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## Editorial

For the first time in decades the entire world almost came to a halt owing to the ravaging effects of the novel coronavirus pandemic. The world came to a standstill as world leaders, health experts and the World Health Organization are still in search for a cure to the novel coronavirus. As you read through these lines, a number of countries are yet to open their air and land borders to foreigners.

Despite the two initial lockdowns imposed by the Federal Government in Lagos, Ogun and Abuja, and restriction on inter-state travels, the situation in Nigeria appears

worrisome as figures of new cases are on the rise. Though government is contemplating gradual reopening of the economy, but things are still far from becoming normal.

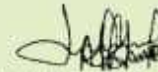
It wasn't all gloomy as the sugar sub-sector of the Nigerian economy still manages to stay afloat as stakeholders within the industry continue to carry out their activities through virtual meetings and engagements. The National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) held a number of virtual meetings with key stakeholders on issues relating to the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP).

As against fears expressed by some employees of sugar factories on the likelihood of being laid off owing to the lockdown, the Golden Sugar

Refinery in Sunti, Niger state retained all its workers with the pledge to bring more on board.

On a rather sad note, the Council lost its former Executive Secretary, Alhaji Usman Bello. Also, the Council received the shocking news of the demise of the Chairman Senate Committee on Industries, Senator Bayo Osinowo.

In this edition of SUGAR NEWS are our regular Health Corner, Star Interview and Staff Matters segments. Stay safe.



Abdullahi W. Yunusa  
Editor-in-Chief

## Concerns, fears as coronavirus claims lives, paralyzes activities globally

From Europe, South America, America to Africa it's all sorrow, tears, misery and pains as the novel corona virus, code named COVID-19 continues to claim lives in thousands across countries with infection rate steadily on

number of safety and precautionary measures to be strictly adhered by all. As it stands, virologists have confirmed that there is no known cure for the virus yet, but gave assurances that efforts are ongoing to find a cure.



President Muhammadu Buhari and some members of the presidential task force on COVID-19

To flatten the curve of the pandemic, health experts called for partial lockdown of cities and the need for people to practice social/physical distancing. Back home, Nigeria had swung into action since the first index case of covid-19 was reported in Lagos, South West Nigeria on 27th February, 2020. The index case was an Italian who had travelled into the country before the air and land borders were shut by the Federal Government.

the rise. What began from distant Wuhan Province in China in November 2019 has so far spread to every part of the world living bitter stories and anguish in its trail.

In a bid to curtail further spread of the corona virus pandemic, individual countries in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO) have introduced a

In a nationwide broadcast in March, 2020, President Muhammadu Buhari had said that "from the first signs that corona virus or covid-19 was turning into an epidemic and was officially declared a world-wide emergency, the Federal government started planning preventive, containment and curative measures in the event the disease

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hits Nigeria. The whole instruments of government are now mobilized to confront what has become both a health emergency and economic crisis”.

Based on the advice of the Federal Ministry of Health and Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), President Muhammadu Buhari directed the cessation of all movements in Lagos and the FCT for an initial period of 14 days with effect from 11pm, Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. The restriction, according to President Buhari also



Some PTF Members during one of their daily media briefings in Abuja

included Ogun state due to its proximity to Lagos and the high traffic between the two states.

According to the Presidential directive, essential service providers in both public and private sectors are exempted from the lockdown. Hospitals and related medical establishments, food processors, distributors and retailers, petroleum distributors, power generation, transmission and distribution companies as well as private security companies are exempted.

Also exempted in line with the Presidential directive are telecommunication workers, journalists, media workers and water vendors.

The Federal Civil Service also issued guidelines for civil servants to curtail further spread. In a circular signed by the Permanent Secretary, Service Welfare Office, Dr. Evelyn Ngige on behalf of the Head of Service of the Federation, Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan, it spelt out certain guidelines to be strictly adhered to by civil servants.

The circular said, “the office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation will be embarking on a general disinfection of all Federal Secretariat complexes in

collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Federal Capital Territory Administration”

It further stated that “the following are also indicated for action by all MDAs; provision of hand washing facilities in addition to those in toilets, ensure running water and soap dispenser for proper hand washing.

