

Access Bank UNICEF Charity Shield Polo: Access Bank Donates N10m to UNICEF

The prestigious Access Bank UNICEF Charity Shield international polo tournament came to a flourishing climax over the weekend with the presentation of the N10 million donations by the sole sponsors, Access Bank Plc to UNICEF.

The donation was presented at the Fifth Chukker Polo & Country Club in Kaduna on Sunday by the Executive Director, Personal Banking, Access Bank, Victor Etuokwu to support of UNICEF campaign against HIV/AIDS pandemic among Nigerian children.

Etuokwu who led other top officials of Access Bank to the grand finale, expressed delight that the Access Bank UNICEF Charity Shield is achieving its main objective of reaching out to the less privileged children in the society.

He said that the Bank had maintained its yearly donation of N10m in supporting UNICEF towards its projects for orphans and vulnerable children. In addition to that, the Bank is continually seeking avenues through which more resources can be pooled towards supporting the children

“We have been working in Kaduna, in collaboration with UNICEF to elevate quality of lives. We need to do a lot more in support of these orphans and vulnerable children to enable them look forward to a better tomorrow,” he added.

UNICEF Country Representative, Jean Gough who received the donation, thanked Access Bank for the assistance, pointing out that through the donation, UNICEF would be able to provide care and support services to orphans and vulnerable children in focus areas of Kaduna State.

The cheque presentation which was witness by the Kaduna State Deputy Governor, Bala Bantex was the major highlight of the closing ceremony followed on the heels of the final game of the event in which Access Bank Fifth Chukker defeated Titan Lintex 8-6 in tense final game, to win their fourth Charity Shield title.

Proceeds and other donations during the international polo event which is in eighth year of Access Bank Plc sponsorship, is channeled into supporting UNICEF campaign against HIV/AIDS among Nigerian children.

Titan Lintex had while seeking their Charity Shield glory, defeated Keffi Ponys 11-9 in an exciting semi-final game, a result that earned them the runners- up title. Their quest for honours was cut short by the defending champions, Access Bank Fifth Chukker in the final.

Earlier, DeeBee Farm MTN had outpaced their arch rivals Suplan 7-3 to win the coveted UNICEF Cup. The Kaduna based team that defeated nine other oppositions to clinch the event's most wanted prize, saw their captain, Baba Dawule driving home a brand new car as the Most Valuable Player Award winner.