

2026 MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION



HERBERT ONYE ORJI
FOUNDATION



Honoring a Legacy of Impact

Partnership & Sponsorship with HOOF

Dear Esteemed Members, Friends, and Colleagues,

I extend my warm regards to you and remain grateful for your continued guidance and commitment to advancing the mission and vision of the Herbert Onye Orji Foundation.

Preparations are underway for the Seventh Memorial, scheduled to hold on 17th January 2026 in Lagos. As customary, the anniversary will provide another opportunity to honour the legacy of our Founder while showcasing the work of the Foundation in attaining its vision.

The memorial activities will conclude with a Thanksgiving Memorial Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1004 Victoria Island, Lagos, on Sunday, 18th January, 2026 at 11am. We anticipate strong participation from beneficiaries, partners, and community stakeholders. Also, on Saturday, 17th January 2026, the Annual Memorial Lecture will hold with the theme: "Powering National Economic Development through Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises." The tentative keynote speaker is Dr. Linus Okorie, President/CEO of Guardians of Nation International (GOTNI), whose expertise in leadership and enterprise development aligns with the focus of this year's lecture.

Furthermore, I am pleased to inform you all about the commencement of the Herbert Onye Orji Annual Academic Excellence Awards, which will recognize outstanding graduating students from four selected public universities—two federal and two state-owned institutions. Two awardees will be chosen from each university, drawn from academic programmes in ICT, Entrepreneurship, Banking and Finance, Accounting, Engineering, and Economics.

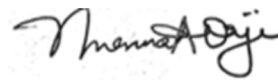
Moreover, the Foundation's flagship project, the Emmanuel Orji Skills Solution Center, will be presented to our guests and sponsors as part of the

event during the commemoration ceremony on 17th January 2026. See attachment below.

You are welcome to invite your friends and colleagues as Guests of Honor, Special Guests and Sponsors to the 7th Memorial Anniversary of our Founder. Further details on the venue and time for the event will be communicated via an invitation card which will be sent to you soon. The appeal for support is attached for your review.

We look forward to your continued support and strategic guidance as we finalize arrangements for these important engagements.

BEST WISHES & HIGHEST REGARDS,



Dr. Nnenna Orji
Chairman / Trustee



Appeal for Support

Your contribution in whole or in part, in cash or kind, towards the actualization of these projects will make a difference in honouring the memory of Prof. Herbert Orji.

The Foundation's bank details are shown below:

**HERBERT ONYE ORJI FOUNDATION
ACCESS BANK PLC
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0689605543**

History of the Foundation



Established in 2012, the Herbert Onye Orji Foundation tirelessly pursues Prof. Herbert Onye Orji's vision to nurture and develop the potential of young adult Nigerians seeking academic and career success. The goal is to combat socio-economic challenges in Nigerian communities with unwavering faith in education, mentorship, and entrepreneurship.

Prof. Herbert Orji (FCIB – London, CFA, OON) has a very strong and accomplished history of working in wealth management, corporate, and investment banking. He was skilled in investor relations, operations management, retail and commercial banking, and asset management. He held degrees from Howard University (BA, Mathematics and Economics), Eastern Michigan University (MBA, Finance), Union University (PhD, Operations Research), and Harvard University (PMD, Investment Management).

His career began at American Express Company on Wall Street in New York where he was promoted to Vice President to lead a division of the company. Thereafter, he moved to Nigeria with his family to obtain the position of Pioneer Representative & General Manager of United Bank for Africa in the U.K. Prof. Herbert Orji later became the Managing Director & CEO of Progress Bank of Nigeria from 1985-1991 before leaving to start his own investment banking firm, Summa Guaranty & Trust Company.

Before the foundation was formed, Prof. Herbert Orji was effortlessly and happily sharing his time, knowledge, and worldly experience with people he encountered that needed or wanted academic and career mentorship. In the past 7 years, the foundation has progressively financially awarded micro and small business entrepreneurs in the eastern region of Nigeria. Awards in the form of

financial assistance have also been given to university students. Some of the past awardees are listed below:

Micro Business Empowerment Award

Ogba Joshua Okoronkwo, Madonna Press

Florence Uzoma Joseph, Megolf Ventures

Emenike Mba, Jome Global Nig. Limited

Chinasa Chinenye Queensely, Nasa and Ibuchi Company Nig. Ltd.

