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PUBLIC NOTICE

IPPIS NOT GIVING OUT GRANTS OR LOANS

The attention of the Office of the Accountant General of Federation has been drawn to the antics of some Microfinance Banks registered with the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS) to deceive unsuspecting Public Servants and lure them into unsolicited bank loans.

Ordinarily, the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation would not involve itself in or comment on whatever strategies that Microfinance Banks adopt in carrying out their businesses. However, it has become extremely necessary to speak out on this issue as a caveat to Public Servants and more importantly to preserve the sanctity of the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS).

It has been learnt that in carrying out this plan, the Microfinance Banks reach out to Public Servants with the message that the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS) was giving out grants. The Banks then persuade the individuals to send their IPPIS numbers so that they would not miss the grants. Once the IPPIS numbers are provided, the Banks pay monies, in tranches, to the Public Servants' accounts and later inform them that the payments are loans and not grants. The Microfinance Banks thereafter commence deductions from the salaries of the Officers.

The Office of the Accountant General of the Federation distances the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS) from this rather unhealthy occurrence and strongly advises Public Servants to be wary of these antics of Microfinance Banks. The Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System

(IPPIS) is only involved in the payment of salaries and allowances to Government employees, not giving loans or grants and has not mandated any Microfinance Bank to give grants or loans on its behalf.

The Public is advised to NOTE the following:

- i. IPPIS is not giving out grants or Loans of any kind to Public Servants;
- ii. Public Servants should report such deceitful approaches to the IPPIS Department in the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation;
- iii. It is criminal to pay unsolicited funds into someone's bank account under the guise of grant with the intention of recovery under IPPIS platform;
- iv. Proper procedures for obtaining loans from Microfinance Banks should be strictly adhered to;
- v. Public Servants should exercise caution in their dealings with Microfinance Banks.

This notice has become imperative due to several complaints by Public Servants regarding this issue and the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS) will not be liable if/when any Public Servant falls prey. The Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF) is transforming and reforming the IPPIS to meet the yearnings and aspirations of Nigerian workers and is committed to ensuring efficient and effective management of the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS) to consolidate on the huge gains already recorded by the policy.

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