

## ITF DONATES BOREHOLES TO COMMUNITIES IN JOS

The Industrial Training Fund has constructed and donated two boreholes to the Rantya and Hwolshe Communities in Jos, Plateau State.

Speaking at the commissioning of the boreholes, the Director General of the Industrial Training Fund, Sir Joseph Ari, said the projects, which are part of the Fund's Corporate Social Responsibility, were informed by the suffering that the two communities had endured due to acute water shortage over the years.

Expressing the hope that the suffering may have been brought to an end with the provision of the boreholes, the DG said the ITF was determined to bring succour and improved quality of life to its host communities.

Ari commended the communities for the harmonious relationship between them and the Fund, noting that even during situations of insecurity, the communities rose to protect the ITF facilities in their locality.

The DG added that whereas other organizations have had to relocate owing to vandalization and other forms of criminal activities by the host communities it has not been the case in the relationship between the ITF and its immediate communities.

He said that apart from the boreholes, the ITF has installed ATMs and is presently beautifying the roundabout at the Rantya Community.

The ITF Boss disclosed that as part of further efforts to empower the local community, the fees of the ITF Staff School will be subsidized for wards of the communities in order to make it more affordable.

In their separate responses, the community leaders praised the ITF for coming to their aid.

The Chief of Kangang, Da Pam Gyang Pwol who spoke on behalf of the Rantya community, said the community was a peaceful one hence the harmonious relationship with the ITF.

He assured the ITF that the people of Rantya will never resort to violence at any time and pledged to protect all ITF facilities within their community.

To express their gratitude, the community named a street after the DG and conferred the title of Dum Ba of Rantya Community on him.

The Chief of Twanshik in Hwolshe community, Da Raphael Chung Badung who said the project was the first by any organization for the citizens of Hwolshe, noted that it will solve the problem of scarcity of water that had plagued the community.

He also appealed to the ITF to assist in constructing a permanent police post to enhance the safety of lives and property in the community.