency transparency and According to Orji, the cooperation on data accountability in order to partnership will also management and restore public trust and strengthen manpower disclosures. safeguard its reputation development, improve Commending the NNPC globally. IT systems, and Ltd GCEO, Orji stressed "As Nigeria's flagship oil provide frameworks to the need for the national company, NNPC Ltd boost operational oil company to model must stand as an

enduring institution of national pride, one that competes on the same level with global giants like Saudi Aramco, QatarEnergy, and Petronas.

"This requires openness, compliance, and multi-stakeholder engagement to tackle domestic challenges and sustain investor confidence", Orji stated.

The NEITI boss also reminded NNPC Ltd of its obligations under the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) and its voluntary membership of EITI as a supporting company, noting that the global body had expressed concern about irregular disclosures and lapses in time-series data.

He urged the company to promptly restore discontinued reports, ensure timely publication of audited accounts, and sustain contract transparency and beneficial ownership disclosures.

"These are not bureaucratic hurdles," Orji emphasised, "but governance safeguards that attract sustainable investments and protect Nigeria's credibility in global energy markets."

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# Chinese Technology Shines At Aviation Africa Summit 2025 In Rwanda

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Chinese technologies shone at the ninth edition of the Aviation Africa Summit and Exhibition, which was held in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, from Thursday to Friday, boosting more exploration on China-Africa cooperation in low-altitude economy.

Under the theme of "Collaborating to unlock Africa's growth - How can Africa deliver a sustainable aviation industry?", the event attracted 1,700 aviation industry professionals who engaged in-depth discussions on challenges facing the African aviation industry and the new opportunities brought about by technologies, as well as more than 100 companies that showcased their cutting-edge products.

Opening the summit, Rwandan President Paul Kagame said that the high cost of air travel remains a barrier to tourism and



connectivity across Africa. Noting that Africa's skies must be opened up to better serve citizens, businesses, and the wider economy, Kagame urged governments and industry

leaders to collaborate to make aviation more affordable and sustainable. 'Flying taxi' makes maiden flight

The EH216-S, a

groundbreaking pilotless passenger-carrying aerial vehicle produced by EHang, a world's leading urban air mobility technology platform company from China, was

the centerpiece of the exhibition. With the witness of the Rwandan president and Chinese representatives, the electric vertical take-off and land (eVTOL) aircraft

made its maiden flight in Africa. Melissa Rusanganwa, head of International Cooperation at the Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority (RCAA), experienced the flight herself.

"I'm feeling great. It's really exciting to see this here in Rwanda. So we hope to have this technology, such technology in Africa," said Rusanganwa.

The EH216-S is capable of carrying two passengers with a maximum payload of 220 kilograms. Powered by 16 propellers, the vehicle can take off and land vertically and cruise at a speed of up to 130 kilometers per hour at an altitude of under 1,000 meters, with a maximum range of 30 kilogram in a straight line.

It is the world's first eVTOL aircraft to have obtained a type certificate, production license, and standard airworthiness certificate.

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Despite ongoing reforms and efforts to construct new ports and rehabilitate existing ones, world powers, including the United States and Russia, are actively seeking to secure access to the Port of Lomé in Togo which has emerged as a key maritime hub in West Africa.

The increase in volume of trade between Asia and West Africa has seen Lomé port transform into a key regional container port.

Major ocean carriers, specifically MSC, have responded by redeploying ultra-large container vessels

## US, Russia Ditch Nigerian Ports, Seeks Access To Togo Ports

(ULCVs) to the route.

This has come as a major boost for liner connectivity of West African ports including Lomé.

In view of these trade advantages, the U.S has pledged to expand its African market access through Lomé port.

Last week, the U.S Embassy in Lomé, led by the Chargé d'Affaires, Richard C. Michaels, conducted a tour of the port facility.

The delegation also held a meeting with the management of Lomé Container Terminal, LCT, to explore commercial opportunities for U.S businesses.

"With advanced deep-water capabilities, cutting-edge equipment, and an annual throughput exceeding 30 million tons, Lomé offers U.S businesses unmatched access to African markets.

