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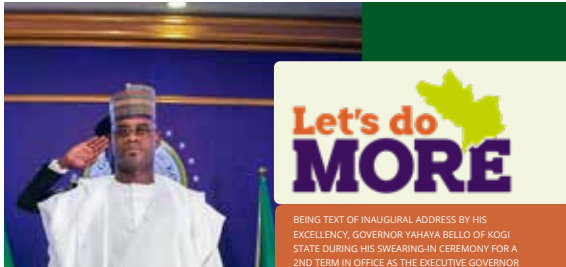
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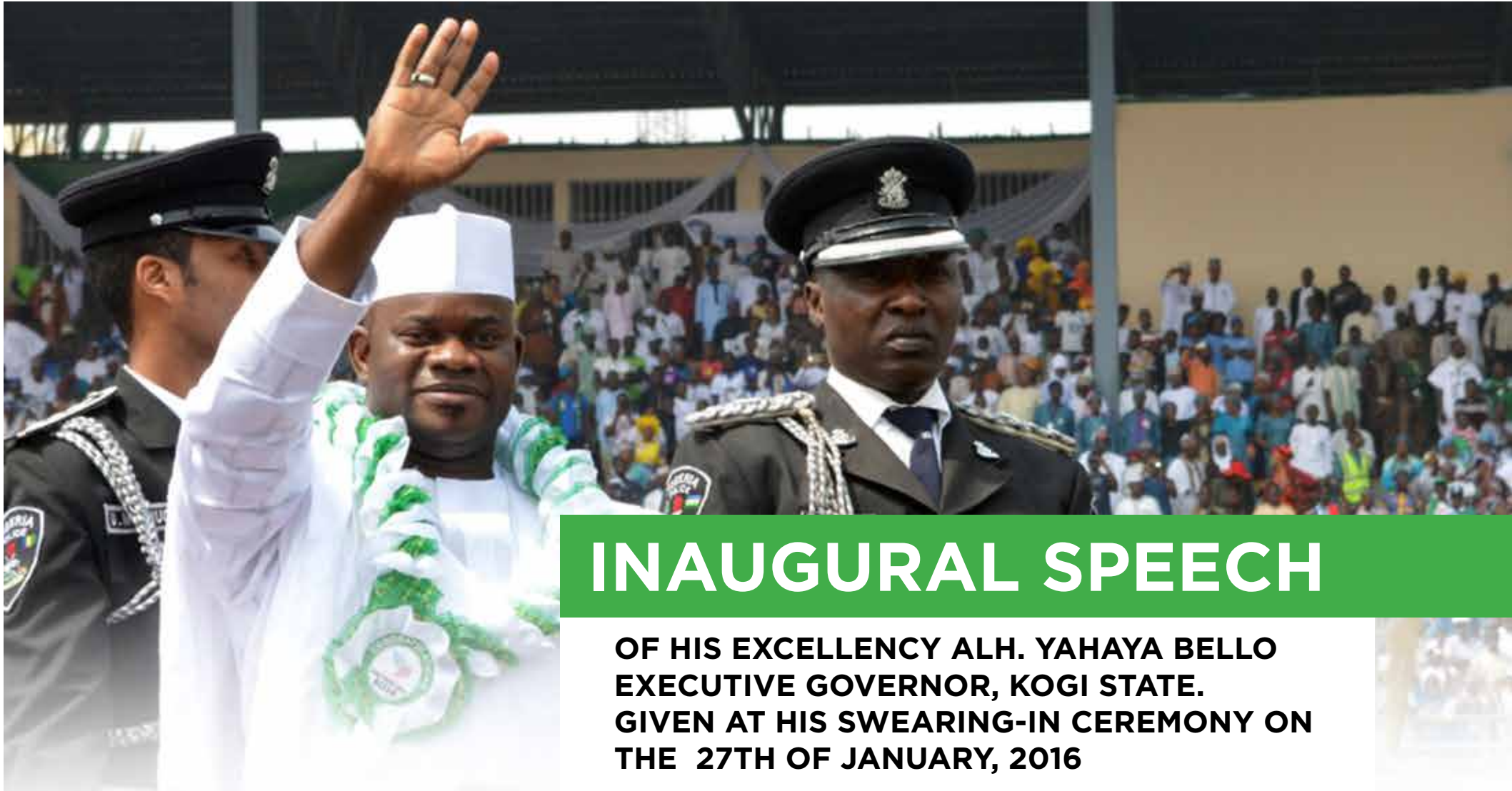


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INAUGURAL SPEECH

OF HIS EXCELLENCY ALH. YAHAYA BELLO EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, KOGI STATE. GIVEN AT HIS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY ON THE 27TH OF JANUARY, 2016

1. It is with great Joy that I receive you all to the warm hospitality of Kogi State of Nigeria today. Kogi is the Confluence State, the Geographical Bridge between every Nigerian and his Compatriot. You are indeed welcome.
2. Life is a precious thing and we cannot earn or own it. It is given to us freely. We often take it for granted, failing to recognize its importance or significance. Such a blessing can never be acquired or repaid. It is a free gift. Should that not instill an immense sense of gratitude in our hearts to the One Who created life and gave it to us? 'It is God Who brought you out of your mothers' wombs knowing nothing, and gave you hearing and sight and minds so that you may be grateful' The Quran 16:78. Say *"O Allah, owner of Kingdoms. You give your Kingdom to whom you desire. And you take your Kingdom from whom you desire. You honour whom you desire. And you humble whom you desire. In your hand all is GOOD. Indeed you are over all things COMPETENT."* Quran 3 vs 26.
3. I stand here today a grateful man. I am grateful to:
 - i. Almighty God, the Eternal One who led a young boy, fatherless while still a baby to this momentous day of my Swearing-In as the Governor of this Great State, and her humble Servitor.
 - ii. **Alhaji Bello Ipemida Ochi**, my father, whose evergreen memories and legacies remain till today despite his death early in my life. **Hajiya Hauwau Oziohu Bello**, my model mother. **Oziandu Obanyi**, your hand rocked my cradle, and you still rock my world. Despite the anguish of young widowhood, your values steadied me through the turbulence of youth and years of self-discovery. All my siblings, especially **Prof. Iliyasu Bello Ohiani**, my elder brother, who became the father that I know.
 - iii. My family. My dear wives and children were Wonderful. In particular, **Hajiya Rashida Bello** followed me on this chequered journey with a devotion and sacrifice that is astounding.
 - iv. **President Muhammadu Buhari**, the one man who epitomizes the Personal Discipline, Rugged Determination and Honest Discretion I intend to model as Governor of Kogi State.
 - v. **Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu**. The APC National Leader is arguably the most singularly successful Nigerian Politician of this Democratic Dispensation. His Vision has given wings to those of many of his followers, including ourselves
 - vi. **Prince Abubakar Audu**, the Late Icon whose foresight and doggedness paved the way for the Victory we are celebrating today. Continue to rest in peace my Leader.
 - vii. My Core Team, especially the Progressive Youth of Kogi State led by my right-hand man, **Edward Onoja**. Their doggedness and forthrightness brought home to me in a very personal way that popular line 'Though tribes and tongues may differ, in brotherhood we stand...' They are the apostles of this broad-minded Change.
 - viii. The APC Family. The APC in Kogi State wanted Change for their dear State and worked hard to bring it. The APC at the National Level provided the Platform.
 - ix. The entire People of Kogi State. Irrespective of who you are or where you stood during the elections, **Na God Win**. We are all united today, celebrating the outcome. My People, you are my one big Constituency, and I am responsible for, and to each and every one of you.
4. Nigeria has a rich diversity of traditions, cultures and history but it is instructive that in searching for a philosophy for this New Direction my Team and I did not have to go very far to locate the perfect response for our times:
5. Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to reiterate what **President Muhammadu Buhari** said in his celebrated Swearing-In Speech on May 29, 2015: **"I belong to everybody and I belong to nobody!"**
6. This quote is a complete worldview which defines the PURPOSE and METHODOLOGY of my Administration, and sets an AGENDA OF INCLUSIVENESS, which I am determined will characterize my tenure.
7. In this single sentence, Mr. President summarized the restorative force of the CHANGE

ideology with which our great party, the APC, has swept Nigeria. I now declare it our guiding principle for fair action and equitable governance in Kogi State.

8. My Administration shall exist for the sole purpose of serving the superseding interests of the people of Kogi State to the very best of its capabilities. We also undertake to never lend our capacities to servicing the avarice of anyone or group—whether from Kogi State or elsewhere.
9. There is no greater evil than Corruption and nothing champions that evil more than Impunity...Corruption and Impunity made sure our people repeatedly arrived at a promised future and found it bereft of substance, or the promised better life.
10. Let it be recorded today that future generations will not be given reason to count the incoming Administration among those who reveled in Corruption or Impunity. We will be different by the Grace of God. We must and will be that generation of Leaders who made the entirety of Kogi's Resources work for the entirety of Kogi's People.
11. Accordingly, I hereby declare and affirm that the Yahaya Bello Administration will have ZERO TOLERANCE for Corruption and Impunity. I will lead Kogi State by honest and humble example. So help me God.
12. To reinforce our commitment to accountability, the incoming Administration will employ technology and a multilayered system of checks and balances to block all leakages in our financial processes and improve our wealth creation and retention capacities.
13. The rule of law is key to effective governance. We intend to work hand in hand with the Judicial Arm of Government and the Legislature to deliver the best governance possible to Kogi State. In this regard, we shall be guided by both legislations and binding judicial decisions.
14. Peace is key for prosperity. The sudden events that culminated in my emergence as Governor are
15. In the course of this journey we met and interacted with families, kindreds, clans, hamlets, villages, towns and cities, traversing the length and breadth of Kogi State and the picture we came away with is a depressing one. Everywhere, our People live in deprivation despite our abundant natural endowments.
16. The statistics as they apply to Kogi State are not rosy. As we step into Office today,

we are at once excited and tremulous. Excited at the great opportunities but tremulous at the massive challenges. One thing is clear, positive and decisive action must be taken quickly to rescue Kogi State. We are ready for action.

17. We are conscious that to fail in this task is to fail in everything else. But take it from me, we will not fail because, apart from our preparations and resolve, God and good is on our side.
18. We have conceived a socio-economic Blueprint that we trust God will rapidly develop our State and radically empower our People. The said Blueprint will rank as a sort of Marshall Plan for rebuilding Kogi State on every index of Development.
19. Under this Plan, Education and Health Infrastructure, State of the Art Security Coverage, Roads, Rural Water Schemes, Farm and Agricultural Communes, heavy Investments in Solid Minerals, Artisanal Mining Collectives, repositioning of Kogi State as a preferred tourist destination, etc. are projected to play lead, often overlapping, roles.
20. We will run this Blueprint along with Civil Service reforms to change the orientation of our workers and improve their productivity. To show that we are ready to work and not just talking, the Blueprint contains 'Action Plans' for developing each sector. We expect that we will see begin to see increase in our Internally Generated Revenue.
21. For ease of monitoring by Kogi People my Team and I have distributed our Projects into the 100-Day Accomplishments, the First Year Results, the Halfway Marks and the Final Milestones. When our full Blueprint is published, anyone can predict where we will be, developmentally, in 100 days, and after each year of our Administration.
22. Security is a huge concern across Kogi State as we step into Office - in particular the dastardly and twin scourges of armed robbery and kidnapping. I therefore acknowledge with pleasure the Commissioner of Police and Heads of every Security Agency in Kogi State. Gentlemen, I shall be meeting with you soon to fashion out modalities to rid Kogi State of Insecurity. Please have forceful and actionable proposals for me when we meet. I promise you every support that this Administration can give.
23. Nothing engenders skepticism, even cynicism, in the citizen than lackluster leadership of the sort that we have experienced

in the Confluence State. I am aware that with some notable exceptions successive Administrations have posted largely unimpressive performances. The cumulative effect is that the average Kogi Person has developed an acute distrust of Government.

24. We cannot succeed, in our Blueprint or anything else, without the co-operation of our People and our friends. Co-operation is difficult if trust is withheld. My people, we shall build rapport, and by delivering on our proposed array of people-centered projects, we shall earn your trust. I would appreciate, and I ask for nothing, other than that you give me the benefit of the doubt as we set off. Let the taste of this pudding be in the eating.
25. We know salaries have not been paid to some of our Civil Servants for some months now. We propose to commence paying as promptly as possible while implementing strategies to gradually defray the arrears. While doing this we shall count on the understanding of all the good people of Kogi State.
26. We shall immediately commence consultations with all stakeholders to get the buy-in of every progress-minded individual into every agenda that we have designed to move Kogi State in the New Direction. I see this as a Challenge and I am resolved to win your trust.
27. Today is indeed an auspicious day. We will not fail to appreciate those who made it possible. My predecessor, Captain Idris Ichalla Wada, has been most gracious. We appreciate your service sir. The Transition Committees on both sides have acted with dignity and cooperation. We thank you. The Inauguration Committee has really worked hard to make this day a success. Thank you very much indeed.
28. Change has come to Kogi State. I may be the Torchbearer, and Custodian of it, but you, the great united people of Kogi State, are its Owners and Proprietors. Let us arise together, take our Collective Destiny in our hands and go forth excitedly to chart our New Direction. Kogi, THIS CHANGE IS YOURS.
29. Distinguished Listeners, this speech is an overview, it is not intended to say everything that we have to say, or plan to do, in Government. That being the case, I hasten to conclude.

God bless The Federal Republic of Nigeria.
God bless Kogi State of Nigeria.
God bless you.



Let's do MORE

BEING TEXT OF INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO OF KOGI STATE DURING HIS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR A 2ND TERM IN OFFICE AS THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE AT GLASS HOUSE, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, LOKOJA, KOGI STATE ON THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

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1. I welcome everyone to this Inauguration Ceremony. It is indeed a red letter day for us as we receive another chance to take our New Direction Governance Principles to the Next Level and to Do More for our people and society over the next four years. I am truly glad that you could be with us today.
2. This is first of all a day for gratitude. In the first term journey which we have just concluded, God and Good were firmly on our side. We have lost count of how many times Divine Providence saw us through perilous seasons and situations. I cannot thank God Almighty enough for his immeasurable help.
3. I appreciate His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR for providing us an example of courage in leadership and the ability to keep your eyes on the ultimate prize, even when your good intentions are misunderstood or mischaracterised by design.

4. I appreciate His Excellency, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo for showing us how effortlessly the fear of God, character, competence, faithful stewardship and loyalty can be a complete package in high Office, even in the face of unfair criticism and personal attacks.
5. I appreciate most profoundly Hajia Dr. Aisha Muhammadu Buhari - 1st Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Her Excellency, Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo - wife of the Vice President, Hajia Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu, Ph.D - Minister of State for the Federal Capital Territory and a Kogi woman of substance, each and every one of the wives of Governors and all the other eminent Nigerian women who supported us, especially those in Your Excellencies' powerful entourage to the grande finale of our re-election campaigns last November. Your Excellency, you are indeed the mother of the nation and a fearless advocate of good governance.
6. I thank my colleague Governors, both those still in service and those who have completed their tour of duty as the No. 1 citizens of their respective states, honourable ministers of the Federal Republic, other top government functionaries, captains of industry, corporate bodies and well meaning Nigerians too many to enumerate who stood with us through thick and thin and provided immense support and encouragement.
7. I thank our great Party, the All Progressives Congress (APC), His Excellency, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole - our National Chairman, Hajia Salamatu Baiwa - our National Woman Leader, Alhaji Abdullahi Bello - the APC Kogi State Chairman, the entire national and state membership and leadership of Africa's most empathic Governing Party, the APC, for providing us the platform and the political prowess which helped us to emerge victorious for a second time.
8. I thank my Team in the New Direction Administration, most especially, His Excellency, Chief Edward Onoja, my siamese twin and the Deputy Governor of Kogi State, for the hard work and loyal followership which enabled me to pilot this ship with a minimum of distractions. Edward Onoja is a Godly politician, an astute visionary and a talented strategist who has proved his worth to me, to Kogi State and to our party again and again - first as my Chief of Staff and now as my Deputy.
9. I salute our 3 Distinguished Senators, Chief Smart Adeyemi, Alhaji Jibrin Isah Echocho and Alhaji Yakubu Oseni, along with our 6 Honourable members of the House of Representatives and the 25 Honourable Members of the Kogi State House of Assembly, all of the APC, led by The Right Honourable Speaker, Prince Matthew Kolawole. These efficient lawmakers have proved that legislating is a job for independent-minded team players. Without your support, today may not have been possible.
10. My special thanks His Lordship, Honourable Justice Nasir Ajanah and the Kogi State Judiciary for their roles in the task of governing Kogi State. No doubt, the principle of separation of powers has benefited tremendously from our experiences in the last 4 years.
11. It is of course impossible to forget Organised Labour in Kogi, the various unions and organisations including the student bodies whose firm support translated into crucial and substantial electoral votes. Of special importance are the faith-based duo of the Muslim Council of Ulama in Kogi State and the Christians groups led by the Christian Association of Nigeria. They proved to be upright partners who helped to keep us accountable to the people.
12. I celebrate my family:
 - a. My wives - Hajia Barr. Amina Oyiza Bello, Hajia Rashidat Bello, the First Lady of Kogi State and Hajia Hafiza Onyinoyi Bello.
 - b. My children - Miss Hauwa Bello, Master Hayatullah Bello (our super able son) and the rest of our lovely children.
- c. My dear mother and matriarch of our family, Hajia Hauwau Oziohu Bello and my esteemed siblings.
- d. And in memoriam, I recall with fondness my father Alhaji Ochi Ipemida Bello who died while I was still a toddler and my sister, Hajia Rabiya Bello who passed away in late December 2019. May your precious souls continue to rest in peace.
- e. We are a closely-knit family unit which spends a lot of time together so I am really grateful for the incredible patience and sacrifice of my loved ones since I embarked on this tough journey about 4 years ago, especially as it has now extended into another 4 years.
13. I also recall the contributions of a great and unforgettable man to the emerging realities of today's Kogi State. Prince Dr. Abubakar Audu laid the foundations of robust governance as the 1st Executive Governor of Kogi State. He also built the APC into a formidable political force in the state, and personally led it to dislodge the former ruling party. Unfortunately, he died before he could see his beloved party at the helms of affairs in Kogi State. We salute this extraordinary visionary today, and pray the Almighty God to grant him eternal rest.
14. I have reserved my greatest thanks, my deepest appreciation and my heartiest celebration today for the good people of Kogi State - my employers and my only Reason for getting into politics. Kogites are the best people any Governor could ask for. They will set high standards for you, they will knock you into shape, they will keep you on your toes and no matter what you do, only your best will ever be good enough for them at any time. However, if you serve them well, they will prove to the world that you are their own, and when you need them, they will stand solidly with you - an army that no one can defeat. I will never get over the massive support they gave me for my reelection!
15. In fact, let me use this opportunity to specially appreciate the



awesome people of Kogi State for the unbelievable support they gave us in all the elections which were held during our first term, and in particular, the 2019 General Elections and the November 16 Kogi State Governorship Polls. This wonderful people handed the All Progressives Congress (APC) decisive wins across board in all the elections.

16. Kogi State reelected Mr. President and the Vice President with very sound margins before giving us a clean sweep of the various legislative seats by voting APC candidates into 2 out of 3 Senate seats, 7 out of 9 House of Representatives seats and all 25 Kogi State House of Assembly seats. In a subsequent rerun poll after the Tribunal rightly nullified the Kogi West Senatorial election earlier carted away by the main opposition party, the APC also won the third and final seat.

