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Dr. Agboola on Food Science that Nourishes

Congratulations to our very own Dr. Hammed Agboola for his joint journal publication on food science. See below.

Why does this matter? It does because we all subsist on the products of food science. Thank you, Dr. Agboola, for nourishing us.



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Proximate and Functional Properties of Complementary Food from Malted Sorghum, Maize and Soybeans

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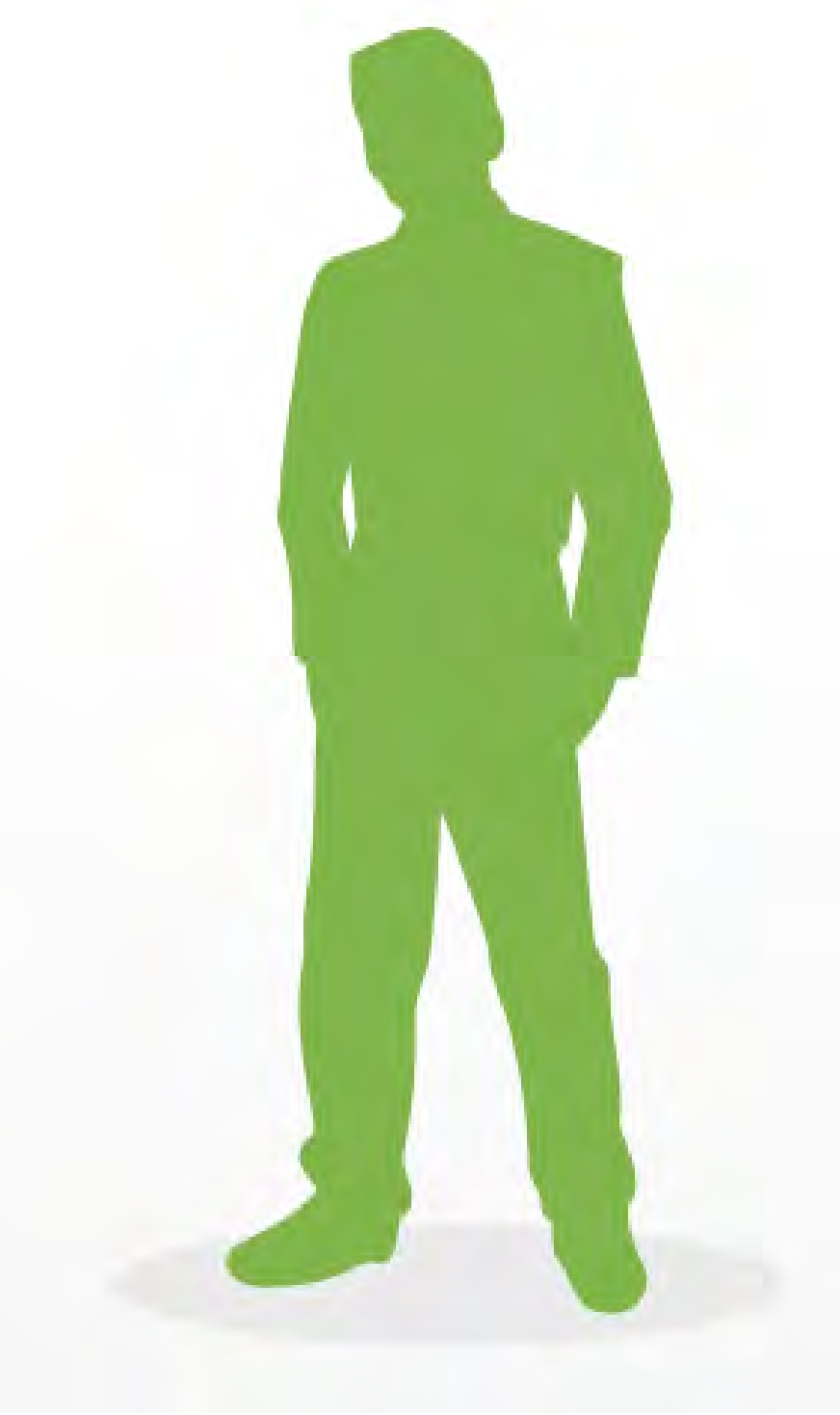
Complementary foods are crucial for infants´ nutritional development and they play a vital role in bridging nutritional gaps during weaning after exclusive breastfeeding for six months. Numerous infants in developing countries particularly Nigeria, suffer from protein-energy malnutrition due to inadequate access to essential nutrients, including protein, fibre, iron, amino acids and calcium. This study was aimed at evaluating the proximate and functional properties of complementary foods made from malted sorghum, maize, and soybean blends.

Materials for this study were obtained from Wazo Market in Ogbomosho, Oyo State, Southwestern part of Nigeria. Two kilograms each of sorghum, maize and soybeans were cleaned washed and soaked in water for 12 hours separately. The hydrated grains were then spread on a moist jute bag and allowed to germinate for four days, dried at 60°C in a cabinet dryer to achieve a moisture content of 10-12%. The dried, rootless grains were milled into flour, sieved, and packaged in an airtight container. The flours were subjected to proximate and some functional analyses. All analyses were done in triplicates, and the acquired data was subjected to analysis of variance using Statistical Package, SPSS version 20.0 (SPSS Inc.).

The results revealed significant variations in water absorption capacity which ranged from 25.20% to 28.60% this improves the textural ability of the complimentary food samples. The value of foaming capacity ranged from 1.95 to 2.95%. Foaming capacity gives indication of increase in volume upon introduction of air or gas into slurry of a given food, this shows that the samples will give a fluffy texture. The bulk density of the samples ranged from 0.54 to 0.59g/cm^3. Low bulk density enhances flowability and ease of food packaging. Dispersibility of the flours ranged from 85.25 to 90.95%. Dispersibility ensures uniform mixing and blending which enhances product stability, shelf life and texture consistency. The moisture content of the flours ranged from 6.66% to 13.52%. Lower moisture content, is a desirable quality because it indicates a better shelf life due to reduced water activity. Protein content ranged from 22.4% to 24.7%, highlighting the importance of soybean as a protein source. Carbohydrate content was highest in Sample A (60.7%) and lowest in Sample B (54.9%). There were significant differences ($p< 0.05$) in carbohydrate content of all the samples. Sensory evaluation showed that Sample A (60% sorghum, 20% maize, 20% soybean) was most preferred in terms of appearance (7.84), taste (7.28), aroma (7.48), and mouth feel (7.56) indicating its overall acceptability. A nutrient-rich complementary food has been developed by blending locally sourced food materials to enhance nutritional value with sensory satisfaction and potentially reducing the prevalence of protein-energy malnutrition.