"Ongoing infrastructure expansion, including a dry-port and industrial zone, further enhances the port's role as a growing gateway," commented U.S Embassy in Togo.

The port tour followed shortly after U.S President, Donald Trump, met five African

leaders in Washington.

The African leaders were largely from countries in West Africa, including Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania and Senegal.

The meeting with Trump concentrated on trade opportunities for both sides, at a time the U.S government is cutting aid in Africa and other regions.

Meanwhile, Russia has ratified its military cooperation agreement with Togo, which was initially signed early this year.

As per the agreement, Russia and Togo will jointly hold military exercises, training exchanges and weapons and military equipment support.

Notably, the agreement also covers support in hydrography, navigation and combating piracy.

According to some observers, the agreement will give Russia unfettered access to Togo's strategic seaport of Lomé. Visit by Russian military ships to ports in Togo is covered by the cooperation.

"Togo is considered the most organised and equipped in Tropical Africa. For example, the busiest seaport in West Africa is located on its territory," said Vladimir Gruzdev, a member of the Russian Government Commission on Legislative Activity, which drafted the ratification law of the defence.

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## General News

# FG Approves \$300 As Nigeria's Official De Minimis Threshold

**Culled:**  
The federal government has approved \$300 as Nigeria's official De Minimis threshold, the value below which imported goods are exempted from payment of customs duties.

Its implementation takes effect from Monday, 8th September 2025.

The Nigeria Customs Service Board (NCSB), at its 63rd regular meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd September 2025, chaired by the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Mr. Wale Edun made the approval.

The NCS National Public Relations Officer Assistant Comptroller of Customs Abdullahi Maiwada made this known in a press statement yesterday.

He said the minister has "has approved a De Minimis Threshold Value for low-value consignment imported through express shipments or by passenger baggage.

"This decision, which takes effect on Monday, 8th September 2025, aligns with the best global practices that aim to simplify clearance processes for low-value consignments, enhance trade facilitation, and provide clarity for e-



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commerce stakeholders and travellers.

"By definition, it is essential to note that the De Minimis threshold is the value below which imported goods are exempted from payment of customs duties and related taxes established by the national legislation.

"After a comprehensive review of similar practices across continents, the Board approved \$300 as Nigeria's official De Minimis threshold.

"This exemption will apply to low-value imports, e-commerce consignments, and passenger baggage.

The threshold, which is restricted to four importations per annum, aligns with Section 5(c & d), Section 158 subsections (5 & 6), and other relevant provisions of the Nigeria Customs Service Act, 2023, as well as international instruments, including the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Trade Facilitation

Agreement and the World Customs Organisation (WCO) Revised Kyoto Convention.

"Under the new regulation, goods valued at \$300 or less will be exempted from import duties and taxes, provided they are not prohibited or restricted items.

Similarly, passenger merchandise in baggage not exceeding the same value shall also be exempted.

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# N70,000 No Longer Sustainable - Nigeria Labour Congress

**Culled:**

The Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC, and federal government workers have demanded an urgent review of the national minimum wage, insisting that the current N70,000 is no longer sustainable.

They made the demand following the bold steps taken by several states across the country to increase the minimum wage of their workers above the N70,000 benchmark, in response to the prevailing economic realities.

The labour unions and workers who spoke to the News Agency of Nigeria, NAN, in separate interviews, contended that in the face of galloping inflation, rising costs of food, transportation, housing, and other essential services, the N70,000 minimum wage could no longer sustain them.

It would be recalled that President Bola Tinubu signed the new National Minimum Wage Bill into law in July 2024, raising the minimum wage from N30,000 to N70,000.

The amended law applies to the entire country, including the federal government, states, local governments, and the private sector.

However, on August 27, 2025, Imo increased the minimum wage from N70,000 to N104,000, along with corresponding increases in the entire salary structure for the state's civil servants.

The state Governor, Hope Uzodinma, had said that the salary review, arrived at during a meeting with organised labour, was part of efforts to improve the welfare of workers.

Before the bold and applauded step by Uzodinma, some other states had implemented higher minimum wages for their workers.