17. I will never forget the historic vote Kogites gave me for my own reelection on November 16, 2019. I ended up beating my nearest challenger in the 2019 Kogi State Gubernatorial Elections with over 215,000 votes! My victory was not only historic, but it marks a drastic paradigm shift in how we play our politics in Kogi State and will

henceforth obligate politicians and their parties to court every constituency if they wish to govern Kogi State. I am indeed grateful that Kogi people counted me worthy to be the protagonist of these new realities. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

18. The story of our stewardship in the term just ended is the classic tale of choosing a new direction and confronting whatever challenges it brings with courage, no matter how overwhelming they might become.

19. When we took Office for our first term on the 27th day of January, 2016, we quickly discovered that if Kogi State must survive the twin troubles of recession and insecurity which were ravaging Nigeria at the time, we must do a whole lot of things differently. We knew that the Youthfulness and Patriotism which we brought to Government would be overcome by the status quo if we failed to quickly upset the old ways which accorded unholy privileges to a favoured few at the expense of the rest of the populace.

20. Thus, it was clear to us from the beginning that conformity would mean more of the retrogressive ways and corrupt practices which had caused our state so much trouble. Since this was

not an option to us, we moved on to chart a different but more difficult path, and one which put us on a collision course with strong vested interests.

21. We identified godfatherism, tribalism, class consciousness and religious divides as the four legs of the table of corruption in this state and the ready tools of oppression and misgovernance. They had distorted social equity and equality among Kogites so over the four years of our first term we confronted these four evils wherever we found them. Today, we have cut them off and they no longer determine the rules of engagement between the government and the people in Kogi State.

22. More importantly, by vigorously enlightening the people to the real costs of these divisive and discriminatory practices, even to those who may appear to be benefiting from it, we were able to empower them to resist such. The people are now less inclined to mortgage their welfare to gain some fleeting patronage. In fact, we are now seeing more and more individuals, families and whole communities across Kogi State rising up and freeing themselves from social, economic and political subservience to a few individuals and their entrenched interests.

23. I make bold to say therefore that uniting the rich human and natural diversities of Kogi State into a progressive and cohesive force for good is the main achievement of our first term and will remain a priority of this 2nd Term. We shall not relent in weaving equity and equality into the fabric of our society and strengthening the basis for them.

24. Truth be told, we are in this for the long haul, for as Martin Luther King Jr said, 'we must live together as brothers or perish together as fools'. Thus, this battle for a united and egalitarian Kogi society is one which we must sustain, and at the appropriate time, pass on to posterity. May I also take the liberty to commend this quote to our nation as well. We must understand that what

hurts one hurts all and begin to pool our energies for mutual protection and profit, for truly, if we do not urgently contrive to live together as brothers, we will continue to perish together as fools.

25. One small but significant achievement, and one that I am particularly elated over because of its uniting force, is the building of a beautiful Chapel inside the Kogi State Government House premises for the first time in 28 years. It is not so much the cost of the building, but the balance which we were finally able to bring in the seat of power between the two major religions in our state and after such a long time which excites me. It may be a token, but it is a significant token.
26. Of course, the rent-seekers who were beneficiaries of the old ways and their protégés came at us with vengeance like a Tsunami. They twisted and turned our every word and action into all sorts of negative shapes before the world, especially through their captive media, and for a while the news only reported bad things about us, nearly all of which were false.
27. However, a key attribute of the Truth is that it cannot be hidden forever. Today, with the help of God and the support of our people, we have not only reduced the footprint of sectionalism in our body politic but we have also tamed the capacity of their beneficiaries to redeploy and benefit from them.
28. We are not ashamed to admit that we lost the propaganda war during our first term, but neither are we shy to say that we won the battle for Truth, which is more important. Today, we are defined, not by the lies which uncharitable people have told about us to the nation, but by the many infallible proofs of great governance which we were able to produce and deliver to our people across the state.
29. Evidence abound today that during our 1st Term, we achieved critical developmental and governance milestones which are helping to reposition Kogi State to face the future head-on and

unafraid. Above all, we set out to touch the lives of the people with the dividends of democracy and it is not immodest to say that we did a good job of that.

30. We worked with a well drafted plan, the New Direction Blueprint, which acted as our roadmap for accelerated development of Kogi State in all her constituencies and it guided us to focus on Education, Health, Infrastructure, Job Creation, Civil Service Reforms, Agriculture and Security.
31. For the first time since Kogi State was created we have enjoyed equity in the spread of government appointments and projects. When it comes to appointments, everyone knows that Yahaya Bello only considers merit, fairness and justice in selection and placement of persons who work with him. When it comes to projects, we have tried to spread the love proportionately between our 3 Senatorial Districts.
32. Tribe, religion or class are no longer the determinants of who or where gets what. They play no role except as a measure of proportionality. We also made it a deliberate policy to observe affirmative action. For the first time in our history, the youth and the womenfolk occupied the largest number of high profile positions in government ever, and wielded real influence.
33. We inherited a Kogi State that was notorious for insecurity, especially as the kidnap capital of Nigeria. It was a hotbed of armed robbery, communal clashes, home invasions, political thuggery and other violent crimes. The state recorded over 250 kidnappings in 2015 alone, but less than 6 months into my tenure, those numbers dropped drastically. In fact, for a 6 month period from July of 2016 to early January of 2018 we recorded no kidnaps at all. Till today, kidnapping has remained an opportunistic and isolated crime in Kogi State.
34. We invested in over 200 brand new vans and trucks and over 500

motorcycles and distributed them free among all the security agencies operating in the state. We also imported and supported them with modern communications gadgetry and provided finances and logistics. We built a Forward Operations Base for the Nigerian Army from scratch and established smaller outposts for other agencies across the state.

35. We forged synergy between the various agencies and formed a Joint Task Force of the Nigerian Police, the military and all other federal law enforcement agencies in the state. We flooded every nook and cranny of the state with mobile patrol teams. We set up the Kogi State Vigilante Services which currently has over 5000 active personnel, mainly retired security agents and agile youths and tasked them with community policing.
36. Consequently, we were rated the 2nd most peaceful state in the federation after Osun in 2018, and the most peaceful in northern Nigeria by the National Peace Index (NPI). Kogi State under my leadership was in the same 2018 rated the state with the second lowest crime statistics after Kebbi by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).
37. The great gains we made in securing the lives and properties of our people and those who traverse our territory demanded of us creative thinking and plenty of sacrifice, which we did not fail to provide. Kogi is thus more secure as we go into our 2nd Term than she has ever been at any time. This is a gain we intend to strengthen and sustain.
38. Moving on from physical security, we worked hard to improve our fiscal sustainability capacities as a state. Our Internally Generated Revenue has grown from about N350m monthly when we took Office in January 2016 to about N1.4bn per month now, mainly by the elimination of waste and corruption and by improving collection. Our IGR figures since 2016 are in themselves a metaphor for the steady development which we have achieved in most areas:

- a. 2016 - N9,569,123,755.23
 - b. 2017 - N11,244,260,974.7
 - c. 2018 - N11,334,113,743.5
 - d. 2019 - N16,389,026,388.86.
39. Less than 2 years into my first tenure, Kogi State became one of only 4 states in the federation deemed success stories in the SDGs by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). We were invited to the 72nd UN General Assembly on this score. In addition, we consistently received high ratings in key performance areas from credible local and international agencies.
 40. In 2019, the World Bank Group recognised us as the top performer in World Bank Portfolio. It bears repeating that since we took Office we have been intentional about meeting Kogi State's counterpart funding obligations to the World Bank Group and other development partners. That is a lot of money, but the dividends have been much too. Our partnership with the World Bank Group is one I wish to deepen greatly in this second term.
 41. Still in 2019 we ranked the 7th top performer among all the states and FCT in basic education funding according to the records of the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC). We have renovated, or constructed from scratch, over 375 classroom blocks in basic education (primary) schools across the state. Those of you on the lookout might have seen some of these buildings in the schools you passed on your way here today. They are painted an iconic blue and white, and you cannot miss them.
 42. Our secondary schools and Tertiary institutions also received extensive attention from my administration in our first term, mainly in provision of enhanced learning materials and development of physical infrastructure.
 43. Still in 2019, the Nigerian Bureau of Statistics rated us one of the only 9 states which reduced unemployment at a time that the rest of the country slid further into it. This rating in particular silenced those who invested a lot to discredit my civil service reforms.
 44. Today, the claims of non-payment of salaries which dogged our footsteps during our staff screening and verification exercise have become history. I have been able to bring my salary payments up to date and to fulfill my dream cum promise to pay salaries before they become due since August last year. We now pay our workers even before the month ran out. Henceforth, it is our plan, all things being equal, to pay salaries and pensions between the 25th and 28th of every month.
 45. I commend the patience and support of Organised Labour in Kogi State throughout the process of implementing our civil service reform schedules. They understood that we were only trying to sanitise our workforce and payroll and they became fierce but fair watchdogs over the process.
 46. Infrastructure was a big need in Kogi State when we arrived Government House and it was a big deal for us. It is still a big need today, but we also got a lot done in our first term by tackling infrastructure as vigorously as time and funding would permit.
 47. Across the state, we awarded 16 new intercity roads and designated 2 existing ones for complete overhaul. This enabled us to construct about 200km of new roads. 34 other roads were rehabilitated 100% in towns and cities across the state which added another 150km. About 350km of motorable asphalt overlay added to our existing road network is not bad for a first term in office, especially one which started in a recession! Our second term will see several legacy infrastructure projects come on board.
 48. We connected over 200 communities to the national electricity grid - some of them for the first time while others were reconnected after really long periods of disconnection. In our second term, we intend to accelerate electrification of many other communities through on-grid and off-grid options. Our ongoing Project Light Up Kogi East which is personally overseen by the Deputy Governor under my supervision is an ambitious project that is on course to strengthen electricity facilities serving the Kogi East axis where we have the lowest electricity penetration in the state. When completed the project would have provided another 200-500 communities with electricity.
 49. We provided over 300 boreholes and rural water schemes to villages and hamlets across the 3 Senatorial Districts and revamped existing water-works in several urban centres for improved provision of portable water to the populace.
 50. Agriculture has always been earmarked as the mainstay of government's efforts to engage the people profitably and we will continue to invest in it. Already we have thousands of Kogites gainfully engaged in the Agricultural value chain and it will be our policy thrust in the second term to enlarges the scope.
 51. We constructed a brand new 50 tons per day Rice Mill at Ejiba in the Kogi West Senatorial District during our first term. It is supported with about 800 hectares of paddy under cultivation. We have enlarged the scope of support to farmers and agricultural undertakings across the state. Government support has taken the form of free or subsidised agricultural services or inputs such as tractors and other farm equipment, fertilizers, improved seeds and seedlings, land preparation and extension services.
 52. In the health sector, we have done rather well too. Kogi has the lowest infant mortality rates in Nigeria according to a November 2019 study by the National Population Commission (NPC) and the Federal Ministry of Health sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Along with saving hundreds of lives among our children under five years of age, we also achieved a corresponding drop in maternal mortality rates. This following the launch of free health services to our mothers, pregnant women and newborns.

53. We have nearly completed the Confluence Advanced Medical and Diagnostic Centre, a full-fledged Ultra-modern Diagnostic Center at the Specialist Hospital, Lokoja.
54. We beefed up the fight against deadly and infectious diseases by constructing a brand new Biosafety Laboratory, reactivating the moribund Lassa fever treatment centre and establishing a Public Health Operations Centre.
55. I set up the Kogi State Poor and Vulnerable Peoples Fund early in my administration and provided money for health and other interventions to the poor. Wealthy citizens were also encouraged to donate to the Fund and some of them were very generous indeed. We were able to sponsor 876 surgeries and over 50,000 other medical cases, some of which were treated abroad under the auspices of the Bello Health Intervention.
56. In addition to large scale facelift of Health training institutions in the state through infrastructural developments, we also recruited thousand of personnel for the health sector. The Kogi State College of Nursing, Obangede was able to receive the full accreditation which had eluded her for many years.
57. We have 239 wards in Kogi State and we built, renovated or remodeled at least one Primary Healthcare Centre in each ward in the State. In fact, a few wards received more than one.
58. We set up the Kogi State Health Insurance Agency with an eye to the planned rollout of universal healthcare services in our second term.
59. My Administration is happy to accept all the help she can get from every honest source. The various initiatives under the Federal Government's Social Investment Programme (SIP) have proven an invaluable social safety net which we have exploited for the benefit of tens of thousands of Kogites. As at today, we have the following SIP statistics:
 - a. N-Power: 12,964 beneficiaries earning N30,000 each per month, which adds about N388,920,000 to our economy monthly.
 - b. Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT): 62,160 poor and vulnerable people receiving N5000 monthly grant which injects N621,600,000 into the Kogi State economy monthly.
 - c. Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme (GEEP): 4,192 beneficiaries of interest free loans for market women which has added N209,600,000 to the economy of Kogi State.
 - d. Home Grown School Feeding Programme (HGSFP) is still operating at pilot stage, but currently feeds about 100,000 pupils in 620 public primary schools whole employing 1,067 caterers and putting in over N100,000,000 into Kogi's economy per month.
 - e. Currently, the SIPs as a whole pump in about N1.1billion into the Kogi State economy monthly.
 - f. We have received commendations from the Presidency through the Honourable Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development for outstanding performance in partnering with the Federal Government on the SIPs.
 - g. We shall not relent in our efforts and during our second term we intend to scale up on all the components of the SIP by at least 100%.
60. We ran for a 2nd term with the slogan, 'Let's Do More', and made a strong case for reelection by showcasing our 1st term achievements while undertaking to improve on them. Kogi voters have reelected us with the most historic margin in a gubernatorial election ever seen in this state and it is now incumbent on us to keep our electoral promises - and we shall do just that.
61. Our Let's Do More mantra stands on 3 Operative Principles designed to underpin all our engagements in this new term of Office. They are as follows:
 - a. Partnership: Our Next Level in Kogi State will rely on synergy at every stage, primarily the one between the People and the Government but also with a wide array of investors, service providers and development partners spread across the public and private sectors.
 - b. Progress: The partnerships which will define our 2nd Term must be inherently progressive. Their trajectory must be a progression from where we are to where we plan to go, and rely predominantly on homegrown solutions for meeting our unique challenges as a people and state.
 - c. Prosperity. Our second term must improve the lot of every Kogite who is willing to put in an honest day's labour. Our aim is to grow an inclusive economy which has room for every willing participant, irrespective of his or her ethnic extraction, physical location and preferred occupation.
62. Our overall mission in this second term is to develop Kogi State into Nigeria's foremost and most secure emerging commercial hub through optimization of the state's geographical location, natural endowments and human resources for a sustainable future.
63. Specifically, we shall embark on large scale urban renewal projects to further transform Lokoja into a resilient capital city with modern utilities attractive to residents and tourists alike. Even though upgrading the sights and sounds of Lokoja will be paramount, this beautification project will extend to at least one major town in each Senatorial District.
64. We will sustain focus on Agriculture for improved food security, mass employment and increase in Internally Generated Revenue. We will take the Agricultural Revolution which we

started in the first term to the Next Level.

65. Specifically, Rice, Cassava, Cashew, Aquaculture and Livestock will remain the bedrock of our activities in the agricultural sector as follows:

- a. In addition to the state-owned rice mill at Ejiba which I mentioned earlier, we will work to see more Rice Mills built by private capital in the state, increase land under cultivation with rice and facilitate off-taker agreements for local growers. We want to make Confluence Rice the dominant brand, at least in the home market.
- b. Nigeria is the largest cassava grower in the world and Kogi State is Nigeria's largest grower. We will add 500,000 new cassava farmers from our populace into our initiatives around this amazing crop during this second term.
- c. We also plan to build the nation's largest ethanol plant in Kogi State for production of green fuel from cassava. We have secured a partnership with the Central Bank of Nigeria and a private investor to make these projects a reality.
- d. Kogi State is a leading player in Nigeria's cashew nuts industry. We have largely eliminated the communal conflicts around this crop and will continue working with orchards and growers to improve the quantity and quality of our produce as well as the size of our market share in the multibillion naira cashew industry.
- e. We have added thousands of new fish ponds and their proprietors to the numbers we met in 2016 and we shall be taking our aquaculture to the next level as well in this second term.
- f. Livestock farming has always been subsistence in Kogi State but over the last four years, we have grown the numbers of participants in this area too. Our second term strategy is to support more Kogites to find

employment in poultry farming. We will also be establishing institutional cattle ranches to take advantage of the employment and income options in this neglected area.

66. Outside of Agriculture, we are also going to pay greater attention to human capital development by investing more in training our people for enhanced relevance in a technologically evolving future.
67. With Information and Communications Technology becoming such a big earner for individuals and societies, we will do our best to facilitate some youth with the relevant cognates and competencies to acquire further education in this area at leading institutions abroad.
68. I do not intend to outline everything we shall do in this second term in this brief speech. That will have to wait for our updated New Direction Blueprint which should be out within the next 90 days. However, it is important that we give us an idea of our governance thrust and that is what we have just done.
69. The more you bear the burden of leadership, the more you realise that people, and not things, events or places, matter the most. This places a demand on you to make your people and their welfare the heart of your leadership. But since things, events and places exert a profound influence on people, you also find yourself obligated to improve them for the benefit of your people.
70. Therefore, my definition of good governance is the ability to unite the people, things, events and places within our leadership space in a wholesome, symbiotic relationship.
71. When approached with the above mindset, governance ceases to be a popularity contest and becomes a life-saving vocation requiring the leader's best efforts always. Our governance objective in Kogi State since January 27, 2016 when we first took Office is to do the right thing for the present generation and for posterity without fear or favour. This objective

will remain unchanged throughout my second tenure.

72. My primary allegiance as Governor will remain to Kogi State and her citizens, not to party or tribe. Everyone is my citizen and I owe everyone the protections and fidelities inherent in the Office.
73. I therefore call on all and sundry, friends and perceived foes, to put aside all differences of politics, ideology or affiliation and join hands with us to give Kogi State the best of governance.
74. By the grace of God, the Oath of Office I have just taken is a pact to do right by all citizens as the 5th Executive Governor of Kogi State. In this second and concluding term of my constitutional tenures as Governor, it shall be the principal preoccupation of my administration to bring revitalised energy to bear in delivering refocused governance.
75. It is on this note that I enjoin all Kogites to look forward to the next four years with optimism and great expectations. We will do everything in our power as government to make sure they are productive, prosperous and peaceful.
76. So help me God.
77. I thank you all.
78. God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
79. God bless Kogi State.
80. And God bless you all.

YAHAYA BELLO

Governor of Kogi State
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EDITORIAL NOTE

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As the second term of Governor Yahaya Bello's administration approaches its last quarter, one thing the people of Kogi State would attest to without mincing words is the fact that he is never a lethargic leader. Right from the beginning of his first term in January 2016, he committed himself to the transformation of the State by reforming its machineries of government (Civil Service), its security architecture, and ensuring ethnic cohesion and development at all levels.

To achieve his goals, he assembled eggheads with unmatched competency across primordial lines. Though his first term was turbulently marred with unprecedented litigations and the political battle which broke out immediately after he was sworn-in, he was not deterred in implementing his policies. As a pragmatic leader, he meticulously examined the situation and used his administration's blueprint as a compass to address the pressing needs of the State.