Emenike Ogali, E. O. Enterprise

Onukwube Ikoro, Innoma Farms

Small Business Empowerment Award

Ojukwu Ogwo, O3 Synthesis Enterprise

Ifeanyi Ogala, Ifojack Global Resources Limited

Uchechukwu Okoroafor, UC Block Industry

Kingsley Chima, Jesse and Jethro Investment Limited

Best Quality Shoes Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited

Financial Aid Student Award

Eze Michael Eze, Medicine & Surgery (Abia State University, Uturu)

Gift O. Udeala, Chemistry (Michael Okpara University of Agriculture)

Onwuchekwa Sebastine Orji, Nursing (Abia State University, Uturu)

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Oleka Perpetual Chiamaka, Agricultural & Economics (Michael Okpara University of Agriculture)

Onwuchekwa Ebube Divine, Computer Science (Michael Okpara University of Agriculture)

Ndukwe Uduka Christopher, Agricultural & Economics (Michael Okpara University of Agriculture)

Chukwuemeka P. Chisom, Computer Science (Michael Okpara University of Agriculture)

Ogor Godswill Nnamdi, Computer Science (Abia State University, Uturu)

Ochu Kelechi Emmanuel, Human Physiology (Abia State University, Uturu)

Ogali Ogechi Daniella, Estate Management (Abia State University, Uturu)

Prof. Herbert Orji was involved with other non-profits such as the Healthcare Organization for Africa back in the early 90s, which provided medicine, general treatment, and medical supplies to rural areas in Abia, Imo, Anambra, Enugu, Ebonyi, Akwa Ibom, and Cross River. Over the years he was an avid donor to organizations and churches such as United Way, American Cancer Society, Church of the Assumption, Ikoyi, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., and Saint John's Catholic Church, Item, Abia.



Mission & Vision



MISSION

The Herbert Onye Orji Foundation's journey began with a fervent desire to address the pressing issues hindering the growth and prosperity of Nigerian communities. Recognizing the widening gap in education accessibility, the stifled opportunities for skill development, and the lack of support for entrepreneurial endeavors, the foundation emerged as a force dedicated to bridging these gaps.

The foundation has evolved into a driving force for positive transformations. Through commitment and dedication, the foundation has executed several initiatives towards its mission. The mission of the foundation is to:

- Support university graduates and micro or small business owners with building skill sets that advance their socioeconomic status
- Educate, empower, and train students, graduates, and young adults who are financially challenged but possess talent, ingenuity, and ambition.
- Establish access to career and business opportunities in finance, technology, and entrepreneurship.

Educational scholarships have opened doors that were once closed, offering deserving youths the chance to pursue their dreams. Skill-building programs equipped the youth with tools beyond textbooks, empowering them to carve their paths to success. Grants offered to aspiring entrepreneurs used to start micro or small businesses. Community healthcare initiatives that bring vital care to the doorsteps of underserved populations, fostering healthier futures. These are

some of the programs that we foster and work towards annually.

VISION

The heartbeat of the Herbert Onye Orji Foundation lies in its impact—seen in the transformed lives and thriving communities across the eastern region of Nigeria. Stories of resilience, determination, and triumph abound, as youths empowered by the foundation's programs emerge as leaders and change-makers within their spheres.

But our story is far from complete. The journey continues guided by our determination to encourage the communities we foster, where underprivileged youths and young professionals are championed, where opportunities are accessible, and where collective progress knows no bounds.



About the Founder



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In 1993 he joined Summa Guaranty & Trust Company, an investment banking and asset management firm. He first came in as an advisor to the board and two years later he became the

Chairman and CEO, while still teaching as a part time Senior Faculty Member of the Lagos Business School (now Pan-African University). In 2005, he was voted The Most Distinguished Stockbroker of the Year award in Nigeria at the South African Annual Conference of Investment Bankers and Managers. This was the first of such awards for Nigeria. Over the years he has won over 20 professional, civic, and academic awards.

