

IGBARA-ODO/OGOTUN LOCAL COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT AREA, OKEAGBE
MINUTES OF CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT MEETING ON
COMMUNITY NEEDS

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The absence of reliable sources of portable water was identified as a major challenge. Community members stressed further by saying water is life. He noted inadequate sanitation facilities, with associated public health implications.

c. Education:

Participants highlighted challenges including poor toilet Facilities in most Schools spaces, lack of instructional materials, and poor maintenance of existing educational infrastructure.

d. Youth Employment and Skills Acquisition:

High levels of youth unemployment were identified as a critical issue.

Participants requested the establishment of vocational training centers, skill acquisition programmes, and support for small and medium-scale enterprises which will give room our youth to earn their living.

e. Security:

The meeting noted concerns over community security, particularly inadequate street lighting and the needs for strengthened collaboration between community structures and security agencies in order to protect lif

3. Conclusion

The Chairman of Ikere West LCDA (Mr. Rufus Olorunfemi Ige) appreciated the contributions of all participants and assured the community that the issues and recommendations doaumented would be fonruarded to Ministry of Local Government Affairs for necessary action and consideration. The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of Mr. Governor (Biodun Abayomi Oyebanji) to sustained citizen engagement and inclusive development. However, the meeting came to close at about 3 ;30pm

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PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING COMMUNITY CHIEFS DURING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