The first problem he encountered in the course of governance was the Civil Service. It was rotten, corrupt and unproductive. Using the democratic and legal means to ensure an effective and productive

civil service, the Governor embarked on a screening exercise that ab initio generated an outcry from ghost workers and employment racketeers who were the target of the exercise.

After the completion of screening in 2018, the Governor gave a standing order for the civil servants' salaries to be paid between the 24 and 27th of every month, an order that has been maintained to date. The unautocratic nature of Bello in policy execution boosts the morale of the workers and propels them to be productive and patriotic. Added to that is the fact that even in the face of the crippling national economy, he approved the National Minimum Wage Scale for Kogi civil Servants. The gesture has been greeted with tremendous commendations from the workforce.

In addition to the Civil Service reform, Governor Bello's utmost priority is the health sector. Consequently, he built the Reference Hospital, Okene as a medical cathedral to put an end to medical tourism by Nigerians. Other three state-of-the-art medical centres were built in Isanlu, Gegu-Beki and Eganyi in the Ajaokuta local government area, and upgrade Idah general hospital to a zonal hospital to cater for the healthcare needs of the people.

Access to the healthcare facilities won't have been possible if the administration had not rehabilitated and constructed most of the roads in the State. Before 2015, 70% of Kogi roads were death traps. Recent reports of the roads and beautiful projects executed by this administration stunned many of its critic to the marrow. The images of infrastructural masterpieces adorned the State right from its capital, to Idah, Tegu-Beki, Anyigba, Ogugu, Okene, Kabba, and some other places are cherished by the people. Specifically these multi-billion naira projects that gave the

State facelift include the Ganja Junction flyover (which has brought the incessant traffic in the junction to an abrupt end), the 55 km Ejule – Umomi – Ugwualawo – Ajaka - Idah road, the Kabba township roads, the Okene township roads around Agasa GRA and Okengwe-Makaranta areas of the town, the 56km Ibana-Okpo-Ikeje-Emon-yokwu-Ogugu road, Ankpa township road, 38km Itakpe-Okene road, Agala-Ogane-aji road, Lokoja township roads and others.

In carrying out these projects, the Governor was utterly and noticeably prudent. Through financial probity, accountability and transparency, Kogi state has been rated best by the World Bank and other financial and accounting bodies in Nigeria. With effective communication and strong relationships, Kogi under governor Bello has collaborated with international organisations in curtailing the menace of life threatening gully erosions in the state. One of such collaborations was with the Nigerian Erosion and Watershed Management Project, NEWMAP where the State has consistently paid its counterpart funds. This intervention has permanently addressed the erosion menace in Adumu, Olamaboro local government area, Agasa in Okene local government area and Ogane-aji in Dekina local government area respectively.

In education, primary and secondary teachers were incompetent, learning facilities and teaching materials were in shambles on the eve of Governor Bello's administration in the State. Bello's response in recalibrating the sector was the constant training and retraining of the teachers to meet up with acceptable standard. Over 800 classroom blocks were constructed and renovated across the State as part of the recalibration. Among them were the construction of 4-storey buildings of the 'GYB Modern Science Schools' in all the senatorial districts and Lokoja.

Bello's magic wand was also evident in putting an end to the incessant ASUU strike in the state-owned institutions in 2017 through strategic negotiation with stakeholders. The agreement therefrom normalized activities in the institutions and ensured prompt and regular payment of staff salaries. The development encouraged the Governor to establish the Confluence University of Science and Technology, Osara after obtaining approval

from the NUC in 2020. The specialized institution took off in 2021 with 245 students. On February 12, 2022, the Kogi State government disbursed N6b to contractors handling projects in the university while construction of the college of medicine, Prince Abubakar Audu University, Anyigba for full medical accreditation was also getting final touches. Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja; College of Education, Ankpa; and College of Education Technical, Kabba are not left out.

Insecurity in Kogi on the eve of Bello's administration was intractable. Lives and property were lost through incessant bank robberies, kidnapping, highway robbery, and political thuggery, making the State to be notoriously christened "the kidnap capital of Nigeria." For instance, in 2011, ISWAP established fortress in Okene, where most of the Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were made for terrorism in the Northeast. Attacks on worship centres were frequent occurrences. Worthy of note was the killing of 16 Deeper Life Church members on August 7, 2012. Military formations in the area were also not left out of the preponderant clandestine clannish crises that to the deaths of many citizens.

Charity, they say, begins at home. Governor Bello invaded the rocky caves of Okene and sacked ISWAP; the notorious kidnappers were identified and arrested and the proceeds of their nefarious activities were destroyed in broad daylight. The same actions were carried out in Kogi East and West where criminal elements were ransacked and arrested to make Kogi one of the safest states in the country.

In agriculture, Bello's policies have made Kogi the Food Basket of the nation. He brought about qualitative changes in the life of the farmers to increase food production and agribusiness by keying into the various agricultural policies of the Federal Government. The payment of counterpart funds by the State Government contributed in no small measure in facilitating the following: clearing and cultivation of 3000 hectares of land for rice cultivation and over 5000 hectares of land for cassava cultivation across the State. To improve the financial status of farmers, Governor Bello has kept a goal of improving farmers' income by 2023 through subsidy on agricultural

input, micro agricultural loans, allocation of agricultural lands and seedlings, etc., to improve agricultural productivity.

In 2016, Governor Bello established 1000 hectares farm in Omi, Osara, and other selected areas to enhance rice production. He procured 375 Ferguson Tractors and other multibillion naira agro-equipment to boost rice production. In addition to this, about 1500 tillers were distributed to small-scale farmers in 2021. This effort has so far created over 15, 000 jobs for the people of Kogi State and increased their living standard. Also, cassava has become the hottest agricultural produce in Kogi State as there exists a market equilibrium for it in the largest ethanol company (Unicane) in Lokoja whose major raw material is cassava. The company and many others were established in Lokoja due to the safety and conducive atmosphere created in the State by Governor Bello.

Satisfied by the agricultural revolution in Kogi, the Federal Government chose the State as the pioneer site for National Egg Production where over 135 youths are currently empowered with N4.2m each to support their poultry farming.

Another remarkable agricultural development in Kogi State under the Bello-led administration is the massive cultivation of river banks for rice production. Under this scheme, the state government harvested thousands of tons of rice in 2018 in addition to what it produced around the Omi dam.

The State-owned Confluence Rice Mill, Ejiba, with 36m kg yearly production capacity was built by the present administration. It is one of the most patronized mills in Nigeria today. The mill has generated over 2000 indirect and direct jobs through its Out-Growers empowerment program and milling activities. By establishing the Rice Milling Industry; the Governor has used one stone to kill two birds by fighting food insecurity and unemployment simultaneously.

It is indubitable that in the last seven years, Governor Bello has waved a magic wand that eroded in most cases, and mitigated in few others, the difficult socio-economic challenges of the state.

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SPOTLIGHT ON GOV. YAHAYA BELLO'S

ASTOUNDING EFFORTS IN REPOSITIONING HEALTHCARE IN KOGI STATE



KOGI STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LOKOJA

The health of a nation is critical to its economic growth and sustainability” This coinage which was emphasised at a public lecture on health recently brings to the bare the need for governments to invest in healthcare as an avenue to boost the healthcare sector of their domain. In Nigeria, one state that has made health, a priority is Kogi State under the astounding leadership of his Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello. Understanding the logistical mobilization, financial demands and strategy in developing the healthcare sector of a given clime, Governor Bello place the Ministry of Health as one of the priorities of his administration.

The State Ministry of Health is committed to providing policies and interventions aimed at improving healthcare delivery services. On this mandate, the


ministry of health has guaranteed a significant reduction in Maternal and Child Mortality, improved treatment outcomes and quality of life of residents of Kogi State under the current administration of Governor Yahaya Bello.

In 2018, Bello launched the “Bello healthcare Plus” initiative; a healthcare delivery package which includes free distribution of delivery kits, postpartum haemorrhage packs, hypertensive packs, episiotomy packs and free maternal/new born health care services, amongst others to pregnant women from the poor socio-economic background.

To ensure the effectiveness of the initiative, the state government recruited an additional seven hundred health professionals to help in sustaining its health coverage in the state.

The Healthcare Plus Initiative has been hailed as one of the best healthcare policies in the nation today. The former Minister for Health, Prof. Isaac Adewole said governor Yahaya Bello's administration approach to healthcare delivery remains one of the best in Nigeria today. “The program has made it possible for pregnant women to have access to no-cost medical services across the state. It was borne out of the commitment of the Governor to ensure women don't die anymore in the process of giving birth to children. This a big plus to our battle against maternal mortality”, the former minister said.

The significance of this healthcare delivery package is that it Provides free maternal and newborn healthcare services including referral services where and when necessary.



To curtail the outbreak of Lassa fever in 2017, the state government established a multi-billion naira bio-safety laboratory at the Kogi State Specialist Hospital, Lokoja and procured safety kits for all health workers exposed to the disease. With the establishment of the bio-safety laboratory in Lokoja and additional investment in critical areas such as laboratory reagents and testing kits, motivation of staff, intensifying community sensitization, provision of treatment centres and supplies and training of health workers, the state has been able to mitigate the risk of multiple disease outbreak threats that include COVID-19, cholera, Lassa Fever, Yellow Fever, Cerebral spinal Meningitis, vaccine-derived poliovirus, among others.

In the area of Health Projects/ Infrastructures, New Direction Administration in the State embarked on massive health infrastructural development which includes the establishment of The Reference Hospital, Okene with the state of the art medical equipment of global standard, the clinical complex of Prince Abubakar Audu Teaching Hospital, Anyigba, expansion and renovation of the Kogi State Specialist Hospital, Lokoja, establishment of Ultra-Modern General Hospital Gegu-Beki, Ultra-Modern General Hospital Badoko, Ultra-Modern General Hospital Isanlu, Renovation Remodeling and Upgrade of Zonal Hospital Idah amongst others.

Medical Equipment; Relevant medical equipment comprising of basic and advanced cutting-edge medical instrument and machines along with BLS and ALS Ambulances have been procured, and distributed and all equipment installed at various hospitals in the state.

In boosting Human Resources for Health Sector development, the state's training institutions have also received tremendous support from the government.

The College of Nursing and Midwifery, Obagede, which was a monotechnic, has been converted to a Polytechnic

with the introduction of new courses such as Dental Nursing and Midwifery. Today, all courses in the State Health Training Institutions (College of Nursing & Midwifery Obagede and College of Health Sciences and Technology Idah) are fully accredited by the National Board for Technical Education. This enables the graduation of qualified and competent health manpower for improved health services in the state.

To increase the workforce and encourage the healthcare-delivering profession, the state government gave Automatic Employment to all Best graduating students of all Departments in the College of Health Sciences Technology Idah in the year 2020 – 2022 and all the first set graduates of the Pharmacy Technician Department of the College into Kogi State Civil Service.

To encourage industrial harmony and commitment, the state government under the leadership of governor Yahaya Bello gave Full implementation of the Revised COMMES 2014 Salary Structure for Medical Doctors and 100% CONHESS Salary Structure for Nurses in the State Civil Service.

Training and Retraining of all categories of State Health workers for effective health care delivery have also been fast tracked.

To guarantee Pharmaceutical services delivery, the state government has established functional Drugs Management Agency for the administration and control of drugs in the State with the appointment of a substantive Executive Secretary and the Establishment of a functional Logistics Management Coordinating Unit (LMCU). This enhances the monitoring of the Drugs Supply Chain to State health facilities.

The State Government has also strengthened the Emergency Preparedness Response Unit of the Ministry of Health to effectively respond to all public health outbreaks under the Public Health Department for effective Emergency Preparedness Response for the control of Public Health outbreaks in Kogi state (Cholera, Lassa Fever etc.).

A Public Health Emergency Operation Center (PHEOC) for the coordination of Public Health outbreak is also created and functional in the State.

Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Buruli Ulcers have been identified as major killer diseases in Nigeria. Kogi State is recognized among committees of States in Nigeria for good performance at the National level in her effort to treat and control Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Buruli Ulcers.

Accelerating Nutrition Result in Nigeria (ANRiN) operationalized towards the reduction of malnutrition and nutritional causative-related issues. In combating malnutrition and nutritional causative, the state government has embarked on active nutritional intervention programs/activities in health facilities and all communities across the state. Another important health intervention is the State Malaria Elimination Programme (SMEP) which is committed to controlling and combat malaria disease to the level of elimination in the state. The distribution of 368,790 of Sulphadoxine – Pyrimethamine-Amodiaquine (SPAQ) for children of 3-59 months for the prevention of malaria in high-risk and high Peak raining season during the Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention (SMC) programme has reduced the burden of malaria among this age group. The establishment of Traditional Medicine Board for the management of Alternative Medicine practitioner's in-line with the national directive is also in place in the state.

COUNTER PART FUNDING

The state government under the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello has shown great commitment to regular payment of counterpart funding for health intervention programs. e.g. Accelerating Nutrition Result in Nigeria (ANRiN), and Malaria Impact Project in the state.

Health Enlightenment, Sensitization, Advocacies and other health programs are carried out in communities across the 3 Senatorial Districts





HYPERBARIC OXYGEN CHAMBER

HBOT is a type of treatment involving the use of 100% oxygen to speed up healing and repair processes in tissues that starved of oxygen.

For this therapy, you enter a special chamber to breathe in pure oxygen in air pressure levels 1.5 to 3 times higher than average. The goal is to fill the blood with enough oxygen to repair tissues and restore normal body function.

FACTS ABOUT HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy was first used in the U.S. in the early 20th century.

The therapy was tried again in the 1940s when the U.S. Navy used it to treat deep-sea divers who had decompression sickness. By the 1960s, the therapy was also used to treat carbon monoxide poisoning.

Today, it's still used to treat sick scuba divers and people with carbon monoxide poisoning, including firefighters and miners. It has also been approved for more than a dozen conditions ranging from burns to bone disease, including:

- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Cyanide poisoning
- Crush injuries
- Gas gangrene (a form of gangrene in which gas collects in tissues)
- Decompression sickness
- Acute or traumatic reduced blood flow in the arteries
- Compromised skin grafts and flaps
- Infection in a bone (osteomyelitis) that doesn't respond to other treatment
- Delayed radiation injury
- Flesh-eating disease (necrotizing soft tissue infection)
- Air or gas bubble trapped in a blood vessel (air or gas embolism)
- Chronic infection called actinomycosis
- Diabetic wounds that are not healing properly

Reference Hospital, Okene is the first Medical centre with this cutting-edge medical equipment.



CT SCAN

A computerised tomography (CT) scan uses X-rays and a computer to create detailed images of the inside of the body.

CT scans are sometimes referred to as CAT scans or computed tomography scans.

They're carried out in hospital by specially trained operators called radiographers, and can be done while you're staying in hospital or during a short visit.

When CT scans are used

CT scans can produce detailed images of many structures inside the body, including the internal organs, blood vessels and bones.

They can be used to:

diagnose conditions – including damage to bones, injuries to internal organs, problems with blood flow, stroke, and cancer

guide further tests or treatments – for example, CT scans can help determine the location, size and shape of a tumour before having radiotherapy, or allow a doctor to take a needle biopsy (where a small tissue sample is removed using a needle) or drain an abscess

monitor conditions – including checking the size of tumours during and after cancer treatment.

This is another sophisticated medical equipment at the Reference Hospital, Okene, Kogi State.

HEALTH INSURANCE AGENCY

To sustain improvement in the health sector and further coverage of healthcare delivery across communities, His Excellency the Executive Governor of Kogi State established the Kogi Health Insurance Agency in April 2019 to provide equitable access to quality and affordable healthcare services for all residents of Kogi State to meet the 2030 global target of Universal Health Coverage. Amongst the achievement of the Agency so far are the provision of free healthcare services to 31,491 vulnerable across the 21 LGA (239) Wards in Kogi State, accreditation of 236 Primary Health Centers on Basic Health care provision fund (BHCPF). The human Resources requirement for effective delivery of Kogi Health Insurance Agency has also been considered and approved as Community Health Influencers Persons (CHIPs) by the government.

CHIPs:

Community health influencer persons, are staff who are deployed to help the PHC to have more utilization. About 192 CHIPS personnel have been selected,

trained and be deployed to four LGAs (Bassa, Idah, Okene and Yagba West) i.e about 48 CHIPS Personnel per LGA. About 16 CHIPS Technical Mentors trained in each LGA, a total of 64 in the four LGA to mentor the selected CHIPS agents. Three LGA Supervisors also trained per LGA a total of 12 supervisors in the 4 LGA to supervise the CHIPS activities.

All the BHCPF facilities have commercial Bank accounts.

Successfully trained five (5) BHCPF LGA team members which comprised of Director PHCs, HMIS officers, LGA social mobilization officers, LGA Health authority accountants and the LGA maternal and child health (MCH) coordinators. This translate to 105 (5 X 21), BHCPF LGA team members across the state.

Trained all the OICs, Assistant OIC, WDC chairperson and treasurer, i.e 4 each from each political ward of the state. (4 x 239 = 956), i.e 956 BHCPF personnel at the Ward level.

The fourth quarter business plan has been worked upon. Retirement of the

third quarter is ongoing.

- DMA Purchased Drugs and distributed to the first batch of about 110 facilities.
- The second (2nd) batch of drug purchase and distribution to the other 110 facilities has commenced.
- Supportive supervision/M&E and Quality assessment team has been set up to commence activities.
- Training/Orientation of the Supportive supervision /M&E team and the Quality assessors conducted, and deployment of team has commenced.
- Financial commitment to State oversight committee (#1,275,372.45k) fulfilled

There is no doubt, Kogi State under the leadership of His Excellency, Yahaya Bello has turned around the healthcare sector in Kogi with quality healthcare delivery and state-of-the-art medical facilities across the state.



3rd Floor Corridor



3rd Floor: One Of The Male Wards



One of the Admin Offices



Waiting Section for the Pediatric ward



Children Ward



Conference Hall



Back view of the Hospital and internal road Network



Labour Ward



Laboratory



3rd Floor Waiting Room



Dialysis Machines



Digital MOBILE X-ray Machine



Advanced life support ambulances



Life support ambulances



Advanced life support ambulances



Interior: Fully Equipped Life support ambulances



Inside Life support ambulances

OXYGEN PRODUCTION PLANT AT REFERENCE HOSPITAL, OKENE



REFERENCE HOSPITAL, OKENE

YAHAYA BELLO'S PURE GENIUS

"A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position" – John Maxwell

There is a global consensus that universal access to healthcare is an essential human right which is critical to sustainable development. Nigeria is yet to adopt innovative ways to protect the poor and vulnerable populations against financial risk of ill health. It is important to guarantee by law the right to health care of all citizens in Nigeria. Although the National Health Act (NHA) that was signed into law in 2014 states that all Nigerians are entitled to basic minimum package of health care services.

Given that "A healthy people is a healthy nation" and considering the poor health infrastructure he inherited from the previous administration, the Governor Yahaya Bello-led administration in Kogi State left no one in doubt about his commitment to reversing the trend. Thus the health sector became his topmost priority and he embarked on a massive revamp of the sector.