On October 16, 2024, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State announced a minimum wage increase to N85,000, with a promise to further raise it to N100,000 in 2025.

Rivers State equally approved

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# Nigeria's New Passport Fees Generate Mixed Reactions



The Nigerian Passport

**Culled:**  
A cross-section of Nigerians has expressed mixed reactions to the Federal Government's 100 per cent increase in passport fees which took effect on September 1.

They, however, urged transparency on the

reasons for the hike and called for quicker reforms to address lingering service challenges at passport offices.

The Nigeria Immigration Service on Thursday, August 28 announced the upward review of passport fees, and the need to sustain the new

enhanced e-passport regime.

The NIS said the review was to uphold the quality and integrity of the Nigerian passport, adding that with the new rates, applications made in Nigeria would now cost N100,000 for a 32-page booklet with five-year validity.

Applications made in Nigeria for a 64-page booklet with 10 years validity would cost N200,000.

Applications made by Nigerians in the diaspora remain \$150 for a 32-page booklet with five-year validity and \$230 for a 64-page booklet with 10-year validity.

Residents, in separate interviews in Abuja differed on the policy.

A small-scale trader applying for a first-time passport, Aisha Musa, said that the N100,000 charge for the 32-page, five-year booklet was "simply crushing."

She said, "How many market women can produce N100,000 just to get a passport? The government says it wants quality, but it must also think of struggling families."

A student of the University of Abuja, Toluwani Johnson, described the hike as "another barrier for young people.

She said that many young people saved for the old N50,000, adding that doubling it would make study abroad or holiday trips harder.

According to her, she needs a passport for postgraduate admission abroad and saving N100,000, including transport and other travel documents, is hard.

"Many students like me, may postpone their dreams.

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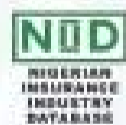
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Food Security

# Nigeria Unveils Postharvest Programme To Strengthen Food Security

**Culled:** The Nigerian Government has launched the Nigeria Postharvest Systems Transformation Programme (NiPHaST) to strengthen food security, reduce post-harvest losses, and drive economic growth under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

Announcing the initiative at the Nigeria Legacy Session of the Africa Food Systems Forum in Dakar, Senegal, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Senator Abubakar Kyari, said NiPHaST is designed to stabilise

food prices, enhance storage systems, and improve farmers' incomes.

Senator Kyari explained that “the programme will ensure the availability, accessibility, and affordability of staple foods while advancing national food sovereignty.”

The Minister said that the programme would focus on household storage technologies, community-level warehouses, cold rooms, and strategic national silos managed through public-private partnerships, among others.

Senator Kyari said that it would

create robust investment in the storage value chain in terms of processing, preservation, packaging, marketing, climate, smart metal Silos, cold rooms, among others.

He stressed that “the initiative would unlock private sector investment, strengthen market confidence, and expand storage infrastructure.”

Senator Kyari noted that “it also improves agricultural exports, nutrition, household sales, job opportunities, farmer's income, and wealth as well as achieved food import substitution in the

agricultural ecosystem.”

He revealed that Nigeria loses an estimated ₦3.5 trillion annually to postharvest inefficiencies, largely affecting smallholder farmers, saying; “This is not just produce going to waste. It is opportunity lost and livelihoods destroyed,”

Senator Kyari however called for stronger international collaboration, stressing that “transforming post-harvest systems will secure farmer livelihoods, revive agribusiness confidence, and position Nigeria as a leading food supplier in West Africa.”

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# FG Disburses N192bn To Strengthen Primary Healthcare

The Federal Government says it has disbursed more than N192 billion to strengthen primary healthcare facilities across Nigeria since the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) began disbursements in 2019.

Dr Muyi Aina, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), said this in an interview with the News Agency of

Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja.

Aina spoke against the backdrop of the recent National Health Financing Policy Dialogue.

NAN reports that the dialogue, with the theme, “Reimagining the Future of Health Financing in Nigeria” was organised by the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) and partners.

It sought to reimagine financing models that make healthcare more

equitable, sustainable, and accessible for all Nigerians.