The Nigerian Green Man,
all greened up and ready to roll around.

Healthy Living:
The Legs Have It

A popular cliché says the eyes have it. Yes, indeed, the eyes often have it. But other parts of the body can have it too. Consider the case of legs. A team of researchers has studied where and how the legs can have it too. The researchers concluded that two weeks without moving your legs, the leg strength will decline by 10 years. This suggests that longevity may rest on the strength of the legs.

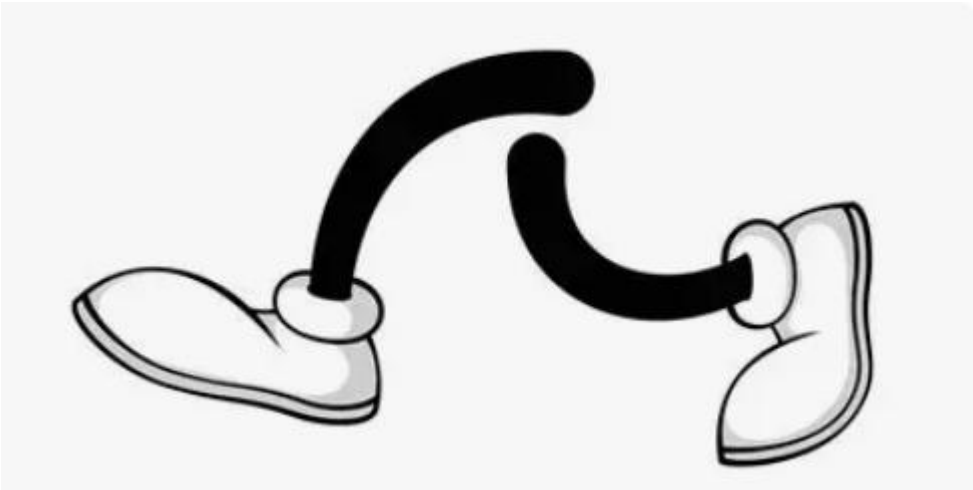
1. As you age, you must always keep your feet and legs strong.
2. When you grow older, you shouldn't worry about gray hair, sagging skin, or wrinkles. Instead, you should take good care of your legs.
3. Strong leg muscles are listed by the American Journal of Preventive Medicine as the most important muscles and a marker of longevity.
4. Inactivity of the legs for two weeks will reduce leg strength by 10 years.
5. Studies show that people of all ages who remain inactive for two weeks can lose one-quarter of their leg muscle strength, equivalent to aging 20 to 30 years.
6. If leg muscles are weak, even rehabilitation exercises will take a long time to restore strength.
7. Regular exercise, such as walking, is very important.
8. The entire body's weight rests on the legs.
9. The body uses the feet to bear its weight. 50% of a person's weight is in the bones, and 50% of the bones are in the legs.
10. The body's largest and strongest joints and bones are in the legs.
11. Strong bones, muscles, and flexible joints form an "iron triangle" that supports the body's most important loads.
12. 70% of your activity energy is burned in your feet.
13. In youth, your thighs are strong enough to lift a car!
14. The legs and feet are the body's "center of movement."
15. The legs carry 50% of the body's nerves, 50% of the blood vessels, and 50% of the blood flow.
16. A vast circulatory network connects the legs to the body.
17. Those with healthy legs and feet have smooth blood circulation; those with strong leg muscles have a strong heart.
18. Human aging starts from the feet and moves upward.
19. With age, the brain's commands to the legs become less accurate and slower than in youth.
20. As people age, bone calcium will eventually be lost, so the elderly are prone to fractures.

21. Fractures in the elderly can easily lead to complications, especially life-threatening diseases like cerebral thrombosis.
22. Statistics show that 15% of elderly people die within one year after a thigh fracture!
23. For a 60-year-old man, exercising the legs is not too late.
24. Legs and feet age over time, but exercising them is a lifelong mission.

We are yet to receive and review the research report. But we will err on the side of caution by trusting the conclusions. It is makes sense, consume it.

VOY's suggestion: Get your shoes on and kick some dust around.
The legs are made for walking.





Medically Speaking:
Fighting Diabetes

Slash Your Diabetes Risk

"DIABETES IS NOT INEVITABLE FOR OLDER ADULTS," SAYS UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE ENDOCRINOLOGIST DR. SAMUEL DAGOGO-JACK. "THERE IS PLENTY YOU CAN DO TO LOWER YOUR RISKS." HERE ARE SOME STEPS TO TAKE NOW THAT CAN IMPACT YOUR FUTURE HEALTH.

CUT RISK AS MUCH AS 25%

SKIP THE SUGARY DRINKS. They make blood glucose skyrocket, causing weight gain and surges of insulin, and ultimately reduce your body's ability to absorb blood sugar. A 2025 analysis from researchers at Brigham Young University found that every 12-ounce sugary drink per day boosts your existing level of diabetes risk 25 percent.

CUT RISK AS MUCH AS 17%

KICK ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODS (UPFs) TO THE CURB. Midlife and older Americans get half of their calories from UPFs like sweet and salty snacks, according to a 2024 study. Swapping 10 percent of daily UPF calories for less-processed foods reduced diabetes risk 17 percent in a recent European study that tracked nearly 312,000 people for an average of 10 years. If you're trying to cut back, "don't eat lower-calorie UPFs," says Ashley Gearhardt, a University of Michigan psychology professor who studies eating disorders, including the addictiveness of junk food. She recommends focusing on "real food from Mother Nature with ingredients you can pronounce" and having a handful of nuts, some fresh mozzarella or an apple for a snack.

CUT RISK AS MUCH AS 12%

WALK 2,000 STEPS TODAY. Every 2,000 daily steps lowered type 2 diabetes risk by 12 percent over nearly seven years in a University of California, San Diego, study of 4,838 older women, published in 2022. Moderate-intensity walking—fast enough that you could still chat but not sing—was most protective. Muscle contractions help your cells absorb blood sugar—a benefit that persists for approximately two days, says Jill Kanaley, a professor in the division of food, nutrition and exercise sciences at the University of Missouri. "You don't need a hard walking program," she says. "Just get your muscles moving by walking. Take five-minute walking breaks from sitting to get started."

CUT RISK AS MUCH AS 17%

PICK UP SOME WEIGHTS. Up to 60 minutes per week—for example, just doing three 20-minute strength routines weekly—lowered diabetes risk by 17 percent, according to a 2022 review of studies in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*.