Some of his interventions include renovation, remodeling and re-equipping of 21 existing Primary Health Care Centres (one per Local Government) with solar-powered boreholes and electrification to help the success of the Healthcare-Plus Programme, a microcosm of the Governor's State Health Insurance Scheme (SHIS).

To further achieve good, quality health services, as well as increase access to services at all levels, all Primary Health Care facilities in the State were put under one roof. The National Health Act, 2014 provides for the operationalisation of Primary Health Care under One Roof (PHCUOR) by States and establishment of Local Government Health Authorities (LGHA) at the Local Government levels as conditions for benefiting from the Basic Health Care Provision Fund.

There is no doubting the fact that no sector has received as much attention as the Health sector since Governor Bello came to power. Aside from the completed state-of-the-art Medical Diagnostic Centre in the State that will arguably become the best in the country, lots of other health benefit programmes have been going on, one of which is the Healthcare Plus concept that has been applauded as one chef d'oeuvre intervention scheme across the Federation.

Recently, on behalf of Image Merchants Promotion Ltd (IMPR), publishers of PRNigeria, Economic Confidential, Politics Digest and other titles, I was privileged to be part of a media tour of the state meant to unravel all the giant strides of the present administration and to confirm all we have gotten from secondary sources about the

governor's achievements. When we met the Commissioner for Health, Dr Saka Haruna, he was excited about telling us what he and the governor have accomplished in the health sector in the state.

He said the Healthcare Plus was an intervention mechanism introduced to help pregnant women and nursing mothers get on with life with less stress and more smile.

He described the scheme as one of the best healthcare policies in the country. The programme, he said, makes it possible for pregnant women to have access to medical services across the state and at no cost. With this scheme, child/maternal mortality which was very high prior to 2016, has drastically reduced.

He stated that the long term plan of the administration had been to put in place a list of world class Teaching Hospitals, General Hospitals and Reference Hospitals that can rival anyone anywhere in the country as part of measures to stop medical tourism.

That took the conversation to the gigantic Reference Hospital the governor is building in Okene which is said to be one of the best in the country.

Many of the equipment that will be deployed

at the hospital are already available, like the Hyperbaric oxygen treatment chamber which is debuting Nigeria for the first time, fully furnished cardiology suites where investigative and interventional therapy will be carried out, are also available. A diagnostic and therapeutic procedure that has an AP lab and a Cat lab are all coming into the country for the first time," the Commissioner said.

The Commissioner encouraged us to visit the Hospital and see things for ourselves. He assured us if we take the pain to go there we won't regret the adventure.

On getting to Okene where the Hospital is located, we were not disappointed. What we saw was an imposing 300-bed capacity Hospital which was at an advanced stage of construction and which is expected to be completed in August this year.

A world class Reference Hospital for the treatment of advanced medical conditions that have been forcing Kogites and Nigerians to go abroad in search of succour,

it has Female Wards Male Wards, Emergency Wards, Surgical Wards, Medical Wards, VIP Ward, VVIP Wards, all of which are ten each in number. It also has a Ward for Renal ailments and another one for Dental issues. It has two different Laboratories (Hematology Lab and Histopathology Lab).

The Hospital is fitted with Ultra Sound Room for scanning, Mammography (Scanning for breast cancer), MRI Machine (Magnetic Resonance Imaging), Oxygen Building, Hyperbaric Oxygen Center etc.

The Hospital has Four Consultancy Rooms with Eight Call Rooms Three Elevators, Eight Pharmacy Sections, Antenatal Clinic, Neonatal Room, Nurse Station, Post Natal, Surgery Theatre, Collection Point, Blood Bank etc.

There are more than 12 Electrical Rooms, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with Nine bed spaces, Standard Theatre Rooms and Five well-equipped Libraries for doctors.

It has a 60-seat capacity Conference Hall, Standard Seminar Hall with Six projectors and electronic gadgets and a befitting Restaurant.

Meanwhile, everywhere in the architectural masterpiece is electronically wired with CCTV Cameras, Automatic Fire Extinguisher and Water Sprinklers, fire hose (Automatic fire fighter. It has a covered walkway – because of rain, a robust panel for 24-hour water supply, an X-Ray Room that is made up of laid linen which protects the machine from damage and stops it from giving wrong results as well as the Earth Rod which protects the machine from thunder and lightening.

The sort of massive investment in this Hospital is the stuff only great men of vision and big dreams are capable of. With this immense structure that is capable of attracting tourists to the state from far and near, Kogi state will not be the same again when the project is completed in few months.



NEWLY RENOVATED AND EQUIPED ZONAL HOSPITAL, IDAH



PRINCE ABUBAKAR AUDU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CLINIC, ANYIGBA



**MODERN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PRINCE ABUBAKAR AUDU UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL CLINIC, ANYIGBA**



ULTRA MODERN GENERAL HOSPITAL, GEGU/BEKKI, KOGI/KOTO KARFE LGA



EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF KOGI STATE SPECIALIST HOSPITAL, LOKOJA



HEALTHCARE CENTRE DONATED BY HON. USMAN AHMED ODODO TO UPOGORO COMMUNITY





SUCCESS STORIES OF

KOGI MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER, HAJIA FATIMA KABIR BUBA

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, LOKOJA

The success we have recorded in the Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development in the journey which began on the 29th January, 2020 after our inauguration by His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Adoza Bello lies in the power of collaboration and leadership, despite the effect of COVID-19 pandemic on lives and livelihoods of the people.

We have been in alliance with strategic partners at the state, national and international levels which has brought a radical change in the sector in consonance with the New Direction Agenda of His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Adoza Bello.

We have hit the ground running hoping to

build on the success recorded by this administration in the first tenure of successful leadership.

The Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development is charged with the mandate of advancing the socio-economic, political, civil, cultural rights and wellbeing of women and children as well as the less privileged, the disable, elderly and other vulnerable groups of people in the society including girl child.

This makes our mandate uniquely multi-sectoral at all levels, thus touching on several cross-cutting issues.

The Ministry works through her eight (8) zonal offices spread round the three senatorial districts of the state and the

Principal Women Development Officers in the 21 Local Government Area of Kogi State through various steering committees and technical committees on the different sectors, including Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to ensure that we achieve the set objectives.

Our intense engagements at these varied levels have led to visible paradigm shifts in the tasks of redesigning the project and programs in this sector.

All these were made possible via the unfailing support of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, the Executive Governor Kogi State and the entire State Executive Council members, who continue to support us in their total belief that women and

children; the destitute, less privileged and disability community issues should be on the front burner of our developmental agenda.

ADDRESSING WOMEN ISSUES AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

This singular factor has placed Kogi State on the national and global map in harvesting best practices on issues and policies around gender and Gender Based Violence (GBV). Some of these interventions among so many are as enumerated below:

On the 8th of March, 2020, the Ministry successfully marked the international Women's Day with over 700 participants, having a cardinal objective of enhancing the realization of women's rights and privileges. This meeting also featured the women empowerment programme graciously sponsored by her Excellency, the wife of the State Governor, Mrs. Rashidat Bello who gave a grant of the sum of N50,000 each to 300 women and widows across the 21 LGA of the state to alleviate poverty and boost financial inclusion.

Also on the 18th of June 2020, the Ministry under my watch hosted a sensitization seminar with the theme: "Training and Empowerment for Communities." The main features of the sensitization seminar were on creating awareness in the community on the need to enact justice for rape victims and bringing to book, rape perpetrators. The programme was attended by 30 participants cutting across all stakeholders. This program had greatly enhanced community awareness on rape cases and its related issues and consequences of such action on culprits.

On the 10th of September, 2020, the Ministry in collaboration with the Centre for Women Studies and Intervention (CWI) hosted a sensitization seminar on the development of education and leadership team with the main objectives of transforming participants as agents of change in an unjust structure that oppress and dehumanize the poor, the down trodden and the vulnerable. The seminar was attended by 30 participants.

It must also be noted that the Ministry also participated in the United Nations 64th World Summit on the status of women

held on the 28th and 29th of March, 2021 at Ilorin, Kwara State where the laudable achievements of Kogi State on gender mainstreaming was applauded.

Also, to demonstrate the earnest determination of the Kogi State Government at stamping out gender-based violence and its related issues, the VAPP Law was passed by the Kogi State House of Assembly on the 22nd of March, 2021. This law has also received the governor's magnanimous assent as

a testimony to His Excellency's continual commitment to improving the quality of life of the women folk and stamp out all forms of gender based violence in Kogi State.

Launching of Women Advocacy for Social Health Insurance Scheme

The Honorable Commissioner of Women Affairs as part of her unwavering passion towards enhancing a holistic welfare of the women folk launched an advocacy project



All 21 vice chairpersons of the 21 LGAs taking oath of office

for the implementation of Social Health Insurance Scheme for women in the state on the 31st August, 2021 at the Glass House of Government House Lokoja.

The programme was to ameliorate health related challenges faced by women globally.

HIV Counselling and Awareness Outreach 2021

The ministry organized a HIV counselling and awareness outreach as a preventive measure against contacting HIV/AIDs. Free HIV tests were conducted to enable people to know their status and distribution of condoms were the main features of this programme, which was held on December 1st, 2021.

Distribution of Agricultural Items/Cash Empowerment to 150 women farmers

The Kogi State Government in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs on the 2nd of June, 2022 distributed agricultural items and cash empowerment to 150 women farmers. The programme was intended to build the capacity of Kogi women farmers through the provision of enabling environment and funding for effective participation in productive agricultural ventures.

PROGRESS IN CHILD RELATED ISSUES

The progress made with responsibility of child welfare which includes prevention of abuse, assault, trafficking, molestation, child exploitation, adoption to the needy, child fostering, monitoring and supervision of orphanages, registration of orphanages, and issues around abandoned babies, includes but not limited to the following:

The ministry under my watch, adopted a measure of proper supervision along with the evaluation and monitoring unit of PRS to the 20 orphanages registered in the state, with the objective of ensuring that the rules and guidelines for the operation of orphanages are strictly adhered to and to also sensitize these critical stakeholders on the policy of orphanage management.

During the period, my office alongside the concerned technical department paid visits to four (4) orphanage homes to familiarize



myself with their activities and distributed some items like indomie, pampers and detergents etc. to assist their operations.

Also worthy of note is on the 12th of October, 2020, the Ministry commenced the distribution of palliatives to orphanages spread across the 21 Local Government Areas of Kogi State. Items distributed were rice, semovita, indomie, macaroni, salt and sugar. This exercise has greatly enhanced the smooth operations of these homes.

- ♦ **Child Adoption and fostering:** In order to provide a desirable and sustainable environment for some of our children needing care and love, six (6) children were successfully adopted to deserving foster parents by the ministry. It is worthy of note that adequate monitoring measures have been put in place to ensure feedback on their wellbeing in their new home of abode.

The Ministry has pursued vigorously the programme of stemming the sporadically increasing cases of child abuse across the nooks and crannies of the state. This was achieved through several successful interventions of child abuse cases and the creation of a vibrant platform for rebuilding the psychological disposition of the abused child through its well-organized team of counsellors in the counselling unit. Several abuse cases have been handled directly by the Ministry to stem these ugly tides in the state.

A suspected rape case at Rock Garden Nursery and Primary School Lokoja involving a school teacher has received due attention by the Ministry and culprits currently in detention by law enforcement agencies and case handed over to the Ministry of Justice for further action.

Also a lady of 28, Fatima Yahaya who poured hot water on her junior sister was also taken to court and appropriate penalty has since been meted on her by the court.

Rescue/Repatriation Activities: The ministry under my watch has succeeded in rescuing not fewer than seven children from various stages of abandonment and has placed them where they could get necessary help and support.

Meanwhile efforts are under way to establish direct ministries Children Reception Centre/ Orphanage Home in Lokoja.

Additionally, more than five children either missing on transit or repatriated to the ministry for one reason or the other have been reunited with their families.

Inauguration of the 5th Children Parliament on 3rd February, 2022

As reflected above, the Kogi State 5th Children Parliament was successfully inaugurated on the above stated date. The inauguration attracted dignitaries, with the Executive Governor of the State being represented by Deputy Governor, Chief Edward David Onoja along with some members of the State House of Assembly.

The children's parliament was a creation of the Federal and State Government in Nigeria meant to enhance child's participation in governance. It is the children's version of the States' Houses of Assembly and it's a key

forum for discussing any matter concerning children themselves.

□Adoption and fostering: The ministry in its bid to secure the future of some of the children noted earlier approved the adoption of about nine children within the period of report to foster parents, who by every assessment will provide the needed environment for their effective growth. Meanwhile constant monitoring of their wellbeing is conducted by the ministry in their new home.

PROGRESS MADE IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL PROTECTION AND WELFARE

As stated earlier in this presentation, the ministry also has as one of her overriding objectives, the protection of the societies' vulnerable, care for the elderly and stamping out through programme and policies, vices that are inimical to the society's growth and progress.

As part of our effort to reduce social vices and restore homes as instruments of social and economic stability, over two hundred and sixteen family cases were entertained and not less than one hundred seventy-three of these numbers have been amicably resolved and resettled in their homes. For cases which could not be settled, clients were advised to seek redress at the family Court situated in various places within the three Senatorial Districts of Kogi State for further adjudication.

Conditional Cash Transfer to 74, 274

The Conditional Cash Transfer Programme (Household Uplifting Programme) in Kogi State is saddled with the responsibilities of supervising and monitoring of Cash Transfer Programme across the 21 LGAs of the State where each beneficiary is paid N5,000 per month.

The payment to these beneficiaries is done bimonthly by Mobile Money Operators engaged by the National Cash Transfer Office (NCTO). This is to enhance their savings capacity.

Kogi State Cash Transfer Unit (KSCTU) which started with 1,328 beneficiaries of cash transfer in the first 6 piloting LGAs, is

presently having the total figure of 74,274 on Beneficiaries Social Register (BSR) in the twenty-one (21) LGAs of Kogi State.

Ministry Record Shows Kogi Tops States in Youth and Sports Development

Kogi State cannot be found falling behind in the areas of sports and youth development, if at all, there is any sector not thriving in the state. This is due to the fact that the state is led by a youthful and capable governor, and naturally, the youth make up the majority of sports participants. In order to avoid taking such a sector lightly, Governor Yahaya Bello entrusted it to Idris Musa about 3 years ago during his second term in office with all the needed support. This is because actively participating in sports produces and enhances key developmental psychological elements like self-confidence, self-esteem, time management, healthy ambition, and killing of idleness which is known to be responsible for evil doings, especially criminality, a major enemy of Governor Bello.

Looking back in time to learn about the beginning of the illustrious ministry's history, it is known that the Kogi State Ministry of Youth and Sports Development was founded in 1999 with the responsibility of overseeing youth development and sports in the State. The ministry is divided into three major operational departments: youth development, sports development, and facility/stadium management.

Nobody can dispute the ministry's significant record-breaking accomplishments over the past three years under governor Bello leadership and directives in accordance with the current administration's mandate. But for the records, what the governor has been able to achieve through the ministry is best presented according to its departments.

Highlights of the Youth Department of the Ministry's progress since 2019 include the approval of the Youth Commission's establishment, the Kogi State Chapter of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) conducting an election that was successful and elected a vibrant Youth with the support of Governor Bello, the registration and certification of Youth Clubs/Associations and Youth Organizations in the State, sending out various members of Youth from the State to attend different Skills Acquisition



Training organized by the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports in Plateau and Ogun State respectively. The NYSC Kogi State Chapter from the inception of this Administration has enjoyed the support of His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello through the government Award and Employment of two (2) outstanding Corps members and there have been successful interpretation and implementation of the relevant sections of the National Youth Policy for Nigeria (2019 – 2023) Edition and the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (with amendments 2011) in the task of Youth Development Programmes and activities to various Youth Organizations in the State.

Other achievements worthy of note include Sensitization and Awareness Campaign against Youth Restiveness and Cultism among the Youths in the State to avert breakdown of law and order of any kind, training of Youth Leaders in the State in line with the New Direction Agenda of the Government and the National Youth Policy for Nigeria, Supervision of Youth Development Organization Programmes and Youth Centers in the three (3)

Senatorial Districts of the State, Supervision/Monitoring of the progress of Youth Centers and their Programmes in the three (3) Senatorial District in the State, Supervision and provision of Technical supports to NYCN Programmes and activities in the State, an assessment visitation to registered Youth Organizations in the State by the Director Youth Development and a formalization tour of Youth Centers by the Honourable Commissioner in the three (3) Senatorial Districts of the State, supervision and provision of Technical supports to National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) in the State, Supervision and provision of technical supports to Nigerian Youth Parliament Operations in the State and Co-ordination of the National Youth Day Celebrations in the State annually.

The ministry established the Kogi State workfare section in an effort to completely reform. Models for training stakeholders in the areas of personal hygiene, family planning, physical fitness, early childhood development, and low tech vocational skills like fishing, gardening, cassava and rice farming and processing have been

developed by the unit housed in the Ministry of Youth and Sports Development's directorate of Youth Development. When the 7years Programme was formally completed and transmitted to KG-CARES LIPW as of 2021, 15,633 PWF beneficiaries were paid monthly stipends of N7,500 across the 21 Local Government from July 2019 to June 2020.

Additionally, the delivery platform successfully identified 4,761 beneficiaries (1,670 male and 3,091 female) from the State single register, identified public work sites across the 21 LGAs, engaged a payment service provider, informed beneficiaries of their inclusion, validated their enrollment, and produced ID cards for 780 beneficiaries, and equally distributed beneficiaries, tools, and kits. Beneficiaries have received ongoing life skills training as part of the monitoring and start of the stipend payments to 780 recipients for the months of June and July 2022.

Nigerian Youth Parliament is another brain-child of Bello's ministry of youth development and sports. The initiative has also recorded a number of achievements since

2019 till date and they include Entrepreneurship Training for Young Graduates organized by First Bank Plc. Kogi State Youth was fully represented by three (3) Kogi Youth Senators Parliamentarians on 2nd November 2019, Distribution of First Aid Box to some selected Primary Schools across the three (3) Senatorial Districts sponsored by Nigerian Youth Parliament on 12th August, 2021, Safe Pad Project sponsored by Musa Khadijat Oluwadamilola (NYP member representing Kogi-West & Dr. Azeezat Yishawu – Speaker of the NYP). Theme: equality today for a sustainable tomorrow on 7th October, 2021, Town Hall Meeting sponsored by the three (3) Kogi State members representing the Nigerian Youth Parliament and Dr. Azeezat Yishawu on 2nd November, 2021, The Nigerian Youth Parliament Drug and Substance Abuse Control Policy, Kogi Youth Parliament paid a courtesy visit to the Ooni of Ife 2nd December, Sponsored a program on CLIMATE CHANGE on 6th February 2022, School outreach across five (5) Local Government to Educate and Enlighten the Students on career of choice and examination malpractice organized by NYP on 16th June, 2022, Youth Development and Security Town Hall Summit which brings Youth together within five (5) Local Government on 22nd June, 2022, Student Scholarship Program held on 30th June, 2022, Community Support Tournament held on 18th July, 2022, HIV/AIDS awareness Campaign in selected LGA's (Ankpa, Idah, Dekina) in collaboration with Girl Child Education Ambassadors Initiative (GCEA) organized and sponsored by NYP on 28th July, 2022, Kogi East Youth Security Summit in collaboration with Reps members in Kogi East on 10th August, 2022, AND AN Anti-Cultism Awareness campaign in collaboration with Kogi State University, Federal College of Education Okene and Kogi Polytechnic Lokoja Student Union Government on 15th September, 2022.

