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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2020 EDUCATION  
SUPPORT GRANT OF THE UMUABALI CITIZENS EMPOWERMENT FORUM (“THE FORUM”)**

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**A. Introduction**

This report follows the 2020 re-authorisation of the Committee which was appointed by order of the Forum at its meeting of 27 December 2019. The Committee’s terms of reference are to solicit, receive and consider applications from eligible candidates and make recommendations for the disbursement of NGN1,000,000 in equal shares to 10 beneficiaries in tertiary institutions. As with the previous grant year, the committee comprised the following members:

1. Prof Babs Esonu – Chair
2. Mr Ralph Nwafor – Member
3. Mr Nzeakor Atulomah – Member & Secretary

**B. Administration of Application Forms**

The Committee distributed 24 Forum-approved application forms to eligible applicants of Umuabali extraction. By close of the entry deadline, a total of 19 duly completed forms were returned to the Committee. The 19 applicants are listed in the Schedule to this report.

**C. Committee Proceedings: Processing and Consideration of Applications**

The Committee met via Zoom and face to face, and critically reviewed the 19 applications vis-à-vis its terms of reference and the approved eligibility criteria, namely, each applicant/candidate must

1. be of Umuabali extraction
2. be either a returnee or freshman in any public university or polytechnic in Nigeria
3. disclose a financial need
4. support the need for equitable representation of the component quarters of the village

## **D. Weighting of the Eligibility Criteria**

### *i. Umuabali extraction*

The Committee was satisfied that the 19 applicants were all Umuabali persons. The relevant family names are aboriginal Umuabali families.

### *ii. Admission Status*

The Committee was satisfied by means of documentary evidence that all the 19 applicants were either returnees or freshmen in their respective public universities and polytechnics in Nigeria.

### *iii. Indigency Status*

Taking the existing hints of the Forum, the Committee judged that each applicant disclosed a present financial need.

### *iv. Equitable Coverage*

In addition to the strong consideration for final-year applicants, the Committee has reappraised the eligibility criteria, in order to accommodate the need to ensure equity by covering all the kindred family branches in Umuabali, as much as possible. This reappraisal has been made possible by the generous increase of the grant Fund up to NGN1,000,000 – a 100% increase from the distributable funds for the 2019 grant year.

## **E. Committee Deliberations and Interpretation of the Eligibility Criteria**

The Committee considered all the applications and made the following determinations:

1. There are three final-year applicants and all three should be recommended for the grant. The justification for the priority of final-year applicants has been articulated in the report of 2019 and in the interim report for 2020.
2. The remaining seven slots will be allocated based on the need to cover the kindred quarters

## F. Recommendations

Following the deliberations, the Committee hereby recommends to the Forum for approval and disbursement the following applicants:

S/N	Name	Level/Course of Study	Institution	Umuabali Quarters
1.	Adaugo Success Ezeugo IKPOH	400L Mass Communication	ABSU	Umunwoke
2.	Akunna Queen IMEBUOGU	400L Psychology	NAU, Awka	Umuede
3.	Bethel C. John AHAIWE	400L Marketing	MOUA, Umudike	Umuede
4.	Emmanuel ELUWA	400L Industrial Relations and Personnel Mgt	MOUA, Umudike	Umuekpe
5.	Chimezie Smart ATULOMAH	300L Mass Communication	ABSU	Umuekpe
6.	Marvelous C. UGWUNNA	300L Economics	MOUA, Umudike	Umuede
7.	Francis ONWERE	100L Building Technology	ABSU	Umuokorafor
8.	Adaku NNABUIHE	100L Business Administration	FedPoly, Nekede	Umuokorafor
9.	Oluomachi AARON	100L Medicine	ABSU	Umunwoke
10.	Chimaobi F. IBEABUCHI	200L Elect/Elect Engineering	MOUA, Umudike	Umunwoke

## G. Conclusion

We note that no single application was received from Umuezeodu quarters. The Committee would like to thank the Forum for the confidence reposed in us to undertake this critical assignment, and hereby commends the Report to the Forum.

*Nzeakor Atulomah, Esq.*  
Member/Secretary

*Ralph Nwafor*  
Member

*Prof Babs Esonu*  
Chairman

## Schedule

### List of Applicants for 2020 Grant Year

S/N	Name	Level/Course	Institution	Quarters
1	Francis ONWERE	100L Building Technology	ABSU	Umuokorafor
2.	Oluomachi AARON	100L Medicine	ABSU	Umunwoke
3.	Adaku NNABUIHE	100L Business Administration	FedPoly, Nekede	Umuokorafor
4.	Adaugo Success Ezeugo IKPOH	400L Mass Communication	ABSU	Umunwoke
5.	Chiamaka Florence AARON	200L Mass Communication	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umunwoke
6.	Chinyere Josiah IKPOH	300L Accountancy	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwoke
7.	Ogechi Ann OGUH	300L Public Administration	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umuede
8.	Emmanuel ELUWA	400L Industrial Relations and Personnel Mgt	MOUA, Umudike	Umuekpe
9.	Marvelous C. UGWUNNA	300L Economics	MOUA, Umudike	Umuede
10.	Mercy C. IMEBUOGU	-	ABSU	Umuede
11.	Chimaobi F. IBEABUCHI	200L Elect/Elect Engineering	MOUA, Umudike	Umunwoke
12.	Wilson Wisdom ANYANWU	200L Business Administration	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwoke
13.	Ibuchim Victor EZEALA	-	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwoke
14.	Franklin U, NNADI	100L Civil Engineering	FedPoly, Nekede	Umuede
15.	Bethel John AHAIWE	300L Marketing	MOUA, Umudike	Umuede

16.	Chimezie Smart ATULOMAH	300L Mass Communication	ABSU	Umuekpe
17.	Akunna Queen IMEBUOGU	400L Psychology	NAU, Awka	Umuede
18.	Jessica Chidinma EGESI	-	AbiaPoly, Aba	Umuede
19.	Chiamaka Lilian NWAFOR	-	FedPoly, Nekede	Umunwoke
20.	Blessing Chinenyenwa NWAFOR	300L Accountancy	HeritagePolytecnic, Akwa Ibom State	Umunwoke
21.	Chidike EZEUGO	-	MOUA, Umudike	Umunwoke
22.	Wells E. NWOKENTA	400L Med Lab	ABSU	Umuede
23.	Chimezie SUNDAY	400L Computer Engineering	MOUA, Umudike	Umuede
24.	Kingsley O. EDWIN	AIFP, Unwana	300L Marketing	Umuede