

## Ondo to Reduce Maternal Mortality by 90 Percent Before 2015- Mimiko



*Governor Mimiko*

Akure — Maternal Mortality rate in the state would be reduced by 90 per cent before 2015, Ondo State Governor Olusegun Mimiko has said.

Speaking at the 2nd anniversary of the Safe Motherhood Programme tagged, "Abiye", he said his administration is planning to replicate the programme in all the local government areas of the state, adding that the programme is aimed at ensuring that maternal mortality is reduced to the barest minimum.

The Abiye Safe Motherhood Programme was launched by the Ondo State government on October 28, 2009 as a pilot scheme in Ifedore Local Government Area, to provide free health care delivery to pregnant women and children under the age of five. The governor, who was represented by his wife, Olukemi Mimiko, said the Abiye programme has received accolades from various organizations across the globe.

In his address, the state's Commissioner for Health, Dr. Dayo Adeyanju said about 2,000 babies have been delivered under the programme in the past two years. He added that under the programme, women are also given special treatment after delivery.