In other to leave no stone unturned, the Kogi State Youth Development Commission was established, domesticating UN Security Council Resolution 2250 in the State.

The recently established Commission has recorded massive achievements which include the Production and Printing of the Youth Action Plan (YAP) both in soft and hard copies for sensitization, education, and awareness campaign of Kogi State's



domestication of the UN Security Council Resolution in the State 2021- 2024, Reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the State Office, Solicitation from Multilaterals Agencies and Companies in the training, entrepreneurship, skills acquisition and empowerment of the vulnerable youth in the State, formation of Data Base of the unemployed Youths and vulnerable Youths in the state, and Creation of Kogi State Youth Development Commission Interactive Website to boost the reach and accessibility.

The tenacious ministry superintended by the governor also established Facilities and Stadia Management Departments, tasked with overseeing ministry projects. The department also completed a number of

projects, including the perimeter fencing of the entire NYSC Orientation Camp at Asaya, Kabba, Kogi State, the renovation of the mosque at Asaya Camp, the renovation of the administrative building at Asaya, the renovation of four (4) hostels at Asaya, the renovation of two (2) blocks at Asaya, and approval of the construction of a 25-meter Olympic-standard swimming pool, though it is still under construction.

The state has undoubtedly surpassed other states in recent ratings for sports activities around the nation thanks to the ministry's Sports Development Department's multiple accolades. Some of the crowns won for the state since 2019 include the 12th African Open Masters Athletics Championship

held in Tunisia between 6th – 9th February, 2019 where it won a Silver medal, 1st IAAF World Masters Indoors Championship held in Poland, 27th March, 2019 where it won Bronze, National U-18 Handball championship held in Lagos, March, 2019 where it won Gold, 5th Edition of the National Youth Games held in Ilorin between 7th – 17th September, 2019 where it won; a Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze, National Handball Division 1 Championship held on 13th – 22nd November, 2019 at Kaduna (Male and Female categories) where it won a Gold and a Bronze, Alhaji Muhammed Baderu National Open Weightlifting Championship held between 14th – 17th December, 2019 in Jigawa State where it won 6 Silver making a total of 3 Gold, 10 Silver, and 5 Bronze.

In 2020, the team won a Silver and Bronze at President Beach Volleyball Championship U-19 Male and Female and Senior Beach Volleyball held between 19th – 23rd of February, 2020.

While in 2021, it won several crowns including Champion of Champions wrestling competition held in Bayelsa – January, 2021 where it won a Gold, 20th Edition of the National Sports Festival, held in Benin between 3rd-14th April, 2021 where it won a Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze, Aso Table Tennis Championship held in Abuja 3rd to 9th May, 2021 where it won a Bronze, 1st North-Central Zonal Volleyball Championship held in Jos between 16th to 20th May, 2021 (Male – Gold, Female – Silver) where it won a Gold and a Silver, National Table Tennis Championship held in Lagos between 16th to 21st May, 2021 (One Bronze Medal in the Cadet Girls Singles and won an award of the most promising player of the Championship) with a Bronze, National Intra-Zonal U-17 Female Volleyball Championship held in Jos, Plateau State in June, 2021 where it won a Silver, Nigerian Open Armwrestling Championship held in Lagos State in June, 2021 where it won a Silver and a Bronze, National Open Judo Championship held in Ibadan between 14th – 19th July, 2021 where it won a Silver and 2 Bronze, and National Division 1 Handball Championship held in Edo state between 9th – 17th July, 2021 where it won a Silver.

Other awards include the 1st Edition of South-South Tropical Chess Challenge Competition Bayelsa, July 2021 where it won



a Gold, National Youth Games held at Ilorin in 2021 where it won a Bronze, National School Racket Games held in Lagos, August 2021 where it won a Silver and 2 Bronze, and National Cadet Championship held in Lagos September 2021 where it won a Silver.

The state hosting a novelty match between the Ex-Super Eagles and the State Executives in Lokoja, is another significant accomplishment of governor Bello in youth and sports development. This gathering of Nigerian soccer greats is still the most talked-about one.

It does not stop there, this year, the ministry has brought home several glories including the Okpepke World Marathon Race and Access Bank International Marathon Race where it won 4 Gold and 4 Bronze respectively, National Boxing Championship held in Kaduna in February 2022 where it won a Gold, Admiral Probeni National Boat Race held in Abuja where it won a gold, Dr. Adegboyega Efunkoya U-15 National Cadet Championship held in Lagos September 2022 where it won a Silver and 2 Bronze, Aso National Cadet Championship held in Abuja May 2022 where it won a Silver, 1st Edition of Dr. Morris Atula Invitational Senior/Cadet Wrestling Championship August 2022 where it won 3 good Gold, a Silver, and 2 Bronze and the Commonwealth National Open Judo Trials held in Lagos 2022 where it won a Bronze.

In summary, the ministry's SDD earned 1 silver and 1 bronze in 2020, in addition to 3 gold, 10 silver, and 5 bronze in 2019. It earned a total of 4 gold, 10 silver, and 14 bronze medals in 2021. As of this writing in 2022, it has won 9 gold, 3 silver, and 14 bronze. The state now has a total of 16 gold, 24 silver, and 29 bronze crowns. In fact, Idris' ministry of sports and youth development has changed the pace in the nation and better defined the governor's credo of "doing more."

The State Government was presented with the Torch of Unity for the 21st Edition of the National Sports Festival, dubbed "Delta 2022," at the Government House, without a doubt in appreciation of the Kogi State's success in sporting events across Nigeria and youth development.

The Governor's Chief of Staff, Pharmacist Jamiu Asuku, successfully received the Torch of Unity, signifying the State's readiness to take part in the Festival.

If every success of the Kogi State Ministry of Sports and Youth Development under governor Bello were to be chronicled, it would fill several pages of a large book. Overall, the governor has achieved a feat that will be challenging to be topped by his counterparts both now and in the future.





UNSUNG STRIDES OF KOGI MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY UNDER COMMISSIONER GABRIEL OLOFU

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

The emergence of Yahaya Bello as governor of Kogi State signaled a turning point for the state's people and government in a number of areas, and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is no exception. With the team firmly raising its shoulder, Kogi commerce and industry have transformed from a dormant entity to a successful one today.

The task is challenging but not insurmountable for the former executive chairman of Olamaboro, and in gratitude for this uncommon opportunity to serve his people at such a high level, the commissioner's determination to make the ministry work for the administration's success as a whole is fueled by his sincere pledge of unwavering loyalty, support, and

commitment to the governor. Three years later, the ministry can now point to a great number of achievements that the state's residents can independently verify.

From office remodeling and furnishing to launching the Kogi Enterprise Development Board (KEDA), assessment tour to industries and investment centres in the state, grants to SMEs in the state, the revival of the



respected his desire to serve and tastefully restored and outfitted the office. It lays the groundwork for the ministry's future successes.

Soon after the refurbishment, the commissioner for the ministry learned from the records he had access to that Governor Bello had set the wheels in motion for the State's sustainable economic growth by signing a bill into law to form the Kogi State Enterprise Development Agency (KEDA). The commissioner submitted an application to the state Executive Council for the inauguration of the Agency Board after taking into account the socioeconomic worth of the law to entrepreneurship development and the socioeconomic development of the state in general. Under the direction of the MD/CEO Hajiya Rekiya Onaivo Sanni, the Agency is making waves today by promoting business and industrial activity in the State.

The ministry set out on a tour of the state's major investment hubs and industries, including State/FG owned moribund companies in Kogi State, in order to completely meet the goal of promoting, monitoring, and encouraging the state's industrial and commercial operations. The tour's outcome was fantastic; it provided the ministry with insight into the difficulties faced by investors and suggested a course of action for handling crises.

Fortunately, the FG developed the SMEs Survival Fund plan not too long after the visit to mitigate the devastating impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on investments. Ingeniously, the ministry used the information gleaned from the tour as a foundation for awarding funding to small and medium-sized businesses in the state. It is known that the scheme provided about N580,000,000.00 in benefits to over 4000 SMES in the state. The commissioner serves as the program's state focal point.

The Acharu oil mill was also restored as a result of the ministry's active drive to revive the state's failing industries. The mill's rehabilitation has been entirely taken up by Jibrin Isah, Echocho, the senator

Acharu oil mill, revenue generation, the reactivation of Kogi people's shops, the discovery of additional sources of revenue for the ministry, bank of industry grants to SMEs, luring gas company investment and other investors, effectively and efficiently monitoring the growth of industries to organizing summits as part of awareness campaigns program of the ministry, it is

found very difficult to quantify the ministry of commerce and industry's accomplishments since they are simply too numerous.

The current administration inherited an office that is not suitable enough for the effective and efficient performance of the ministry and its management staff. In order to overcome this difficulty, governor Bello deftly coordinated with a contractor who

who represents Kogi East in the National Assembly, and the company has started running.

Because the ministry must promote commercial, industrial, and other activity in addition to raising money for the Kogi State Internal Revenue Service (KGRS). The ministry worked tirelessly during the 2020 fiscal year, and the budget performance report showed that Olofu's team was among the MDAs that performed well in terms of raising money for the state government. In a letter dated December 9, 2020 with the number S/GO/KGS/ADM/312/VOL.I/XXX, the Secretary to the State Government praised the ministry.

The Kogi people's Consumers Shop was also not operational prior to Olofu's inauguration three years ago. However, it has been restored and has brought in over 1 million naira for the state government. It has also been set up to bring in over 2.4 million naira on a yearly basis for more than 10 years.

Through the ministry's tenacious revenue effort, Olofu's team has also been able to identify untapped cash sources for the state Government. The ministry is aiming for over N400 million in revenue from the companies for the state Government, as well as RBPC from mining sites and operations in Kogi State. These include registration of Business Premises Certificate For Contractors handling Contracts for Kogi State Government, RBPC for POS shop owners, which is ongoing, Mast site RBPC, and others.

The ministry has completed contract negotiations with Bank of Industries' SMEs unit for a facility; as soon as the MOU is

completed, the bank will begin lending to SMEs in the state. This is a component of the ministry's strategy to lessen the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the state's enterprises.

Olofu, a man of perfection, represented his ministry at the Kano Gas Aggregation Company Stakeholders Forum. As a member of the State Economic team, the commissioner is aware of many investors who have completed arrangements to boost the state's economy; he has assured the citizens that Kogi would experience a paradigm shift in her economic growth. During the course of the program, it negotiated with three investors, NGMC, POWERGAS, and GASPLUS, who have expressed interest to commit well over 120 billion dollars to invest in Kogi State.

The ministry encourages domestic and foreign investment by evaluating investment proposals, but it doesn't end there. It is an ongoing process that involves different Administrations. A MOU is now being negotiated for the establishment of a ceramic enterprise by foreign investor Johan.

Due to the ministry's successful role of engagement, a number of industries, including BN Ceramic, West African Ceramics, Unicane Industry, Rice processing mill, quarry sites, etc., are generally doing well. Markets in Okene, Ankpa, Kabba, Lokoja, Anyigba, and other locations are doing well despite the economic downturn because to the ministry's effective oversight role.

The ministry and Orcapella Digital are working together to launch an investment

summit for entrepreneurs that will include local and international investors as well as stakeholders. The primary objective of the summit is to present investors with investment opportunities, which is also the ministry's basic value.

As was previously said, it would take a great deal of time to discuss achievements made by the Olofu ministry of Commerce and Industry, including those related to the Illape Agricultural Processing Zone, Confluence Beach Hotel, Kogi Hotels, Shoprite/Jara investment in Kogi, and others.

However, the ministry does not operate without significant difficulties, as the saying goes. Even though the governor is doing his best to address the ministry's challenges, there are still pockets of issues. The 2017 Consolidated Tax Law urgently needs to be amended in order to address key areas of revenue drive/collection; this will provide the ministry's revenue drive campaign with a strong legal foundation to perform honorably, overlap of responsibilities/institutional conflicts over who should generate or collect specific revenues and transportation logistical conflicts.

Although it is much appreciated that the governor released over 7 million Naira for a preliminary evaluation and feasibility report on the state's failing industries, more has to be done to make sure the industries are successfully revived.

Overall, Olofu's performance in the ministry of Commerce and Industry is audible to the blind and visible to the deaf, demonstrating Governor Yahaya Bello's commitment to "doing more" for the Kogi State population.

Awards and Recognitions



Gov. Yahaya Bello bags Presidential Award on security



2019 Sun Governor of the Year Award on Peace, Unity, Security and Infrastructure



River State Gov. Barr. Nyesom Wike Confers the grand Service Star of River State (GSSRS) on Gov. Yahaya Bello



Gov. Bello Bags ICAN's Improvement in Accountability Index Award



Gov. Yahaya Bello Wins New Telegraph 2022 Governor of the year Award



"Life is a precious thing and we cannot earn or own it. It is given to us freely. We often take it for granted failing to recognize its importance or significance."

- YAHAYA BELLO



STERLING PERFORMANCE OF KOGI EDUCATION SECTOR UNDER THE HON. COMMISSIONER, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HON WEMI JONES

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Education is very critical to the development and progress of any society. It is the bedrock and backbone of development. In Kogi State, His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello has given unprecedented attention to the education sector which has enabled us to record many achievements today.

A state-wide survey carried out in 2017 by ACTIONAID/PIBCID, to assess the performance and situation of the education sector in the state, threw up a lot of informative findings.

They revealed gaps in performance and instructional delivery which militated against the realization of the set goals of: increase literacy rate, Early Child Care Development Education (ECCDE), innovative and qualitative education delivery from Basic to tertiary level; Girl-child Education, improve quality ICT skills, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), among others.

The administration of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello changed the education narrative from rot and decadence to hope, access, equity, infrastructural development and improved service delivery.

While the education sector has witnessed many achievements in leaps and bounds, we would present here a summary of some of the sterling performances of the Ministry of Education over the past few years.

Before the coming on board of this administration, the Education sector was without a direction but the Ministry was able to organize a State Education summit in 2018 tagged 'Education Roadmap' for Stakeholders to map out State education strategies.

In an effort to ensure a more effective education sector, we enacted the Kogi State Education Law 2020 to guide and regulate the operations of education in the State.

The education sector under Governor Yahaya Bello has made progressive success in external examinations: Kogi recorded 52.0% in 2019; 54.8% in 2020 and 55.7% in 2021, in West Africa Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE).

In its efforts to provide access to quality education by its citizens, Kogi State now has two state-owned universities with the establishment of Confluence University of Science and Technology, Osara to provide education in STEM and also ameliorate the suffering of qualified Kogi State students who find it

extremely difficult to secure admission into Nigerian Universities over the years.

Besides providing admission opportunities for our students, the creation of the new university has equally provided job opportunities for hundreds of our people in addition to boosting economic activities in the host communities of the institution.

In its quest to ensure safety of our children in schools, perimeter fencing has been constructed in across female hostels in all state-owned tertiary educational institutions. Similarly, more hostels have been constructed for female students.

Construction of 50-bed capacity hostel at Government Girls Secondary School, Obangede, Construction of Library Extension at Kogi State College of Education (Technical), Kabba, Completion of the hostel project at Government Science Secondary School, Icheke in Omala Local Government Area, Several ongoing projects at the Kogi State University, Anyigba and the Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja and the overall infrastructure upgrade of the Kogi State College of Health Sciences and Technology in Idah.

Another feat achieved in the education sector under Governor Yahaya Bello is



actualizing a full accreditation of all courses and programmes in State-owned tertiary educational institutions

It will also interest you to know that all state-owned tertiary educational institutions now operate like private institutions as they are not affected by ASUU strikes. Students graduate as at when due without ASUU strikes to keep them in school for eternity. Students have enjoyed an uninterrupted school calendar from 2016 to date.

To mitigate the out-of-school-children phenomena, the GYB Model Science Secondary Schools were constructed in the three Senatorial districts of the state.

Interestingly, the GYB Model Science Secondary School, Lokoja has enrolled 200 JS1 students for 2022/2023 academic session.

The Ministry developed State Education Strategic Plan (SESP) 2021-2030 and State Education Operational Plan (SESOP) 2021-2023 that aligns with the Ministerial Strategic Plan (MSP), thus gaps in the old sector plans were addressed.

One ground breaking achievements of His Excellency in the education sector is the 30% increase in budgetary allocation to Education in 2022 budget. This allocation is higher than the UNESCO recommended benchmark of 26%. This shows to unparalleled commitment to the Education in the state.

Under this administration, we have recorded improved access to inclusive education in rural areas.

In 2018 and 2019, the State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

(MOEST) visited all schools in the state through various monitoring and evaluation programmes.

The Ministry of Education in conjunction with SUBEB and UBEC has conducted 2022 National Personnel Audit Report for Basic Education Level to enable effective basic education planning at the National level. The report is being awaited for further actions.

In 2018 and 2019 the Ministry of Education conducted trainings on tackling examination malpractice for principals and Exam officers with 496 participants in attendance.

Similarly, training on Quality Assurance in partnership with Federal Ministry of Education, for Area and Zonal Officers of the MOEST, STETSCOM and SUBEB was held.

Training of 2,000 school managers on curriculum delivery, effective quality assurance and improved efficiency in partnership with NTI, NPC, NERDC and FME was held in March, 2019.

Trainings of over 500 persons on conduct of Annual School Census in 2018 and 2019 were held by the ministry.

Trainings on conduct of state examinations, among others were equally held.

To boost the manpower of the education sector in the state, recruitment of 3979 teachers has been approved by His Excellency and recruitment process is ongoing.

We have the pleasure to note that the Federal Science Technical College, Ogugu, was approved for Kogi State by the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), and school activities has since commenced.

Equally, the Medical students of Kogi State University who were stagnated for many years were granted automatic/special scholarship to continue their MBBS programmes at Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki and Ondo State University of Medical Sciences.

It is equally important to state that Kogi now has four fully functional Technical Colleges to boost technical education in the state.

In conclusion, the above achievements are just a summarised version of what we have recorded in the education sector.

We must give kudos to His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello for changing the negative narrative of the education sector to many success stories.



Computer based Test Centre (CBT)



Cross-Section of the School Building

HOME ECONOMICS LAB, PHYSICS LAB, CHEMISTRY LAB, BIOLOGY LAB, AGRIC SCIENCE LAB AT THE GYB MODEL SCIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOL, ADANKOLO, LOKOJA



GYB MODEL SCIENCE SCHOOL, ADANKOLO, LOKOJA

THIS STRUCTURES ARE SPREAD ACROSS THE THREE SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL WOULD SERVE AS FEEDERS TO CONFLUENCE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.



Basket Ball And Volley Ball Courts



Football Field

WITH QUALITY EDUCATION, WORLD'S TOP PROBLEMS WILL BE SOLVED

– GOV. BELLO ASSURES



Kogi State governor, Yahaya Bello has opined that with quality education which is the only recommended solution for ignorance, other top world's problems including poverty and diseases would be solved.

The governor added that Kogi State under his administration had resolved to tackle the menace of ignorance by investing in education not just through prioritizing the sector on the New Direction's thematic blueprint but backing it up with infrastructures that meet global standards.

Governor Bello made this known while declaring open a Mandatory Continuing Professional Training workshop organized by the North Central All Nigeria Confederation of Principals of Secondary Schools (ANCOPSS) at the Muhammadu Buhari Civic Centre, Lokoja.

