

NIS, NCoS get N1bn security grant from Abdul Samad Rabiou Initiative for Africa (ASR Africa)

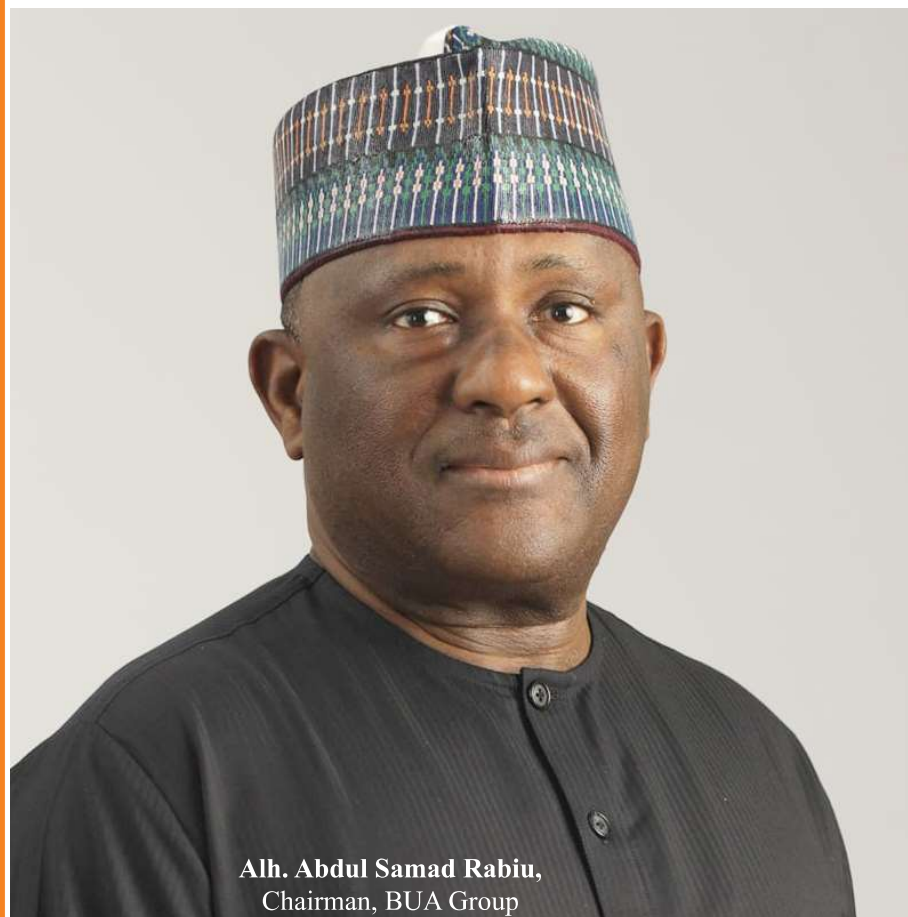
The Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) and the Nigerian Correctional Service (NCoS) have been awarded N1 billion from Abdul Samad Rabiou Initiative for Africa (ASR Africa) Security Sector Support Grant, in recognition of their many successes. A statement from the spokesperson of the NIS, Tony Akuneme, said that the award of N500,000,000 was given by the Abdul Samad Rabiou Initiative for Africa (ASR Africa) Security Sector Support Grant, in recognition of the many successes recorded by the Service both nationally and internationally. He noted that the award was given in a brief event at the NIS Headquarters in Abuja. He said that the Comptroller General of Immigration, Isah Idris, while receiving the award letter,

commended the Chairman, BUA Group, Alh. Abdul Samad Rabiou, for the initiative and for recognizing the strides of the Service. He restated the Service's commitment to Nigeria as well as the global security while assuring the delegation of ASR Africa that the grant would be effectively utilized. On his part, the Controller General of Corrections Haliru Nababa while receiving the award of N500,000,000 on behalf of his agency at his office, applauded the initiative and promised to make judicious use of the grant as intervention to improve on the Security of Custodial Centers by adding, another layer of technological surveillance that will enhance the remote monitoring frameworks.

