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I am excited to commend this fresh edition of **IUFMP News** to all the various stakeholders of the Project. As you would notice when you turn the pages, this edition showcases yet another major milestone in the lifespan of the Project: the full delivery of the much-talked-about 13 Priority Sites!

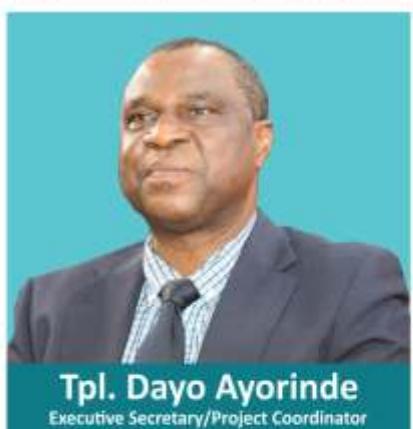
As a specialized intervention project, the Ibadan Urban Development Project (IUFMP) was designed to mitigate some pre-identified existential challenges, even though ample provisions were made in its framework to accommodate new learnings. The 13 Priority Sites of Flood Control Infrastructure were among the pre-identified intervention sites. So, in a manner of speaking, our work was cut out for us. And we set out to carry it out as scheduled.

As is common with most of life's endeavours, the construction works on the 13 Priority Sites suffered some setbacks mid-stream into its implementation, based largely on issues of safety at sites. This, coupled with some due diligence being carried out by the State Government at about the same time, led to a seeming abandonment of the sites for upwards of three months. As a project, we were not unmindful of the apprehension which this situation generated in the intervention communities, and we tried hard to manage people's expectations and emotions. It is gratifying that all the uneasiness and anxieties have become history today.

Now that the intervention works at the sites have become a reality, we thought it fit and proper to go back to the communities and sound out the leadership of the respective Community Development Associations (CDAs), who were carried along at different phases of the implementation, for first-hand feedbacks on the before-and-after scenarios, as well as how the works are already impacting the socio-economic lives of the people.

Another major highlight of this edition is the report on the Oyo State Government's response to the Flood Alerts issued by federal agencies such as Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA), Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) and Nigerian Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) which identified some parts of Oyo State, Ibadan inclusive, as susceptible to flooding in Year 2020. It is instructive to note that Oyo State adopted a no-holds-barred, multi-pronged approach to mitigate the predicted flooding, which has yielded anticipated results in Ibadan and, indeed, other parts of the State.

I enjoin all our readers and stakeholders to enjoy this yet another sizzling edition of **IUFMP News**, even as we anticipate your feedbacks.



Tpl. Dayo Ayorinde

Executive Secretary/Project Coordinator

13 Priority Sites As a Development Project

To all intents and purposes, the Ibadan Urban Flood Management Project (IUFMP) is a development project. Among other values, it sits very well with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially **Goal 11** that is hinged on building "**Sustainable Cities and Communities**". This is further cascaded to mean making "cities and human communities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable".

Implicit in the above analysis is the fact that development is about people and their environment. In other words, we are talking of human beings and what is broadly classified as the flora and fauna. A development project, therefore, is expected to make life better and more resilient for these critical components in a sustainable manner.

The Thirteen (13) Priority Sites recently completed by IUFMP could be better appraised from the prism of what a development

project is, as expounded above. These were the second batch of the pre-identified sites for intervention by IUFMP, in the wake of the ravaging flood disaster of August 26, 2011 which left many hydraulic devices in Ibadan in utter wreckage. The first batch were the Four (4) Priority Sites which have since been reconstructed and delivered for use in different parts of the city.

The 13 Priority Sites are composed of the hydraulic structures of varying sizes at Abonde-Ogbere, Alaro 7-Up, Alaro Poly, Believer's Stream, Ebenezery, Elere, Foworogi, Isokun-Ojoo, Maje, Ogbere-Moradeyo, Oki Oke-Ayo, Olorungunwa, and Omirin. These sites transverse the length and breadth of Ibadan



The expansive Believer's Stream Bridge already serving the people of Odo Ona Elewe and other users

Metropolis from Oluyole Local Government Area down south to Akinyele Local Government Area on the northern fringes of the sprawling city.

The interventions at each of the sites vary depending on the identified discharge needs, volumes of runoffs for each area, among other

Still navigating back to the UN SDGs which are seventeen (17) in number, it is evident that the massive interventions that took place at the IUFMP 13 Priority Sites deliver on not a few of the globally-accredited goals. For instance, the multiplier effect of the urban renewal and reconnection of hitherto cut-off communities on

poverty and hunger, while also aiding access to healthcare facilities and helping to improve the general wellbeing of the populace.