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Prof. Herbert Onye Orji was appointed to various positions at International Finance Corporation, Business In Africa Group Limited, and ADIC Properties Limited. He served on the board of different organizations such as the Guardians of the Nation International, Nigerian Stock Exchange, United Way Worldwide, and Harvard Business School Association of Nigeria where he was President as part of the Executive Board of Directors.

He passed away on January 17th, 2019. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Executive Management



Dr. (Mrs.) Nnenna A. Orji, JD, LLM is the CEO and Co-founder of the Herbert Onye Orji Foundation (HOOF). In this role and alongside the organization's Board of Trustees, she guides the organization – and their team members and volunteers – toward a vision to educate, empower, and establish entrepreneurial opportunities for young adults and small business owners. Mrs. Orji oversees the creation of effective strategic planning processes and fulfills a mission-critical role that is vital to funding all mission delivery work.

Mrs. Orji, an economist, lawyer and jurist, was the Executive Chairman of the Investments and Securities Tribunal, Nigeria (IST). She joined the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Nigeria in 1984 as pioneer head of the legal division, and later became the Head of Enforcement Unit at SEC. Under her leadership, the Legal & Enforcement Department transformed the Securities and Exchange Commission into a world class knowledge based regulatory agency.

Mrs. Orji holds a B.A (Hons.) in Economics & Business Administration from Howard University, Washington, DC; Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D) from Howard University, School of Law, and LLM Degree with emphasis on corporate and commercial law from New York University (NYU), School of Law, New York. She was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1982.



Vivianne Orji is the Director of Communications and Operations. She is a senior strategic adviser to the organization's executive and volunteer leadership teams on reputation, communications issues, and risk-related matters. In her role, she assists with the strategic development and support of the organization's community and network fundraising programs, corporate support and operations, and volunteerism.

As the organization's senior-most staff executive, Vivianne is responsible for driving the development and implementation of HOOF's income and mission strategies across the eastern states of Nigeria. She also works to engage corporate executives, community partners, high-level donors, and leadership volunteers in furthering the fight against socioeconomic barriers that stifle the progress of small business entrepreneurs and young adults seeking jobs.

Vivianne Orji holds a B.A in Journalism from Howard University, Washington, DC and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England.



Mr. Ojukwu Eze serves as the Programs and Services Manager. He plays a pivotal role in shaping the organization's future by expanding our programs' reach and mission impact in the areas of Grants for Micro and Small Business and Financial Aid or Scholarship for Higher Education. Mr. Eze partners closely with the executive team and executive committee members to identify, plan, and execute programs, projects, and new business opportunities. Overseeing all aspects of organizational initiatives, including budgeting, hiring, resource allocation, and performance monitoring, Mr. Eze ensures that strategic initiatives are well-supported.

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Past Event

■ Fifth Memorial Seminar & Workshop 2024



Workshop



View of the Event



Presentation of Award to Young Entrepreneur



Mr. Sam Smoots and Guest



Keynote Speaker, Mr. Sam Smoots,
Executive Director at AABE



Keynote Speaker sitting with Guests of Honor and Co-Founder



Keynote Speaker and Guest



HOOF Fifth Memorial Seminar and Workshop
2024



Guests of Honor at the HOOF 5th Memorial Seminar



Executive Committee Member, Linus Okezie



Co-Founder and Chairman giving her
speech at 5th Memorial Seminar



Attendees at 5th Memorial Seminar
Workshop



EMMANUEL ORJI SKILLS SOLUTION CENTER



The Emmanuel Orji Skills Solution Center is a new project under development by the Herbert Onye Orji Foundation (HOOF). It will be built as a business and technology center where students and young adults or professionals can come to learn different skill sets as a form of capacity building to enhance their abilities and knowledge in finance, engineering, and technology. The center is a huge milestone we plan to construct and accomplish as part of the mission for HOOF, which is to provide a skills acquisition space in the eastern region of Nigeria. The center will be based in Aba, Abia. Aba is a major commercial city in Abia state and is known for its vibrant markets, thriving businesses, and enterprising residents. Residents of the city are renowned for their enterprising spirit and commercial endeavors, making the city one of Nigeria's foremost commercial hubs.