The CGC also said that the grant

would provide the service with equipment in ensuring that the security solutions covered a wider range of Custodial Centers and would reduce the chances of further attacks. While in capacity building more personnel will enjoy quality training on how to effectively utilize the IT solutions in driving the Service forward, this will improve the morale of Staff. Nababa added that the image management of the service would not be left out as he promised to bring to limelight the efforts of the CGC through hi-tech equipment. He equally promised to expand the Service by employing more technology to make the Service at par with international Correctional Centres in developed countries. The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Initiative, Dr Ubong Udo, who presented the awards to the two agencies, said the organisation was set up as a vehicle to drive his Chairman's mission for Nigerian and Africa and to create a platform where Nigerians and Africans could take responsibility to solve their own development problems by looking inwards.

He noted that the initiative had three thematic areas which included Health, Education and Social development, adding that the awards were given due to the agencies meeting the specified criteria. The ASR Africa Security Sector Support Grant Scheme is an intervention initiative, which is targeted at sustainably impactful interventions in Security and Social Development in Africa. The grant is part of efforts of the Chairman of BUA Group to give back to the African continent and make lasting impact in peace and security as a means of uplift and restoration of lives of Africans.



Alh. Abdul Samad Rabiou,
Chairman, BUA Group

ASR Africa and BUA Foundation approve 1.5bil development grant for Yewa Land In Ogun State

The Abdul Samad Rabiu Africa Initiative (ASR Africa) – the brain child of Industrialist, philanthropist, and founder of BUA Group, Abdul Samad Rabiu, and the BUA Foundation have awarded development grants worth N1.5 billion to Yewa Land in Ogun State comprising Ilaro, Igbogila, Ibeshe, Egua, and Igonade communities for key community, social, and infrastructural development projects. This was announced at the grant presentation and mutual accountability framework signing ceremonies held today in Ilaro, Ibeshe, and Igbogila. The grants will be channeled towards interventions in the areas of health, education, or social development initiatives that are identified for implementation.

Presenting the grants award letter to Oba Kehinde Olugbenle, the Olu of Ilaro and Paramount Ruler of Yewa land in Ogun State, Ubon Udoh, Managing Director, ASR Africa assured of more partnership with the people of Yewaland and reiterated that the vision of Abdul Samad Rabiu, Founder of ASR Africa and Chairman of BUA, is to provide concrete solutions for sustainable development in Nigeria, and Africa. According to Ubon, "What ASR Africa and BUA Foundation are doing here today, is planting a seed of sustainable problem-solving across Africa in line with the vision of Abdul Samad Rabiu, our founder – and Chairman of BUA.

"The first grant of N1 billion goes to

all communities in Yewa land for developmental purposes to uplift the quality of life of the Yewa people, while ASR Africa and BUA Foundation are also giving additional specific grants of N250million each to Igbogila and Ibeshe Communities for already identified infrastructure projects to enhance community development through their traditional institutions. We have done our basic needs assessment in collaboration with the communities on their needs, and we are pleased to say we look forward to the commencement of the identified projects and a more robust partnership with Yewa land, as we have done in other parts of the country.

In his response, Oba Kehinde Olugbenle, the Olu of Ilaro and Paramount Ruler of Yewa land commended Abdul Samad Rabiu for his philanthropic gestures across the country and noted that indeed he is a true Nigerian. The monarch added

that with the grants, Yewa land and Yewa people will witness rapid social and infrastructural development. "We are one of the largest sub-ethnic groups in Yoruba Land and these grants will go a long way in bringing sustainable development in line with the United Nations SDGs, to our people", he added. The Paramount Ruler of Ibeshe community, HRM Oba Rotimi Mulero, The Oboro of Ibeshe, also thanked the donors for their timely intervention in developing Ibeshe community. "May the Almighty bless Abdul Samad Rabiu, ASR Africa, and BUA Foundation for partnering with us to fast-track development in our community because we are still largely behind on the development curve. This partnership with ASR Africa and BUA Foundation will go a long way in ensuring even greater development for our people."

