

## **ADAMS OSHIOMHOLE'S TWO YEARS OF IMPACTFUL REPRESENTATION AS EDO NORTH SENATOR**

June 13, 2025, is the second anniversary of Comrade Adams Aliyu Oshiomhole's inauguration as the Senator representing Edo North Senatorial District.

Halfway into his first tenure in the Red Chamber, Oshiomhole has proven to be an outstanding first-time legislator whose performance rivals that of any seasoned lawmaker who has ever occupied that seat. His remarkable achievements across legislative advocacy, constituency development, empowerment programmes, and infrastructure delivery have made a lasting impression not just in Edo North but across Nigeria.

Senator Oshiomhole has established himself as one of the most resourceful parliamentarians of the 10th National Assembly. His contributions on the Senate floor have consistently been incisive, informed, articulate, and solution driven. His motions and debates often form the basis for national policy direction, with particular focus on development, security, and the welfare of Nigerians. These attributes earned him a place on several high-level ad-hoc committees, including the committee investigating the importation of adulterated petroleum products and the one overseeing the emergency rule in Rivers State. This is apart from his membership of 16 other standing committees.

Over the past two years, Oshiomhole has actively participated in over 250 committee meetings and undertaken more than 30 oversight visits to federal institutions and project sites, including the visits to formations of the Nigeria Immigration Service, NSCDC, Federal Fire Service, Nigerian Correctional Service, and strategic infrastructure locations such as the East-West Road in Rivers State and the Benin-Auchi-Okene-Lokoja Expressway etc.

In the area of constituency empowerment, Senator Oshiomhole has delivered six comprehensive training and empowerment programmes under the 2024 budget. These programmes benefitted a total of 955 Edo North residents and were tailored to address the specific needs of women, youths, farmers, teachers, and security personnel across the six local governments.

Highlights include:

Soap, Detergent, and Disinfectant Production Training for women and youths at Auchi Polytechnic's Alumni Hall from August 28–31, 2024, and another session for beneficiaries at Moore Boulevard Hotel, Jattu, from September 13–15, 2024. All participants received starter packs and take-off grants.

Security Training on "Dealing with Emerging Security Threats" for vigilante members and NSCDC officers across Edo North at Meremu Hotel, Auchi, from December 4–6, 2024.

Horticulture Best Practices Training for farmers from various communities across the district at Moore Boulevard Hotel, Jattu, from March 4–8, 2025. Each participant received a knapsack sprayer, insecticides, pesticides, boots, seedlings, and financial support.

Records Management and Electronic Documentation Training for teachers and school administrators at Red Roof Hotel, Igarra. Beneficiaries received HP laptops and take-off grants.

Farmers' Empowerment Programme held on April 9, 2024, at Moore Boulevard Hotel, Jattu, where selected farmers received palm oil seedlings, cassava stems, maize seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, and sprayers.

In line with his passion for infrastructure development, Senator Oshiomhole's 2024 constituency projects have transformed communities across Edo North. His completed and ongoing projects touch all six local government areas and several towns and villages, with a focus on solar lighting, water access, education, markets, and roads.

They include:

Solar Street Lights Installation in Uchi Market Auchi, Abu Inu-Umoru Street Auchi, Eme-Ora in Owan West LGA, Ibillo in Akoko-Edo LGA, Afowa Community in Etsako West, Anwain Community, Jagbe Community in Etsako West, and Aviele Community in Etsako West.

Solar Boreholes completed in Elele Community, Imiekhuli (Okpella) Etsako East, Imiava Community in Etsako Central, and Uneme-Akiosu Akoko-Edo LGA

Classroom Blocks Construction (Ongoing) in Ozalla Secondary School, Ozalla (Owan West); Ojah Comprehensive High School, Ojah (Akoko-Edo) and Perimeter Fencing at Iyamho Secondary School, Iyamho (Etsako West).

Road Construction Projects (Ongoing): Warake to Ivbiaro Road (Owan East) and internal Iyuku Road.

Market Infrastructure: Modern lock-up shops under construction at Uchi Market Auchi and Uzairue Market in Jattu (Etsako West).

Fertilizer Distribution across all communities in Edo North.

In addition, over 80 Edo North youths have secured federal employment through Senator Oshiomhole's efforts, and 18 federal government appointments have been influenced in favour of sons and daughters of Edo North Senatorial district.