Be that as it may, since development projects take place in a human context, it is expedient to sound out the direct and indirect beneficiaries



Community Leaders of Omirin and Olorungunwa Communities, Adekola Area, Egbeda LGA in a group photograph with some representatives of the IUFMP PIU

considerations borne out of prior intensive studies. The sizes range from a 3.0m x 3.5m single-cell culvert at Oki Oke-Ayo to a 5-Span bridge at Believer's Stream, Odo-Ona Elewe, each with a stretch of approach and adjoining roads totaling 21,457m as well as lined drains.

the socio-economic lives of the populace is phenomenal. Long stretches of hitherto impassable roads are now motorable. Daily commuting of schoolchildren, petty traders, housewives, office workers and residents of the impacted communities is now much easier and safer. These all translate to stimulants against

of the 13 Priority Sites on their experienced and perceived benefits of the interventions. And this was what **IUFMP News** did by engaging with the leadership of the community development associations in each beneficiary community. The responses are very profound and revealing, as you will find in this edition.

IUFMP HOSTS STAKEHOLDERS MEETING, PRESS CONFERENCE ON FLOOD ALERTS



The likely Flooding indicated in the Seasonal Rainfall Prediction (SRP)...

In a proactive measure to guard against and mitigate the Seasonal Rainfall Prediction (SRP) and Annual Flood Outlook (AFO) issued for Year 2020 respectively by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) and Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA), the Ibadan Urban Flood Management Project (IUFMP), acting on behalf of the Oyo State Government, has organized a Multi-Stakeholders' Engagement session and a well-attended Press Conference.

Both events, which held back-to-back on Wednesday 19th August, 2020, were targeted at sensitizing the key and critical stakeholders on the flood alerts issued by the regulatory agencies, highlighting the responsibilities of each party, eliciting participants' ideas, securing all stakeholders' cooperation, collectively agreeing milestones, among other objectives.

NISHA and NiMet had earlier issued flood alerts for the 2020 rainy season signposting 102 LGAs in 28 States and another 275 LGAs in all States of the Federation and

the Federal Capital Territory as falling within highly probable and moderately probable flood risk areas respectively. Out of these lots, 11 LGAs in Oyo State were pinpointed, with 6 of them falling under Ibadan Metropolis. These are Ibadan South-East, Ibadan South-West, Ibadan North-West, Egbeda, Lagelu, and Ona Ara.

In strict deference to the prevailing Covid-19 safety protocols, participants were carefully drawn to include Caretaker Chairmen and Heads of Local Government Administration (HLAs) of each of the above-mentioned LGAs

as well as their respective LCDAs; Chairmen of the Community Development Councils (CDCs) of the LGAs and LCDAs, top-level Directors of the relevant MDAs, members of the IUFMP Steering Committee, and representatives of both mainstream and online media. The events held at the expansive Western Hall of the Oyo State House of Assembly Complex, Secretariat, Ibadan.

While declaring the Stakeholders' Meeting open, the Honourable Commissioner for Environment & Natural Resources, Dr. Lateef IdowuOyeleke, who stood in for

the Executive Governor of Oyo State, Engr. Seyi Makinde, underscored the importance attached to the engagement programme by the State Government. He charged all invited stakeholders to give the assignment their best shot, adding that the State Government was counting on them to prevent the grave predictions for Oyo State from coming to reality.

High point of the engagement programme was the interactive session during which the Caretaker Chairmen and other community representatives furnished local insights on flood incidents in their jurisdictions and proffered suggestions on how to address them.

The Stakeholders' Meeting was wrapped up with the inauguration of an inter-Ministerial Specialized Task Team charged with the responsibility of visiting the identified LGAs/LCDAs of probable flood risk, identifying spots requiring urgent/quick-fix attention, working in concert with LGAs and other community-based organizations to proffer immediate solutions, and recommending further necessary interventions (if any) to the State Government. Representatives were drawn from Ministries of Environment & Natural Resources; Local Government & Chieftaincy Matters; Lands, Housing & Urban Development; and Information, Culture & Tourism. Other MDAs represented were Oyo State Emergency Management Agency (OYSEMA); Oyo State



Waste Management Authority (OYOWMA), and IUFMP. The administration and coordination of the Task Team was domiciled under Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources.

The second part of the 2-in-1 activity was the Press Conference on the Flood Alerts addressed, on behalf of the State Governor, by the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Mrs. Olubamiwo Adeosun. While at it, the SSG took time to catalogue the many interventions of the State Government to build flood resilience for Ibadan and the entire State, in a bid to mitigate flood risks. She then reiterated the need for residents to take the flood advisories to heart, desist from flooding-causing habits, and avoid the use of low culverts and bridges during heavy downpours to prevent casualties. She concluded by charging the media to amplify the safety messages to the nooks and crannies of the State.



