

Govt Earmarks N2.3bn for Accident Centre

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About N2.3 billion has been earmarked by Ondo State Government for the construction of a Trauma Centre in Ondo Town, in order to provide timely and qualitative emergency medical services for accident victims and other patients.



Governor Olusegun Mimiko

The Trauma centre, the construction of which has reached an advanced stage, when completed would be equipped with accident and emergency unit, information and call centre, mortuary and doctors and Alaanu Hostels.

Governor Olusegun Mimiko gave details about the centre at the opening of a three-day training workshop for health personnel preparatory to the take-off of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) programme in the state.

Mimiko, who was represented by his Chief of Staff, Dr Kola Ademujimi, said to ensure the timely completion of the project located on Laje Road, Ondo, the contractor handling the project had been adequately mobilised.

He said the rampant cases of road accidents in the country posed a great threat to the socio-economic development of the nation because most of the victims were within the productive class, who ought to contribute to the economic growth of the country.

The governor added that government would upgrade the accident and emergency units of some designated hospitals to enable them face the challenges of road traffic accidents.

Mimiko said the trauma centre would be the best in the country that would parade the state of the art emergency care equipment that would reduce or totally remove problems associate with road accidents.

He said the workshop would upgrade the knowledge of the participants and keep them abreast of the modern trend of handling and managing accident victims.

The state Commissioner for Health, Dr Dayo Adeyanju, on his part, said the healthcare innovation was part of the caring heart policies of the government to boost healthcare services in the state.

He said arrangement had been concluded to kick start the programme as well-equipped ambulances had been procured for the programme.