

**FIDUO 2014 ANNUAL REPORT & 2015 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT  
PLAN PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DECEMBER 28,  
2014 BY DR. GABRIEL S. BOMIDE, PRESIDENT OF FIDUO**

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PREAMBLE:

It is with a deep sense of humility and gratitude to God Almighty that I present to you the FIDUO annual report for 2014 and our strategic development plan for 2015. We have come to the last month of a very eventful, challenging, yet successful year 2014. I thank God for seeing us through to the end of this year and trust that he would see us into the new year. I also take this opportunity to wish us all – individually and collectively, a Happy New Year. May the new year bring bountiful blessings to us all.

Let me begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to the Executive Council of our great organization, FIDUO for their dedication, selflessness and unquestionable integrity. I also thank the various working committees that served faithfully during the past year; I look forward to your continued cooperation and support in the coming year. More importantly, I thank my fellow members of FIDUO for the profound honor you have extended to me by overwhelmingly electing me into office as your President over a year ago. This is not an honor that I take lightly at all. It is a humbling recognition of the

confidence you have in my ability to move this organization to the next level to better serve Ikun-Ekiti community.

Our strategic development goals during the first year of my tenure in office and a detailed report on what has been accomplished thus far are now presented below. This will immediately be followed by our strategic development plan for 2015. It is instructive to note that our 2015 strategic plan will consolidate on the socio-economic gains we have collectively achieved over the past year that my administration came on board, on our march to sustainable prosperity, peace and improved quality of life for our people.

### **FIDUO 2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

At the inaugural meeting of the FIDUO General Assembly held September 29, 2013 following our 2013 Florida convention, my administration launched a 5-point socio-economic agenda for implementation during the 2013/2014 service year, namely: Economic Empowerment, Health Promotion, Educational Improvement, FIDUO Unification, and Spiritual Development. Accordingly, our collective achievement during the period under review should be measured on the strength of our track record and performance on these 5-point agenda, as detailed below.

#### **1. Economic Empowerment:**

It is significant to note that my administration's cardinal goal of economic empowerment of Ikun people, has been accomplished with the establishment of Ikun (Ekiti) Ifeloju Cooperative Multipurpose Society. You will recall that the focus of this FIDUO-sponsored initiative was to enable low-income participants at the grassroots to obtain revolving loans to establish and run their small businesses within Ikun community.

A full progress report on this landmark economic initiative will be presented by Mr. Daniel Adeleye, Chairman of the FIDUO Economic Empowerment Team which oversees the program. With the establishment and ongoing operation of this Cooperative Multipurpose Society, it is expected that our community would be a beneficiary of the two billion Naira Central Bank of Nigeria Micro business and Loan Scheme –through partnership between Ekiti State and Microfinance Banks. Given this, the flagship economic initiative of my administration, in its first year in office, would have succeeded in jumpstarting our local economy, with the potential to empower Ikun people at the grassroots to become self-reliant.

## 2. **Health Promotion:**

Pursuant to the set goal of health promotion, FIDUO signed a strategic partnership agreement with Grace Project International (GPI) during the period in review. The aim of this partnership was to support GPI's medical mission of providing free healthcare to the needy in remote places in Africa, in general and Ikun-Ekiti, in particular. Under this agreement, GPI will provide a wide range of free health care services, including medical, dental, vision and preventive care to Ikun people in the comfort of their own homes.

In addition, the FIDUO Health Promotion Team (led by Mr. Michael Adesola Dada) also planned a health fair to further sensitize Ikun people to the Ebola Virus epidemic. The event was scheduled to take place before the end of 2014. A more detailed report will be presented later by Mr. Dada.

## 3. **Educational Improvement:**

The Education Improvement Team set out to achieve two main objectives during the period in review, namely:

- Form alliance with Amure High School to resuscitate the SAGE youth entrepreneurial program with a view to making it more competitive and relevant.
- Award higher education scholarships to exceptional and indigent students of Ikun origin.

Although FIDUO did not award any scholarship this year, the Team ensured that it disseminated several announcements of scholarship opportunities both at home and abroad to Ikun student population. The goal related to resuscitating the SAGE program could not be achieved due to several constraints. The Chairman of the Education Improvement Team, Mr. Dipo Oyeleye will present a more detailed report later.

#### **4. FIDUO Unification**

This goal was aimed at developing a comprehensive database of all Ikun-Ekiti indigenes in the Diaspora; with a view to reaching out and encouraging them to join FIDUO. The goal also sought to strengthen ties among FIDUO members through organized get-together events. Clearly, this goal could not be achieved during the year in review due to constraints cited earlier in this report.

#### **5. Spiritual Development:**

The Spiritual Development working team started on a very high note to achieve the goal of conducting a monthly prayer and fasting meeting for

divine intervention in the affairs of FIDUO and Ikun-Ekiti. Although the Team started out very well, it could not sustain the initial momentum. Given the importance of this goal especially in relation to the challenges currently faced by our community, it is imperative for FIDUO to reset it in 2015.

**6. FIDUO Secretariat:**

Since the inception of the present administration, the FIDUO secretariat has been involved with dissemination of information and the documentation of various activities of the organization. The year has been really eventful given the organization's effort at reaching out to the Ikun-Ekiti community. The highlights of the year's activity in review will be presented later by the Asst. Executive Secretary, Mr. Dipo Oyeleye.

