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President Tinubu Honours Bill Gates as Gates Dedicates Award to Ayuba Gufwan, Executive Secretary of Disability Commission

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In a landmark moment of recognition, Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu conferred the national honour of Commander of the Federal Republic (CFR) on billionaire philanthropist and Microsoft co-founder, Bill Gates, in appreciation of his outstanding contributions to Nigeria's development.

The investiture, held during Gates' visit to Nigeria, celebrated his decades-long philanthropic efforts in health, education, and poverty alleviation through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

President Tinubu also met with Ayuba Burki Gufwan, Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD), marking a symbolic moment that highlighted Nigeria's progress in the fight against polio and its commitment to building a healthier and more inclusive society.

In a remarkable show of humility and solidarity, Gates dedicated the Commander of the Federal Republic award to Chief Ayuba Gufwan, a polio survivor and founder of Wheelchairs for Nigeria. Chief Gufwan has been a leading voice in disability advocacy, dedicating his life to improving the welfare of persons with disabilities across the country.

Having lost the use of his legs to polio at age five, Chief Gufwan has empowered thousands by distributing hand-powered tricycles to individuals with mobility challenges, significantly improving their independence and dignity. Describing him as "a symbol of resilience and hope," Gates praised Gufwan's unwavering commitment to disability rights and advocacy for immunization.



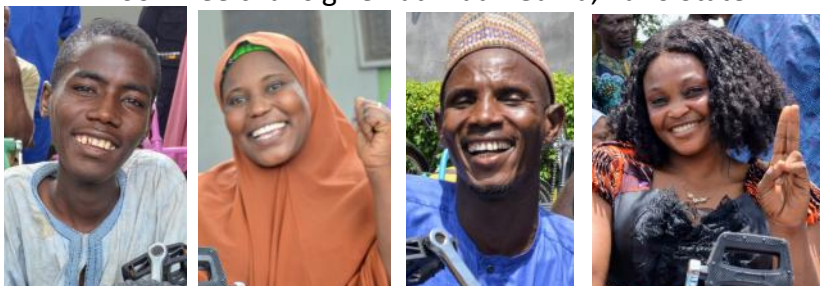
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Year to date, 1578 tricycle/wheelchairs have been given in 19 major distributions in 12 states. A total of 38,404 wheelchairs have been given from the beginning.

NOTE: We have never received a grant from the Gates Foundation. Wisely, they focus entirely on polio prevention, not on the survivors.



100 wheelchairs given at Wadil Garka, Kano State



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