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Govt Supports Babalola's Red Cross Clinic Project

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The Oyo State Government has declared its full commitment to the proposed establishment of a world-class clinic in the state by the Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Remi Babalola, in partnership with the Nigerian Red Cross.

Babalola, in fulfillment of his appointment by the Nigerian Red Cross as an Ambassadorial Volunteer in 2008, has undertaken to build two world-class clinics in Ibadan and the Federal Capital Territory , Abuja , which will be replicated in other geo-political zones in the country.

The Commissioner for Land and Housing, Barrister Samsom Latinwo, who reiterated the commitment of the State Government at the weekend in Ibadan, promise that efforts are being made to ensure the smooth take-off of the construction of the clinic.

He made this known at a meeting with a team of officials working for the construction of the Remi Babalola-Red Cross Clinic in Ibadan .

The Oyo State governor, Adebayo Alao-Akala, has provided a land along New Ibadan - Ife Express Road , Temidire in Ibadan for the project.

He has also conveyed through his Executive Assistant, Mr. R. O. Fagbemi, his readiness to personally lead the state government delegation to the ground-breaking ceremony of the clinic expected to be performed by the wife of the President, Mrs. Turai Yar'Adua, on March 16.

The wife of the Vice President, Dame Patience Jonathan; the wife of the Oyo State Governor, Mrs. Oluwakemi Alao-Akala; the Aare Musulumi of Yorubaland, Arisekola Alao and other top dignitaries, are expected at the ceremony.

Latinwo explained that the approval of the land by the governor was the state government's contribution to the construction of the clinic in the state.

He said, "The Governor has demonstrated his commitment to the construction of the clinic by graciously approving the release of a parcel of land along Ibadan-Ife expressway, and has also directed the clearing of the land for the project.