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The Federal Government is determined to continually put in place necessary machinery which would aid the swift operational efficiency at the nation's seaports in line with its policy of sustaining the Ease of Doing Business.

These remarks were made by the Honourable Minister of Transportation, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi (virtually) at the unveiling and Commissioning ceremony of two newly purchased Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) tugboats; MT Musawa and MT Ikoro-Ekiti, which held in Lagos.

According to Amaechi, the Maritime sub sector is critical to the growth and development of the economy.

He said, "Government is poised at developing the sector because it occupies a fundamental place in the actualization of the Economy Recovery Growth Plan (ERGP) of the Buhari Administration." He explained that the Damen's 2810 model tugboats "will aid the manoeuvring of vessels to berth and unberth, improve turnaround time of vessels as well as the firefighting capacity, at the Ports."

In his address, Chairman Board of Directors NPA, Chief Akin Ricketts stated that "the commissioning of the tugboats marked another landmark in Government's quest to provide world-class services at the nation's seaports."

The Authority's Managing Director, Hadiza Bala Usman, in her remarks assured Stakeholders present at the colourful event and all port users, that the Management is committed to the continuous upgrading and maintenance of facilities and equipment in the Ports to achieve greater service delivery at all fronts. This commitment she reiterated, is to ensure all the six (6) seaports are prepared for optimal performance at all times. This she said, accounts for the purchase of these new tugboats joining NPA other fleet of four tug boats which were commissioned in 2017.

She expressed Management's appreciation to the Presidency, Federal Executive Council and the Hon. Minister of Transportation for providing the necessary support at repositioning the Authority in line with International best practices. She said, "Let me thank President Muhammadu Buhari and every Member of the Federal Executive Council for their support in making this a reality." "Likewise, I must express our gratitude to the Honourable Minister of Transportation Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi for his unceasing encouragement towards improving efficiency at the Ports."



This edition spotlights on the commissioning of two tugboats by the Minister of Transportation, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, in line with Federal Government's determination to sustain the Ease of Doing Business in the seaports by aiding swift operational efficiency. Highlighted also, is that NPA's remittance to the Federal Government's Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) is highest under the current leadership of Hadiza Bala Usman and amongst other Government Agencies.

The Management's promise of boosting the Eastern Ports axis, recorded a huge success with the increase in activities in the Calabar Port Complex which recorded an upsurge following the berthing of more and larger Cargo and Tanker Vessels.

A flip to our Health and Safety Segment highlights the Emergency Response Plan for the NPA which aims, amongst others, to save life, avoid/minimise: impact on the environment, damage to infrastructure/assets and disruptions to operations at NPA locations.

These, our other stories and regulars will make interesting reading.

Do stay safe!

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If the highest aim of a captain
were to preserve his ship, he
would keep it in port forever.

Thomas Aquinas

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Traffic on Carter Bridge, Lagos in 1963

NPA's REMITTANCE TO FG HIGHEST UNDER ME

- HADIZA BALA USMAN

The Managing Director Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman, has said the organisation's remittance to the Federal Government's Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) is highest under her tenure.

The NPA Chief Executive made this statement recently in Lagos, at a TVC television programme, monitored by NPA News online crew.

She stated that the present Management's commitment at providing improved operational efficiency and service delivery across board coupled with its transparency policy made it possible for her Management team to record the boost in the organisation's revenue generation and remittance to the Federation Account.

According to her, this has led to the Agency contributing the highest in the history of the Organisation, as well as, highest contributor amongst other Government Agencies to the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) in recent times.

Quoting her "Our revenue generation has increased. Our contribution to the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) has been the highest the NPA has ever made. So it has been a very productive four years for the NPA and the country as a whole.

The revenue generation from the Agency has risen up to the challenges and has increased its contribution and operational efficiency"

She stated that the Agency inherited an annual contribution of N18 billion which was further boosted to N30 billion in 2017 and 2018 respectively.

"There are clear differences since coming on board. If you look at N18 billion contribution to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the N30 billion contribution, you can see that there is a huge difference."

She further remarked that the Authority has been able to surmount its challenges but regretted that it has not been able to get a Deep Sea Port but was working assiduously with the NPA Board towards the actualisation of this objective to meeting international best practices in no distant future.

