

# Delta Revealed

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## Oborewori: One year of M.O.R.E impact

By Norbert Chiazor

Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborewori had the good fortune of inauguration as governor of Delta state, when he kept a glorious date with destiny. That was on May 29th, 2023. That fateful day, the weather was temperate in natural beauty, as the sun, glistening in all magnificence, warmly bathed thousands of excited spectators who besieged the Stephen Keshi Stadium, Asaba, Delta State, in Southern Nigeria. One man stood out - Oborewori. Conspicuous in a popular Niger Delta attire. He was dressed in sparkling snow-white lace top, embellished with dazzling rhinestones and a fluffy flowery orange wrapper.

A black velvet Fedora hat adorned his head with pepper-red circular bead, delicately perched on his broad chest. On his rotund face rested a vintage eye glass, held firmly by gold-plated temples, which illuminated his visage. Viewed from every angle at the crowded stadium, the man of the moment shone like Earth's brightest star, Sirius. But he was not alone. His wife, a calm lady, chiseled in tender.



**D-Day: Rt. Hon Sheriff Oborewori taking oath of office as Governor of Delta State with the First Lady, Deaconess Tobore Oborewori beside him ... on May 29, 2023**

elegance, was nestled beside Rt.Hon. Sheriff Oborewori, him, decked in angelic white palm on a Bible cradled by his Her fair skin tone, a perfect spouse, Tobore, was sworn-in complement to his ebony as Delta Governor, at exactly 11.54am Oborewori's deputy, savouring the unfolding Sir. Monday Onyeme also observed the power protocol. predecessor, Senator Ifeanyi The occasion rose to Okowa and his spouse, crescendo when Governor delectable Edith. Amidst Oborewori mounted a torrents of cheers by the colourful podium to present mammoth crowd at the his inaugural address to capacity-filled stadium, Deltans.

and partnering with the executive for their successful implementation. I am, therefore, well positioned to deliver good governance to our people” Governor Oborewori ended with a pious and powerful lines: “I will be the governor of all Deltans” An amazing flashback of a momentous era that began a year ago. Oborewori thus proudly joined the prestigious class of democratically elected governors in the history of Delta. How did Oborewori come to governorship honour?

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Two forces, grit and grace hold human glory. The offerings of the one fondly called Sheriff by his mammoth admirers are quantified in his humility and amiable persona. A man who commands a positive aura that promotes human self-worth and peace of mind, while enhancing social progress. This is the motif underpinning why the mighty and minion are in love with him. The "Ukodo" appellation adorning his identity is not just a tribute to a sizzling local delicacy but unique symbolism of Oborewori's high regard for cultural values and lively attitude of sharing, friendship and socialization.



*Congratulations*

TO OUR

**GOVERNOR,  
THE PROMISE  
KEEPER**

Management and Staff of the Directorate of Government House and Protocol, Asaba, Celebrate His Excellency, Rt. Hon. (Elder) Sheriff F.O. Oborevori, Governor of Delta State @ 61.

We are thrilled and excited by your pragmatic and visionary leadership. Your Excellency, you are obviously a cherished gift to all of us. Keep touching lives Sir.

On this auspicious occasion of your 61st birth anniversary, we congratulate and wish you good health, God's guidance and protection as you pilot the affairs of Delta State to an enviable height. Once again, congratulations and many happy returns.

Signed:

**Victor Udi**  
Permanent Secretary  
Government House, Asaba

HIS EXCELLENCY,  
RT. HON. ELDER SHERIFF FRANCIS O.  
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GOVERNOR, DELTA STATE

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## *Keeping up with Oborevwo's pace*

How do you keep pace with the work rate of a man who within days of inauguration was already on the road touring project sites across Delta State? That is the spectacle Deltans are being treated to since Rt.Hon. Sheriff Oborevwo took over the helms at Government House, Asaba. Unlike the tales of laid back approach that dominate the media from other parts of the country, Oborevwo came with a template waiting to be unveiled. His daily workload are so overwhelming that the traditional mode of coverage is overwhelmed and inadequate.

A studied and firm believer of the dictum that governance is a continuum, the Governor did not leave any project inherited from his predecessors to rot. Rather, he energised the contractors through regular inspection visits. Whatever challenges that cropped up, he was on hand to deal with them. Even after appointing his Commissioners and other aides, Oborevwo has not wavered in being on the ground to see things for himself, a typical hands-on manager. And keeping pace with the Governor's work rate has been a new experience for the media representing various organisations in Delta State. His breathtaking routine, characterised by his being at many places same day, is what has inspired the coming of **Delta Revealed**.