Chairmen of Community Development Councils (CDCs) from LGAs of probable flood risk at the engagement.

Caretaker Chairmen of LGAs and LCDAs of predicted probable flood risk at the Multi-Stakeholders Engagement on Flood Alerts & Precautionary Measures.

Photo Speak



Prospective Bidders for the IUFMP 2nd Pool of Works at one of the proposed sites for Dykes

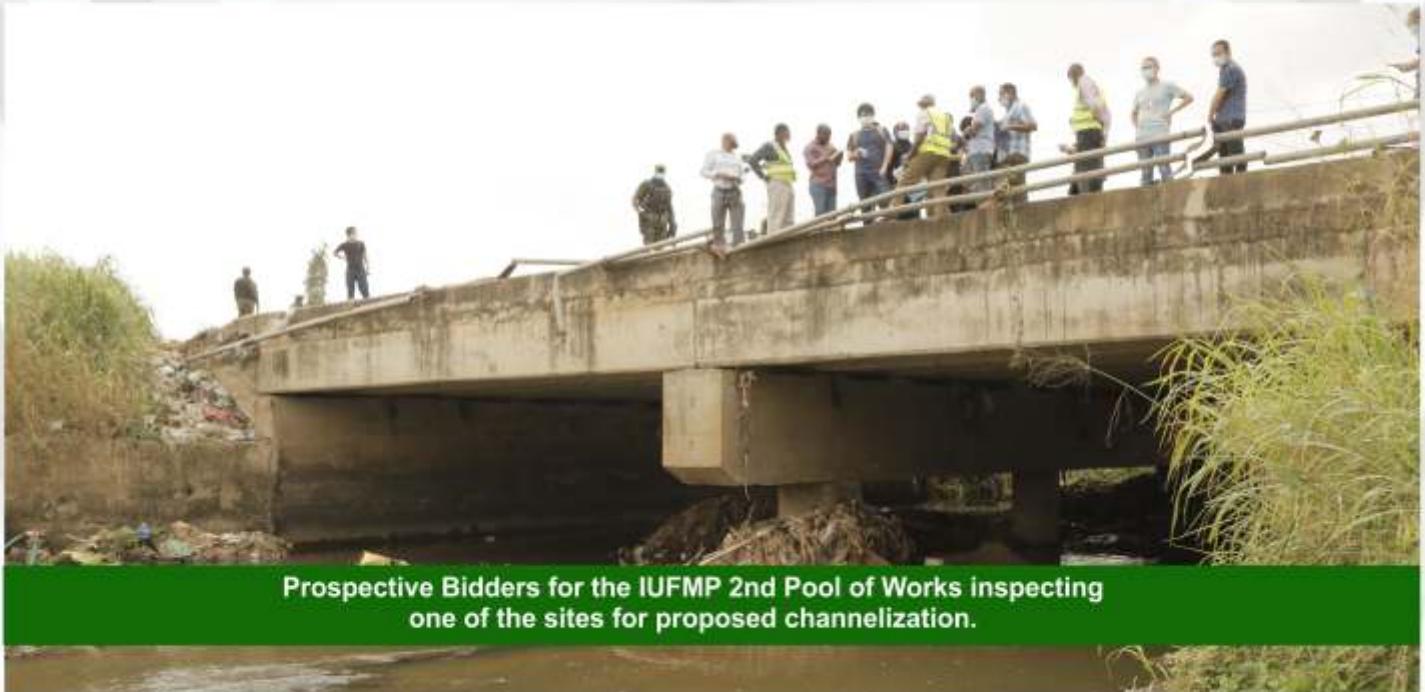


A cross section of prospective bidders for the IUFMP 2nd Pool of Works at one of the proposed sites for channelization



Some prospective bidders for the IUFMP 2nd Pool of Works inspecting one of the proposed sites for channelization

PRE-BID MEETING FOR 2ND POOL OF WORKS



Prospective Bidders for the IUFMP 2nd Pool of Works inspecting one of the sites for proposed channelization.

ECHOES OF JOY ACROSS COMMUNITIES OF 13 PRIORITY SITES

ALARO 7UP 1-SPAN BRIDGE



Joyous leaders of Alaro 7-Up communities commenting on the IUFMP intervention in their area

Before the advent of this bridge and the road network, the fear of flood was the beginning of wisdom for us in this place, because anytime it rained, we felt like not coming home. Because the whole place would have been flooded. Once we saw the heavens (cloud) gathering up, the fear of coming back home would grip us...and even when you managed to return home, the roads were so terrible. The scope of this bridge is okay, the job is well done, neat, good, and we are happy that we have it.