This remarkable contribution has been applauded by industry experts in view of the various challenges facing the Sub sector especially in the area of insecurity at the Gulf of Guinea as well as other operational challenges in the country.



Hadiza Bala Usman

SAFETY STANDARDS...

NPA INAUGURATES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Following the recent assurances given by the Managing Director Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman to Stakeholders within the Maritime sub sector that the safety of lives and properties within the Port environment across the nation's seaports was key, in line with International Safety Standards, Management has formally inaugurated an 11-member Emergency Response Team (ERT).

The NPA Chief Executive, represented by the Executive Director Marine and Operations, Hon. Onari Brown while inaugurating the Headquarters' team stated that the committee would be constituted in all Port locations across the country. The measure he stated, is to adequately handle emergency cases at their domain in view of the seriousness Management attaches to the protection of the lives and properties of all Port Users for improved operational efficiency and service delivery across board.

The Managing Director further affirmed that Heads of Departments are automatically members of the team with specific roles to play during emergencies. She stressed the need for improved synergy and collaboration and a high sense of responsibility amongst members towards the realisation of the purpose for which the Team was formed, especially in this trying period in the first place.

Similarly, two teams namely Port Emergency Management Team (PEMT) and Port Emergency Response Team (PERT) shall be constituted in all Port locations, with members charged with the task of proactively handling cases. The cases

he said, include explosions, fire incident, medical emergencies, public safety threats and armed robbery. Others include, terrorism threats, marine vessels collision in the Ports, accidental release of hazardous substances and natural disasters such as flood and storm.

This development according to stakeholders spoken to, by NPA News online crew stated that the step taking by Management at being proactive in this regard was timely and most appreciated.

They called on other Establishments of Government to quickly borrow a leaf from the NPA in view of the role the sub sector plays in the development of the nation's economy.



Health and Safety

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN FOR NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY

What is Emergency Response Plan (ERP): A set of written procedures for dealing with emergencies that minimize the impact of the event and facilitate recovery from the event.

Emergency Response Team (ERT): According to Wikipedia, Emergency Response Team, sometime called (Incident Response Team) is a group of people who prepare for and respond to any emergency incident, such as a natural disaster or an interruption of business operations. Incident response teams are common in public service organizations as well as in organizations.

AIM/OBJECTIVE OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The prime aim of this Emergency Response Plan (ERP) are:

- 1) save life,
- 2) avoid/minimise impact on the environment,
- 3) avoid/minimise damage to NPA infrastructure and other assets,
- 4) avoid/minimise disruptions to operations at NPA locations,
- 5) enhance recovery after an emergency incident.

CATEGORIES OF EMERGENCIES IN NPA OPERATIONS

The types of emergencies that may occur in relation to the operations of NPA may be categorised into two: 1) marine-based and 2) land-based. In both categories, they may include the following types of emergencies:

- Fire/explosion incidents;
- Medical emergency cases;
- Civil disorders / invasion by miscreants;
- Natural disasters (storm surges, floods and etc);
- Accidental release of hazardous substances / dangerous goods;
- Instability or collapse structures;
- Terrorist/bomb threats, including suspicious packages;
- Gaseous release;
- Collision including between marine vessels, road vehicles etc;
- Armed robbery and terrorism;
- Oil/gaseous spills; and
- Public safety threats.

IF YOU ARE ABOVE 50 YRS OF AGE, HEALTH HINTS FOR YOU

A. Two things to check as often as you can

- (1) Your blood pressure
- (2) Your blood sugar

B. Four things to reduce to the minimum on your foods:

- (1) Salt
- (2) Sugar
- (3) Dairy products
- (4) Starchy products

C. Four things to increase in your foods:

- (1) Greens/vegetables
- (2) Beans
- (3) Fruits
- (4) Nuts

D. Three things you need to forget:

- (1) Your age
- (2) Your past
- (3) Your grievances

E. Four things you must have, no matter how weak or how strong you are:

- (1) Friends who truly love you
- (2) Caring family
- (3) Positive thoughts
- (4) A warm home.

F. Four things you need to do to stay healthy:

- (1) Fasting
- (2) Smiling/laughing
- (3) Trek/exercise
- (4) Reduce your weight.