It is a weekly online publication that will keep track of Rt. Hon. Oborevwo's policies, programmes, projects and initiatives. As a weekly journal, **Delta Revealed** is a go-to platform to keep tab on the developmental strides of Oborevwo administration. From project conception to execution, key policy initiatives, developmental road maps of the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies, **Delta Revealed** will regularly give Deltans the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the dynamics of the machinery of government.

Every edition will have one of the MDAs in focus in a style devoid of verbosity. This is beside the relay of events that headlined the previous week in the news section. The style will always be simple and direct.

**Delta Revealed** will be accessed by every stakeholder in Delta State and beyond. To achieve this, the paper will be circulated through the various social media platforms, especially WhatsApp, Facebook and X, formerly known as Twitter. It will also be circulated through e-mails and be available on the Delta State official website, [www.deltastate.gov.ng](http://www.deltastate.gov.ng).

What has been unveiled is the maiden edition of **Delta Revealed**. It is the one-stop shop for regular updates on the administration of Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborevwo. Every Monday, a fresh package awaits you

**ONE YEAR IN OFFICE:****Oborevwo's new deal in health sector****• Over 200 ghost workers flushed out of DELSUTH**

By Felix Ofou

These are indeed glory days for Deltans as far as the health sector is concerned. This is in keeping with the resolve of Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborevwo, Governor of Delta State, to improve on the well-being of the people. Barely a year in office, many are beginning to feel the impact of the giant strides in this sector. With drastic reduction in maternal mortality rate of about 265 deaths per 100,000 births, as against a national average of 2,000, Delta stands ahead many states. This is even as efforts are on to include more complicated surgeries in the Contributory Health Insurance Scheme, which stands at more than 1.4 million. Dr Joseph Onojaeme, the Honourable Commissioner for Health, gave these heart warning revelations in an interview where he provided rare insights of recent developments in the health sector in Delta State.

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"Statistics showed that there were about 1,500 medical facilities in the state when Governor Sheriff Oborevwo came to power. But only 300 were registered. Following stern measures put in place, the number has jumped to over 700, while the others who could not meet the deadline were asked to pay fines ranging from N200,000 to N500,000 into the Treasury of the state", he added. The health commissioner thanked Governor Oborevwo for giving anticipatory approval for the immediate replacement of nurses and doctors leaving the system in search of greener pasture and paying the Medical Residency Training Fund (MRTF) allowance for resident doctors.

"We found out that some of those still on the payroll had traveled out of the country and working in hospitals abroad, but were collecting salaries and sustained by a syndicate within the system. There was a particular case of a well known top doctor who traveled abroad for eight years and receiving salary. With the support of the Governor we were able to sanitize the system and flush out the bad eggs", he stated.

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**Inspection tour of Ozoro / Ofagbe General Hospital**



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"Each resident doctor is expected to be paid N951,400 as MRTF yearly. We have about 300 resident doctors in the state. As at today, we are not owing them. So you can imagine how much the Governor has spent in paying them up to date. As a result of the so called japa syndrome, we are able to maintain a balance because of the anticipatory approval given for us to immediately replace those leaving the system", he declared. Onojaeme said there was every reason to cheer as far as the health sector was concerned, noting that so much has been achieved in less than one year of Rt. Hon. Oborevwori as Governor of Delta State. But he was full of more praise for his boss for approving the establishment of a College of Health Technology in Ovrode, Isoko North Local Government Area of the state. The aim is to bridge the manpower gap in the health sector. The excited Commissioner for Health revealed that Governor Oborevwori

would be performing the groundbreaking ceremony as part of activities to mark one year in office, stating that works on the campus of the college are not expected to last more than six months to enable the first set of students resume in January 2025. Onojaeme said Delta currently boasts of less than 1,000 technical personnel as against 7,500 needed to sustain the sector. He stated that Governor Oborevwori graciously approved the establishment of the college to close

the massive manpower deficit in the sector. "Immediately after we took office, a needs assessment was conducted and it was discovered that there was a huge manpower shortage. Out of 7,500 needed for effective healthcare delivery, it was discovered that there were less than 1,000 personnel. "Coupled with the so-called 'japa' syndrome which has become a major challenge to the health sector, we knew something decisive needed to be done. Fortunately, as soon as His Excellency, the Governor's attention was drawn to this shortfall, he immediately approved the establishment of the college", he revealed.

The commissioner similarly, confirmed that Oborevwori has approved the upgrade and equipping of 215 out of 441 Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) in the state, with 25 already completed as part of a pilot project. "Each PHC to be upgraded costs N30 million. When you multiply that number by 215, it amounts to a huge sum. This is aside the N3 billion approved by the state executive council for the upgrade of 21 of 64 general hospitals in the state." "This is clearly an unprecedented investment in the health sector. So much has been done in less than a year to make the three tiers in the sector to make it one of the best in the country. Definitely, Governor Sheriff Oborevwori deserves special commendation for spectacular achievements in the health sector", he declared.