CUT RISK AS MUCH AS 45%

GO TO BED EARLIER. Skimping on z's boosted diabetes risk by up to 45 percent, and irregular bedtimes and wake-up times boosted it 34 percent, in a pair of large studies of midlife and older adults published in 2024. These sleep habits may throw off body clocks that control blood sugar absorption. But that's not all. For people with diabetes, sleep problems can increase stress about taking care of your blood sugar every day, a 2025 Norwegian study found. "If you notice ongoing sleep problems, it is worth bringing this up with your health care provider," says lead study author Hilde Riise, an associate professor at the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences. "Small steps like keeping a regular bedtime, limiting caffeine in the evening and creating a calm bedtime routine can make a real difference."

CUT RISK AS MUCH AS 72%

LOSE (A LITTLE) BELLY FAT. If you're carrying extra pounds, dropping as little as 5 percent of your weight could reduce your risk for progressing from prediabetes to type 2 diabetes by 72 percent. Losing 8 percent improved blood sugar for older adults with diabetes in a 2022 study. The key factor: a drop in visceral fat, the deep abdominal kind that boosts inflammation and reduces blood sugar absorption.

Yam and Plantain Piles

Since Dr. Agboola got us started on the topic of food nutrition in this VOY issue, we need to cogitate further. Two issues ago, we showed you a pile of Nigerian yams at Bodija Market in Ibadan, Nigeria. We know both yam and plantains are popular food items for Yorubas. So, to balance things out, we now present you a pile of plantains. Enjoy the sight and salivation of temptation. Hmmmm, we can think of "Boli", "Dodo", and "Igbekere", just to name a few of the food derivates from plantain, which is botanically a fruit, but is culinarily treated as a vegetable. Whatever it is called, just go out and savor it. Visit one of the several Nigerian grocery stores in your neighborhood. If none is in your neighborhood, call 707. 😊



Representation of Nigeria's Extended Family Tree

Recalling how we are so vastly interconnected within our traditional extended family, it would be interesting to try and map out a Nigerian Family Tree. To help you with that fun exercise, consider the mushrooming representation provided by the majestic tree photo below. The numerous trunks, branches, twigs, leaves, and so on represent the typical extensive support system available in a Nigerian family and social clubs, such as our own Egbe Omo Yoruba of Greater Miami Valley. Reflect and rejoice in what we have.



Photo Credit: VOY Editor.
Location: Shirley Clarke Park, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, April 4, 2026

Proud Product of Nigeria

(Get your morning started right with Golden Morn)



VOY Funnies

Enjoy a laugh on us.

Fun with BB Cartoons

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Adventures of the Village Bathman



Drawing credit: Commercial artist, Emmanuel Dudu, Lagos, Nigeria

Papa Village Bathman

They say money talks, but I don't think it speaks our language.

Mrs. Village Bathman

It certainly does not. You need to learn the language of money.

Quarterly Recent and Forthcoming Birthdays

Looking back and forward in Birthdays

January
Lisa Aderonke Adegbile, Jan 3
Hammed Agboola, Jan 12
Samuel Banjoko, Jan 22

February
Dayo Odunsi, Feb 23

March
Remi Oyebanjo, Mar 7
Tope Anderson, Mar 3





April
Alice Okunade, April 6
Joseph Akanbi, April 9
Jemila Raji, April 20

May
Christiana Okunade, May 5
Gabriel Okunade, May 10
Bisi Adegbile, May 18
Abayomi Ajayi-Majebi, May 21
Joan Apapa, May 29

June
Gloria Iselaiye, June 13
Samuel Okunade, June 22
Yomi Omilakin, June 29

Have a *"Cakelicious"* Birthday Celebration!

Please notify the VOY editor of any Birthday updates to be celebrated on this page.

Poem of Life and Death

This is a VOY adaptation of a piece shared by one of our readers. We believe it is applicable to all. Enjoy and ponder it. Author and original source unknown

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When I'm dead.
Your tears will flow,
But I won't know,.
Cry with me now instead!
You will send flowers,
But I won't see.
Send them now instead,
You'll say words of praise,
But I won't hear.
Praise me now instead!
You'll forget my faults,
But I won't know.
Forget them now, instead!
You'll miss me then,
But I won't feel it.
Miss me now, instead.
You'll wish...
You could have spent more time with me. Spend time with me now instead!
When you hear I'm gone, you'll find your way to my house to pay condolence, but we haven't even spoken in years. Please look for me now!!
Spend time with every person around you, and help people with whatever you have to make them happy!!
Your families, friends, acquaintance; Make them feel Special. Because you never know when time will take them away from you forever.
Love all and Forgive all.
No matter how many times the teeth bite the tongue, they still stay together in one mouth.
That's the spirit of FORGIVENESS

Even though the eyes don't see each other, they see things together, blink simultaneously and cry together. that's UNITY. Let us demonstrate the spirit of forgiveness and togetherness.

1. Alone I can 'Say' but together we can 'Talk'.
2. Alone I can 'Enjoy' but together we can 'Celebrate'.
3. Alone I can 'Smile' but together we can 'Laugh'.

That's the BEAUTY of Human Relations. We are nothing without each other.
STAY CONNECTED!! STAY TOGETHER!!

Destiny Ahead Will Take Care of Things.
The razor blade is sharp but can't cut a tree; the axe is strong, but it can't cut the hair.
Everyone is important according to his/her unique purpose. Never look down on others unless you are admiring their shoes.
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We are still in need of VOY Guest Editors

All good things must come to an end or morph into something better.
In preparation for the eventual transition from one editor to another, editor, we must institute an editorial apprenticeship program to find future editors of VOY.

In the traditional appellation for recruitment in Nigeria, please apply within.

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The Voice of Yoruba (VOY) has been published quarterly and consistently for over 15 years. We are now in the 16th Volume of the popular medium of informing and entertaining readers. Over the years, the editorial platform has been tweaked, here and there, to impact more readability and engagement for the benefit of all readers. In the early days, VOY was published in a printed hardcopy format on glossy paper. It was circulated then via in-person handouts. Later, it transitioned to an email distribution as a PDF attachment. That quickly became archaic as many readers did not have adequate email facilities to accommodate large email attachments. We then went to a distribution via downloads from the VOY website: www.voiceofyoruba.org. That has worked well and will continue to work. The emergence and prevalence of WhatsApp further enhanced VOY's distribution platform. The newsletter is now widely distributed and shared through WhatsApp social media groups. Future enhancements are envisioned, as new modes of communication evolve in response to new and emerging IT technologies.

