

# LAGOS STATE SECURITY TRUST FUND NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/CEO

Speaking from a vantage position as someone deeply involved in supporting the critical needs of security agencies, I must first commend our dedicated security operatives for their tireless efforts. Understanding the challenges they face daily should foster greater respect and appreciation for their service, and discourage any hostility towards them.

Considering the current state of our economy and the pervasive issues of insecurity, hunger, poverty, inflation, and unemployment plaguing our nation, it's evident that people are compelled to seek means of survival. Unfortunately, Lagos State bears the brunt of these challenges, as it is seen as a beacon of prosperity and safety, attracting individuals seeking refuge and opportunities for a better life.

In response to the pressing issue of insecurity, the Lagos State government introduced the Lagos State Security Trust Fund 17 years ago—an initiative that is transparent and accountable. However, the Fund operates a donor-funded model, which, regrettably, limits its effectiveness due to unpredictable responses from both individuals and corporate organizations.

It's important to acknowledge that security entails recurrent expenditures and comes with a hefty price tag. For instance, a donation of 1 Billion Naira may only suffice for around 20 patrol vehicles, a paltry number considering the vast number of security agencies in Lagos State.

I wish to use this medium to thank our donors who have sustained the Fund from inception till now with their kind and generous donations both in cash and kind.

Finally, I call on you today, whether as an individual or a corporate organization, to donate to the Lagos State Security Trust Fund. This Fund, albeit unseen by many, plays a pivotal role in supporting the operational successes of our security agencies, thereby enhancing the security of lives and property in Lagos State. Your support can make a significant difference in bolstering our collective safety and well-being.

Donate today for a secure and prosperous Lagos!!!!



**Dr. Abdurrazaq Balogun**  
Executive Secretary/CEO

# The 17th Annual Town Hall Meeting on Security with the Governor

The LSSTF 17th Annual Town Hall Meeting on Security with the Governor Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, took place on the 12th December 2023 at the Eko Hotels & Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos with the theme “SECURITY COMPLEXITIES AND CONVERGENCE: THE LAGOS STATE IMPERATIVES”.

Security remains top on the list of the Lagos State Government agenda, as it understands that without a safe and secure society, residents of Lagos cannot thrive in any endeavor. Just like most other populous cities, Lagos is equally faced with security challenges such as armed robbery, kidnapping, public disorder, street crime and extortion, highway robberies, piracy, and so on which has become even more complex since the emergence of technologies and AI, etc.

At the Town Hall Meeting, security professionals and stakeholders came together to proffer solutions to the security challenges in Lagos in the best interest of all.



**Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-olu with the Board of Trustees, LSSTF**



**Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu giving his address at the THM**



**The Executive Secretary giving his report on the activities of the Fund for Y2023**



# Courtesy Visits

On January 23, 2024, a delegation from the Lagos State Command of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), led by Comp Bala Aliu Dangana, paid a courtesy visit to the LSSTF. The purpose of the visit was to express gratitude for the longstanding support provided to the agency and also use the medium to seek more support in the provision of technical, mechanical, and logistical resources, including operational vehicles and motorcycles.

Dr. Abdurrazaq Balogun, the Executive Secretary/CEO of LSSTF, emphasized the Fund's commitment to transparent and accountable operations. He also noted the significant challenges faced by Nigerians, specifically the manual input of passports at the airport causing delays, in contrast to the global practice of passport swiping.

He further inquired about potential collaboration between the Nigeria Customs Service and Nigeria Immigration Service to enhance security, facilitate ease of doing business around the borders, and boost investments in Nigeria.

Comp Bala responded that the new Comptroller General has started to reform the processes within the agency thereby improving the effectiveness and performance of the agency.

While thanking the team, the Executive Secretary/CEO assured them of LSSTF's unwavering support and cooperation in addressing the challenges discussed during the meeting.



## Courtesy visit by the Nigeria Immigration Service to LSSTF



Commander, Mopol 20, Comm. Bello also visited the Fund for collaborations



State Commandant, NSCDC, Comm. A.S Keshinro on familiarization tour to the Fund

Also, the new Commissioner of Police, CP Fayoadé Adejoke, paid a courtesy visit to the Fund's office.

During the visit, the CP discussed extensively on the critical needs of the command which included the refurbishment of patrol vehicles, and Armoured Personnel Carriers (APC's), illumination of crime-prone areas in the state, etc.

He emphasized that there will be drastic reduction in crime-rate in the state during his tenure as measures have been put in place to curb all forms of illegality, unrest and criminal activities.

The Executive Secretary/CEO informed the team that discussions with vendors are already underway for the refurbishment of the APCs and patrol vehicles, while other needs will be considered.

He further enjoined the CP to encourage high net-worth individuals who visit the command to donate to the Fund towards the safety and security of the state.



## Courtesy visit by the Commissioner of Police



## Mr. Femi Otedola donates N1 Bn for Lagos Security

The Lagos State Governor, @jidesanwoolu received a generous One billion Naira donation in fulfilment of a promise made to support the Lagos State Security Trust Fund from a patriotic and dedicated citizen, Mr. Femi Otedola, CON .

This substantial contribution will greatly bolster the LSSTF's efforts towards ensuring safety and security for all Lagosians.

## Critical Needs of Security Agencies

The significant loss of security infrastructure experienced as a result of the aftermath of the EndSars protest has created a lacuna in the security space in the state and it has been estimated that to replace these assets it will cost the state about 30 Billion Naira conservatively. These assets include;

- Reconstruction of Police Stations,
- Ballistic Gears,
- Armored Personnel Vehicles (APCs),
- Communication Gadgets,
- Police Accoutrements,
- Patrol Vehicles,
- Anti-Riot Equipment, etc.

In addition, there are also funding needs in the area of fueling, welfare, training, more equipment procurement, maintenance & repairs.

## Call for Support

Through this platform, we extend an earnest appeal to Lagosians and corporate organizations to join hands with us by donating to the LSSTF. Your generous donations will enable us to meet these critical needs of our security agencies, thereby advancing the prosperity of all in Lagos State- a pursuit that aligns with our collective enlightened self-interest.

You can walk into any bank to donate to the LSSTF. For further enquiries ,kindly call: 08023225039

## Appreciation

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all our donors for their unwavering support in ensuring safety and security in Lagos State. Your continued belief in the LSSTF's mission is truly commendable. THANK YOU !!!

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