Aina said that currency fluctuations and rising service costs continued to strain Nigeria's health system, even as budget allocations are increasing at both federal and state levels.

He said that out-of-pocket expenditure still accounted for a disproportionate share of healthcare spending, with the public sector's contribution at just 14 per cent.

According to him, the government has mobilised N3.5 billion, 60 per cent of which is pooled from mechanisms such as the BHCPF, Global Fund, Gavi, and PEPFAR.

He said that the fund was mobilised through the Sector-Wide Approach (SWAp) and the Health Sector Renewal Investment Initiative.

Aina said that 8,309 facilities nationwide now received quarterly funds under the BHCPF.

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# DRIVING SCHOOLS AND SAFETY ALLIANCE AFRICA - DSSAA

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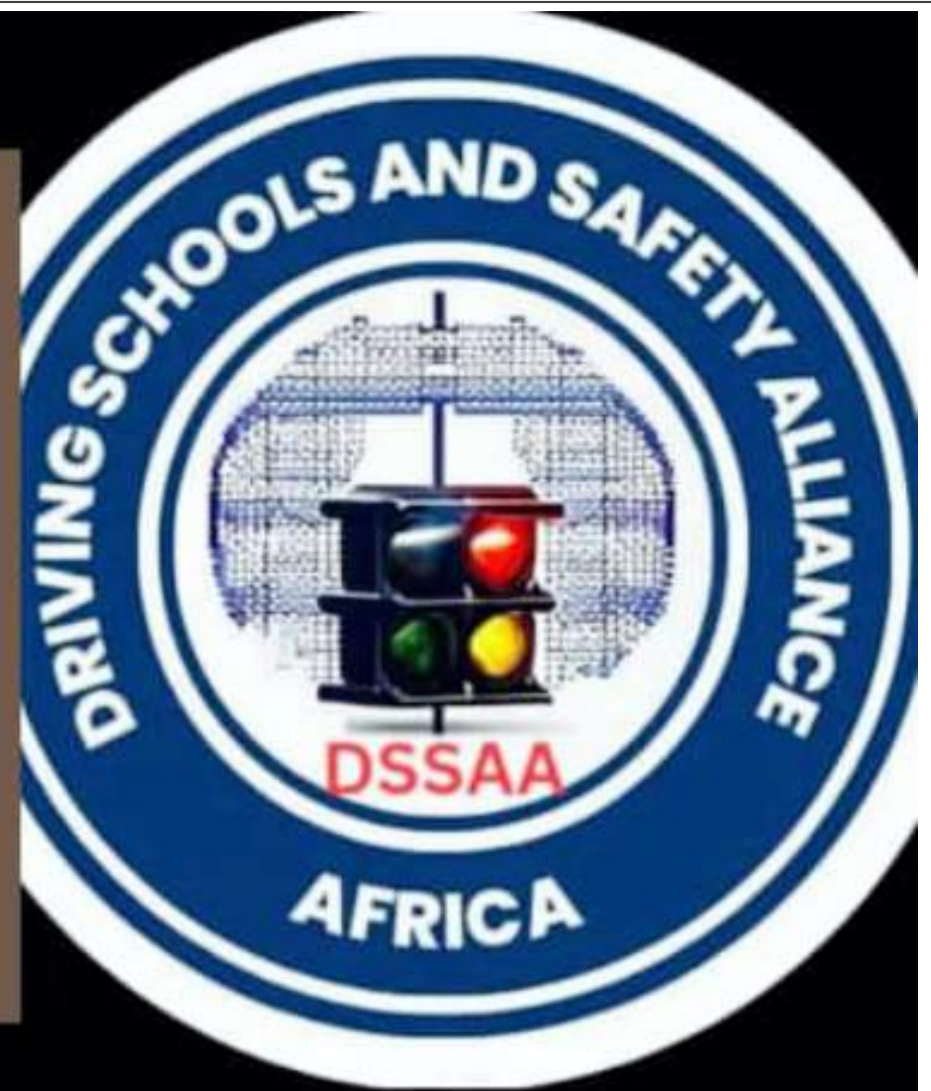


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