In preparation for the eventual future transitioning of VOY, we are instituting an experimental process of bringing on board guest editorial teams, who are expected to approach the production and distribution of the newsletter from new, different, and exciting perspectives.

In this regard, we are excited to invite **Guest Editors** for the production of the **December 2025** issue of the VOY newsletter.

Recommendations and Volunteers are welcome.

Traditionally, the target release date of each issue of VOY is at the end of each quarter, before things creep too far into the next quarter. The guest editors, now or in the future, will ensure that the established pattern of newsletter release will be upheld.

To aid this transition plan, a written guide has been prepared for distribution to those interested in serving as VOY editors now or in the future.

If we don't get volunteers soon, we may have to call AI to step in.

Promoting Nigeria's TVET Program: Technical and Vocational Education and Training

Sometimes, in a time of plenty, there could be famine. Conversely, in a time of famine, there can be plenty.

In spite of the adversities often noted and cited, we sometimes have good news to share. This is the case of Nigeria's TVET program. Nigeria's Ministry of Education has established the TVET program to cater to the nation's needs for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

Please visit
https://www.tvet.education.gov.ng/

to get the full details and application guidelines. The 2026 application window opens on **Monday, April 13, 2026.**
Please see the flyer below.

Nigeria's teeming youths are encouraged to apply for this worthwhile program.

TVET

NOW OPEN!
TVET APPLICATIONS



Key Information

- **Applications Open 13 April 2026**
- 6 Months or 1 Year Practical Training
- Centres Across All 36 States and FCT
- N22,500 Monthly Stipend
- National Certification

Who Should Apply?

People who are:

- Ready to learn a skill
- Ready for physical training
- Ready to attend regularly

TRAINING AREAS AVAILABLE

CONSTRUCTION
- Electrical Installation
- Welding & Fabrication
- Painting, Decoration & Finishes (Interior Design)
- Floor Cladding, Tiling & Interlocking
- Bricklaying, Blocklaying & Concreting

ICT
- Network System Installation
- Computer Hardware & GSM Repair & Maintenance
- Social Media Communications

AUTOMOTIVE
- Motorcycle & Tricycle Repair & Maintenance
- Vulcanising & Tyre Repair
- Auto-body Works (Panel Beating)
- Automobile Mechanic
- Automobile CNG Conversion & Maintenance

CREATIVE MEDIA
- Film Production
- Broadcasting Technical Services
- Live Production and Technical Services
- Immersive Technologies

MECHANICAL & TECHNICAL
- Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning
- Plumbing & Pipe-fitting
- Woodwork, Carpentry & Joinery
- Furniture Making & Upholstery
- Solar PV Installation & Maintenance

AGRICULTURE
- Mechanised Agriculture (Agricultural Machines Operations & Agricultural Machine Mechanics)
- Livestock Farming (Poultry, Bee Keeping, Animal Husbandry)

SERVICES
- Fashion Design & Tailoring
- Industrial Garment Manufacturing
- Artisanal Textile Production
- Beauty Therapy & Cosmetology
- Tourism & Travel

SERVICES
- Catering Services
- Hospitality Training
- Leather Works & Tannery (Shoe-making, Bag-making, Leather Craft, & Leather Finishing)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- This programme requires FULL ATTENDANCE.
- Attendance is tracked using BIOMETRIC.
- Stipend is paid only to trainees who meet attendance requirements.
- Please only apply if you are ready to attend the training regularly.
- Attendees are required to provide their NIN and BVN.

Apply Now

www.tvet.education.gov.ng

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

FME TVET Initiative

INNOPOWER Talent Cultivating Program

Related to the ideals of the TVET program, INNOPOWER of Indianapolis, Indiana, USA (info@innopowerindy.com) has unveiled a Diaspora program to link Nigeria's talents with remote work opportunities abroad. On that note, the program has just released an announcement that is echoed verbatim below. VOY readers are encouraged to share this information broadly with the "family tree" at home and abroad.

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The Japa Syndrome & Outcome

The word "japa" is a Yoruba word commonly used as slang in Nigeria which refers to "going overseas" or "traveling abroad." Every year, reports show that millions of Nigerians migrate overseas for various reasons. Notably, many individuals see this as an opportunity to escape poverty and secure high-paying jobs in foreign lands, but sadly, the outcome often outweighs their expectations or desires.

Many end their lives on the seashore without reaching their destination. Some are killed by raiders along dangerous migration routes, while others get hooked up with fraudulent travel agents who collaborate with criminal networks, including organ harvesters, leaving victims trapped in dreadful conditions.

Several global migration reports have shown that the Mediterranean Sea remains one of the deadliest migration

routes, with over 1,000 lives lost in 2025 alone due to shipwrecks and dangerous crossings.

The outcome of irregular migration often does not justify the sacrifices made and is rarely worth the risks involved.

Experiences are shared on the news every day, yet many people remain persistent in their desire to travel, sometimes ignoring warnings and credible information.

The Motive

Nigeria is a country with over 200 million people, yet its workforce continues to grow faster than available employment opportunities. As of 2024, Nigeria's labour force is estimated at over 113 million people, reflecting the large number of individuals actively seeking work.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of graduates leave universities and polytechnics across the country, entering a job market that is already saturated. According to labour market estimates, millions of young Nigerians join the workforce yearly, but job creation has not kept pace with population growth. This imbalance creates pressure on the economy and increases competition for limited opportunities.

In recent years, Nigeria's unemployment rate has been reported at about 4–5 percent using revised methodology, but experts argue that the real employment crisis is masked by underemployment and informal work, where many people survive on irregular or low-paying jobs.

This mismatch between available jobs and job seekers fuels frustration among young people. Many graduates spend three to five years searching for stable employment, while

others accept roles far below their qualifications just to survive.

For many Nigerians, migration appears to be the only visible escape from financial hardship. The belief that foreign countries offer structured employment systems, higher wages, and social security creates a strong psychological push toward migration.

However, what many fail to realize is that migration does not always translate into employment success, especially when undertaken through irregular and unsafe means.

Unaware Modern Bondage

While migration is often viewed as a gateway to better living conditions, many migrants unknowingly enter situations that resemble modern slavery. In several cases, migrants who travel without proper documentation or through illegal channels are forced into exploitative labour systems in foreign countries.

Many Nigerians working abroad under irregular arrangements are subjected to long working hours, sometimes completing multiple shifts daily just to survive. Domestic workers, farm labourers, factory workers, and construction workers are among those most affected. Without legal protection, some workers are denied wages, forced to live in poor housing conditions, and restricted from leaving their workplaces.

