



ESOP IDUNG ITION (USA) INC

EVIDENCE OF INFRASTRUCTURAL DECAY IN MKPAT ENIN URBAN

ESOP IDUNG ITION (USA) INC is a US-based multi-purpose non-profit organization. It was formed in 1989 by the indigenes of Mkpato Enin Urban in the USA with the mission to foster love, enhance unity and promote economic, educational, social, cultural, and political empowerment of Mkpato Enin indigenes worldwide.

As concerned indigenes with a global perspective of development, we are saddened by the level of rot, marginalization, underdevelopment and deprivation in our communities in the throes of democratic dividends that should accrue to our suffering communities.

Since our formation, we have been consistently contributing our quota to the growth and development of the communities. Over the years, our numerous intervention measures include:

1. **Solar Lights:** While our communities were still groping in darkness, we installed solar lights on 40 poles with more still coming.
2. **Infrastructure:** We have renovated several classroom blocks in our primary school, intervened in grading 10 roads within the five communities of Mkpato Enin Urban and painted many more classroom blocks in the school.
3. **School Sanitation:** To ensure that our public schools have a conducive environment for the students to learn and play safely, we donated lawn mowers to both primary and secondary schools.
4. **Security:** In order to promote and support the safety and security of lives and properties in the communities, we provided security gadgets - 5 bicycles, security whistles, 5 raincoats, 5 Rainboots, and walkie talkies - to the vigilante team.
5. **Palliative Items:** During the global pandemic, occasioned by COVID-19, in 2021, we donated assortment of palliative items such as rice, beans, salt and other essential food items that alleviated the suffering of our people.

OUR CONCERNS

Every year, since the creation of Mkpato Enin Local Government in 1987, Mkpato Enin Urban that hosts the Local Government as its headquarters is critically marginalized - there are severe underdevelopment, abandoned projects, lack of infrastructure and rot of old ones. Particularly, we are concerned with the dilapidation of our educational institutions in what should be a developmentally pace-setting model. Sadly, and shamefully, visitors to Mkpato Enin Local Government Headquarters are greeted by unsafe learning facilities for our helpless children, abandoned market stalls, weedy recreational facilities now habitat for wild animals, as well as hideout for criminals. Our roads are inaccessible; there are absences of basic and essential amenities such as good drinking water, electricity, among others, which have become our bane. For evidence, see pictures via this link https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1T5PFhukplD_FBGW9fahEV0dcaYKoVuPM

We are further concerned that funds for development of the Mkpato Enin Local Government are seemingly mismanaged by successive administrations in Mkpato Enin Local Government. For instance, as per publication by many media outlets, the last elected local government chairman was caught in the web of financial embezzlement. There are obviously several unreported cases of embezzlements and mismanagement of funds in Mkpato Enin Local Government, which **MUST STOP FORTHWITH!**

OUR DEMANDS

In the light of the above, we are demanding the following from our elected and appointed government representatives

1. Increased and judicious utilization of the local government funds and accountability for the funds.
2. Identification and development of needed and essential infrastructures for Mkpato Enin Urban residents, particularly, as the seat of the local government, renovation of the weed-covered Mkpato Enin Urban stadium to promote physical activities and community engagement.
3. Urgent identification and support for families in critical needs to alleviate their suffering.
4. Partnership with our community leaders, and businesses to create lasting solutions to pressing issues such as low economic activities within Mkpato Enin Urban. This is achievable through job training programs and granting incentives to businesses to create jobs.
5. Empowering and supporting the people to hold political leaders accountable to them as the electorate.

CONCLUSION

We, therefore, wish to reaffirm our commitment to good governance and development in Mkpato Enin Urban; namely, Mkpato Enin, Ikot Ekpe, Ikot Abasi Ufon, Ikot Obio Akwa, and Nung Ukim. In addition to our material contributions, we are undertaking aggressive advocacy for accountability from past, present and future administrations of the local government, as well as transparency in management of local government funds going forward.