**7. Website Development:**

FIDUO successfully launched its state-of-the art, fully functional website to promote the organization's activities. We acknowledge our webmaster, Mr. Olajire Afeez for his professionalism and generosity to undertake the maintenance of the website for us free of charge for one year. The website is located at [www.fiduo.net](http://www.fiduo.net). Please send your feedback on ways to improve the website to the Office of the President of FIDUO.

**8. Finance:**

Although our annual financial report was not available at the time of preparing this general report, I can state categorically, based on information given to me by our Treasurer, Mr. Kanmi Aborisade, that the state of our finance is very weak. This could be attributed to the failure of members to pay their annual dues. Since no organization can run effectively without funds, I encourage us all to endeavor to fulfill our financial obligations to FIDUO. This is the main yardstick for measuring the loyalty and commitment of members to the cause that FIDUO stands for – improving the quality of life of the downtrodden people of Ikun-Ekiti.

**9. Membership Welfare and Development:**

The Membership Development & Welfare Officer, Mrs. Olayemi Yusuf made diligent efforts to reach out to members during the period in review. Report from her office indicated that members were often contacted to check on their well-being and to encourage and remind them to attend FIDUO scheduled meetings. Although attendance records at FIDUO meetings during the period under review were consistently above average, there is still a lot of room for improvement in the coming year. Mrs. Yusuf will present a more detailed report later.

#### **10. Public Relations:**

Report from the office of FIDUO Public Relations Officer, Rev. Olufemi Olajide showed that concerted efforts were made during the period under review to disseminate FIDUO official information to the general public in a timely and consistent manner. Diligent efforts were also made to protect the image and integrity of FIDUO by issuing appropriate disclaimer to unauthorized published information that could potentially mislead the general public and tarnish the good image of FIDUO. The FIDUO PRO will present a more detailed report momentarily.

#### **11. Philanthropy & Goodwill:**

During the period under review, FIDUO sent a goodwill message and a donation of N100,000 to Ikun Day 2013. This gesture was intended to identify with and support the effort of Ikun community towards completing the Onikun's ultra-modern palace project. FIDUO also sent a congratulatory letter to Ekiti State Governor, Dr. Ayodele Fayose, on the occasion of his inauguration as the new Chief Executive of Ekiti State.

#### **Conclusion:**

In conclusion, although we did not fully achieve the five cardinal goals we set at the inception of the present administration, it seems reasonable to state



that we did make a modest achievement within the prevailing circumstances. Several constraints, particularly finance and the protracted instability at home emanating from the King selection process, clearly played a major role in slowing down our progress. We look forward to a more peaceful and productive new year.

Once again, I thank you for your unflinching support during the year in review and look forward to your continued cooperation in 2015. Thank you all for your attention. God bless you, God bless FIDUO, and God bless Ikun-Ekiti!!

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## **FIDUO 2015 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

At the 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting of the FIDUO Executive Council, held on December 21, 2014, members unanimously agreed that we should consolidate the socio-economic gains we have collectively achieved over the last year.

Accordingly, the Council unanimously adopted five cardinal goals for 2015. This decision was based on proper assessment of the needs of FIDUO and Ikun-Ekiti community which it serves. Please allow me to now present the highlights of our strategic development plan for 2015.

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<b>Focus Area</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Objective</b>	<b>Budget</b>
FIDUO Economic Empowerment	1. Raise at least \$100,000 – using FIDUO 501c status for grants, Internet fundraising, Telefundraiser, etc.	TBD*
	2. Invest in low-risk, high-yield ventures; open a penny stock account to create wealth for FIDUO and its members.	TBD*
Health Promotion	1. Continue to partner with Grace Project Intl; to support their free health care delivery mission to Ikun community.	TBD*
	2. Conduct at least one health fair annually in Ikun-Ekiti to promote community health awareness and wellness, with focus on preventive health care.	TBD*

Political Education & Accountability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a framework to educate Ikun youth to become more actively involved in politics so that our community can have better representation in government.</li> <li>2. Develop a general framework for holding all Ikun career politicians and political office holders accountable to the community that vote them into offices (e.g. a memorandum of understanding specifying community's expectations and consequences of failure to deliver results).</li> </ol>	TBD*
Ikun Youth Violence Prevention	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct a survey to identify the root cause of youth violence in Ikun, and</li> <li>2. Develop a comprehensive Ikun youth rehabilitation program aimed at reducing violence in the community.</li> </ol>	TBD*
Spiritual Development	Conduct a monthly prayer and fasting meeting for divine intervention in the affairs of FIDUO and Ikun-Ekiti.	TBD*

**\*To be determined by the respective working committee members.**

### **A Clarion Call to All**

At this juncture, please allow me to stress that that the goal of peace, prosperity and improved quality of life for our people implied in this strategic development plan, is our collective responsibility. As we all know, no program goals, no matter how laudable can be achieved without adequate human and financial resources to implement them. I therefore, with a deep sense of humility, ask you to please volunteer yourselves to serve diligently in the

various working committees that would be constituted to implement our strategic development plan for 2015. I also would like to encourage us to fulfill our outstanding financial obligations to FIDUO as a matter of urgency, so we can achieve improved results in our collective efforts to better serve Ikun community.

### **Conclusion**

My dear honorable members and officers of FIDUO, as I come to the close of this address, I join my faith with yours, that in the year 2015, our good God would crown all our efforts with good success and we shall all witness stability and growth in our individual lives, in FIDUO, and Ikun-Ekiti as a whole.

Once again, I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2015. Thank you for listening and God bless you all.

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