

GOV. LALONG COMMENDED FOR SPONSORING 200 TRAINEES FOR NISDP

The Director General of the Industrial Training Fund, Sir Joseph N. Ari has praised the Governor of Plateau State, Rt. Hon. Simon Bako Lalong for his efforts towards poverty eradication in Plateau State.

Ari stated this during the closing Ceremony of the 2017 National Industrial Skills Development Programme (NISDP) which took place at Crest Hotel in Jos recently.

He said of the 36 States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Plateau State was among few that sponsored additional youths for training during the immediate past NISDP.

The DG said 500 youth that were trained in Tailoring and Fashion Design, Welding and Fabrication and Plumbing and Pipe Fitting, were carefully selected based on their potential value addition to the individual trainees and their immediate communities.

The DG said this was the first time that the ITF was empowering beneficiaries with starter parks. In his words: “the decision to provide the start-up packs was informed by our tracking and monitoring of trainees of earlier phases, which revealed that were supported with start-up packs, 90% of the trainees went on to be successful entrepreneurs or even employers of labour”.

He appealed to stakeholders especially state governors and other members of the Organized Private Sector (OPS) that, training without corresponding support would not lead to expected outcomes.

The DG also solicited the co-operation and assistance of all stakeholders for the ITF's intervention programmes like the Women Skills Empowerment Programme (WOSEP), Technical Skills Development Project (TSDP) and Agripreneur, which are targeted at job/wealth creation.

Ari, who thanked the State Governor Barr. Lalong for also creating the enabling environment for the ITF to train youths from the state and availing the state's infrastructure for the closing of the ceremony and urged him to keep the fire of collaboration between the state government and the ITF burning.

Responding, the Governor of Plateau State, Rt. Hon Simon Bako Lalong appreciated the ITF for its immense efforts in creating jobs for the youths, added that he had no doubt that Sir Ari would perform well when he was appointed the Director General by President Buhari.

He charged the trainees to take good advantage of this opportunity provided by the ITF to become employers of Labour.

One of the trainees, Mr. Audu Emmanuel who was trained in Plumbing, thanked the Management of the ITF and pledged on behalf of all trainees to multiply the new knowledge acquired.