



17 August 2020

The Family of late Nelson Mandela
Former South African President

Through

The Head of Mission HE Thami Mseleko
South Africa High Commission
Abuja

Dear Sir,

**NOTIFICATION OF POSTHUMOUS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR AFRICA POLIO FREE
CERTIFICATION FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

The initiative by the Rotary International to immunize all the children of the world against polio in 1985 led to the creation of Global Polio Eradication Programme and this has been and remained Rotary's highest programme priority.

Rotary's roles within the initiative are fundraising, advocacy, and social mobilization. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.5 billion to ending polio, including more than \$300 million in grants to support Polio eradication activities in Nigeria in the last ten years and countless volunteer hours by members of Rotary Clubs in Nigeria.

The world is now almost Polio free except for Afghanistan, and Pakistan which remain endemic.

On 18th June 2020, the African Regional Certification Commission (ARCC) accepted all the certification documentation of Nigeria which confirmed that Nigeria was ready to be declared free from the Wild Polio Virus (WPV). This is the culmination of over 3 decades of hard work and dedication of the country's Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI) which has resulted in Nigeria going more than 40 months without any case of WPV.

From the foregoing, it is my singular honor and pleasure to inform you that Rotary International, in acknowledgement and appreciation of Late former president Nelson Mandela's contributions, in the attainment of this landmark achievement especially for his kick Polio out of Africa Project would like to Present a Posthumous award.

In view of the above fact that no WPV has been detected in Nigeria since 2016, the country has consequently been removed from the list of WPV endemic countries and it is scheduled to be certified Polio free along with other African countries by 25th August 2020.

The Posthumous Prestigious Award for Late Nelson Mandela will be collected by South African Ambassador to Nigeria during the Rotary Certification Celebration event at the ceremony slated for Saturday 29th August, 2020. The venue of the event is Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotel, and Abuja.

For further enquiry, kindly contact Dr. Kazeem Mustapha, Vice Chairman, Nigeria National Polio Plus Committee on +2348036934220.

Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



DR TUNJI FUNSHO

Chairman

cc: Honorable Minister of Health
Federal Republic of Nigeria