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Agbara Nla: The Return Passes ?513 Million to Become Highest-Grossing Faith Film in Nollywood History

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Agbara Nla: The Return has grossed more than ?513.4 Million at the Nigerian and West African box office, distributor Nile Entertainment confirmed on 16 November 2026"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Agbara Nla: The Return has grossed more than ?513.4 Million at the Nigerian and West African box office, distributor Nile Entertainment confirmed on 16 November 2026. It is now the highest-grossing faith-based Nollywood film of all time. It is also the second-highest-grossing Nollywood title of 2026, and the ninth-highest-grossing Nollywood title ever - ahead of Toyin Abraham's Alakada: Bad & Boujee, at ?500.6 Million, by about ?12.7 Million.

Thirty-three years. That is the number that makes this story different from any other box-office record. The film that has just broken the record is a modern reimagining of a Christian film first made in 1993 - back when Nollywood itself was barely born, when Christian films travelled on VHS tapes from church to church. The man who made that original, veteran filmmaker Mike Bamiloye, watched his own sons remake it. And the remake has now out-earned every faith film in the industry's history.

The film returned to cinemas on 1 October 2026. It is a story of faith, spiritual warfare, and the struggle between good and evil - the same ground the 1993 original stood on, retold for a generation that watches films on cinema screens rather than borrowed tapes. The original was later released in English as The Ultimate Power in 1994. The new version carries the same fire, and audiences have answered it.

It was directed by Bamiloye's sons, Damilola Mike-Bamiloye and Joshua "Jay Mikee" Mike-Bamiloye. That is the human heart of this record: a father who built Nigeria's Christian film movement with his own hands, and two sons who took his story, rebuilt it for the big screen, and carried it past half a billion naira. Bamiloye spent decades making films that churches showed for free. His sons have made one that cinemas cannot stop showing.

The box-office path tells its own story. The film took about ?170.6 Million from preview screenings and its opening weekend - one of Nollywood's strongest openings outside the December festive season. It then held the No. 1 Position at the Nigerian box office for five consecutive weekends. By its seventh weekend it had roughly tripled its opening gross, earning ?14.8 Million that weekend alone and taking cumulative admissions to 85,751.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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