With these landmark achievements within such a short time, there is no doubt that Governor Oborevwori has kept faith with his M.O.R.E Agenda, especially as it concerns meaningful development. He is definitely set to walk the talk. But, these are still early times in the life of the administration. Even though the chairman of the Hospitals Management Board (HMB), Dr. Paul Oweh, at a recent press conference, indicated that the hospitals in the state have witnessed more than 60 percent in patient's attendance,

# Birthday Wish To Our Dear Boss @61!



**His Excellency,  
Rt. Hon. Sheriff F.O Oborewori,  
Governor of Delta State.**

The New Media Office felicitates our amiable Boss, His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Sheriff F.O Oborewori, Governor of Delta State, on the auspicious occasion of his birthday.

His Excellency's MORE Agenda has brought Meaningful Development, Opportunities for All, Realistic Reforms and Enhanced Peace and Security to the state in the last one year, and we are proud to have been part of the milestones recorded so far.

Our earnest prayer is that God continues to bless, protect, grant him perfect health and the wisdom of Solomon to continue to lead our dear state in service to humanity.

***Congratulations your Excellency!***

**Comrade Felix Ofou, Comrade Norbert Chiazor, Fred Edoreh, Dennis Otu, Freeborn Eghagha, Ese Sanco, Believe Egbe, Palmer Ogheneyole N. , Ghene Igbogidi, Louis Osiobe, Daniel Bayagbon, Christopher Odamah**

# Oborewori is a leader of exceptional integrity, says Goodluck Jonathan



Former President Goodluck Jonathan, (c) and Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborewori (2nd left) when he commissioned the Delta State High Court headquarters in Asaba

Former President, Dr Goodluck Jonathan has described Governor Sheriff Oborewori as a leader of 'exceptional integrity' for returning N500 million unspent funds to the Delta State treasury during his time as Speaker of the Delta State House of Assembly. He made the commendation when he came to Asaba to inaugurate the Delta State High Court Complex which he dubbed the 'best edifice' of its kind in the country. Noting the political trajectory of the Oborewori on the path to his emergence

Governor, President Jonathan said he is the face of respect for rule of law and institutions. According to him, despite having to contend with 38 litigations from political opponents, Oborewori never sought self help but relied entirely on the judiciary in the resolution of the issues. The former President also commended Governor Sheriff Oborewori for his primary focus on the infrastructural development of Delta State and his commitment to continuing with projects inherited from previous administrations in the state. "There are some projects that are very

fundamental to the growth and development of the state and we expect anybody who takes over government to continue with them and you are doing exactly that. "I believe that if you go across the country today, this is one of the best judiciary headquarters in the country and I congratulate the Governor and the judiciary of Delta State for this exemplary project," Jonathan said. On the refund of N500 million to the treasury, the former President remarked:

"It is not easy for a public officer or even a civil servant to refund money to the government in most cases; it is extremely difficult, but as a Speaker, you were able to do that and that shows that you are somebody of high level of integrity and you can be trusted. Please, continue to manage the resources of the state in that manner and use the money in a way that it will affect the people positively.

## One year of M.O.R.E impact

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The implementation of the M.O.R.E Agenda has drawn salutary impact with Oborewori governing Delta with confidence and the brightest of prospects. From initial steps of clearing Warri drainages and provision of transformers to light up parts of the famous oil city, which had been in darkness for years, the governor made an unprecedented achievement. He took a historic step on Monday November 27, 2023, when he performed the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of multiple bridges and related infrastructure in Warri and Effurun, twin cities that make up what is known as the Oil City. This followed a ₦78 billion contract earlier signed on October 18, with construction giant, Julius Berger Nigeria Plc. Details of the four projects are; construction of flyover bridge from Enerhen Junction, Effurun, to Marine Gate in Uvwie and Warri South local government areas. Study, road expansion and improvement works on the section of DSC/NPA Expressway from Effurun roundabout to DSC on the Effurun/Patani (East/West) highway, including construction of a cloverleaf interchange at the existing Effurun flyover bridge as well as two pedestrian bridges, in Effurun. Others are construction of flyover bridges at PTI Junction and DSC roundabout, Effurun. In fact Julius Berger has since mobilised to site, working in Warri and Effurun.

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Recently, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) flagged off campaigns across the 25 Councils of the state, ahead of the July 13, 2024, LGA elections in Delta. Photos show Sir Monday Onyeme, Deputy Governor, and Olorogun Kingsley Esiso, State PDP chairman, at the rallies in Ukwuani, Ethiope East, Ughelli South and Ughelli North LGAs.

