

# Vote of Thanks Presented at the Occasion of the Official Launch of Grand Challenges Nigeria

**His Excellency**

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Your Excellency, the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Honourable Ministers, Chairman and members of the Board of Trustees of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, President of the NSN, Members of the Governing and Advisory Boards of the GCNg Project distinguished guests, partners, ladies and gentlemen,

As we conclude the launch of the Grand Challenges Nigeria (GCNg) project, it is my honour to extend our heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria. Today, we have taken a vital step towards advancing health, nutrition, development, and sustainable solutions that will positively impact communities across Nigeria for years to come.

We extend our deepest appreciation to His Excellency, the Vice President, for his invaluable support and commitment to championing innovative solutions for our nation's development challenges. Your leadership and vision inspire us all to continue working together for a healthier, stronger Nigeria.

To our project partners, the government representatives, members of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, and our colleagues across sectors who have come together for this project—thank you for your invaluable contributions. Your partnership and expertise will be crucial as we embark on this journey, and we are confident that, with our combined efforts, the Grand Challenges Nigeria project will create lasting, positive change.

I would also like to thank all the stakeholders who are here with us today both in-person and virtual. Your presence signifies your commitment to fostering solutions that are *scalable, sustainable, and inclusive*. Your voices and your ideas will help shape the impact of this project in communities across Nigeria.

In closing, let us remember that Grand Challenges Nigeria is more than just a project; it is a promise to our nation. Together, we can achieve the remarkable—driving transformative change, building a resilient health system, and creating a future where every Nigerian has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you all for joining us today, and we look forward to working alongside each of you to realize the vision of Grand Challenges Nigeria. May our efforts bring us closer to a healthier, more equitable Nigeria.

Thank you, and may God bless Nigeria.

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