

## **IYV2001 - EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR'S SUPPORT**

IYV2001 found an active and focus collaborator in the person of the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State situated in North Central Nigeria.

This happened on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2001 in the State Capital, Lafia.

His Excellency, Alhaji Abdullahi Adamu (Sarkin Yakin Keffi) thus becomes the first Executive Governor in Nigeria's 37 States to personally grace an IYV2001 event. The Governor attended the formal inauguration of Nassarawa State IYV2001 Chapter. His wife, Her Excellency, Hajiya Khadija A. Adamu, Executive Director of Child Rights Foundation is the Focal Person for IYV 2001 in Nasarawa State



**His Excellency, Alhaji Abdullahi Adamu ( Sarkin Yakin Keffi )**

The Governor, who is well respected in the Country has held several high ranking positions in the Nigeria. He was once the Honorable Minister for Works and Housing.

During the formal inauguration, the Governor demonstrated firm understanding of the concept of volunteerism. His speech was a wake-up call on all to volunteer their talents and resources not only in Nasarawa State but in the whole Federation. He acknowledged the fact that volunteers can be a driving force in wealth generation. He said that it will be difficult for Government to do everything alone. He called on all to support the ideals of IYV2001. Describing IYV2001 as partners in the development process, the Governor pledged his Administration's support to IYV2001 activities.

With the help of the UNVPO and the NUNV, the Governor was decorated with a badge (IYV Badge) as Volunteer No. 1 in Nasarawa State.

Nasarawa State has already developed a blue print for actual interventions to mark the year 2001.