Racism and discrimination also present serious challenges. Migrants frequently report workplace harassment, social isolation, and limited access to legal protection or healthcare services.

Human trafficking networks further complicate migration risks. Individuals who fall into the hands of traffickers are often stripped of their identity documents and forced into unpaid labour or unsafe working environments.

Evidence from migration rescue efforts shows the severity of these conditions. In 2025 alone, over 956 Nigerians were rescued from Libya within just three months, while more than 15,000 stranded Nigerians have been evacuated over the years due to dangerous migration circumstances.

These realities highlight the importance of informed migration decisions and awareness of the hidden dangers behind irregular travel abroad.

The Redemption

Over 10.9% of employed Nigerians are underemployed, meaning they work fewer hours than desired or earn less than their capacity allows. This reflects a labour market where many people are working but not earning enough to sustain a decent standard of living.

There is nothing more frustrating than searching for a job for over five years and finally being subjected to lesser pay or unstable work conditions. In addition, about 92% of Nigerian workers operate in the informal sector, where job security, healthcare benefits, and structured salaries are limited.

The distress associated with irregular migration has forced intervention from national institutions. The Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM) has rescued and evacuated thousands of Nigerians stranded across dangerous migration routes over the years, highlighting the rising concern around unsafe migration.

This reality has created deep concern among policymakers and families, especially with the growing number of “abroad enthusiasts” risking their lives in search of greener pastures.

When InnoPower Africa presented its partnership initiative, the Chairman of NiDCOM identified it as a pathway to transformation- a redemption opportunity for Nigerians.

Nigeria is blessed with talents, and many professionals are already making income remotely through digital platforms. InnoPower Africa initiative will work better and serve the youth better as the remote work and digital outsourcing opportunities continue to expand, allowing professionals to serve global clients without leaving their home country.

Through Dobali; a platform for hiring digital services, employers can hire qualified talents, and professionals can create their profiles, showcase their expertise, and position themselves to be hired by verified employers across the globe.

This initiative represents not just employment but economic redemption for a generation seeking opportunity without risking their lives.

The Next Step

For years, opportunities as promising as this were rare, leaving many Nigerian talents exposed to online scams and unsafe migration schemes. Sadly, many individuals have lost their lives on dangerous sea routes, while others have fallen victim to fraudulent agencies disguised as legitimate travel operators.

Today, it is estimated that over 17–20 million Nigerians live abroad, forming one of Africa's largest diaspora populations. Many Nigerians abroad now own businesses across industries such as healthcare, logistics, technology, construction, and professional services.

These businesses require reliable and skilled professionals to operate efficiently, which is why Innopower Africa partnered with Dobali.

This is the moment for diaspora employers to hire trusted professionals from their home country rather than relying solely on foreign labour markets. It is also an opportunity for Nigerian professionals to position themselves as global service providers without leaving their homeland.

Every Nigerian coming across diasporatalentonline.com is embedded with the responsibility of promoting it to friends and families. It is the safest way to connect with verified employers, reduce the risks associated with migration, and build sustainable careers from within the country.

This is more than a technological solution- it is a national movement.

It is a call to action for Nigerians everywhere to participate in building safer employment pathways, strengthening the economy, and shaping a better future for the next generation.

Register as employer or Talent @

www.diasporatalentonline.com

Related to the above, below is the our VOY's editor's presentation at a recent InnoPower Africa event

Prepared statement of Professor Adedeji Badiru, Chairman, Board of Trustees, InnoPower Africa, Friday, March 23, 2026

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I am delighted to welcome everyone to this inaugural event of InnoPower Africa's **Founders Showcase.**

I appreciate the collaborative gesture of CEO Emil Ekiyor of InnoPower Global for inviting me to play this visible role as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of InnoPower Africa. This perfectly aligns with my own ideals of how to improve the world, one person at a time. The future of our society rests in the hands of young entrepreneurs of today. I thank Emil for realizing this and committing himself and his personal resources to this special program.

I have personally and directly witnessed what Emil has done and continues to do constructively in the State of Indiana, USA and elsewhere. I am delighted that he is proactively extending InnoPower's reach to Africa. The problems of Africa are best addressed within Africa. That is only possible if we enable and empower young people to take control of the future by starting and running their own innovative businesses. This is what InnoPower Africa is all about.

This is a program that is designed to inspire, encourage, mentor, and support young African Entrepreneurs with INNOvative business ideas.

Today, you will hear from 8 exceptional presenters who are pitching their various ideas to an attentive panel of business experts. The constructive critique from the experts will help the presenters to

- Refine their business ideas,
- Practice articulating and presenting their ideas,
- Benefit from the strategic feedback from the experienced experts,
- And network with mentors, partners, and potential investors.

We are all beneficiaries of InnoPower Africa because if our society gets better, we are all better off, due to the interconnectedness of systems thinking and implementation. Thank you.

Looking Back to Look Forward

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A look back into the Past

Egbe's Banquet Agenda of Sept 10, 2010



Forthcoming
2026 Celebration
Saturday, September 12, 2026

2026 details coming soon.
Below is a look back to 2010.

Banquet Agenda
September 11, 2010

Arrival of members ……..	6:30p.m.
Arrival of guests ……	7:00p.m.
Group entrance of members ……..	7:10p.m.
Introduction of Banquet MC…. ……	Dr. Bamidele Apapa
○ Banquet MC: Mrs. Elizabeth Omolewu	
Opening Prayer ……	Rev. (Dr.) Daniel Iselaiye
National Anthem of Nigeria……..	Sing along (Page 31 of program)
National Anthem of USA ……	Sing along (Page 31 of program)
Introduction of Special Guests ……..	Mrs. Elizabeth Adegbile
Welcome Address and President's Message ……	Prof. Adedeji Badiru
Introduction of Members ……..	Dr. Samuel Okunade
DINNER ……..	7:30p.m.