G. Six things you don't have to do:

- (1) Don't wait till you are hungry to eat
- (2) Don't wait till you are thirsty to drink
- (3) Don't wait till you are sleepy to sleep
- (4) Don't wait till you feel tired to rest
- (5) Don't wait till you get sick to go for medical check-ups otherwise you will only regret later in life
- (6) Don't wait till you have problem before you pray to your God.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES!!!

WORK HOUR RELAXATION

Vox Pop

THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 LOCKDOWN ON THE FAMILY



The outbreak of COVID-19 has negatively impacted many families' finances as many workplaces are being shut down. Social and religious engagements of families have been put on hold too. Many able-bodied households have become incapacitated as they are unable to put their potential into productive use.

Sheba Olarenwaju
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Lagos Port Complex

The enforced lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic placed tremendous pressure on various families. It was a transforming period for my family. Being restricted to our home for a long period, we tried to make good use of our time by creating a daily family routine. We learnt to homeschool our kids, do home workouts, engaged in virtual entertainment, learnt new crafts on Pinterest and Instagram, spent time decluttering our wardrobe and house generally. The essence of all this was to ensure a healthy physical and emotional well-being.

Cynthia Abimaje
Audit Dept.
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It has helped the family to stick together during hardtimes. It has also increased the rate of depression, stress and sickness in the family because people are not able to move around to fend for themselves and their family members. It has drastically changed the world and the 'normal' ways of doing things.

J. K Ogunshaki
Security Dept.
Lagos Port Complex



COVERD-19 pandemic and its ensuing economic lockdown has unleashed hardship to many families. Most impactful of them are endless sorrowing for loved ones who paid the supreme price, fear, anxiety, boredoms of sitting in the hot and in the dark, lockdown of incomes, hunger, starvation and domestic violence.

Julius Obulor
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Calabar Port



The family is worst hit by this COVID-19 pandemic as it's impact has disrupted many families' working lives. Many parents have lost their jobs temporarily or permanently, most are struggling to contend with the vastly increased responsibilities for their children's mental, emotional and psychological wellbeing needs and upkeep. It has also created an opportunity for e-learning, distance learning, communication via Skype, Zoom, Google hangouts and exposed children vulnerable to online sexual exploitation and grooming.

Enyidiya Godwin-Otti
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There are both negative and positive impacts of COVID-19 lockdown on the family. Most nuclear families that were near collapse and breakup due to unreconcilable differences have used the forced lockdown to foster good relationship and bonding and therefore saved a lot of homes from total breakup. Economically it has impacted negatively on the family as most families are on daily paid jobs.

Buruboyefe Ayandu
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The covid-19 is the greatest table shaker in this generation.

It has impacted all facets of life. It brought untold hardship on families who are sustained by daily cash flow. The closure of all schools is another area of concern for well-meaning parents, but it has also rekindled love in some families.

Ali Matthias Yakubu
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Delta Ports Complex



Family members now spend more time with each other engaging in numerous chores, learning how to settle differences, not having the opportunity to take off when problem arises. Lack of finance is also causing hunger in families and family members now engage in sports activities at home. Parents have also become academic teachers to their children.

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Onne Port Complex



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ACTIVITIES SOAR IN CALABAR PORT

- AS MORE AND LARGER VESSELS BERTH

Port activities in the Calabar Port Complex have recorded an upsurge following the berthing of more and larger Cargo and Tanker Vessels.

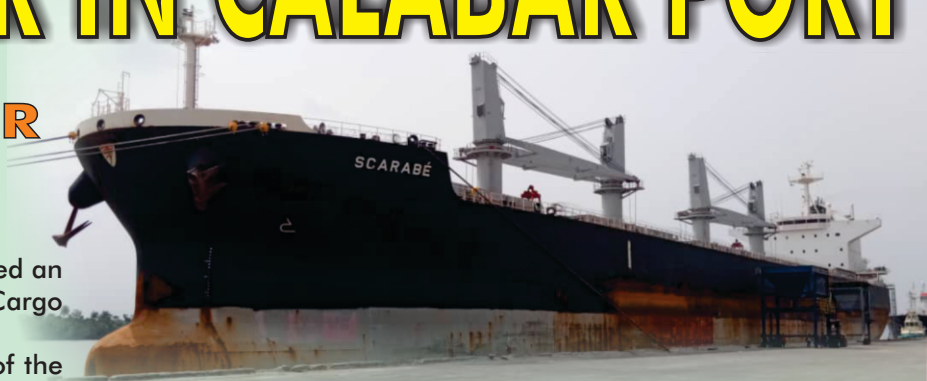
This is as a result of sustained effort by the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to encourage stakeholders to utilize the Eastern Ports axis in line with its determination at meeting International best practices through more efficient port services channelled to attaining a hub status.

