

## **Ondo Builds Second Mother And Child Hospitals, Four Stadia In Ore, Ikare, Ile-Oluji and Ondo Towns**

The Ondo State Government has awarded the contract for the construction of another Mother and Child Hospital, the second in the state since the idea to tackle the incidence of infant and maternal mortality was mooted by the Mimiko government. The hospital, to be located along Laje Road, Ondo was preceded by the mother and Child Hospital, Akure, commissioned for use as part of the first anniversary of the government in February.

Ranti Akerele, the Commissioner for information in a statement said the Executive Council at its meeting in the week approved the recommendations of the State's Tenders Board in awarding the contracts for the hospital and other developmental projects across the state.

Also approved were the contracts for the dualization of Owo Township Roads at a cost of N3.96Billion; the construction of Oda Road Junction-Kajola/Davog Road in Akure at a cost of 396.4Million and the access road to Adaba FM Station, along Akure-Igbara Oke Road at a cost of 186.3Million.

Mr Akerele said four township stadia; Ore, Ikare, Ile-Oluji and Ondo are also to be constructed after the approval for their contracts were approved by the Executive Council in the same meeting.

“While the award of the contract for the Hospital was approved as part of the fulfillment of the promise of the Mimiko Government to build state-of-the-art Mother and Child Hospitals across the state to serve as referral centres for its state-wide programmes on health for mothers and children of age 5 and below, the award of contracts for the rehabilitation/upgrading of facilities at the stadia are part of the effort of the government to engender sport development and develop the urban centres,” Akerele said.

The contracts, Akerele added, were awarded after the Executive Council considered the job experience of the contractors, the budgetary provision for each project, the amount quoted by each contractor and the Public Procurement Unit's benchmark/consultant prices in accordance with set out best practices and processes.

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