Display of signages regarding COVID-19 prevention tips within the office environment to create adequate awareness, involve relevant health experts in sensitization of staff on issues related to managing the spread of COVID-19, facilitate the deployment of e-government technologies especially with regards to official gatherings and set up of local Implementation teams to ensure effective execution and compliance”.

The circular also directed all Permanent Secretaries to draw the attention of all officers to the guidelines as contained in the circular.

In another nationwide broadcast on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, President Muhammadu Buhari announced the second phase of the lockdown for two more weeks. In his broadcast, underscoring the seriousness of the pandemic, President Buhari said, “This is not a joke. It is a matter of life and death. Mosques in Makkah and Madina have been closed. The Pope celebrated Mass on an empty St. Peters Square. The famous Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris held Easter Mass with less than 10 people. India, Italy and France are in complete lockdown. Other countries are in the process of following suit. We cannot be lax”.

As part of concerted efforts to curtail further spread of COVID-19, the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation has directed non-essential public servants on grade level 12 and below to stay at home.

The directive which was contained in a circular signed by the Head of Civil Service of the Federation (HOSCF), Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan, said the step was to limit physical contacts in the workplace in order to curb further spread of the coronavirus.

The statement said, “Government is concerned about the

producing 15,860 tons of sugar. He said that the company also produced 9,640 tons of molasses and 11,600 MWh of electricity generated using bagasse (sugar cane fibre) as fuel. The company is now entering its cultivation season and will maintain high levels of employment to ensure a seamless process.

"At this time, when COVID-19 is causing so much job insecurity, Sunti has maintained its staff strength to do the cultivation of sugarcane, gapping, irrigation, weeding and fertilizer application, as well as maintaining the factory during

the off-crop," he said.

He, however, said that the community had not been left out, pointing out that the 26 communities that makeup Mokwa had benefited from 4,000 cartons of noodles as part of FMN's N400m food relief programme.

He added that the company also planned to scale up its operation and utilise more contractors during harvest so as to create more jobs for the community.

## Covid-19: Council fumigates entire office complex

In compliance with a directive from the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation for all government offices to be fumigated in the wake of the corona virus pandemic, the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) has carried out a comprehensive fumigation of its headquarter building,



General fumigation of the NSDC office complex in line with the covid-19 protocols and guidelines as issued by the Presidential Taskforce on COVID-19

including its surroundings.

The fumigation exercise which was carried out by the Human Resource Department was done to check further spread of the corona virus pandemic and to make the offices habitable after the initial lockdown as announced by the Federal Government.

The exercise which was supervised by the Director, Human Resource Management, Malam Gambo Abdullahi and accompanied by other staff of the department was carried out across offices, meeting halls, restrooms, security post, general store as well as the entire surroundings.

Malam Abdullahi who said the exercise was desirable in order to make the office environment safe for workers on grade level 14 and above who have been asked to resume, was one out of the several precautionary measures announced by the Federal Government via a circular issued by the Head of Civil Service, Dr. (Mrs.) Folashade Yemi-Esan.

Other measures, according to the Director of Human Resource, include the compulsory use of facemask, regular hand washing, use of alcohol based hand sanitizer, physical distancing as well as going to the hospital should the need arise.

Malam Gambo Abdullahi who pledged Council's readiness to ensure strict compliance to all the directives issued by the Federal Government, urged the affected staff to comply with the directives as they go back to work.

welfare and safety of all public servants just as it is about other Nigerians. All public servants are, therefore strongly advised to follow the measures being put in place by government to curtail further spread of the pandemic”.

“As a further step to check the spread of COVID-19, all non-essential public servants on grade level 12 and below are to stay and work from home with effect from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 until further notice”.

On the other categories of officers who will be at work, the statement said such officers are “strongly advised to limit the number of visitors they receive to the barest minimum. This is to reduce physical contact as much as possible,” it noted.

The statement also “directed officers who have recently visited countries with incidence of COVID-19 or, have had

contact with persons who recently returned from these countries, are advised to self-isolate at home for 2 weeks. In case such officers exhibit any of the COVID-19 symptoms, they are advised to contact the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) on 0800970000-10”.

The statement further urged officers and Nigerians to take their personal hygiene seriously, including frequent handwashing with soap under running water and the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

In the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), officers complied with the directive as only staff on grade level 14 and above, as well as officers who carry out essential duties reported to work. The Executive Secretary of the Council, Dr. Latif D. Busari encouraged staff to be innovative in the discharge of their duties and adhere to all safety protocols.