CULTURAL SHOW

Igogo Cultural Dance of Owo, Nigeria
Led by Mr. Yakub Oladele



Opening Dance: Pa Rev Samuel and Mama Deborah Oladitan (Accompanied by family)

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

Raffle Drawing (First Round) ……..	Mrs. Iswat Badiru
	Mrs. Ronke Odunsi

Recognition of Banquet Planning Committee

Mrs. Elizabeth Omolewu (Chair), Mrs. Iswat Badiru, Mrs. Elizabeth Adegbile, Mrs. Funmi Adegbile, Mr. Theo Adegboruwa

Presentation of Scholarship Awards ……	Dr. Gabriel Omolewu
	Rev. (Dr). Daniel Iselaiye

Awardees: **Ms. Kourtney R. Rucker**
Ms. Fahima M. Yunis

Introduction of Keynote Speaker …….. Dr. Funso Oluyitan

Keynote Speech

Samuel A. Adebonojo, MD, FACS, FCCP, FWACS
Professor Emeritus, Wright State University
Boonshoft School of Medicine

Topic: Challenges of Raising and Educating Nigerian-American Children in a Multicultural Environment

Special Presentation honoring **Pa Rev Samuel and Mama Deborah Oladitan**

1. **Tribute from Egbe Omo Yoruba**
   - **Video: "In your Honor Papa and Mama"**
     - Presentation of Birthday Gift
2. **Tribute from Oladitan Family**
   - **Video: "Life of Blessings"**

Honoring Senior Members of Egbe Omo Yoruba ……. Mrs. Elizabeth Omolewu

Dr. Adebisi Adegbile, MD
Dr. Olufolahan Fadeyi
Dr. Samuel Okunade
Dr. Funso Oluyitan
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Mrs. Alice Okunade
Dr. Gabriel Omolewu

Cake Cutting …….. Mrs. Elizabeth Omolewu
Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Adegbile

Raffle Drawing (Second Round) ……. Mrs. Iswat Badiru
Mrs. Ronke Odunsi

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Closing Remarks…….. Dr. Olufolahan Fadeyi

Closing Prayer …….. Rev. Engr. Ayo Ogunduyile
(12 midnight)

2026 World A'Fair

International Festival

Egbe Omo Yoruba will, once again, have a very popular food booth at the forthcoming 2026 World A'Fair on May 1-3, 2026. See details below. See you there.



The 50th annual A World A'Fair, a 3-day international festival, will be held May 1–3, 2026, at the Greene County Expo Center and Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio. The event features food, dance, music, and cultural booths from over 30 organizations representing more than 50 countries. Facebook +1

Key Details for A World A'Fair 2026:

- **Dates:** Friday, May 1 (5 PM – 10 PM), Saturday, May 2 (11 AM – 10 PM), and Sunday, May 3 (11 AM – 6 PM).
- **Location:** Greene County Expo Center and Fairgrounds, 120 Fairground Road, Xenia, OH 45385.
- **Highlights:** Performances on two stages, including Celtic/Americana folk music from Father Son and Friends and music by Steve Free.

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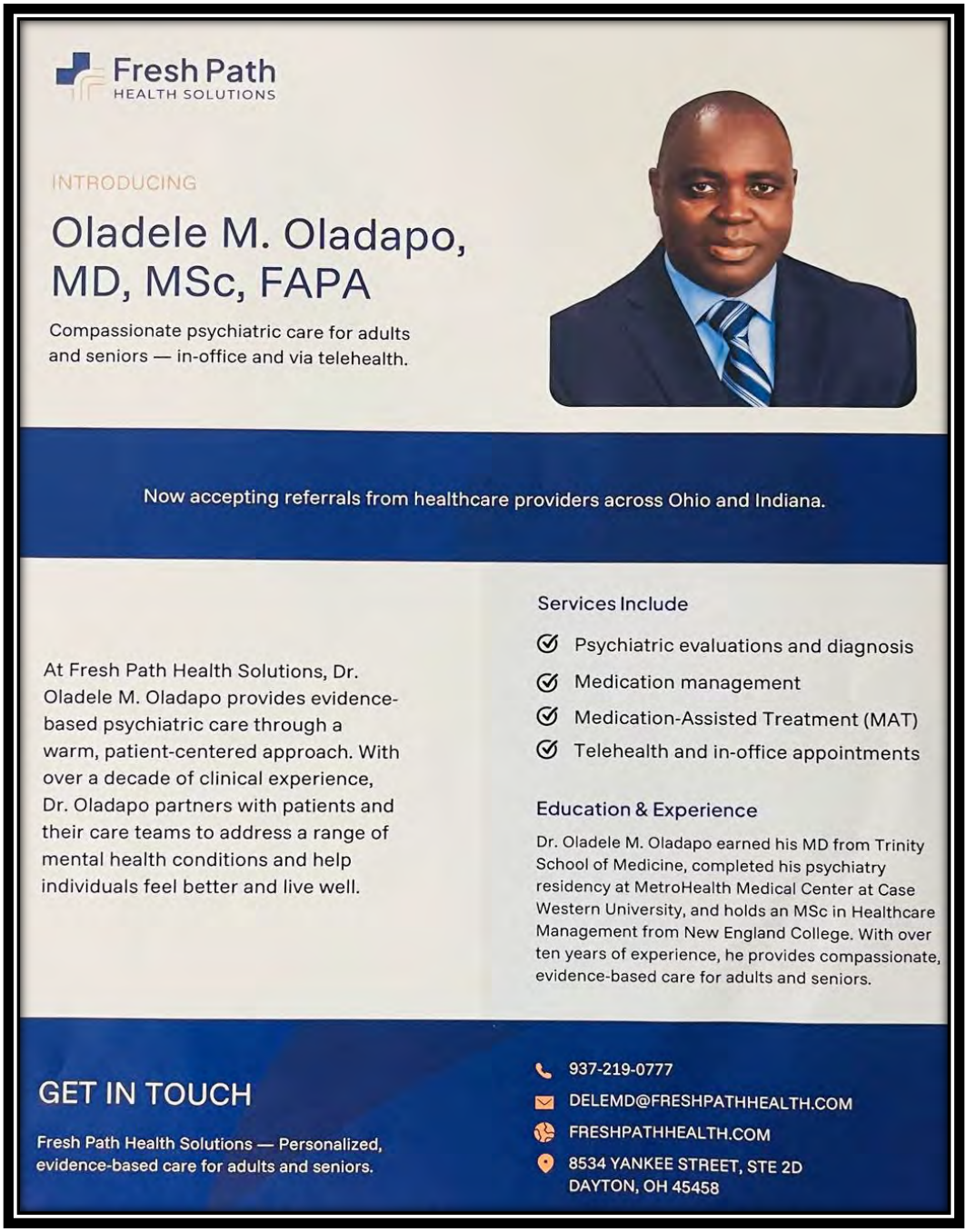

