

## **Mimiko Inspects Ondo Second Agric Village, Vows To Tackle Poverty**

Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko at the weekend re affirmed his administration's determination to achieve zero tolerance to poverty through massive investment in mechanized farming.

The Governor stated this at Auga Akoko, in Akoko North East Local Government Area of the State during his inspection visit to the Agric village being constructed in the town by his government. The Auga farm settlement, which is the second farm settlement to be established by the present government in the state, covers about 4000 hectares of land and it will focus mainly on cattle rearing. The state government had established an Agric village at Ore in Odigbo Local Government Area of the State where over 1000 youths, mainly graduates, had been engaged in poultry farming, fishery and crop production.

The third in the series of the Agriculture Villages in the State located in Epe in Ondo East Local Government area of the State is on the verge of being flag off by Governor Mimiko. Governor Mimiko, who expressed happiness at the level of work on the farm where the construction of accommodation for the over 1000 young graduates has commenced, disclosed that 1000 cows had been ordered for diary purpose at the farm, while about 250 fish ponds were to be built.

“Our dream is that there will be no graduate in this state that will be unemployed in no distance time. We want to achieve zero tolerance in unemployment. I'm sure we will achieve this. This settlement will be mainly for cattle rearing, we've ordered 1000 cows and I want to say that each house here will have a cow that will produce milk.

“We shall fight poverty to a stand still. We have no cause for poverty in this state. Over 1000 of our youth are engaged already at our farm settlement in Ore. We are benchmarking employment generation for Africa, we are going to irrigate dry season farming, our strategy is to deliver quality job for our people. I can say with every sense of responsibility that we are delivering good services to the people of this state and we shall continue to use our local resourcefulness”.

In his speech, the Alauga of Auga Akoko, Oba Samuel Agunloye thanked the state government for siting the Agric village in his domain, which he referred to as an agrarian community, promising to offer all necessary supports to the state government in a bid to achieve the desires result.

The monarch noted that the project had provided job for about 80 artisans in the community.