## Sunti Golden Sugar sustains production, retains all 2,400 employees despite covid-19

Amid the ravaging corona virus pandemic and the attendant job losses and salary cuts, the Sunti Golden Sugar Estates (SGSE) said it is retaining all its 2,400 employees to keep the facility at full operation.

Also, to keep workers safe, SGSE, a subsidiary of the Golden Sugar Company had already employed strategic safety measures initiated by its parent group, Flour Mills of Nigeria PLC (FMN), to keep workers, suppliers and customers safe during the pandemic.

A statement issued by the group's Director of Corporate Services, Mr Joseph Umolu, said that the company was poised to sustain and even upscale its production capacity to forestall shortfall in local sugar production.

According to him, the new health strategy was part of the general measures being deployed by the FMN Group to keep all its facilities, including the Sunti Golden Sugar Estates Covid-19 free. He stressed that prior to the pandemic, the Sugar estate already had strict health and hygiene measures in place, therefore all it needed to do was to upscale the

measures to be Covid-19 specific.

“Proper safety measures have been put in place across the facility, including hand wash points, soaps and sanitisers at each operational entry point. “Sunti already operates under the highest health and safety standards even before the coronavirus lockdown policy by the Federal Government.

“To help employees deal with the growing pressure of working during the current period, Sunti Golden Sugar Estates has created a strategic food reserve for employees, if the disease persists and conditions become tougher. “This is in addition to standard benefits like regular food rations, free electricity and treated water,” he said.

He added that despite the lockdown, the estate is in the essential food sector had continued healthy operation to ensure the availability of sugar in Nigeria.

According to him, the company had just concluded its crushing season, harvesting 146,200 tons of sugar cane and



Members of the Nigeria Sugar Institute (NSI) Board of Directors in a group photo session shortly after the inauguration of the Board by the acting chairman of NSDC Board



Staff of the NSDC Sugarcane Biofactory, Zaria in a group photograph during the Science and Technology Exhibition Organized by the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology in Abuja



3rd from Left is Ahmed Waziri Deputy Director, Public Affairs Unit who led a two man delegation on condolence visit to the family of Late Alhaji Usman Bello former E.S. in a group photo session with the children

*Photo Speaks*

Different cane varieties and other seedlings on display at the NSDC Sugarcane Biofactory pavillion at the Science and Technology Exhibition in Abuja.



The Executive Secretary, NSDC, Dr Latif D. Busari (middle) alongside some Council officials after a meeting with the management of Olaj Integrated Sugar Industries Limited led by its Managing Director, Mr. Lawrence Olajide.



Aerial view of the Lafiagi Sugar Company (LASUCO) in Lafiagi, Kwara State. LASUCO is the Backward intergration programme (BIP) of BUA Sugar in line with the Nigeria Sugar Master Plan.

# STAR FEATURE: Sugar and health: Myths and facts

By Abdullahi W. Yunusa

The media in several countries have been awash in recent years with feature articles, opinions and so-called scientific information on the impact of the consumption of sugar on human health. Some even go as far as to label it “poison” or “toxin”. These have led to debates, discussions, claims and counter claims on sugar consumption and its implications on human health.



Stakeholders at the Northern Sugar Sensitization Workshop held in Lafia, Nasarawa state with the theme “Sugar and Health: Myths and Facts.”

Interestingly, the debates and arguments have kept stakeholders in the sector on their toes as they continue to engage each other at different fora on how best to address concerns of interested parties. Issues relating to sugar and health have featured prominently in the yearly editions of the International Sugar Organization (ISO). The ISO provides the global platform where policy makers, sugar producers, trading houses and investors meet to deliberate on critical issues such as sugar and health, prices, production, consumption, regulation and other sundry issues considered important to the sector.

For obvious reasons, Nigeria also has her own fair share of these controversies, given that we also produce and consume sugar as a nation. Quite a number of articles, opinions and documentaries on sugar and health written by Nigerians are available on the internet. Nigeria cannot afford to either keep mute or look the other way as the rest of the world continues to make concerted efforts to address the plethora of issues associated with sugar. In this regard, as done in other climes, facts and superior arguments are the major tools with which policymakers in the sugar sector adopt to address the concerns of everyone.