We are;

President

Mr. Ezekiel Evanson Ekanem

Ex Officio

Mr. Samuel Mark

Secretary

Pastor Effiong Jeremiah Ufot

Ex Officio

Pastor Emaeyak Ekanem



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A POTHOLE ON THE HIGHWAY IN MKPAT ENIN URBAN



A MOTORIST STRUGGLING TO NAVIGATE PAST A POTHOLE ON THE HIGHWAY



ANOTHER SECTION OF THE HIGHWAY COMPLETELY BROKEN.



OUTSIDE VIEW OF A DILAPIDATED CLASSROOM BLOCK AT QIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MKPAT ENIN



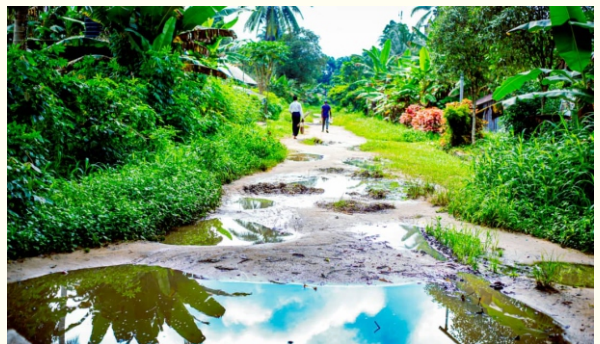
INSIDE VIEW OF THE DILAPIDATED CLASSROOM BLOCK.



IKOT ABASI UFON MARKET WHERE FOOD ITEMS ARE BOUGHT AND SOLD



AN INTERNAL ROAD IN IKOT ABASI UFON COMMUNITY



AN INTERNAL ROAD IN MKPAT ENIN COMMUNITY



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THE GATE OF COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOL, MKPAT ENIN



AN ABANDONED BLOCK IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL.



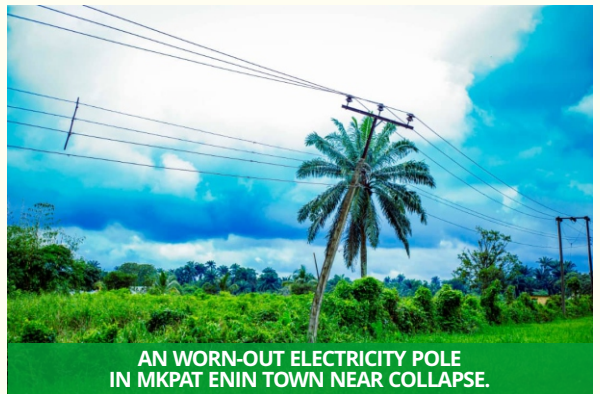
OUTSIDE VIEW OF THE LONG HALL IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL.



INSIDE OF THE LONG HALL IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL USUALLY USED FOR EXTERNAL EXAMS AND OTHER EVENTS.



INTERNAL ROAD IN IKOT OBIO AKWA COMMUNITY OBSTRUCTED BY FALLEN ELECTRICITY WIRE



AN WORN-OUT ELECTRICITY POLE IN MKPAT ENIN TOWN NEAR COLLAPSE.



THE MAIN MARKET IN MKPAT ENIN TOWN WHERE FOOD ITEMS ARE SOLD AND BOUGHT.



A MARKET IN IKOT EKPE COMMUNITY WHERE FOOD ITEMS ARE SOLD



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AN INTERNAL ROAD IN IKOT EKPE COMMUNITY



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AN INTERNAL ROAD IN IKOT OBIO AKWA COMMUNITY



AN IMAGE OF BAMBOO STICK USED IN LIFTING LIVE ELECTRICITY WIRES IN IKOT OBIO AKWA COMMUNITY



A DILAPIDATED ELECTRICITY POLE LEANING ON A FENCE IN IKOT OBIO AKWA COMMUNITY



AN INTERNAL ROAD IN IKOT OBIO AKWA COMMUNITY OBSTRUCTED BY FALLEN ELECTRICITY WIRES.