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**PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER****ON THE OPEN DEFECATION FREE NIGERIA BY 2025  
AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

[20th Day of November, 2019]

Commence-  
ment.

WHEREAS, Nigeria is ranked second amongst the nations in the world with the highest number of people practicing open defecation estimated at over 46 million people, the practice has had a negative effect on the populace and has contributed to the country's failure to meet the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

WHEREAS, the President has described the statistics on open defecation and access to pipe borne water service and sanitation as disturbing and has declared commitment to implement the National Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Action Plan ;

WHEREAS, the President has declared a State of Emergency on Nigeria's water supply, sanitation and hygiene sector, the action being imperative as it will reduce the high prevalence of water borne diseases in different parts of the country which has caused preventable deaths ;

WHEREAS, Nigeria has committed to end open defecation throughout the country by 2025 in consonance with her commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ;

BY THE POWERS vested in me under section 5 of the 1999 Constitution and all laws made by the National Assembly, it behoves on any government to safeguard the wellbeing of its people by implementing an Open Defecation Free (ODF) Programme ;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MUHAMMADU BUHARI, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in exercise of the powers conferred on me hereby declare as follows—

1. That by this Order, Nigeria is committed to being open defecation free by 2025.
2. That the National Open Defecation Free (ODF) Roadmap developed by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources with support from other key sector players across Nigeria be put into effect.
- 3.—(1) There is established in the Federal Ministry of Water Resources a National Secretariat called " Clean Nigeria Campaign Secretariat".

(2) The Secretariat is authorized on behalf of the President to implement this Order by ensuring that all public places including schools, hotels, fuel stations, places of worship, market places, hospitals and offices have accessible toilets and latrines within their premises.

4. All Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government shall cooperate with the Clean Nigeria Campaign Secretariat.

5. The National Assembly and the State Houses of Assembly shall enact legislation on the practice of open defecation with appropriate sanctions and penalties.

6. All development projects shall include construction of sanitation facilities as an integral part of the approval and implementation process.

7. The Secretariat shall terminate when Nigeria is declared Open Defecation Free.

8. All enforcement authorities are hereby directed to diligently collaborate with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources in implementing this Order.

Interpretation.

9. In this Order unless the context otherwise requires—

“*Clean Nigeria Campaign Secretariat*” means a dedicated structure established to implement the campaign to stop open defecation in Nigeria ;

“*Development projects*” means all projects located in public places ;

“*Enforcement Authorities*” means all agencies of the Federal Government of Nigeria imbued with regulatory or enforcement powers ;

“*Millennium Development Goals*” means the International Development Goals for 2015 established following the Millennium Summit of United Nations in 2000 ;

“*National Roadmap*” means a roll out plan with timelines to achieve a target within a stipulated time ;

“*National Secretariat*” means a dedicated structure at the highest level of government ;

“*Open Defecation*” means indiscriminate passing of excreta in the open ;

“*Open Defecation Free (ODF) Programme*” means a programme designed to end indiscriminate excreta disposal in the bush, field or in any public place ;

“*Public places*” means any place that is used by the general public which could include offices, fuel stations, markets, motor parks, recreational centres, places of worship, banks, airports, schools, hospitals, road side ;



“*Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*” means the collection of 17 Global Goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 for the year 2030 ; and

“*Water Borne Disease*” means any ailment resulting from ingesting contaminated water.

Citation.

10. This Executive Order shall take effect from the date this Order is signed by the President.

11. This Order may be cited as the Open Defecation Free Nigeria by 2025 and Other Related Matters Order, 2019.

DATED this 20th day of November, 2019.

MUHAMMADU BUHARI  
*President, Federal Republic of Nigeria*