Authorities in the nation’s sugar industry aren’t unaware of the

issues relating to sugar consumption and health. The National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) as the body saddled with the responsibility of regulating the sector is not resting on its oars in its efforts to address these concerns. To this end, it has taken it upon itself to engage medical experts, nutritionists and other relevant stakeholders to provide up to date information and statistics to tell if sugar can indeed be held culpable for certain health challenges such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, infertility and other associated ailments.

Only recently, as part of its sensitization drive and the need to highlight facts and myths associated with sugar consumption, the NSDC held a one-day sugar sensitization forum with the theme; Sugar and Your Health: Facts and Myths. The event drew participants from both the public and private sectors as well as health practitioners and operators of sugar companies across the country. Well-researched papers were delivered by experts from reputable universities and medical institutions.

While declaring the one-day event open in Ibadan, Oyo State, the Executive Secretary, National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Dr. Latif D. Busari, said available facts on ground show that sugar intake in Nigeria was relatively low compared to other countries of the world. He queried unproven claims that normal sugar consumption could be responsible for health issues such as diabetes, hypertension and obesity.

Dr. Busari who said there was the need to educate the public on the real causes of various health challenges wrongfully being solely associated with sugar consumption, noted that from available facts bad eating habits, heredity, sedentary lifestyle and ignorance are to blame largely for some of the health issues being laid on the doorstep of sugar. He said, “according to the International Sugar Organization data (ISO, 2018), Nigeria and Benin Republic have the lowest per capita sugar consumption figure in West Africa of about 6.9kg per annum, while Senegal and Cote d’Ivoire have the highest figures of 18kg and 12.1kg respectively.



"On the basis of per capita consumption, indeed for Nigeria, we are not taking enough sugar. Nigeria's per capita consumption has been dwindling since 2008 when it was 11.2kg to 8.6kg in 2013 and 8.1kg in 2015. Compared to these,



per capita consumption in India is 19.8kg, 33.7kg in the U.S., 35.2kg in the EU countries," he stated.

He said by implication, Nigeria is among the lowest sugar consuming nations in Africa and indeed the world, and at least for the country the causes of ailments such as diabetes and obesity have to be located elsewhere.

"It is good that Nigerians are still moderate in their sugar intake but we believe as Sugar Council that it is not enough and we can still go up to 15 or 18 kilograms per cap without any serious health implication once the real facts surrounding sugar consumption are separated from the myths," Dr. Busari said.

In a paper titled, "Sugar and Your Health-Facts and Myths", a Consultant Endocrinologist from the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, Dr. Kola Olarionye, said sugar isn't as bad as often portrayed. He said "sugars are one of the three macro nutrients that supply energy for the body. Most foods contain these three nutrients but in various proportions. Sugars are important in the diet and form part of a healthy eating plan, so you cannot do without sugars," he said.

Dwelling on the health benefits of sugar, Dr. Olarionye said, "It is commonly said that sugar is dangerous to health. This may not be an absolute truth, but people are advised not to consume too much sugar because too much of everything is bad. Sugar is indispensable for maintenance of nervous system integrity, takes part in detoxification process as well as provides extracellular structural support".

On the link between sugar consumption and diabetes, the endocrinologist noted that "some clinical studies have indeed linked the rising consumption of soft drinks to the present epidemic of obesity and diabetes mellitus among children and adolescents." But in refuting this he said, there is "no causal relationship between intake of sugar and diabetes, but there is an association between consumption and obesity, diabetes, hypertension and metabolic syndrome".

On how much of sugar one should take, he said, "the World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended that added sugars make up no more than 10 per cent of an adult's daily calorie intake. For a 2000-calorie diet, that means no more than 200 calories a day should come from added sugars; that's about 12 teaspoons or 48 grams of sugar". He said dietary recommendation according to the American Heart Association (AHA) holds there should be "no added sugar for children younger than age two, no more than 100 sugar calories from added sugar per day for children older than age two and most women and no more than 150 calories from added sugar a day for most men".

