

IKERE WEST LOCAL COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AREA

MINUTES OF CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT MEETING ON COMMUNITY NEEDS

Date: 17/10/2025

Venue: Ikere West Local Council Development Area

Community: Ikere Ekiti

Organized by: Ikere West Local Council Development Area

Participants: Representative of Oba, Community leaders, representatives of women and youth groups, artisans, elders, and other stakeholders.

1. Opening Session

The Citizen Engagement Meeting commenced at 11am with an opening prayer and address by Hon. Oloko S.E. Participants were welcomed, and the objective of the engagement was clearly stated as part of efforts to promote good and inclusive governance, participatory development, and effective identification of priority needs within the community.

2. Issues Raised by Community Members

During the interactive session, community members deliberated extensively and identified the following priority needs:

a. Road and Other Infrastructure:

Participants reported the deplorable condition of access roads within the community, which has negatively affected transportation, economic activities, and access to essential services, particularly during the rainy season.

b. Water Supply and Sanitation:

The absence of reliable sources of potable water was identified as a major challenge. Community members also noted inadequate sanitation facilities, with associated public health implications.

c. Healthcare Services:

Concerns were raised regarding the lack or poor state of primary healthcare facilities, shortage of qualified health personnel, and inadequate supply of essential drugs and medical equipment.

d. Education:

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

e. Youth Employment and Skills Acquisition:

High levels of youth unemployment were identified as a critical issue. Participants requested the establishment of vocational training centres, skill acquisition programmes, and support for small and medium-scale enterprises.

Security:

The meeting noted concerns over community security, particularly inadequate street lighting and the need for strengthened collaboration between community structures and security agencies.

3. Recommendations

Following deliberations, the meeting made the following recommendations:

- Rehabilitation and construction of access roads and other critical infrastructure
- Provision of boreholes and improvement of sanitation facilities.

- Establishment and upgrading of primary healthcare centres, including staffing and supply of essential drugs.
- Support for the rehabilitation of schools and provision of learning materials.
- Implementation of youth empowerment, skills acquisition, and employment programmes.
- Strengthening of community-based security initiatives in collaboration with relevant security agencies.

4. 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 documented would be forwarded to Ministry of Local Government and Affairs for necessary action and consideration. The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of Mr. Governor (Biodun Abayomi Oyebanji) to sustained citizen engagement and inclusive development.

Meeting adjourned at: 3pm

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NAME OF PARTICIPANTS FROM WARDS.

- 1 Chief Mayowa Ekuasa (represent Ogoga in COUNCIL) Ugele Ward.3
- 2 Chief Lawrence Olorunfemi OsooreAtiba Aafin. Ward 1
- 3 Alhaji Chief Tajudeen Adejumo Balogun.....Agbado /Oyo Ward4
- 4 Mr. Oyebode Kayode(Party Chairman).....Oekruku. Ward 2
- 5 Chief Omotayo Ogundare (Baale Ayede).....Farmstead
- 6 Political Officerholders
- 7 Artisans
- 8 Women leader
- 9 Youths
- 10 Management of Ikere West LCDA