Represented by his Deputy, Chief Edward Onoja, the governor asserted that the state government was not only building, refurbishing and renovating education infrastructures, but to global standards while facilities and teaching aides would meet contemporary technological advancement.

He noted that both infrastructures and facil-

ities would be incomplete if those that would deliver the teaching services and principals were not well catered for; hence the KGSG has focused on staff training and welfare of teachers.

Gov. Bello referenced the already completed GYB model college Adankolo and other ongoing replications in other senatorial districts of the state as flagship foundations of what education facility would be in Kogi and should be in the entire nation.

While encouraging the secondary school Principals from different part of the North Central zone to visit the GYB model secondary school within the state capital, he noted that at the sight of the edifice and outlook of the facilities, they would agree that with such being the template of educational institutions, the nation was on its way to taking its place as the giant of Africa.

The governor stated that despite being faced with economic hardship, the state government in the tertiary education sector has championed the commencement of a world class institution, Confluence University of Science and Technology, Osara.

He noted that his administration would continue to build on these educational

mileages in a bid to ensure that government after would also give keen attention to the education sector thereby putting an end to ignorance, poverty and diseases.

In his goodwill message, commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Hon. Wemi Jones pointed out that governor Bello has surpassed the UNESCO recommended percentage budgetary allocation for education with the sector currently enjoying a 30% earmarked allocation from the state's budget.

While revealing that the leadership of Governor Bello has ensured professionalism in the teaching profession he stressed that the government was in the process of employing over 4,000 quality teachers to add to the existing man power.

Delivering his address, Zonal Chairman of the All Nigeria Confederation of Principals of Secondary Schools (ANCOPSS), Mr. Ogiri Christopher while reeling out the numerous achievements of the GYB led administration in the education noted that government's investment in the sector cutting across policy, infrastructures, facilities and human power were truly laudable

CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNAL ROAD NETWORK, FACULTY BUILDINGS BY THE KOGI STATE GOVERNMENT AND TERTFUND AT THE KOGI STATE POLYTECHNIC, LOKOJA



CONSTRUCTION OF FACULTY BUILDINGS AT PRINCE ABUBAKAR AUDU UNIVERSITY ANYIGBA



**CONSTRUCTION OF FACULTY BUILDINGS AT CONFLUENCE UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OSARA**



ON GOING CONSTRUCTION OF FACULTY BUILDINGS AT CONFLUENCE
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OSARA



**ON GOING CONSTRUTION OF FACULTY BUILDINGS AT CONFLUENCE
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**ON GOING CONSTRUCTION OF FACULTY BUILDINGS AT CONFLUENCE
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OSARA**



**ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF MALE AND FEMALE HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION
AT THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, OBANGEDE**



934

CLASSROOM BLOCKS
CONSTRUCTED

ACROSS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE THREE
UNDER GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO ADMINISTRATION



Before and After renovation of St. Luke Primary School, Adankolo



Before



Before and After

833

CLASSROOM BLOCKS
RENOVATED

SENATORIAL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE



Before



After



Before



After

In the area of primary and secondary levels of education, Governor Bello-led administration has improved education infrastructure, training and retraining of School teaching and non-teaching staff, provision of basic learning materials and establishment of Computer Base Test centres across public schools in the state.

Through counterpart funding with the Universal Basic Education Board, UBEC, the government has also constructed and renovated over 1,800 classroom blocks across the state. Below are some of the completed jobs in our primary and secondary schools.

LIST OF UBEC/SUBEB 2017 INTERVENTION PROJECTS (LOT A) CONSTRUCTION OF BLOCK(S) OF 2 CLASSROOMS

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	L.G.A
1	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA/STANDARD NUR/PRI SCH. II ZANGO-DAJI	ADAVI
2	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. IDOGOGO-IBEKE, ADAVI LGA	ADAVI
3	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OSARA (POLY), ADAVI LGA	ADAVI
4	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AKU, ADAVI LGA.	ADAVI
5	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ALLOR, ANKPA LGA.	ANKPA
6	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. EGBACHE, ANKPA LGA	ANKPA
7	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. UBOJI, ANKPA LGA	ANKPA
8	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OPLEGA, ANKPA LGA	ANKPA
9	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ENALE, ANKPA LGA	ANKPA
10	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA (FSP) PR. SCH. GADUMO, AJAO-KUTA LGA	AJAO-KUTA
11	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. BADOKO, AJAO-KUTA	AJAO-KUTA
12	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. UPAKE, AJAO-KUTA	AJAO-KUTA
13	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ATTE, BASSA LGA	BASSA
14	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. EGENEJA, BASSA LGA	BASSA
15	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA/UBE SCH. GWOJE, BASSA LGA	BASSA
16	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. SHINTAKU, BASSA LGA	BASSA
17	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OJOKWOJI, DEKINA LGA	DEKINA
18	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OJIPALADA EGUME, DEKINA LGA	DEKINA
19	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJOMEDE, DEKINA LGA	DEKINA
20	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODU-IGEGELI, DEKINA LGA	DEKINA
21	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ADOJI, DEKINA LGA	DEKINA
22	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJIYOLO-OJIAJI, DEKINA LGA	DEKINA
23	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ALOKOLI, DEKINA LGA	DEKINA
24	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ONUGWA, IBAJI LGA	IBAJI
25	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. IHIKA IBAJI, IBAJI LGA	IBAJI
26	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ANAMU, IBAJI LGA	IBAJI
27	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OMABO, IBAJI LGA	IBAJI
28	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AGBOJO, IBAJI LGA	IBAJI
29	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OMODOKO/ INACHALO, IDAH LGA	IDAH
30	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. IGALAOGBA NEWLAY-OUT, IDAH LGA	IDAH

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	L.G.A
31	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. UKPAKELE, IDAH LGA	IDAH
32	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ALOKONA, IDAH LGA	IDAH
33	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AMAKA, IGALAMELA/ODOLU LGA	IGALAME-LA/ODOLU
34	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. UGBOBO, IGALAMELA/ODOLU LGA	IGALAME-LA/ODOLU
35	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OJI AKPANYA, IGALAME-LA/ODOLU LGA	IGALAME-LA/ODOLU
36	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. IKPETELUBE, IGALAME-LA/ODOLU LGA	IGALAME-LA/ODOLU
37	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OKEKUKURU IYARA, IJUMU LGA,	IJUMU
38	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AYE-GBEDE, IJUMU LGA.	IJUMU
39	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGIDI, IJUMU LGA	IJUMU
40	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. IYARA, IJUMU LGA	IJUMU
41	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA/BAPTIST I AIYETORO, IJUMU LGA	IJUMU
42	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OKEALUJU IYAMOYE, IJUMU LGA	IJUMU
43	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. KABBA, KABBA/BUNU LGA	KABBA/BUNU
44	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OFFERE/OSIMOLE, KABBA/BUNU LGA	KABBA/BUNU
45	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ILOGUN-BUNU, KABBA/BUNU LGA	KABBA/BUNU
46	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA/JIN PRI. SCH. KABBA, KABBA/BUNU	KABBA/BUNU
47	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. TANAHU, KOGI LGA	KOGI
48	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODAMA, KOGI LGA	KOGI
49	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OZI, KOGI LGA	KOGI
50	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OKOFI, KOGI LGA	KOGI
51	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. IKUMO, KOGI LGA	KOGI
52	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OTENEGBU, KOGI LGA	KOGI
53	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. TARABA, LOKOJA LGA	LOKOJA
54	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OHONO, LOKOJA LGA.	LOKOJA
55	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OBAJANA, LOKOJA	LOKOJA
56	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. EGGAN, LOKOJA LGA	LOKOJA
57	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. EDO, LOKOJA LGA	LOKOJA
58	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. BALAGAN, LOKOJA LGA	LOKOJA
59	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AIYETEJU AGBAJOGUN, MOPAMURO LGA	MOPAMURO
60	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AIYEDERO AMURO, MOPAMURO LGA	MOPAMURO

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	L.G.A
61	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OROKERE AMURO (OLD SITE), MOPAMURO LGA.	MOPA-MURO
62	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. UGBAMAKA-EFAKU, OFU LGA	OFU
63	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OFADA, OFU LGA	OFU
64	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. UDEH, OFU LGA.	OFU
65	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJEDIME UMOMI, OFU LGA	OFU
66	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. EMODODA, OFU LGA	OFU
67	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AKANYA-EJULE, OFU LGA	OFU
68	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ALLA-EJIMA, OFU LGA	OFU
69	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA/NURU ISLAMIYA PRI. SCH. OKENE LGA	OKENE
70	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. INATA OKENGWE, OKENE LGA	OKENE
71	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA/RCM SOUTH II, OKENE LGA	OKENE
72	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. EIKA-OKU OKENGWE, OKENE LGA	OKENE
73	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA/NURU ISLAMIYA PRI SCH. OKENE LGA	OKENE
74	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OBOROKE UVETE, OKEHI LGA	OKEHI
75	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OMAVI, OKEHI LGA	OKEHI
76	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA/MUSHADEEN PRI. SCH. IKINARA IKUEHI, OKEHI LGA	OKEHI
77	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA/DEMONSTRATION PRI. SCH. OBEIBA-IHIMA, OKEHI LGA	OKEHI
78	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OHUETA IHIMA, OKEHI LGA	OKEHI
79	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGIDI IHIMA, OKEHI LGA	OKEHI
80	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OJAOGUCHAJI, OLAM-ABORO LGA	OLAM-ABORO

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	L.G.A
81	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. AKPAKA-OKPO, OLAM-ABORO LGA	OLAM-ABORO
82	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGO-ALOKPO-IKEMU OGUGU, OLAMABORO LGA	OLAM-ABORO
83	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. UGBAMAKA-IGAH, OLAMABORO LGA	OLAM-ABORO
84	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	OFORO IMANE OLAMABORO, OLAM-ABORO LGA	OLAM-ABORO
85	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. EJULE OFANTE OGUGU, OLAMABORO LGA	OLAM-ABORO
86	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. UDABA OJI-AJI, OMALA LGA.	OMALA
87	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ICHEKE-AJOCHOLI, OMALA LGA	OMALA
88	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. IHIA ME, OMALA LGA	OMALA
89	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ICHEKE AJAKAWO, OMALA	OMALA
90	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOM	LGEA PRI. SCH. OLOKWU, OMALA LGA	OMALA
91	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. IDO-JOSHUA, YAGBA EAST	YAGBA EAST
92	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OSARON, YAGBA EAST	YAGBA EAST
93	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGBOM, YAGA EAST	YAGBA EAST
94	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ILAFIN, YAGBA EAST	YAGBA EAST
95	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. MOKUTU, YAGBA EAST LGA	YAGBA EAST
96	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODO-EGBE, YAGBA WEST	YAGBA WEST
97	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODO ERE, YAGBA WEST LGA.	YAGBA WEST
98	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODO-ARA, YAGBA WEST LGA	YAGBA WEST
99	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. OKE-EGBE, YAGBA WEST LGA	YAGBA WEST
100	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS	LGEA PRI. SCH. IYA MERIN, YAGBA WEST LGA.	YAGBA WEST

LIST OF COMPANY FOR UBEC/SUBEB 2017 INTERVENTION PROJECTS
(LOT A) CONSTRUCTION OF COMPUTER LABORATORY BUILDING

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	L.G.A
1	COMPUTER LABORATORY BUILDING	LGEA PRI. SCH. AKPAFA, OGORI MAGONGO LGA	OGORI/MAGONGO

LIST OF UBEC/SUBEB 2018 INTERVENTION PROJECTS (LOT A) CONSTRUCTION OF BLOCK(S) OF 2 CLASSROOMS

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	LGA
1	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/UBE JSS MODEL PRI. SCH. OGAMINANA	ADAVI
2	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/STANDARD PRI. SCH. ADAVI-EBA	ADAVI
3	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. INEIDI/OKU-HAGO	ADAVI
4	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. INORERE OGAMINANA	ADAVI
5	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. IDATOCHI	ADAVI
6	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/ISLAMIYA NUR/PRI. SCH. OCHINOBI	ANKPA
7	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODOBI	ANKPA
8	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AWO-OFE OKUME	ANKPA
9	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EJINYA EFOFE	ANKPA
10	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/BAITUL BAYAN NUR/PRI. SCH. UDAMA OKENYI	ANKPA
11	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. GADUMO	AJAOKUTA
12	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. II AJAOKUTA NATIVE TOWN	AJAOKUTA
13	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ADU	AJAOKUTA
14	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. UHUOVENE	AJAOKUTA
15	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. GEREGU	AJAOKUTA
16	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EPIRI	AJAOKUTA
17	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EMI-ASUBA	BASSA
18	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJIGIDO	BASSA
19	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ELULE	BASSA
20	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EKETA	BASSA
21	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EMI-ADAMA	BASSA
22	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. NYAMKPO	BASSA
23	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OFADA ABOCHO	DEKINA
24	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EMEWE OPADA	DEKINA
25	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/UBE JSS OGBABEDE AGADA	DEKINA
26	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OFANWA	DEKINA

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	LGA
27	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EJIAJA	DEKINA
28	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJIYOLO OKAKWU	DEKINA
29	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AGOJEJU OMACHE	DEKINA
30	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ADOJI	DEKINA
31	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OKETE	DEKINA
32	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJAGWUMU	DEKINA
33	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OFOLI-EKPA	DEKINA
34	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJIYOLO AJIKPOME	DEKINA
35	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EFOJE	IBAJI
36	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. INEMEH	IBAJI
37	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ISHI	IBAJI
38	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. IGBOIGBO	IBAJI
39	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OKPU	IBAJI
40	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ALAMAKOJA	IDAH
41	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGEGELE-EFULU	IDAH
42	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ALA-EWOLO	IDAH
43	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EWOLO	IDAH
44	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OFULOKO	IGALAMELA/ODOLU
45	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGBOGBA	IGALAMELA/ODOLU
46	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AL-LOME-OFANWA	IGALAMELA/ODOLU
47	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OBOCHI, OKELEGWU	IGALAMELA/ODOLU
48	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EGBOLO	IGALAMELA/ODOLU
49	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ATANEGO-MA-AJAKA	IGALAMELA/ODOLU
50	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJEKETE UBELLE	IGALAMELA/ODOLU
51	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA ST. PAUL PRI. SCH. IYARA	IJUMU
52	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/TAC PRI. SCH. EKINRIN ADE	IJUMU

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	LGA
53	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH./ST. PAUL IYAMOYE	IJUMU
54	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	HOME ECONOMIC CENTRE EGGA-ADDE	IJUMU
55	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AIYEGUNLE	IJUMU
56	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	DEMONSTRATION PILOT PRI. SCH. KABBA	KABBA/BUNU
57	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AGBA-DU-BUNU	KABBA/BUNU
58	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODAE BUNU	KABBA/BUNU
59	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. TAKI	KABBA/BUNU
60	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. II, AIYE-TORO-KIRI	KABBA/BUNU
61	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH./UBE JSS GIRINYA	KOGI
62	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OZI	KOGI
63	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OKATUBO	KOGI
64	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. BUKWE	KOGI
65	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. UGWO	KOGI
66	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AGITATA	KOGI
67	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODAH	KOGI
68	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. CHAKALUKU	KOGI
69	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OCHOKO-SHOKO	LOKOJA
70	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ETO	LOKOJA
71	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. GUDU	LOKOJA
72	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. TSANAWA	LOKOJA
73	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. NAMBATA	LOKOJA
74	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. KUNPALA	LOKOJA
75	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. BALAGAN	LOKOJA
76	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OROKEKE AMORO-OLD SITE	MOPA-MURO
77	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. IJAGBE MOPA	MOPA-MURO
78	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AIYEDERO NEW SITE	MOPA-MURO
79	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OROKEKE AMORO-OLD SITE	MOPA-MURO
80	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/UBE JSS/ST. PETER/RCM II UGWOLAWO	OFU

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	LGA
81	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OJODU	OFU
82	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. UBOJE	OFU
83	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. INEKPE	OFU
84	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. IGO-EFOFE	OFU
85	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OJI-AJIOBALA	OFU
86	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. CHECK POINT (OTC)	OKENE
87	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA ST. PAUL PRI. SCH. OKENGWE	OKENE
88	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ORIGAH	OKENE
89	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ETAHI	OKENE
90	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ACHOZE	OKENE
91	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ENYINARE	OKENE
92	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OPOPO	OKENE
93	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. INATA, OKEN-GWE	OKENE
94	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OTUTU-IDA-KENE	OKENE
95	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/UBE JSS ABOBO	OKEHI
96	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/UBE JSS OTUTU EBA	OKEHI
97	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA DEMONSTRATION NUR/ PRI. SCH. EIKA OHIZENYI	OKEHI
98	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/UBE JSS IRUVUSACHI OBOROKÉ	OKEHI
99	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/UBE JSS ABOBO	OKEHI
100	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. IGOJO UBALU	OLAM-ABORO
101	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EMAGABA NO. 2	OLAM-ABORO
102	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/UBE JSS IHIANGBE OGUGU	OLAM-ABORO
103	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGODU-AL-LOMA	OLAM-ABORO
104	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ADUMU AGALIGA	OLAM-ABORO
105	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OFEJJI	OMALA
106	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJOMAKOJI	OMALA
107	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. IGALIWO	OMALA
108	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. IGAH – ONIFE	OMALA

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	LGA
109	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJITOKULA	OMALA
110	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/KD BADIGO ISANLU	YAGBA EAST
111	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/ISLAMIYA PRI. SCH. IFE - OLUKOTUN	YAGBA EAST
112	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA/CAC PRI. SCH. MO-PO-ISANLU	YAGBA EAST
113	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EJUKU	YAGBA EAST
114	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. TIV VILLAGE IDARA-ODOFIN, ISNALU	YAGBA EAST

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	LGA
115	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	LGEA PRI. SCH. TIV COMMUNITY IMELA-OGBOM ROAD	YAGBA EAST
116	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	YWLGEA PRI. SCH. AKATA, ERE	YAGBA WEST
117	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	YWLGEA PRI. SCH. IJALU	YAGBA WEST
118	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	YWLGEA PRI. SCH. OMI	YAGBA WEST
119	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	UBE/JSS APARA-EGBE	YAGBA WEST
120	BLOCK OF 2 CLASSROOMS WITH OFFICE AND STORE	UBE/JSS ISABA IJAGAN	YAGBA WEST