Statistics exclusively released to NPA News Online crew by the Port Manager, Mrs Marie Asein, during an online interview, showed a consistent increase in the total number; 26 Cargo Vessels and 74 Tanker Vessels, that called in the Port in the first half of this year 2020, when compared to the total number; 15 Cargo Vessels and 68 Tanker Vessels in the corresponding period of first half of 2019.

A breakdown of the report indicated that in 2020, the Cargo Vessels comprised of Wheat, Container, Gympson and the Tanker Vessels with Petroleum Motor Spirit (PMS) as against the Wheat, one Gympson and Tanker Vessels with Petroleum Motor Spirit (PMS) for 2019.

It would be recalled that Calabar Port in particular and the other Ports in the Eastern corridor in general, before the coming into office of the Hadiza Bala Usman, led Management, had been low in activities due to issues related to poor infrastructure, insecurity of the waterways in the area of sea piracy, shallow depths and tugboats amongst others.

Shipping operators from far and near had often preferred the use of the Lagos Ports which were more attractive compared to the



Eastern Ports. This had negatively affected the economic growth of the Eastern Ports.

This development of increased activities recorded in Calabar Port and the other Eastern Ports axis, is a manifestation of Management's efforts at boosting and fast tracking trade facilitation and investment drive towards meeting its hub status within the sub Saharan Africa.

Stakeholders interviewed, stated that the feat of increased activities in Calabar Port and other Eastern Ports, is no less expected, in view of robust and well articulated policies, palliatives at attracting vessels to the axis and the doggedness of Madam Hadiza, at promoting and providing the necessary services, resources, environment, and infrastructure amongst others in line with international best practices.

This development they opined would surely boost the revenue of the Authority, allowing for diversification, healthy competition amongst Port users and reduce the cost of logistics of importers in the area of transportation from Lagos to the Eastern axis, decongest the Lagos Ports (Apapa and Tin Can Island Ports), fast track the Federal Government policy of Ease of Doing Business and most importantly, increase the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the nation at large.

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THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 LOCKDOWN ON THE FAMILY

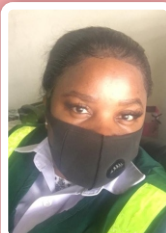


Many families have been affected negatively as they are living in penury. Many have lost their loved ones, jobs and sources of livelihood. Many too cannot cope with the trauma COVID-19 has caused. However some families are able to stay together and have time together during the lockdown.

Ibimilua Akintoye
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Lagos Port Complex

The impact of Covid-19 lockdown on the family unit goes both ways - in some cases, it has brought family members together to become closer and bond even more. In other cases, it has forced family members to confront the stark realities of irreconcilable differences that became glaring through living together during the lockdown.

Izuorah Nkechi Rosejuliet
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Lagos Port Complex



The Lockdown has awakened the family to the importance of proper hygiene, planning, tolerance, sacrifice and love towards everyone. It has also negatively taken away loved ones, rendered breadwinners jobless, made some families desperate for survival.

Diko Abiodun Shuwaib
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Lagos Port Complex



COVERD19 lockdown has both negative and positive impacts. Some of the negative impacts are Financial difficultie. Some are also forced to spend more to subscribe their children for online classes. On the flip side, it has kept families together to bond. It has made families to learn prudence and has directed more attention to E-commerce.

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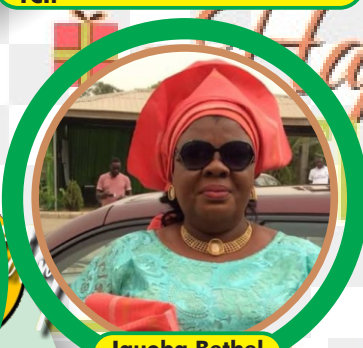
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