Speaking on the topic; "Sugar and Nutrition: what does the evidence say?" a nutritionist with the National Horticultural Research Institute (NIHORT), Dr. Mrs. Aderibigbe Olaide, said sugar provides energy to muscles and acts as a source of energy for the brain and nervous system. On sugar consumption, Dr. Olaide said, "Like most things in life, as long as you eat sugar in moderation it can only provide some sweet benefits. A healthy diet that supports productivity must include sugar".

"Sugar intake is solely not responsible for its harmful effects on human health, but general hereditary imbalance, other lifestyle factors and improper functioning of glands and organs".

From the discourse at the forum, it was well established that the human body needs sugar to function optimally. But the caveat remains, like any other food or anything in life, excessive intake of sugar impacts nutrition and health negatively, especially when certain metabolic processes within the body are impaired. So, this should lay to rest the unsubstantiated claims that sugar is completely harmful to human beings and should be avoided. No conclusive scientific proof on this claim is available.

# Health Corner

## Covid-19: NSDC boss urges staff on precautionary measures, modern work techniques

As the world continues to grapple with challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, the Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) Dr. Latif D. Busari wants staff of the Council to adhere to safety and health guidelines/protocols on covid-19 as released by the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19.

Dr. Busari who dropped this hint via the Council's enclosed WhatsApp group enjoined all staff to comply with all precautionary measures to avoid contracting the coronavirus.

He said, "As the pandemic is still very much with us, I enjoin all staff to still adhere to all precautionary measures as recommended by medical experts. We should use the face masks already supplied to all staff, wash our hands with soaps frequently and observe social distancing as much as possible".

Dr. Busari who said COVID-19 has altered existing approaches to work and co-existence, urged staff to be ingenious and take advantage of technology to carry out their assignments.

"We would all by now have realized that the way we used to carry out different types of work is changing due to the impact of the pandemic on the workplace. There will be a lot less traveling around now for meetings conferences and the like as the world, Nigeria inclusive, adopt video conference calls and e-meetings in the face of the inter-State lockdown and the need to observe social distancing".

On efforts put in place by the Council to ensure that the system keeps running amidst the pandemic, he said, "Council has installed video conferencing facilities which will be test run during the upcoming Top Management and Management meetings scheduled for Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th June 2020. All Management staff are now required to download the Zoom meeting app on their computers and smart phones to enable us conduct the meetings seamlessly. Those



who may be having challenges with installing the app should please contact the IT Unit for assistance".

While urging members of staff to think of innovative ways of utilizing their time while at home, especially those on grade level 13 and below, Dr. Busari stressed the need for personal development through research, networking and applying for online courses.

"Think of innovative ways of carrying out your duties, if the realities of the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact make it difficult or impossible to carry out those assignments in the ways we were used to doing them. New challenges also call for new ways of surmounting them, we only need to think outside the box".

### Coronavirus: Council distributes facemasks, shields to staff, stakeholders

safety/protocol guidelines and precautionary measures against COVID-19 issued by the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) has produced and distributed customized facemasks and shields to its members of staff, sugar companies as well as its strategic partners.

The safety equipment, according to the

Chairman, NSDC Ease of Doing Business Committee and Director, Finance and Accounts, Alhaji Auwalu Abubakar Shira were procured to protect staff and other stakeholders against the coronavirus pandemic.

He said the Council as a responsive, disciplined and socially responsible organization attaches importance to the health and safety of its internal and external publics, hence the need to provide them with the facemasks and shields to protect them against covid-19.

Alhaji Shira said, "We are very aware of the serious challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic. The Council is a socially responsible government institution and never toys with the safety and welfare of its staffers. The facemasks and shields we produced for our staff is to keep them safe from contracting the virus. We've equally enjoined them to adhere to all precautionary measures within and outside the office".



Samples of NSDC branded facemasks and shields ready for distribution to staff and partners of the Council

He also noted that both the facemasks and shields were distributed to "sugar companies as well as some of our strategic partners. It is our own little way of showing love and care at a time critical as this".

## Staff Matters

### Council mourns former Executive Secretary Late Alhaji Usman Bello



**Late Alhaji Usman Bello**

The National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) has sent its message of condolence to the family of the former Executive Secretary of the Council, Alhaji Usman Bello who died on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 in Yola, Adamawa state after a brief illness.