As regards the maintenance, we are lovers of good things. In this area, we are so conscious of this work, and we will do everything possible to ensure it lasts its estimated lifetime. Words are not enough to thank the Oyo State Government for this gesture! We are really grateful. They have done marvelously well for us.

Mr. Aderibigbe Adekunle
CDA Chairman, Riverside Community, Alaro 7-Up

Our experience before the construction

of the bridge was not palatable at all! Anytime it was raining, we had to be making phone calls to our family members and neighbours who were outside to stay back. In fact, some of our community members relocated from this area because of the flooding we used to experience. The intervention has already taken care of the flooding in this area. Why? As we are in the rainy season now, the whole of this place we are standing now would have been massively waterlogged. As community leaders, we were involved and well informed in the implementation of the works in our communities. We were even taken to Oyo Town for a 3-day residential workshop to educate us on the projects. Part of it is also the installation of complaints boxes in our communities.

Alhaji Waheed Oyewole

CDA Chairman, Peace Community, Alaro 7-Up

We the oldies that have been here since 1997 and knew how this place was and can compare it with what it is now, we can kneel down; we can even prostrate for the government, for the job they have done for us. In fact, people [now] compare our estate with Lekki in Lagos State! Even a friend came recently from London and said the estate where he lives in London is just like our area!

Engr. Adekunle M. Akala
Community Leader, Alaro 7-Up

Before the construction of this culvert, we faced a lot of problems in this area, like loss of many lives. Whenever it rained, many who worked or were doing business outside this area had to stay back. I can say that we lost between 8 and 10 persons to flooding here. It was a small and very low culvert we had here, which got easily flooded and overtopped. But we thank the Oyo State Government for remembering us. The quality of the job done here is excellent! It is a perfectly good job. And we were well carried along in the process of executing the job. We attended quite a number of workshops, during which they educated us on the work processes, communal leadership, etc. As a community, we are committed to maintaining the works, like



Maje 3-Cell Culvert

Residents of Maje Community, Soka Area, Oluyole LGA on top of the new intervention in their community

decongesting the inlet and outlet of the culvert to prevent blockage, arresting those who dump waste into the channels, etc.

Alhaji Oladejo Abiodun
President, Maje Group of Communities

Alaro Poly 1-Span Bridge

We want to appreciate the Oyo State Government for the positive impact they've effected in our immediate community. It has gone a long way in affecting the economy of this area positively. I own a school around here; the culvert has brought positive impacts in boosting our economy, unlike before. It has really helped even in protecting lives and property.

Mrs. Adeosun

School Proprietress at Maje Area



Elder Rufus Falayi (middle), CDA Chairman of Alaro Poly Community, in company of other Community Leaders, giving feedbacks on the newly completed bridge and access roads

Our past flooding experience in this area was a very distressing one. Anytime this Alaro Poly River was flooded, it used to sweep away lives, buildings, vehicles, and several other properties, which caused us a lot of grief. There was a particular year it swept off a mother and her two children, with the bereaved husband and father almost committing suicide if not for the communal intervention of co-residents. So many other victims of the flooding gave up hope and didn't survive it.

However, since the intervention of the Oyo State Government through Ibadan Urban Flood Management Project, we have had a big relief! The intervention is big, adequate, capable of stopping flooding in this area and is befitting and dignifying for us in this area.

Since this project was mooted, IUFMP has been engaging with us through meetings, seminars, workshops, stakeholder engagements, etc. We were involved in every stage of the works.

Across the 4 cells or zones making up our community, we have

dedicated teams to monitor waste disposal and prevent dumping of waste or building of structures on the river course or waterways. We also warn them that culprits who are arrested by the State Environmental Task Team would pay dearly for it.

We are very grateful to the Oyo State Government under our Governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde for this big intervention.

Elder Rufus Oladayo Falayi

CDA Chairman, Alaro Poly Community.

Believer's Stream 5 - Span Bridge



Community Leaders of Believer's Stream Area with some PIU members

This area had experienced several flood hazards before this bridge was constructed, which caused us to record many deaths and loss of valuables. And many of our houses [buildings] were affected both left and right [upstream and downstream]. Many businesses and sources of livelihoods were also adversely affected by the perennial flooding. The bridge that has just been constructed for us in this area is the "best of the best", because what we had before was way too low, and was easily overtapped by flooding. So we have had relief from flooding. And we (community leaders) were involved through several stakeholder engagement sessions and training programmes at different phases of the intervention. We in this community have every

reason to appreciate the Oyo State Government, IUFMP and all others whose efforts made this project a reality. It is indeed a thing of joy for us!

