Obasanjo and governors highlight gains of Zero Hunger initiative

Nigeria’s former President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, said recently he was impressed with the impact the Nigeria Zero Hunger Forum (NZHF) was making especially in promoting healthy competition among states with a view to achieving food security.

Speaking at the NZHF meeting in Ebonyi state, President Obasanjo said he see a healthy competition between states as good. The governors on their part said that in less than a year the Zero Hunger initiative was already having a positive impact on the food security of their states. According to them, the initiative through its peer advisory/review mechanism has brought a new vigor and zeal to the agricultural sector with more commitments by participating states. They also commended President Muhammadu Buhari for his strong support to the states’ agricultural programs. For Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State, there is now a realization of untapped agricultural opportunities that the state can explore to benefit its people, thanks to the NZHF.

Describing the Zero Hunger Forum as a great initiative, Governor Ortom said the state keyed into the initiative with the conviction that it would help the state to maintain its pride as the food basket of the country. “We have keyed into this program and believe that through NZHF, Nigeria will be helped,” he added. The governor explained that the recently passed anti-grazing bill was aimed at promoting peace between herdsmen and crop farmers with a view to achieving zero hunger by 2030. He further announced that the state would also facilitate peace Read more..