The Emmanuel Orji Skills Solution Center will expand access to essential courses and capacity building training in the areas of finance, business management, engineering, computer science, and information systems. The center will serve as a destination for comprehensive programs, modules, and research to assist in the process of developing and strengthening the skills, knowledge, resources, and abilities of individuals and communities. The goal is to train them in new technologies and teach technical and professional skills to prepare for a chance at a rewarding career. The apprenticeship program will ensure that individuals across the eastern region will receive education and training without the need to travel far from their community.

The center also aims to create opportunities for self-employment as a journeyman (welder, plumber, electrician, lineman, and machinist). Acquiring skills is crucial for professional growth and career relevance, so our plan is to facilitate our entrepreneurs' competitiveness. Therefore, as part of our ongoing commitment to lift ambitious and aspirational individuals out of economic hardship, the foundation has embarked on the construction of its flagship project, the Emmanuel Orji Skills Solution Center.

Projects



A EMMANUEL ORJI SKILLS SOLUTION CENTER

📍 Amaokwe Item, Bende LGA, Abia State.

GENERAL SUMMARY		
WORK PACKAGE	PAGE	AMOUNT (₦)
BILL NO 1: PRELIMINARIES (SUM)	1/1	9,500,000
BILL NO 2: MAIN BUILDING	2/21	290,779,250
BILL NO 3: EXTERNAL WORKS	3/	50,924,500
SUB-TOTAL		351,203,750
ADD: CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION		1,112,723
ADD: BANK CHARGES		500,000
GRAND TOTAL		352,816,473

The architectural design and the bill of quantities of the EMMANUEL ORJI SKILLS SOLUTION CENTER are available through the following links:



Architectural design link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QaHI3t5qiPd_8L-_qZkPBAAaKhcdKMon/edit?slide=id.p1#slide=id.p1



Bill of Quantities link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t57463U61du1BKACi_QIStb8F9aCLBMt/view



B AWARD OF HERBERT ONYE ORJI PRIZE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN UNIVERSITIES.

S/N	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDEES	ESTIMATED COST PER UNIT (₦)	ESTIMATED COST PER UNIT (₦)
1	The best 2 graduating students from 4 selected universities in Nigeria/ Lagos State, from the following Faculties/ Departments:  Entrepreneurship  Accounting  Banking and Finance  Business Administration  Economics  Computer Science  ICT	8	₦1,250,000	₦10,000,000
	TOTAL	8		₦10,000,000

C BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE 7TH MEMORIAL EVENTS HOSTING

S/N	ITEM	COST (₦ MILLION)
1	Event Hall / Equipment	₦ 3.0 Million
2	Documentary / Publicity	₦ 4.0 Million
3	Snacks / Refreshments	₦ 3.5 Million
4	Publications / Memorabilia	₦ 4.0 Million
5	Event Planner	₦ 1.5 Million
	TOTAL	₦14.5 Million

The above cost structure will support the successful hosting of the Memorial events, ensuring effective logistics, quality media documentation, participant hospitality, and commemorative materials.

Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

BENEFITS	EMERALD ₦20,000,000	PLATINUM ₦15,000,000	GOLD ₦10,000,000	SILVER ₦5,000,000
Exclusive Title Rights, Powered by (Brand/ Company Name)	✓			
Branding Rights at Community Events and Emmanuel Orji Skills Solution Center	✓			
Speaking Opportunities	✓	✓		
On-site Signs and Banners at Events and Emmanuel Orji Skills Solution Center	✓	✓	✓	
Acknowledgement in all Ceremonies, Radio, and PR Campaigns	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo Placement on Flyers, Display TV Screens, Website, and Marketing Materials	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brand Placement on event T-shirts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Four (4) Sponsored Broadcast on H00F WhatsApp Community	✓	✓	✓	✓
Two (2) Sponsored Broadcast on H00F WhatsApp Community	✓	✓	✓	✓
Raffle Prize Presented in Brand/Company Name at Community Events	✓	✓	✓	✓



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