He also facilitated the location of a Federal Veterinary Hospital in Aviele which is currently under construction and a Federal Youth Complex which will be sited in Auchi. The site has been approved, and work will begin soon.

In the 2025 budget, more impactful projects are underway with contracts being awarded. These include:

Classroom blocks at Ijemounu Primary School, Ihievbe Ogbe (Owan East); Afokpella Secondary School (Etsako East); Ohobo Primary School, Afuze (Owan East); Odieje Primary School, Eme-Ora (Owan West); Akpekpe Secondary School, Auchi (Etsako West); Anglican Grammar School, Igarra (Akoko-Edo); Apana Mixed Secondary School, Apana-Uzairue (Etsako West); Jattu Grammar School, Jattu (Etsako West); Imakhena Primary School Ogbona, ( Etsako East) and Egbadu (Osime) Primary School, Agenebode (Etsako East).

Construction of the Fugar-Ukoh Road (Etsako Central).

A CBT Centre in a selected needy community.

Empowerment materials such as sewing machines, hairdressing kits, and grinding machines for women and youths.

Distribution of transformers to power-deprived communities in Etsako East, Etsako West, Etsako Central, Owan East, Owan West, and Akoko-Edo.

Distribution of school desks is set to begin this week to the following schools in Edo North.

1. Etsako West (Uchi Primary School Auchi)
2. Owan West (Oleke Primary School Ivialeke Orimen, Okpuje)

3. Akoko-Edo (Okhuereomo Primary School, Ikpeshi)
4. Etsako East ( Otsele Primary School, Okpekpe
5. Owan East Otuo
6. Etsako Central

There are many other projects already included in the 2025 budget, and the location will be announced in due course.

On legislative advocacy, Senator Oshiomhole has sponsored important bills and motions, including:

1. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment Bill, 2025) Passed by the Senate and awaiting concurrence and Presidential assent for the establishment of a Federal Medical Centre in Edo North.
2. Fire Rescue and Safety Services (Establishment) Bill, 2023, aimed at repealing the outdated Fire Service Act and modernizing Nigeria's emergency response framework.
3. A motion urging the federal government to mobilize contractors to the site along the Benin-Auchi-Okene-Lokoja Expressway.
4. A motion demanding security intervention in Edo State to counter banditry, terrorism, and herdsmen attacks.

Beyond legislation, Senator Oshiomhole has been vocal about the security challenges in Edo North. On April 21, 2025, he convened a stakeholders' meeting on security in the district. Held in Auchi and presided over by the Edo State Governor, it brought together traditional rulers, community and religious leaders, youths, women, security personnel, and politicians across party lines. The forum produced far-reaching resolutions now being implemented to improve security.

Beyond that, he holds periodic consultations with several heads of security agencies to explore ways to ameliorate the security challenges of Edo North.

Senator Oshiomhole has consistently emphasized that his priority is projects that serve the greater good, meet the best standards, and stand the test of time. His vision aligns with

inclusive development, where rural and urban communities alike benefit. As governor, he set a record and established a standard. As Senator, he is building upon that record and maintaining that standard. From Auchu to Igarra, Eme-Ora to Agenebode, Fugar to Ibillo, and Ozalla to Anwain, his projects are impacting lives.

One project which is dear to the senator's heart, but which he has not yet accomplished because of the limits of his constituency budget, is the Ubiane road, which he publicly promised to fix during the 2023 campaign. The Senator has held conversations with state and federal government agencies on the subject and received credible assurances that construction work will commence on the Ubiane-Aviele road during the period of his first tenure in office. It is a promise he made, and it is a promise that will be fulfilled.

As he enters the third year of his Senate first term, Oshiomhole has assured constituents, especially those yet to benefit, not to lose hope. Every community will be touched, and as many individuals as possible, it will be employed and empowered. He will continue to explore all avenues to serve the interests of Edo North people. His doors remain open, and channels of communication between him and the people are being expanded.

In just two years, Senator Adams Oshiomhole has raised the bar for what it means to be a representative of the people. His impactful presence in the Senate and across Edo North underscores his enduring legacy of service, development, and fearless advocacy. For the people of Edo North, hope is renewed, and the future indeed looks brighter.

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