Rev. Theophilus Obideyi

*CDA Chairman & GRC Member,
Believer's Stream Area, Odo-Ona Elewe.*

We really thank God and the Oyo State Government for doing such a great and modern intervention work here! It has largely brought flooding under control in this area,

because the culvert we had before was way too low for the volume of water, but the current one can be described as a "mini overhead bridge" which has kept the river water under check. If it were before, the water would easily overflow into the road, buildings, places of business etc., but now the river course and the bridge are spacious enough to contain the volume of water. So, we are very grateful to the Government.

Imam Alhaji Najimudeen Oyewole

Religious Leader and CDA Member, Odo-Ona Elewe

Omirin and Olorungunwa Culverts

Before this intervention, life in this area was very, very tedious. We always found commuting very difficult. At times we didn't find access to our homes when it rained. We had cases of flooded rivers sweeping people away, especially okada (commercial motorbikes) riders. Vehicular movements in this area became an almost impossible thing. But since this intervention became a reality, we've been relieved a lot.

The culverts we had on the rivers and streams in this area were very low and inadequate, but the IUFMP intervention has given us big culverts done to perfect specifications. We were making use of improvised wooden bridges to cross, before the IUFMP intervention! Though I'm not an engineer, but as a physicist, I can testify that the culverts were done to standards, and were well supervised by IUFMP. The leadership of our community was carried along. As the Chairman, I facilitated a good rapport between the community and the Supervising Consultants, even before the construction work started. Not that I was employed by them or, nor was I on their payroll; it was simply community service. I attended several IUFMP programmes, workshops, seminars etc.

These interventions have helped us a lot. We are relieved! On the socio-economic plane,

you can see all manners of commercial vehicles now plying this place, unlike before when okada (commercial motorbikes) was the only viable means of public transportation. For maintenance, we've already set up a task force to monitor the proper maintenance of the bridge and river courses to prevent anything that can cause flooding again. We appreciate the Oyo State Government, IUFMP and the World Bank for a job well done. Our State Governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde has visited this place about three times. He is indeed an action Governor!

Pastor Tayo Taiwo Orokunle

Chairman, Omirin / Olorungunwa Communities



Pastor Tayo Orokunle with other leaders of Omirin / Olorungunwa Communities commentary on the IUFMP intervention in their area.

Ebenezery 1-Span Bridge



Alhaji Bashir Apapa, CDA Chairman of Ebenezery Community, flanked by other community leaders, admiring their new bridge and roads

In the past, each time we were expecting rainfall in this Ebenezery area, we used to panic, that we wouldn't know what would happen this rainy season. This was because once it rained, everywhere would be flooded, but now we are happy that it has become a thing of the past. We were lucky not to have recorded loss of lives in this area, but destruction of property and disruption to human and vehicular movement. With the intervention done here, Government has done very well for us. We thank IUFMP

for involving us in seminars, workshops and various trainings in the course of doing this work, right from the beginning. We are already enjoying the work, in terms of economic and social aspects. With good access, those engaging in trading are getting better patronage. At our zonal and general meetings of residents, we prioritize the issue of maintenance by discouraging and guarding against clogging the channels and the bridge with refuse. We have

advised every household to have their refuse bin, and they are complying. We appreciate the Government for doing this for us, even as we anticipate more interventions in our community.

Alhaji Bashiru Lamidi Apapa

*Chairman, Ebenezery Landlords Association /
Chairman, Project's Grievance Redress Committee*

Oki Oke-Ayo Tuntun 1-Cell Culvert

This place was totally cut off before this intervention, but with the assistance of the Government and IUFMP, we have been reconnected. The Chairman of our Community Development Association and myself have written a letter of appreciation to the State Government through IUFMP. We thank them so much for a job well done. Before the intervention, we had lots of problems here. Our women, children etc. went

through lots of harrowing experience. Anytime it rained, commuters from either side of the community were cut off from each other. But we are now having a very good experience. Movement of vehicles and people is now unhindered. And the runoff from rainfall no longer floods our houses and places of business. The culvert is adequate to contain it. So, in essence, no more flooding in this area. On our part, we have organized people to ensure maintenance by preventing dumping of refuse inside the river channel or the culvert. And this work has impacted our community so positively. Our businesses are experiencing a boost. People who hated to come here before because of the poor link and bad roads now enjoy coming here. We particularly thank His Excellency, the Governor of Oyo State, Engr. Seyi Makinde because we had feared that the project might be abandoned, but it was not so. We are very happy and thank you so much!

