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### **OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL SAVING AND LOANS AWARDED OUTSTANDING NON-BANK FINANCIAL SERVICES CEO OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** – June 4, 2019 – Opportunity International is proud to announce that Kwame Owusu-Boateng, Chief Executive Officer of Opportunity International Saving and Loans (OISL), won the Outstanding Non-Bank Financial Services CEO of the Year award at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Ghana Entrepreneur and Corporate Executive Awards ceremony in Accra in May.

The award ceremony is the flagship event of the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Ghana and is designed to honor, reward, inspire, and recognize entrepreneurs, public officials, corporate executives, and business executives who own or manage successful organizations in the private and public sector. This year's theme was "Promoting the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals through Private and Public Sector Partnership."

"We give God the glory for this wonderful achievement," says Owusu-Boateng. "I dedicate this award to my hard-working and excellent staff who have supported the vision of OISL over the past 15 years. The Board of OISL also deserves a special commendation for their continued guidance. To our Partners across the globe, you are the giant shoulders we stand on today. Finally, our clients are the greatest gift we have, and they bear testimony to our transformation goals and they are the ones who have shaped our vision and made it meaningful."

"Kwame's vision and humble leadership are an example to all of supporting poor families access financial resources, training & support to build sustainable livelihoods and escape endemic poverty," said Opportunity International Chief Executive Officer Atul Tandon. "Proud to work alongside him as we serve children and families living in desperate poverty in Ghana and around the world. We join our Ghanaian staff and clients in celebrating Kwame- a job well done and a life well lived"

Opportunity International and the clients we serve are incredibly proud of the work Owusu-Boateng and the OISL team are doing to end the cycle of extreme poverty in Ghana.

### **ABOUT OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL**

[Opportunity International](http://opportunity.org) is a global microfinance non-profit committed to ending extreme poverty and promoting quality education for families in need. Since 1971, Opportunity has helped millions of families work their way out of poverty by providing financial resources, training, and delivering ongoing support to start small businesses, earn living wages, and feed their families. The organization provides loans to families seeking tuition and educators who want to improve local schools to get more children into better quality schools. In 2017, Opportunity International issued nearly \$1.6 billion in loans, reaching nearly 9 million clients in 23 countries, and helped fund 1,800 schools serving more than 500,000 children. Discover more at [opportunity.org](http://opportunity.org) or join the conversation on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/opportunity.org) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/opportunity.org).

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