

Agrarian community hails Okomu Oil for constructing 2km road

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The People of Agbado, an agrarian community, in Ovia South West Local Government Area of Edo, have commended the multinational Okomu oil palm company for providing them with a 2km tarred road, after 30 years of government abandonment.

The Odionwere (Head) of the community, Paul Igbinoba, who led other leaders on a thank-you visit to Okomu oil headquarters, near Benin on Saturday, said they were overwhelmed by the gesture.

Igbinoba said “our people are indeed very happy over the constructed roads with drainage systems along our community.

“As farmers who cultivate plantain, cocoa and yam, the only access road has been in a deplorable condition for the past 30 years, making us to lose several of produce after harvests because we find it difficult to bring them close to buyers who also find it difficult to reach us.

“My people are happy because these past years, neither the local government nor the state government has hearkened to our cries for rehabilitation of this road and provision of other social amenities.

“There is nothing to show in this community that we have a government; no source of portable water, no health centre, no school, no market and town hall.

“Over the years, we have had to resort to self help. The only primary school under construction is a Federal government project which started some few months ago.”

Igbinoba said: “even though neighbouring communities will also benefit from this road project, we are the major beneficiaries, hence, our visit here today to express our appreciation and gratitude to Okomu management.

“It was only last year, during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, that we approached the management and pleaded for its intervention and today, the management has blessed the entire community with a tarred road.