Engr. Mustapha O. Awobode

Member of Grievance Redress Committee, Oki Oke-Ayo



Engr. Mustapha O. Awobode, a GRC member at Oki Oke-Ayo Tuntun, leading other community leaders, appraising the new culvert and approach roads in the area (2)

Isokun2-Cell Culvert



Some leaders of Isokun-Ojo Area being engaged by PIV members on the work done in their area.

Before this intervention by the Oyo State Government, we had faced so much challenges in this area. All our past self-help, communal efforts and individual contributions to get the place fixed amounted to nothing! This place was hardly passable then. The culvert we had then was so small and low, resulting in rain runoff overtopping the culvert and cutting off commuters. In fact, the stream down there had once swept off a motorbike rider. But since the Government through IUFMP took up this project and has now completed it, it has brought us so much relief and comfort. No matter the volume of rainwater now, it no longer overtops the culvert, nor do our houses get flooded.

We were invited to series of trainings by IUFMP and they also had several engagement sessions with us, in which we also learnt a lot, including how to maintain developmental projects like this, among others. All the cells of our Landlords Association have taken up the responsibility of maintaining this structure to ensure it does not get blocked with waste.

No doubt, this project has brought much improvement to this area. Before it, vehicular

movement was limited to lightweight vehicles, but now all sorts of vehicles have access to our community. It has helped to ease the movement of students to and from their schools. We thank the Oyo State Government, with the cooperation of the World Bank and IUFMP for the timely intervention.

Alhaji Oladimeji Lukman

Secretary, Isokun Community Development Association

Foworogi 1-Span Bridge

Our experience of flooding in this area was very bad. In 2011, Foworogi River overflowed its banks, leading to many loss of lives. There was a Tipper (vehicle) carrying over 100 people which tried to pass over the culvert, it was swept away and a lot of people died. They were buried by the river bank. When it rained, for 4 to 5



Executive members of Idi-Osan Foworogi CDA, led by Alhaji Abdul-Kabir Ajani, posing for a photograph on their newly completed bridge and approach road

days we would not be able to pass, the flood blocked the way and we were not able to pass. The culvert that was there before would be overtapped by the river. The old culvert was constructed in 1960. We made various efforts at the community level to salvage it but it was too much for us! We thank the Oyo State Government for coming to our rescue.

The old culvert was too small and water was always overtapping it. This new one is very high and there is no amount of water that could overflow it as we could see with the recent rains. We are very happy with the quality of work done here.

Elere 1-Cell Culvert

If we want to talk about flooding incidents in this community, we have seen a lot. You know it's the same route from Foworogi to Elere, there was a year, when some of our people were coming home and they perished in the river. Right now, we thank God and the State Government for coming to our aid. Before the construction of Elere Culvert, there was no structure on the river. The Community made efforts to put a makeshift culvert on the river so that our children could pass safely. Now that the

We appreciate IUFMP and we have a good relationship with the Project. We were always carried along with their activities especially as it relates to the intervention here. We have attended various training programmes and sensitization meetings.

As a community, we have started ensuring that the intervention work is maintained and sustained. One of the ways is that we have set up a waste management task team that will ensure that people do not drop wastes into the river and waterways, and that the river bank is kept clean. This will ensure free flow of water in the drainages. Another way is that for the safety of lives and property, we do not allow people to build on flood-prone areas.

Our appreciation goes to the Oyo State Government for remembering us in our community.

Alhaji Abdul-Kabir Ajani

Chairman, Ifesowapo Idi-Osan, Foworogi, Ibadan

I seize this opportunity to thank Oyo State Government and every individual who has in one way or the other contributed to the successful completion of this work. We are so relieved because before the commencement of this work, many people living in this area had to move out. The reason is that when it rained, they would not be able to cross the river to their houses. With the job completed, they have moved back to their houses. For these reasons, we are very appreciative.

Mrs. Funmilayo Tijani

Resident, Idi-Osan, Foworogi, Ibadan

State Government has intervened in our affairs, we are so happy with the culvert constructed. We thank our Governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde, and officials of IUFMP for the good work done. Many people from other communities are now passing this route to their homes, which was not possible before.

We have a good working relationship with IUFMP; we attended a lot of training and workshops and we were carried along throughout the different stages of the intervention work. A lot of sensitization programmes were carried out at our community.

The new culvert and road construction have brought



Mr. Dada Sunday Olusegun, Chairman, Ayetoro-Elere CDA, surrounded by other community members, expressing appreciation for the works in their community

development to our community, a lot of new buildings are springing up, and our businesses are doing very great. This place is no longer referred to as a local area!