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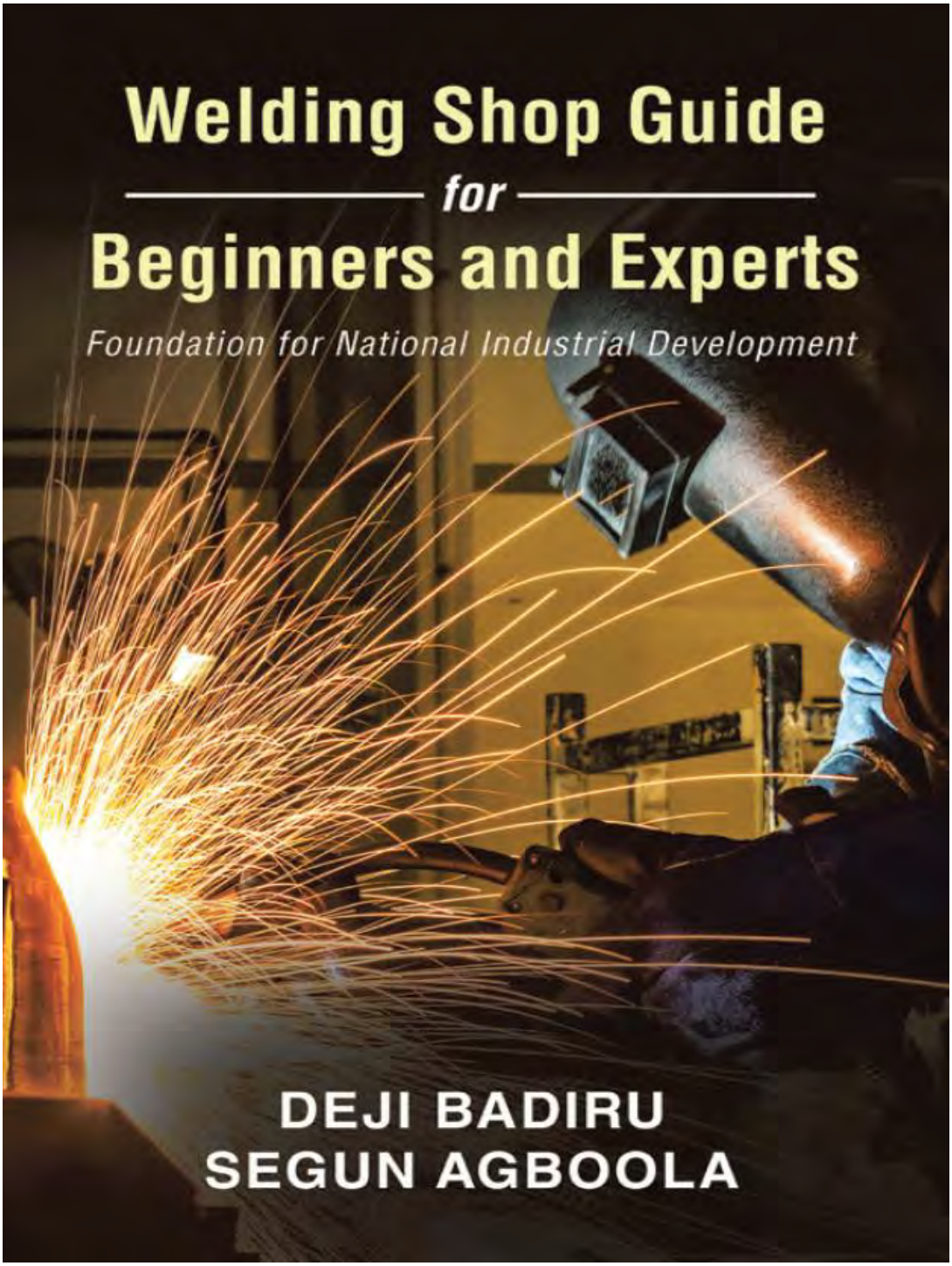

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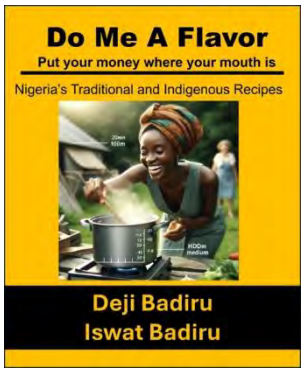