In a letter of condolence personally signed by the Executive Secretary of NSDC, Dr. Latif D. Busari and delivered to the family of late Alhaji Usman Bello, the Council said "his selfless service as the Director (Projects) and later as the Executive Secretary has left indelible mark in our hearts".

While urging the family to take solace in the fact that their late father, husband and patriarch lived a life worthy of emulation and was at peace with everyone that encountered him, the Council said, "we commiserate with you in this moment of grief, we pray that the Almighty God grants the soul of the deceased eternal rest and to you all the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss".

As it is customary with the Council, a two-man delegation which comprised of the Deputy Director, Public Affairs, Alhaji Ahmed Waziri and Chief Project Officer, Dr. Mohammed Kawuyo delivered a condolence letter to the family of the former Executive Secretary.

### Late Senator Bayo Osinowo was an outstanding parliamentarian, Dr. Busari

The Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Dr. Latif D. Busari said the late Senator Bayo Sikiru Adebayo who until his death chaired the Senate Committee on Industries was an outstanding parliamentarian who was passionate about Nigeria's diversification agenda and overall development.

Dr. Busari who expressed shock over the incident, said "late Senator Bayo Osinowo distinguished himself as a lawmaker and as the Chairman Senate Committee on Industries. Senator Osinowo was genuinely concerned about the sugar sector, especially as it relates to the implementation of the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP). I still recall very profoundly his interaction with BIP operators when he led his colleagues on oversight visit to sugar project sites in Kwara and Lagos states."

While condoling with his immediate family, constituents, Lagos state and the Senate, Dr. Busari said, "late Senator Osinowo was particularly concerned about the welfare of Nigerians and the level of unemployment in the country. He was a man who had the interest of everyone at heart. Senator Osinowo was a perfect gentleman, illustrious Nigerian and a distinguished lawmaker who put the interest of the nation and its people beyond personal considerations".

"To be honest, I consider his demise a personal loss because he clearly understood and meant well for the sugar sector, as he always admonished the Council to see the committee he chaired as partners in progress".

Dr. Busari who prayed God to grant his soul eternal rest, urged his family members and political associates to take solace in the fact that the late lawmaker lived a fulfilled and impactful life.

Late Senator Adebayo Sikiru Osinowo was born on November 28, 1955. He was a member of the Lagos State House of Assembly. Until his death on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, he represented Lagos East Senatorial zone at the 9th Nigerian National Assembly.



**Late Senator Bayo Osinowo**

"We sincerely apologize for our inability to bring you the quarterly sugar importation data for the second quarter of 2020 due to the ongoing lockdown due to COVID-19 which disrupted operations at the port in Lagos. We shall upload the data on our official website as soon as we have them.

Thanks.

### SUMMARY OF AVERAGE LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL RAW AND WHITE SUGAR PRICE: APRIL - JUNE 2020

MONTHS	STATE/ CITY	SUGAR TYPE	WHOLESALE N/50KG	WHOLESALE N/MT	RETAIL N/50KG	RETAIL N/MT	INTERNATIONAL RAW SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE		INTERNATIONAL WHITE SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE	
							S/MT	N/MT	S/MT	N/MT
APRIL	Abuja, Kano, Lagos, Ilorin, Yola	Refined Dangote Bua Golden	19,622	392,448	20,331	406,616	227.94	82,288.15	329.613	118,990.11
MAY	Abuja, Kano, Lagos, Ilorin, Yola	Refined Dangote Bua Golden	20,746	414,920	21,326	426,520	242.61	87,629.37	350.47	126,521.45
JUNE	Abuja, Kano, Lagos, Ilorin, Yola	Refined Dangote Bua Golden	17,188	343,750	17,553	351,050	267.62	96,609.92	368.14	132,897.71
AVERAGE			19,185.33	383,706	19,730	394,728.67	266.05	266,527.44	349.41	126,136.42

\* Note: Mt =metric Tons (50kgs 20), Kg = Kilogram, N =nigerian Currency Naira,  
 \$= Usd, Currency Conversion Us\$1 = N306.92(nigeria Central Bank Rate; Average For Quarter)  
 Weight Conversion: 1000kg = 1 Metric Tonne, S/ Ton = C/ib X 22.04  
 Country And State Are Not Applicable To International Raw And White Sugar Price.  
 Source: International Sugar Organization Market Report & Local Market Survey.

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