We have already started taking steps to ensure sustainability of the project; we don't allow people to dump waste in the river and drainages, we don't allow people to paste advertorials on the wire mesh used to prevent dumping of waste in the river, we are also preventing people from displaying their wares on the drainages. Finally we will also ensure that necessary setbacks are maintained before any construction is done. From the depth of our hearts, we once again appreciate our Governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde for the successful completion of the culvert.

Mr. Dada Sunday Olusegun

Chairman, Ayetoro-Elere CDA

The road is OK, and they constructed a nice culvert for us, that enables us to move freely from one place to another. Before the intervention, our situation was worse that we could not move from one place to another. The situation now has improved and the traders among us are making good sales. There is easy transportation of goods from one place to another unlike before. There is no fear of flooding again when it rains. For our children, they now get to school on time and there is no fear that they won't be able to cross the river when it rains.

Abonde 1-Span Bridge

Before the construction of the bridge, we witnessed a lot of storms, a lot of flooding incidents in particular. We have two different communities which were linked together by a bridge. One of the two communities, Abonde-Agbe falls under Ona Ara LGA, while the other community, Awowo-Apete, belongs to Oluoyole LGA. The bridge linking the two communities had been swept away, making it difficult for us to move from one community to the other. We were going through longer routes to link our communities. Now that the bridge has been reconstructed, we enjoy easy passage through our communities.

The work done here is excellent and capable of addressing the flooding problems in the communities. We thank the

As women, we have roles to play in the maintenance of the structure, we belong to the construction committee in the community and we ensure that there are no litters around the culvert. We also encourage our children and fellow women not to dump waste in and around the river.

Mrs. Ojelabi Elizabeth Funmilayo

Resident, Ayetoro-Elere Community

We thank God for the successful completion of this culvert. We are standing on this culvert now, which we couldn't do before. Anytime it rained, we would be afraid for the safety of our children. Right now we appreciate the State Government for changing our story for good.

Pastor Odeyemi

Resident, Ayetoro-Elere Community

We thank our Governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde for having sympathy on us.

We have benefitted a lot since the construction of the culvert and road. A lot of businesses have now sprung up and these have helped in boosting our economy. It is as if we are now in a different community.

Mr. Afolabi Gafaar

Chairman, Ifedapo Idigbogun CDA, Egbeda-Tuba

I have been residing in this community for a long time and I can recount a lot of bitter experiences. At times when it rained, father, mother and children would not see one another until after three days when the water had subsided. We thank those that sponsored the construction of the culvert; most particularly, our Governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde, and we pray for a successful tenure for him.

Mr. Agboola Mukaila

Resident, Ayetoro-Elere Community

State Government for this. The intervention done here has really improved the socio-economic status of the communities, because people, like traders, market men and women, artisans, motorists and okada riders can move freely without any impediment.

Because of our experiences in the past, we would not allow people to build close to the river and we are also monitoring our people so that they don't throw refuse in the river and waterways.

We thank IUFMP for the work done; we appreciate the State Government for remembering us, and the World Bank for coming to our aid.

Elder Taiwo Ojediran

Chairman, Abonde-Agbe Landlords Association, Ona Ara LGA

The quality of work done in our communities is of international standard and very much different from what was there before. We were always carried along by IUFMP before the work commenced, during and after completion of work. We attended sensitization meetings, workshops and other programmes in the course of the intervention work. In fact, in the community, they were calling me IUFMP! The reason is that anytime I attend a workshop at IUFMP, and I need to relay the message to the people, they would say IUFMP wants to talk!

Appreciation goes to the State Government, Federal Government, and the World Bank, because the project has helped in liberating the people. Before, when the two communities wanted to greet each other, we would just wave and say hello across the bridge because the former bridge had been damaged, totally disconnecting the two communities. However, now we can walk across the bridge and even hug ourselves because the new bridge has helped in reconnecting the two communities.

Fasasi Kazeem Olawale

Secretary, Abonde-Agbe Landlords Association, Ona Ara LGA

The relationship between Awowo-Apete and Abonde-Agbe Communities is very cordial because we do things together and we have a lot of things in common. We were involved in IUFMP intervention works and I'm even a member of the Grievance Redress Committee set up by the project to handle complaints from the people in the community as it relates to the work done. We thank God for the work done and we are going to ensure that people do not throw waste in the river and at the same time make sure that anyone that wants to build any structure observes the required



Elder Taiwo Ojediran and Mr. Fola Tajudeen leading other Community members of Abonde-Agbe and Awowo-Apete CDAs on their newly completed bridge

setback as stipulated by the Government. We at this community will not allow anyone to build on flood plains.