LIST OF UBEC/SUBEB 2018 INTERVENTION PROJECTS (LOT B) RENOVATION AND REHABILITATION OF SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	BLOCK	L.G.A
1	RENOVATION OF 3 CLASS-ROOM	UBE/JSS KARAWORO	BLOCK A	ADAVI
2	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICE AND STORE	UBE/JSS KARAWORO	BLOCK B	ADAVI
3	RENOVATION OF 3 CLASS-ROOM	UBE/JSS OGAMINANA	BLOCK A	ADAVI
4	RENOVATION OF 3 CLASS-ROOM	UBE/JSS OGAMINANA	BLOCK B	ADAVI
5	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM	LGEA PRI. SCH. IPAKU UVETE	BLOCK A	ADAVI
6	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. IPAKU UVETE	BLOCK B	ADAVI
7	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA CENTRAL PRI. SCH. OGAMINANA	BLOCK A	ADAVI
8	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA CENTRAL PRI. SCH. OGAMINANA	BLOCK C	ADAVI
9	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. ELAITE	BLOCK A	AJAKUTA
10	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. ELAITE	BLOCK B	AJAKUTA
11	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. EMI-WORO	BLOCK A	AJAKUTA
12	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. EMI-WORO	BLOCK B	AJAKUTA
13	RENOVATION OF 1 (COMPUTER) CLASSROOM	LGEA PRI. SCH. EMI-WORO	BLOCK C	AJAKUTA
14	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGIGIRI	BLOCK A	AJAKUTA
15	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGIGIRI	BLOCK B	AJAKUTA
16	RENOVATION OF 3 CLASS-ROOM	UBE/JSS OGIGIRI	BLOCK B	AJAKUTA
17	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM	UBE/JSS OGIGIRI	BLOCK C	AJAKUTA
18	RENOVATION OF 3 CLASS-ROOM	UBE/JSS GANAJA	BLOCK A	AJAKUTA
19	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGAI	BLOCK A	ANKPA

S/NO	TYPE OF WORK	LOCATION	BLOCK	L.G.A
20	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICE	LGEA PRI. SCH. OGAI	BLOCK B	ANKPA
21	RENOVATION OF 1 CLASS-ROOM	LGEA/QIC PRI. SCH. ANKPA	BLOCK A	ANKPA
22	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM	LGEA/QIC PRI. SCH. ANKPA	BLOCK B	ANKPA
23	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICE	LGEA/ISLAMIYA PRI. SCH. OWELLE	BLOCK A	ANKPA
24	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICE	LGEA/ISLAMIYA PRI. SCH. OWELLE	BLOCK B	ANKPA
25	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICE	LGEA CENTRAL SCH. ANKPA	BLOCK A	ANKPA
26	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICE	LGEA PRI. SCH. ABACHE	BLOCK A	ANKPA
27	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICE	LGEA PRI. SCH. EFORO	BLOCK A	BASSA
28	RENOVATION OF 3 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICE	LGEA PRI. SCH. NYAMPO	BLOCK B	BASSA
29	RENOVATION OF 3 CLASS-ROOM	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJIYO-LO OJAI	BLOCK A	DEKINA
30	RENOVATION OF 3 CLASS-ROOM	LGEA PRI. SCH. AJIYO-LO OJAI	BLOCK B	DEKINA
31	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. OWOWORO ABOCHI	BLOCK A	DEKINA
32	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. OWOWORO ABOCHI	BLOCK B	DEKINA
33	RENOVATION OF 4 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODU-OFOMU	BLOCK A	DEKINA
34	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. ODU-OFOMU	BLOCK B	DEKINA
35	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. ELUBI AJAKWU	BLOCK A	DEKINA
36	RENOVATION OF 2 CLASS-ROOM WITH OFFICES	LGEA PRI. SCH. ELUBI AJAKWU	BLOCK B	DEKINA
182	RENOVATION OF 3 CLASS-ROOMS WITH OFFICES	ECWA/YWLGEA SCH. I ODO-EGBE	BLOCK E	YAGBA WEST

Governor Bello Revitalizing Culture and Tourism in Kogi State

MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM



Lord Lugard Rest House on Mount Patti, Lokoja

If any state in Nigeria should serve as a hub for tourism, it would be Kogi. The only state with a rich history in natural artefacts and the creation of the nation, housing the colonial leaders and connecting all the regions of the nation. The lovely River Niger and River Benue are seen courting in Kogi, nicknamed the Confluence State.

Unfortunately, before governor Bello became the governor of the confluence state, the state's tourism and cultural potentials were regrettably unrealized.

According to the most recent report from the state ministry of culture and tourism, governor

Bello has transformed the state's cultural and tourism industry during the last seven years, making the state the entertainment hub of Africa.

Established with a view to stimulate Economic growth in the state, the ministry of Culture and Tourism has the mandate to put in place programmes and activities such as to initiate, formulate, execute, monitor and value policies relating to Tourism, Arts and Culture; Promotion of investment in hotels and development of Tourism projects; Tourism promotion and information-dissemination; Relation with tourist related institutions; Tourism research and development; Tourism hospitality training; Relations with regulation of tour operation and

travel agent with the State; Registration, classification and regulation of tourism establishment (Hotels, Motels, Inns, Restaurants); Facilitating plan for Tourism Project; Monitoring of private sector tourism project implementation and development; Liaison with federal Ministry of tourism as well as international organizations; Registration, classification and regulation of places of entertainment and recreational such as night clubs, pooling betting and gaming machines; Supervision of the council Arts and Culture; Management of Tourism Assets, such as beaches; Organization of all state Tourism activities in conjunction with other relevant Agencies; Establishment of a mini-exhibition center for the purpose of projecting the image of the state; Promotion of entertainment and Arts related matters; and promotion of social Arts and community cohesiveness among others.

The ministry's professional departments are Arts and Culture and Hotels and Tourism with affiliates like the Kogi State Council for Arts and Culture and the State Tourism Board.

The ministry has made outstanding accomplishments between 2016 and the present under the direction of Governor Bello, who had the vision to make Kogi the popular tourist destination it deserved to be.

Even if the accomplishments are significant, audible to the deaf and visible to the blind, narrating the tale for the sake of evaluation is important.

Regarding some of the governor's noteworthy accomplishments through the ministry, Bello sponsored the State's contingents in the 2016 Abuja National Carnival, where the State won twelve (12) awards, including the title of First Best Performing State of the Federation. Kogi has continuously held the title of Abuja Carnival champion. Additionally, the State Government authorized and funded the State contingents to represent Nigeria at the 11th Edition of the Pan-African Music Festival (FESPAN), which was placed in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, from July 8-15, 2017.

With the determination to bring back the glory of the state in the area of culture and tourism, the government of Bello sponsored and approved the State contingent to participate in the 2017 Africa Drum festival 2nd edition in Abeokuta Ogun State from 20th- 22 April 2017.

The State Government also sponsored the State contingent to represent and participated in the summer festival of the Tunisia Government from 15th July August 2018, in Tunisia. Again, the state-sponsored contingent to the 33rd



The 1st and 2nd World War Cenotaph in Lokoja



Colonial Museum in Lokoja

Edition of the National Festival for Arts and Culture in Jos plateau State where Kogi was adjudged the most Enterprising State at the Tournaments. Due to their outstanding performances in most of their outings, they were invited by the Federal Government of Nigeria to represent Nigeria been the Giant of Africa at the Surajkund International Cultural Mela at HARYANA Farida bad in India this year 2022 and they won a medal and in grant collaboration in the Annual cultural festival by the organizers, meaning the state contingents have been admitted in the Annual cultural celebrations in India due to their outstanding performance.

The Kogi contingents were also sponsored by the State Government to participate in the 34th Edition of the National Festival for Arts and Culture in Ekiti state in Dec 2021 and won the best traditional costume appearance in the tournaments among other States of the federation. The State Contingents at Eko NAFEST 2022 were announced as the finest entrepreneurial State Award winners on November 713, 2022. This led to the state being chosen as the finest entrepreneurial State in this year's Festival by the National Festival for Arts and Culture (EKO NAFEST 22).

Under Bello's leadership, the State government permitted unrestricted free cultural practices, assisting the populace in enhancing their cultural values and heritage. These festivals have been attracting vacationers and fun-seekers to the State from all over the world. Examples of such cultural practices are the Italo Festival, an annual gathering of all Igala sons and daughters to enjoy traditional music, dances, and a beauty pageant at Anyigba in Dekina Local Government Area of the State, are two; the Ovia Osese Festival in Ogorimangogo LGA, a maiden initiation festival celebrated annually two weeks before Easter by the Ogori people and two weeks after by the Magongo people in Ogori Mangongo Local Government Area of the State; Egungun Festival, a beautiful cultural traditional mostly celebrated among the Okun and oworo people of Kogi State. The festivals are annual events in almost all the communities in Okun land; Ekwechi Festival is a unique festival commonly in the entire Ebira land to consult and appease their ancestors and to lead them and their farmland.

Aside from giving the people the freedom to hugely showcase their cultural heritage, the government of Bello has initiated several policies to promote unity and cultural unification in Kogi. One such is the EBIGO agenda. It is the policy and practice of the state government to institutionalize equity for all Kogites irrespective of tribe, religion or creed. EBIGO is an Acronym for EB-EBIRA, IG-IGALA and O-OKUN.

One landmark cultural policy of governor Bello is the de-proscribing of the five Igala traditional festivals which had been proscribed by the Government of Northern Nigeria in the 1950s. The festivals include ocho, Egwugwu, ugedu, oganganyi and Italo these five festivals were an integral part of the Igala culture, Tradition, and religion and were an embodiment of the social values, beliefs, and ethics of the peoples' ancestors.

Some salient performances of the State Government on Heritage and Culture include the beautification and restoration of Historical Relics to woo tourists, investors, and travellers. The government also approved and released funds in 2019 for Recreational activities on Mount Patti, the restoration of Lord Lugard's rest house on top of the hill Mount Patti, the beautification of European commentary, the cenotaph, the tomb of Emirs deposed from the Northern part of Nigeria to Lokoja during the colonial era such Emirs include Kano, Gwandu, Zaira, Gumel Bida Frontoro and others.

Other Historical sites where restoration took place were the first primary school in Northern Nigeria,

the first Bank in Northern Nigeria, the First prison yard in Northern Nigeria, the Royal Niger Company flag spot in Lokoja and many others.

To lay a solid foundation for tourism development in the State, the Government embarked on signing into law, the Kogi state Tourism law in State which has given a legal framework for the effective and efficient performance of the Kogi State Tourism Board with a view of contributing to the GDP of the State and setting up Advisory intervention committee on Culture and Tourism in the State. At the inauguration, a nine-man committee was inaugu-

rated to enhance the States Tourism potential. They include Director-General of the National Council of Arts and Culture (NACAC) Otumba Olusegun Rusewe, Chief Executive officer of La champagne Tropicana Resort Badagry, Wale Akinbooye, Nike Okundaye of Nike Arts Gallery, Runke Bello, Late Joseph Makoji, Kehinde Quadri Adu, Salifu Isah Idachaba and Femi Bolaji.

In an effort also to lay infrastructural facilities in the State, the Government of Bello through the office of Secretary to State signed an MOU with GOLDEN CITY GROUP ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY COMPANY LIMITED in sourcing funds

for the development of an international Resort at Mount Patti as well as associated infrastructure in Lokoja. The MOU is to attract towers with Helipads, Cable Cars from Nataco to Mount Patti, Boatcruises, 5Star, and chalet Hotels among others.

Without a doubt, Kogi is becoming a major tourism destination for not only Nigeria but all of Africa, and for the governor who is always "doing more," the state is unquestionably becoming one of the most picturesque in the nation. A



Inikpi Statue at Ega, Idah



Lord Lugard Rest House on Mount Patti, Lokoja



The oldest primary School in Northern Nigeria, Built in 1855



Kogi Tops States in Youth and Sports Development

MINISTRY OF SPORTS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Kogi State cannot be found falling behind in the areas of sports and youth development, if, there is any sector not thriving in the state. This is due to the fact that the state is led by a youthful and capable governor, and naturally, the youth make up the majority of sports participants. To avoid taking such a sector lightly, Governor Yahaya Bello entrusted it to Idris Musa about 3 years ago during his second term in office with all the needed support. This is because actively participating in sports produces and enhances key developmental psychological elements like self-confi-

dence, self-esteem, time management, healthy ambition, and killing of idleness which is known to be responsible for evil doings, especially criminality, a major enemy of Governor Bello.

Looking back in time to learn about the beginning of the illustrious ministry's history, it is known that the Kogi State Ministry of Youth and Sports Development was founded in 1999 with the responsibility of overseeing youth development and sports in the State. The ministry is divided into three major operational departments: youth development, sports

development, and facility/stadium management.

Nobody can dispute the ministry's significant record-breaking accomplishments over the past three years under governor Bello's leadership and directives following the current administration's mandate. But for the records, what the governor has been able to achieve through the ministry is best presented according to its departments.

Highlights of the Youth Department of the Ministry's progress since 2019 include the approval of the Youth Commission's establishment, the Kogi State Chapter of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) conducting an election that was successful and elected a vibrant Youth with the support of Governor Bello, the registration and certification of Youth Clubs/Associations and Youth Organizations in the State, sending out various members of Youth from the State to attend different Skills Acquisition Training organized by the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports in Plateau and Ogun State respectively. The NYSC Kogi State Chapter from the inception of this Administration has enjoyed the support of His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello through

the government Award and Employment of two (2) outstanding Corps members and there have been successful interpretation and implementation of the relevant sections of the National Youth Policy for Nigeria (2019 – 2023) Edition and the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (with amendments 2011) in the task of Youth Development Programmes and activities to various Youth Organizations in the State.

Other achievements worthy of note include Sensitization and Awareness Campaign against Youth Restiveness and Cultism among the Youths in the State to avert breakdown of law and order of any kind, training of Youth Leaders in the State in line with the New Direction Agenda of the Government and the National Youth Policy for Nigeria, Supervision of Youth Development Organization Programmes and Youth Centers in the three (3) Senatorial Districts of the State, Supervision/Monitoring of the progress of Youth Centers and their Programmes in the three (3) Senatorial District in the State, Supervision and provision of Technical supports to NYCN Programmes and activities in the State, an assessment visitation to registered Youth Organizations in the State by the Director Youth Development and a formalization tour of Youth Centers by the Honourable Commissioner in the three (3) Senatorial Districts of the State, supervision and provision of Technical supports to National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) in the State, Supervision and provision of technical supports to Nigerian Youth Parliament Operations in the State and Co-ordination of the National Youth Day Celebrations in the State annually.

The ministry established the Kogi State welfare section to completely reform. Models for training stakeholders in the areas of personal hygiene, family planning, physical fitness, early childhood development, and low-tech vocational skills like fishing, gardening, cassava and rice farming and processing have been developed by the unit housed in the Ministry of Youth and Sports Development's directorate of Youth Development. When the 7years Programme was formally completed and transmitted to KG-CARES LIPW as of 2021, 15,633 PWF beneficiaries were paid monthly stipends of N7,500 across the 21 Local Governments from July 2019 to June 2020.

Additionally, the delivery platform successfully identified 4,761 beneficiaries (1,670 male and 3,091 female) from the State single register, identified public work sites across the 21 LGAs, engaged a payment service provider,



informed beneficiaries of their inclusion, validated their enrollment, and produced ID cards for 780 beneficiaries, and equally distributed beneficiaries, tools, and kits. Beneficiaries have received ongoing life skills training as part of the monitoring and start of the stipend payments to 780 recipients for June and July 2022.

Nigerian Youth Parliament is another brain-child of Bello's ministry of youth development and sports. The initiative has also recorded several achievements since 2019 till date and they include Entrepreneurship Training

for Young Graduates organized by First Bank Plc. Kogi State Youth was fully represented by three (3) Kogi Youth Senators Parliamentarians on 2nd November 2019, Distribution of First Aid Boxes to some selected Primary Schools across the three (3) Senatorial Districts sponsored by Nigerian Youth Parliament on 12th August 2021, Safe Pad Project sponsored by Musa Khadijat Oluwadamilola (NYP member representing Kogi-West & Dr Azezat Yishawu – Speaker of the NYP). Theme: equality today for a sustainable tomorrow on 7th October, 2021, Town Hall



Meeting sponsored by the three (3) Kogi State members representing the Nigerian Youth Parliament and Dr. Azeezat Yishawu on 2nd November, 2021, The Nigerian Youth Parliament Drug and Substance Abuse Control Policy, Kogi Youth Parliament paid a courtesy visit to the Ooni of Ife 2nd December, Sponsored a program on CLIMATE CHANGE on 6th February 2022, School outreach across five (5) Local Government to Educate and Enlighten the Students on career of choice and examination malpractice organized by NYP on 16th June, 2022, Youth Development and Security Town Hall Summit which brings Youth together within five (5) Local Government on 22nd June, 2022, Student Scholarship Program held on 30th June, 2022, Community Support Tournament held on 18th July, 2022, HIV/AIDS awareness Campaign in selected LGA's (Ankpa, Idah, Dekina) in collaboration with Girl Child Education Ambassadors Initiative (GCEA) organized and sponsored by NYP on 28th July, 2022, Kogi East Youth Security Summit in collaboration with Reps members in Kogi East on 10th August, 2022, AND AN Anti-Cultism Awareness campaign in collaboration with Kogi State University, Federal College of Education Okene and Kogi

Polytechnic Lokoja Student Union Government on 15th September, 2022.

In other to leave no stone unturned, the Kogi State Youth Development Commission was established, domesticating UN Security Council Resolution 2250 in the State.

The recently established Commission has recorded massive achievements which include the Production and Printing of the Youth Action Plan (YAP) both in soft and hard copies for sensitization, education, and awareness campaign of Kogi State's domestication of the UN Security Council Resolution in the State 2021- 2024, Reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the State Office, Solicitation from Multilaterals Agencies and Companies in the training, entrepreneurship, skills acquisition and empowerment of the vulnerable youth in the State, formation of Data Base of the unemployed Youths and vulnerable Youths in the state, and Creation of Kogi State Youth Development Commission Interactive Website to boost the reach and accessibility.

The tenacious ministry superintended by the governor also established Facilities and Stadia Management Departments, tasked with

overseeing ministry projects. The department also completed several projects, including the perimeter fencing of the entire NYSC Orientation Camp at Asaya, Kabba, Kogi State, the renovation of the mosque at Asaya Camp, the renovation of the administrative building at Asaya, the renovation of four (4) hostels at Asaya, the renovation of two (2) blocks at Asaya, and approval of the construction of a 25-meter Olympic-standard swimming pool, though it is still under construction.

The state has undoubtedly surpassed other states in recent ratings for sports activities around the nation thanks to the ministry's Sports Development Department's multiple accolades. Some of the crowns won for the state since 2019 include the 12th African Open Masters Athletics Championship held in Tunisia between 6th – 9th February 2019 where it won a Silver medal, the 1st IAAF World Masters Indoors Championship held in Poland, 27th March 2019 where it won Bronze, National U-18 Handball championship held in Lagos, March 2019 where it won Gold, 5th Edition of the National Youth Games held in Ilorin between 7th – 17th September 2019 where it won; a Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze, National Handball Division 1 Championship held on 13th – 22nd November 2019 at Kaduna (Male and Female categories) where it won a Gold and a Bronze, Alhaji Muhammed Baderu National Open Weightlifting Championship held between 14th – 17th December 2019 in Jigawa State where it won 6 Silver making a total of 3 Gold, 10 Silver, and 5 Bronze.

In 2020, the team won a Silver and Bronze at the President Beach Volleyball Championship U-19 Male and Female and Senior Beach Volleyball held between the 19th – 23rd of February, 2020.

