

**GOODWILL MESSAGE DELIVERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. AKINWUNMI
AMBODE AT THE GALA & AWARD NIGHT ORGANISED BY LIVE ABUNDANTLY!
EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE TO HONOUR ADVOCATES OF WOMEN AND
CHILDREN AT THE MUSON CENTRE, LAGOS, ON FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2017**

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It is a fact that the primary responsibility of government is the security and welfare of the people. The capacity of government to effectively discharge this responsibility is determined to a large extent, by the resources at its disposal.

The truth however is that no government can do it alone without the support and commitment of well-meaning and public spirited individuals and organisations. It is in this regard that I would like to commend the Trustees of Live Abundantly Empowerment Initiative for organising this event to recognise and honour those who have given of their resources to support initiatives focused on women and children.

We are proud to associate with this laudable initiative and also congratulate the individuals and organisations that have been identified for recognition and honour tonight.

Our society will be so much better if people of means imbibe the habit of giving back and supporting causes with prospect of impacting positively on the lives of the less privileged and vulnerable in our society.

On our part as a government, we shall remain committed to our promise to create opportunities for everyone to live a meaningful and fulfilled life. We shall continue to initiate and promote policies that will secure a brighter future for our children most especially in the education and health sectors. The issues of women empowerment, protection against gender-based discrimination, abuse and violence will continue to receive the desired attention by our administration.

My message for you and all Lagosians is to continue to support and partner with us in our determination to build a State in which life will be more comfortable for everyone irrespective of gender or socio economic background.

Once again, I congratulate all the Awardees and the Trustees of Live Abundantly Empowerment Initiative.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode

Governor of Lagos State,

Ikeja.

1st December, 2017