We also appreciate the officials of IUFMP. In fact, IUFMP officials behaved excellently like Americans and did their job very well, I give kudos to them!

Mr. Fola Tajudeen

Chairman, Awowo-Apete Community, Oluwo LGA

This newly constructed bridge has brought development to our community. We are able to move freely from one location to the other. When the old bridge collapsed, we did not find it easy at all. To move from one place to another was a big issue. When it rained, we would not be able to cross to the other side of the bridge and we would have to wait until the water subsided. We really faced a lot of hardship then. But now, even if we stand in front of our houses, there is transportation to take us to our various destinations. Our children too do not find it difficult going to school again. It has brought civilization to our communities.

Mrs. Kudirat Salaam

Resident, Awowo-Apete Community, Oluwo LGA

If it is being said that we never experienced flooding in this community, then it's a lie. When we talk of communities that experienced the negative impact of flooding, Ogbere-Moradeyo was one. In 2011, there was flood but it was the one of 2012 that the culvert on top of the river collapsed. With the collapsed culvert, we all, young and old and even children were forced to pass through the river anytime we wanted to cross.

When it rained and the river overflowed its banks, we would have to wait for it to subside before we could cross to the other side. We thank God and the Government for having mercy on us, and we also

Ogbere-Moradeyo 1-Span Bridge



Chief (Dr.) Samuel Falola, Chairman of Oremesi Ifesowapo Ogbere-Moradeyo CDA and others expressing their joy for the transformation of their community by IUFMP

appreciate the support of the World Bank. They did this work successfully and we pray that they will be successful in all their endeavours. We specially thank our Governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde, and we pray that God will always be with him and grant him success as he steers the ship of the state.

To say the truth, the difference is clear between the collapsed culvert and the new bridge constructed.

We were always carried along in the course of construction of the bridge. IUFMP invited us to various sensitization meetings and programmes from the inception of the project till it was concluded. We even went to Oyo Town to attend a workshop.

We intend maintaining the bridge by ensuring that people do not dump waste in the river. As we can see now, the waterway is very clean and whoever tries to dump waste into the river, will be handed over to the Environmental Task Force.

Chief Dr. Samuel Awojobi Falola

Chairman, Oremeji Ifesowapo CDA, Ogbere-Moradeyo

I am a member of the Grievance Redress Committee set up by IUFMP to ensure that grievances and complaints

I have been part of this project since inception; we were called to meetings when the project was about to commence, to inform us about the work that would be done and what should be our roles and responsibilities. We attended series of seminars and trainings and we were duly carried along from the beginning to the completion of the project. Now that the work is done, we are going to ensure that the bridge and roads are properly maintained. The government has done its own part and it is now left to us that the work lasts for a long time. We experienced a lot of flooding here and we can't but make sure that the bridge lasts and lasts. We thank the State Government for putting smiles on our faces.

Chief Olajire Raji

Secretary-General, Ogbere-Moradeyo CDA

Formerly we were in total darkness. What I mean by that is that some people actually tagged this place as border. The reason they tagged this place a border is that when you were coming from the other side of the bridge, okada would drop you off before the bridge, you would now walk on the collapsed bridge to the other side where other means of transportation were waiting to take you to where you were going. People living at both



Alhaja Sunmonu, a GRC member of Ogbere-Moradeyo, in company of other community leaders, expressing her joy for the new bridge and roads in their area

in the course of the construction of the bridge are addressed fairly and properly. Before the project started, IUFMP organized and invited us to meetings upon meetings to sensitize us on our roles and responsibilities during the construction of the bridge. The construction of the Moradeyo Bridge has really positively impacted the lives of everyone, particularly the women. When we go to the market to buy our wares, we are sure of tricycles, okadas and even taxis dropping us at our location, which has made life easier for us.

Alhaja Sunmonu

Member, IUFMP Grievance Redress Committee for Ogbere-Moradeyo Intervention

ends of the bridge were seen as being different from each other.

However with the new bridge, there is development and people can move freely.

No amount of words I say in appreciation that will be enough for the development we have witnessed here.

As youths, we monitor the bridge at night to stop people from dumping refuse in the river. We also do not allow traders to place their wares on the covered drains. We cannot thank the Government enough but we just want to say thank you. We give kudos to the State Governor, in person of Engr. Seyi Makinde, we appreciate IUFMP, the World Bank and we just want to say thank you.

Abdul Kareem Ashimiyu Atanda

Youth Leader, rep. Ogbere-Moradeyo Youths



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