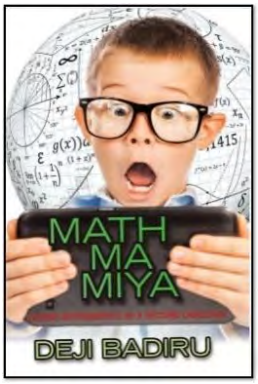

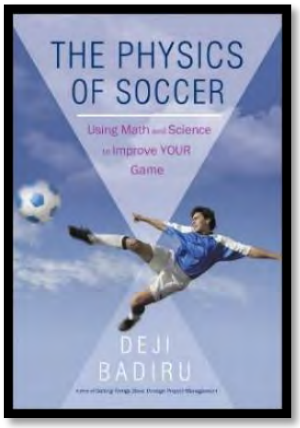

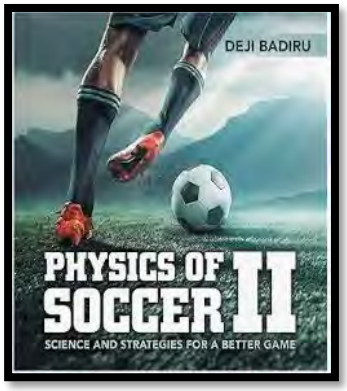

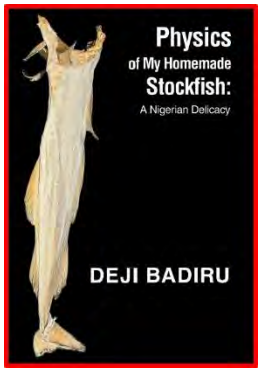

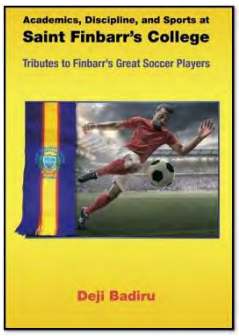

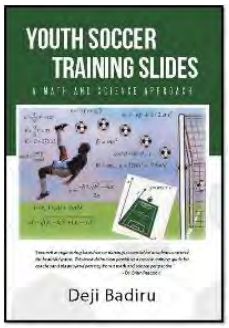

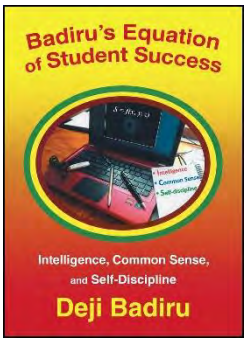

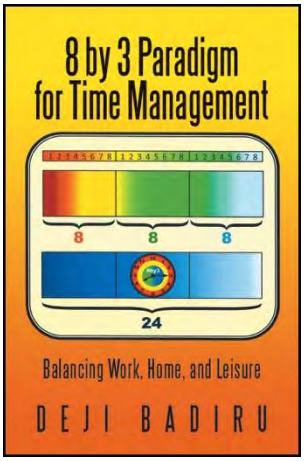



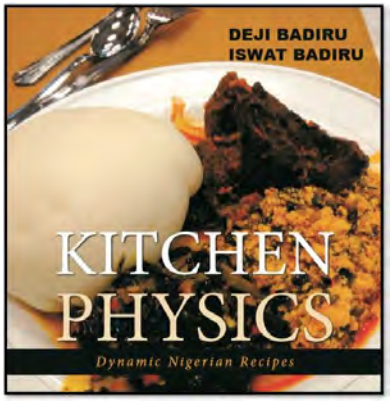

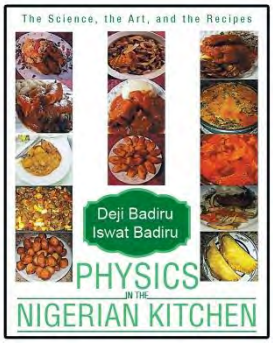

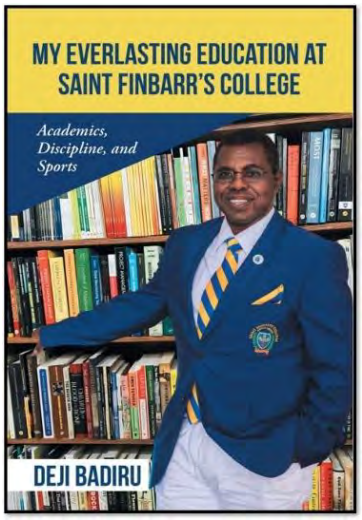



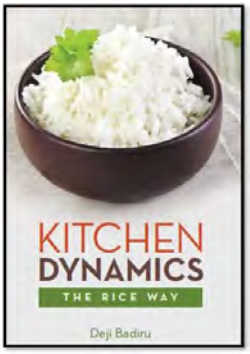

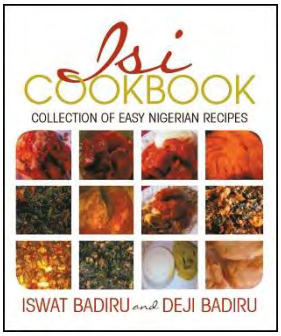

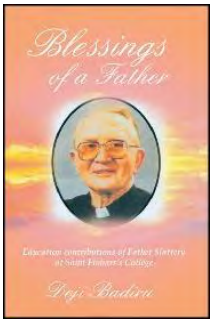

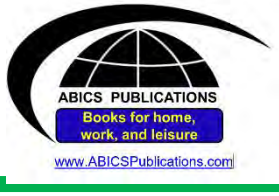


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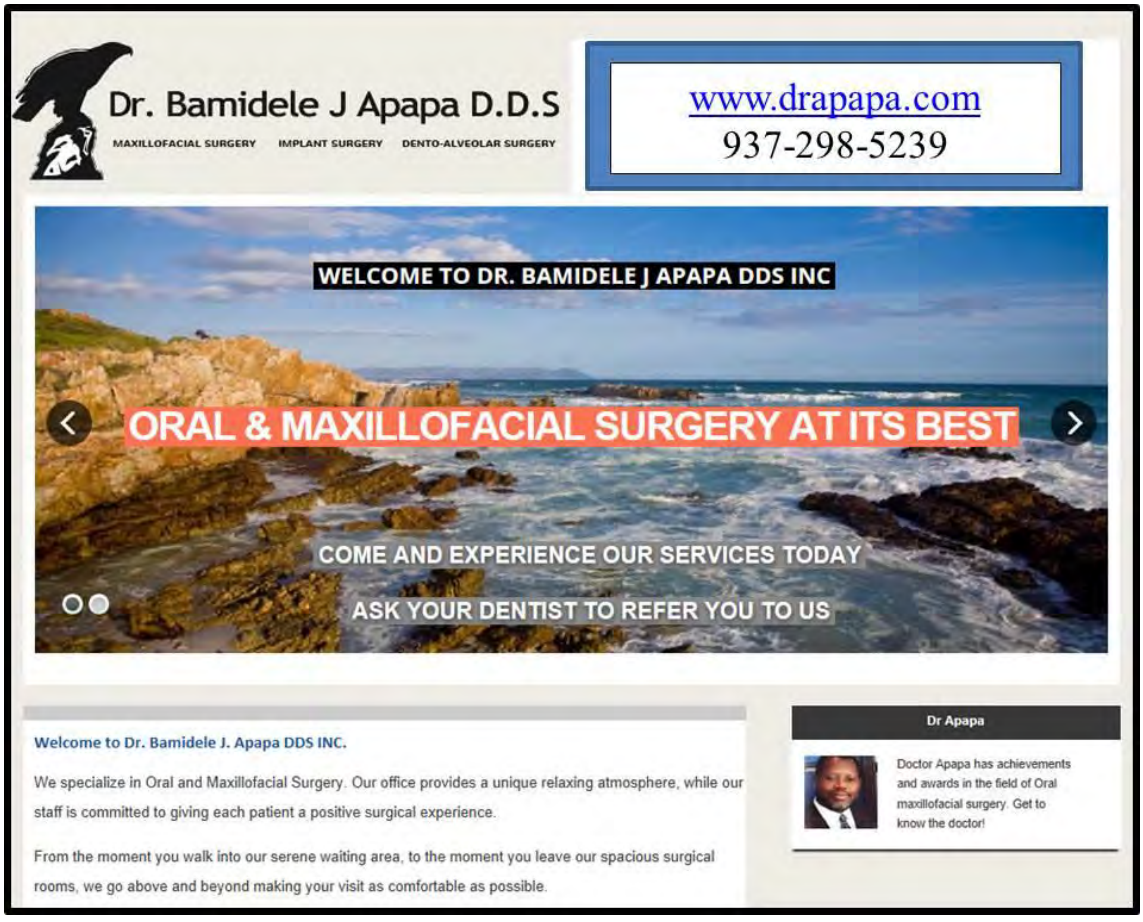
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