While in 2021, it won several crowns including Champion of Champions wrestling competition held in Bayelsa – January, 2021 where it won a Gold, 20th Edition of the National Sports Festival, held in Benin between 3rd-14th April, 2021 where it won a Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze, Aso Table Tennis Championship held in Abuja 3rd to 9th May, 2021 where it won a Bronze, 1st North-Central Zonal Volleyball Championship held in Jos between 16th to 20th May, 2021 (Male – Gold, Female – Silver) where it won a Gold and a Silver, National Table Tennis Championship held in Lagos between 16th to 21st May, 2021 (One Bronze Medal in the Cadet Girls Singles and won an award of the most promising player of the Championship) with a Bronze, National



Intra-Zonal U-17 Female Volleyball Championship held in Jos, Plateau State in June, 2021 where it won a Silver, Nigerian Open Armwrestling Championship held in Lagos State in June, 2021 where it won a Silver and a Bronze, National Open Judo Championship held in Ibadan between 14th – 19th July, 2021 where it won a Silver and 2 Bronze, and National Division 1 Handball Championship held in Edo state between 9th – 17th July, 2021 where it won a Silver.

Other awards include the 1st Edition of the South-South Tropical Chess Challenge



Competition in Bayelsa, July 2021 where it won a Gold, National Youth Games held at Ilorin in 2021 where it won a Bronze, National School Racket Games held in Lagos, August 2021 where it won a Silver and 2 Bronze, and National Cadet Championship held in Lagos September 2021 where it won a Silver.

The state hosting a novelty match between the Ex-Super Eagles and the State Executives in Lokoja is another significant accomplishment of governor Bello in youth and sports development. This gathering of Nigerian soccer greats is still the most talked-about

one.

It does not stop there, this year, the ministry has brought home several glories including the Okpepke World Marathon Race and Access Bank International Marathon Race where it won 4 Gold and 4 Bronze respectively, National Boxing Championship held in Kaduna in February 2022 where it won a Gold, Admiral Probeni National Boat Race held in Abuja where it won a gold, Dr Adegboyega Efunkoya U-15 National Cadet Championship held in Lagos September 2022 where it won a Silver and 2 Bronze, Aso National Cadet Championship held in Abuja May 2022 where it won a Silver, 1st Edition of Dr Morris Atula Invitational Senior/Cadet Wrestling Championship August 2022 where it won 3 good Gold, a Silver, and 2 Bronze and the Commonwealth National Open Judo Trials held in Lagos 2022 where it won a Bronze.

In summary, the ministry's SDD earned 1 silver and 1 bronze in 2020, in addition to 3 gold, 10 silver, and 5 bronze in 2019. It earned a total of 4 gold, 10 silver, and 14 bronze medals in 2021. As of this writing in 2022, it has won 9 gold, 3 silver, and 14 bronze. The state now has a total of 16 gold, 24 silver, and 29 bronze crowns. Idris' ministry of sports and youth development has changed the pace in the nation and better defined the governor's credo of "doing more."

The State Government was presented with the Torch of Unity for the 21st Edition of the National Sports Festival, dubbed "Delta 2022," at the Government House, without a doubt in appreciation of Kogi State's success in sporting events across Nigeria and youth development.

The Governor's Chief of Staff, Pharmacist Jamiu Asuku, successfully received the Torch of Unity, signifying the State's readiness to take part in the Festival.

If every success of the Kogi State Ministry of Sports and Youth Development under governor Bello were to be chronicled, it would fill several pages of a large book. Overall, the governor has achieved a feat that will be challenging to be topped by his counterparts both now and in the future.



NOVELTY MATCH

GOV BELLO STRIKES AS GYB TEAM FORCE EX-SUPER EAGLES TO 1-1 DRAW IN LOKOJA

Kogi state Governor Yahaya Bello hit the score board Tuesday in a novelty match between the state executive council team and the combined sets of 1994 and 1996 ex-Super Eagles at the Confluence Stadium in Lokoja, the state capital.

The exciting match which ended in a one-all draw, had Austin Okocha, Peter Rufai, Kanu Nwankwo, Taribo West, Tijani Babangida, Mutiu Adegboye and a host of other ex-internationals starring for the ex-national players' team.

Speaking shortly after the encounter, Governor

Bello said such sporting activity was significant and nostalgic as it would serve as a reminder to Nigerians "how united we were as a nation during the glorious days of these legends."

Bello said beside bringing fame and honour to their fatherland, the ex-internationals used their talent to integrate the various sections of the country, who despite their ethnic differences, united for the greatest good of the country.

Contrary to the position canvassed by some senior citizens, the governor said the Nigerian youths have jointly and consistently affirmed

the unity and remained averse to any divisive tendencies.

Bello, who is eyeing the nation's presidency in 2023, further re-affirmed that the youths had come to the realisation that their destinies were in their hands, and therefore resolved to wrestle power from the older generation "who by now have nurtured the younger ones to leadership competence."





AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN KOGI STATE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

In the area of Agriculture under the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello, Kogi is the new Food Bank of the nation. The developments in the field of agriculture and the efforts for the betterment of our farmers made under the guidance of the Governor are bearing fruits. The efforts of the last 5 years have brought about a qualitative change in the life of farmers with increased food production and agricultural business in Kogi State.

Kogi State government has acted in a time-bound manner under the guidance of Governor Yahaya Bello by keying holistically into the agricultural policy of the Federal Government under the leadership of President Muhammadu Buhari. The schemes for farmers' welfare are being implemented in mission mode. The new methodology of good governance, new ideas and an improvement-oriented vision are paving the way for the modernisation of farming in the State.

The Bello government has been successful in changing the mindsets of farmers and youths and increasing awareness among them. To improve the financial status of farmers, Governor Yahaya Bello has kept a goal of doubling farmers' income by 2023 through subsidy of agricultural input, micro agricultural loans to farmers, allocation of agricultural lands and seedlings to youths and so on. This is the first time that the Government Of The State has set a concrete goal for the welfare of farmers. Under the

leadership of Bello, an effort to make Kogi food sufficient and the food hub of the nation is being put in place.

Without wasting time, in 2015, Governor Bello gave the Ministry of Agriculture approval to embark on the clearing of one thousand hectares of land across the State, with locations such as Omi, Osara and other areas selected to enhance food production for the state.

To improve farming activities, 375 Ferguson Tractors with complete implements; Three quantities each for Mini Harvesters, Planters, Broom Sprayers, Rice Reapers and other similar equipment were all procured to facilitate agricultural activities.

PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF 100 TRACTORS



CROSS-SECTION OF OMI RICE MILLING PLANT

In addition to this; about one thousand five hundred (1500) tillers were procured, assembled and distributed to small-scale farmers in the State last year. This effort has so far created over fifteen thousand (15, 000) jobs for the people of Kogi State across all activities necessary for the successful implementation of the government vision. The payment of counterpart funds by the State government contributed in no small measure to facilitate the following: clearing and cultivation of three thousand (3000) hectares of land for rice cultivation and over five thousand (5000) hectares of land for cassava cultivation across the state.

Today, cassava has become the hottest agricultural produce in Kogi State as there exists a market equilibrium for the product; an increase in production with an increase in demand. Bello's effort in ensuring a safe Kogi State has led to the establishment of the largest ethanol company (Unicane) whose major raw material is cassava in Lokoja. Cassava farmers have no stress in selling their products today as the market already exists in the state.

Satisfied and moved by the agricultural revolution in Kogi, the Federal Government chose the state as the pioneer State for National Egg Production where over 135 youths are currently empowered with 4.2 Million naira each to support their poultry farm.

Another remarkable agricultural development in Kogi State under the Bello-led administration is the massive cultivation of river banks for rice production. Under this scheme, the state government harvested thousands of tons of rice in 2018 in addition to what it produced from the Omi dam.

It might interest you to know that the Confluence Rice Mill In Ejiba, the state-owned Rice Mill, was built from scratch and completed by the present administration. The rice processing facility which can produce over 720,000 of 50kg rice bags per year is one of the sought-after local rice mills in Nigeria today.

The industry is generating over 2000 indirect and direct jobs through its Out-Growers empowerment program and milling activities. By establishing the Rice Milling Industry; the governor has used one stone killing two birds; while fighting food insecurity by increasing food production, he is also fighting the scourge of unemployment by creating direct and indirect jobs.

It is indubitable that in the last six years, Governor Bello has waved a magic wand by finding simple solutions to the difficult socio-economic problems of the state.



CROSS-SECTION OF OMI RICE MILLING PLANT



YAHAYA BELLO BOOSTING AGRIBUSINESS THROUGH ENORMOUS COUNTERPART FUNDING OF APPEALS PROJECT



With arable territory ideal for cash crops, staple crops, and subsistence farming, Kogi is undoubtedly an agrarian state. It is Nigeria's major cassava grower and abounds in both natural and human resources. The meeting of the Rivers Niger and Benue in Lokoja, the state capital, is another blessing. However, before the arrival of Governor Yahaya Bello, the state's agricultural potential had never been fully realized.

It so happens that Kogi is one of the six pilots states that the Federal Government of Nigeria chose to carry out the Agricultural Processing, Productivity Enhancement, and Livelihood Improvement Project (APPEALS), with a focus on rice, cashews, and cassava. With Bello's support and counter-funding, it is currently thought that the State is on the cusp of becoming Nigeria's Agribusiness hub given the successes so far.

The Federal Government's Agricultural Promotion Policy (APP), which places a strong emphasis on food security, local production, job creation, and economic diversification, guided the design of the World Bank-funded initiative APPEALS. In six chosen states—Kogi, Kaduna, Kano, Enugu, Lagos, and Cross Rivers—the project is being carried out over six years (23 March 2017–31 March 2023).

The initiative is anticipated to directly advance several of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), boost value addition throughout priority value chains in the participating States, and increase agricultural production of small and medium-sized farmers.

The APPEALS project is made up of five parts: improving production and productivity, primary processing, value addition, post-harvest management, and empowering women and young people; supporting agribusiness clusters with infrastructure; providing technical assistance; knowledge management and communication, and managing and coordinating the project.

As a result of the APPEALS project intervention in the state and accordance with the project PDO, Kogi State, working in partnership with the World Bank, has empowered youth/women in the rice, cassava, cashew, poultry, and aquaculture value chains. After the project, 10,000 direct beneficiaries from the State are estimated, of which 35% are estimated to be women.

The initiative has made tremendous progress thanks to cooperation with Bello's proactive government. The State Government has so far contributed a total of N200,000,000.00 to help with the APPEALS project's execution in the state.

Kogi SCO has accomplished a lot to meet the project development objective. The project has helped 7,595 (3,929M:3,666F) people, including 637 (449M:188F) processors and 1,142 (187M:955F) marketers in the state. Of them, 4,927 (2,910M: 2,017F) beneficiaries under the CIGs under support for technology adoption. A total of 1,706 WYEP beneficiaries—828 men and 878 women—were assisted, including 102 PWD (76 men and 26 women). Water facility support 169 (123M:169F) and commodity aggregation/cottage processing support 793 are two additional direct beneficiaries (145M:648F).

So far, the total direct beneficiaries for both CIGs, WYEP and infrastructure is 7,595 (3,929Males: 3,666Females). Using gender-disaggregated data, this reflects 51.73 per cent of men and 48.27 per cent of women.

Additionally, 14No Business Alliance contracts have been signed in the state with 3No Out-growers and 11No Off-takers. With a total transaction volume of \$1,111,145,076.85, 4 off-takers off took 2,162.1Mt of raw cashew nuts. However, the amount for rice was 7,200.6Mt with a transaction volume of N1,151,816,000.00, while the amount for cassava was 19,352.07Mt at N828,863,169,50. The combined value of transactions from the three value chains was 3,091,824,246.35.

3,782 farmers and processors in the state have received a total of 47 Nos of climate SMART and nutrition-sensitive technologies. This consists of 3,148 farmers (1,255 rice farmers, 1,278 cassava farmers, and 615 cashew farmers) and 637 processors (239 rice processors, 269 cassava processors, and 29 cashew processors).

From the 417 CIGs and 57 clusters in the state, 417 of the 458Nos VCIPs prepared earned a "No Objection." A total of 4,927 farmers had approved VCIPs, 2,910 of them were men and 2,017 of them were women. For a total of 4,327 farmers, the 417 VCIPs approved have been fully executed (2,910M: 2,017F).

Regarding overall outputs from the production-approved VCIPs, the rice value chain supported by 16 clusters, 100 CIGs, and 2,810Ha of cultivation achieved a total output of 28,774.4Mt, which is higher by 113.33% than the predicted output of 8,430Mt. In terms of actual output, the 26 clusters in 120 CIGs supported by 2,937Ha produced 74,159.25Mt (58,740 MT), a 35% increase. The overall production of the 15 clusters in 58 CIGs, supported on 2,578Ha, for the cashew value chain was 2,758.46Mt or 114.0% of the baseline.

A total of 329,712,600.00 was spent on VCIPs that were implemented for 16 processing clusters

across 52 CIGs, each with 637 processors and a 449M:188F breakdown. Implementing 2VCIPs for the processing of cashews, cassava, and rice cost 23,616,100, 187,280,000, and 118,276,500, respectively. 52nos of the CIGs have already been processed. 28 Cassava Processing CIGs, 19 Rice Processing CIGs, and 2 Cashew Processing CIGs have received equipment and machinery, and the processors are pleased with the innovations shown.

Cassava gari (1.38Mt/CIG/day, 38%), milled rice 2.02Mt/CIG/day, 35%), and 0.15Mt/CIG/day, 25%, make up the total output on approved VCIPs (processing).

The total cost of VCIPs in (N) for the 1,142 (187M:955F) marketers in the 57 CIGs approved for marketing totals 1,147,490,398.74; this includes a contribution in kind of 897,270,399 and an IDA contribution of 250,220,000.00.

A total of 1,706 (828M, 878F) beneficiaries of the WYEP sub-component received training in five value chains—cassava, cashew, rice, poultry, and aquaculture—on living skills for empowerment. For a total of N3,446,539,283, the SCO assisted in the production of 1,595 BIPs and 1,706 beneficiaries' No Objection. 1,706 beneficiaries were taught, including 102 people with disabilities (PWDSN) for IDA support (828M:878F: 46%M: 54%F).

There are currently 1,595 BIPs with a No-Objection from the World Bank. 1,488 (93.29%) of all BIPs were fully implemented. 27 (38.1%) BIPs in total are active. 878 (51.5%) women and girls were beneficiaries. 160 mentors in total were not chosen for the WYEP value chain: Aquaculture = 25, M=22/F3, Cassava = 57 M52/F5, Cashew = 6, M=5/F=1, and Rice = 14. Six commodity aggregation centres and nine cottage processing centres are among the 15 commodity aggregation/cottage processing centres whose construction is now underway.

The creation of the Kogi Market Hub, an eCommerce platform that is fully functional and available for download from the Google Play Store, was one of its innovative features.

Additionally, 1,142 (187M:955F) marketing CIGs have received help with facilities to improve the marketing of the state's main value chains for cassava, rice, and cashews.

11 figures To facilitate the delivery of farm products, 87 marketing CIGs have acquired mini-trucks, 6 mini-buses, 22 open-body tricycles, 453 weighing scales, 82 cashew cutters, 311 bag

closers, 37 rice destonners, and 37 generators.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manuals were created for the value chains of rice, cashews, and cassava. The cashew value chain with export potential was given special consideration in the Manual on International Market specifications. The Nigeria Export Promotion Council has granted export licenses to six clusters along the cashew value chain (NEPC). 1,970 Farmers have the capacity(s) built on quality control & standardization for compliance with food safety standards, according to SON.

At five (5) locations in the State, construction of 13.0Km FAR is, on average, at 59.2%. At Ochaja, Ihima, Okengwe, Ofere, and Uro, the various stages of completion are, respectively, at 63%, 48%, 60%, 45%, and 80%. The three-cell box culvert for the chakaruku rice cluster is 100% finished. Construction of the Idah Farm Access Bridge is currently being procured.

The installation of 50 solar-powered boreholes for agricultural business clusters engaged in production and processing. While the design and bill of quantities (BOQ) preparation for the 26 processing centres' energy was finished. Additionally, it was accomplished to provide and install 15 No. power generating sets for 15 No. aggregation and cottage processing centres.

There have been 57 pieces of training held thus far for 6,634 various beneficiary groups, including those facilitated by the NCO and other organizations.

The development and dissemination of fourteen (14) Knowledge Sharing Products (KSPs) have taken place. Six success stories, four information guides, two lessons learned, and two newsletters are among them. The project has embraced "The Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve Agricultural Management Practices, boost yield and Market returns" in conjunction with Accryx Geo-Technologies.

85 advocacy and sensitization activities were carried out in the states as part of communication and outreach efforts, along with 100 news articles and other project-related content, 200 online media engagements, 223 radio and 89 television stories about project activities, 3 social media platforms, 5 minidocumentaries, 2 newsletters, the creation of 14 IEC materials, 492 user-friendly multimedia communication tools, and 1,538 branded project intervention sites and assets.

The State Government has so far contributed N200,000,000.00 to the APPEALS project's execution in the state. The drawdown was

scheduled to total 33,751,000 USD from the start to October 31, 2022, with 28,396,500 USD already paid out. 28,126,186.54 USD were recorded in that total.

The following surveys were conducted: the Year 2022 productivity assessment survey of the priority value chains for cassava, rice, and cashew in Kogi state; Technology adoption under the priority value chains for cassava, rice, and cashew; and Functionality of agricultural business alliances and out growers scheme/cluster assessment of APPEALS project under the priority value chains for cassava, cashew, and rice in the state.

The state APPEALS has also started putting the ESMPs into practice for numerous infrastructure projects. Five contractors with workers on aggregation/cottages and two contractors with workers on farm access roads have received comprehensive GBV, health and safety, and codes of conduct training and have signed them.

52 GRCs in all, divided into 19 GRCs at the LGA level and 33 GRCs at the cluster level, have been officially inaugurated.

Bello has shown what it means to be a firm believer in creating an atmosphere where his thronging populous can succeed economically. Even the World Bank has commended him for several agricultural programs. With significant investments in advancing regional food production and a significant increase in job prospects, Kogi is quickly becoming the country's food basket.



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State Coordinator of APPEAL



TRAINING ON LINE TRANSPLANTING OF RICE SEEDLINGS



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KOGI APPEALS FACILITATES INPUT & EQUIPMENT SUPPORT FOR CASHEW FARMERS



LAND PREPARATION FOR RICE FARMERS AT ASCO FARM CLUSTER



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RICE PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

BENEFICIARIES TAKING POSSESSION OF PROCESSING EQUIPMENT



ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO EASE TRANSPORTAION OF FARM PRODUCE



KOGI APPEALS SUPPORT TO MARKETING CIGs WITH HAULAGE FACILITIES(6 BOXERS, 11 DYNA AND 22 TRICYCLES)



KOGI APPEALS SUPPORT



WYEP BENEFICIARIES UNDER POULTRY, VALUE CHAIN-EGG PRODUCTION SEGMENT



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KOGI CASHEW FARMERS ATTENDS TRAINING IN COTE D'IVOIRE



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CROSS-SECTION OF GANAJA FLYOVER, LOKOJA





Newly constructed office complex, ministry of Works and Housing



CROSS SECTION OF THE 38KM INELE-ADUM-AKEM ROAD IN OLAMABORO LGA



CROSS SECTION OF THE 64KM UMOMI-AKPAGIDIGBO- UGWOLAWO-AJAKA-IDAHA ROAD





Dada Onicar Bestway- NTA Junction Road



Inuraje Road



Ogo Oluwa Street



Surulere Road



Ipele Street- Barnabas Cathedral Road

OKENE TOWNSHIP ROAD



MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING : COMPLETED AND ON-GOING PROJECTS		
S/N	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	REMARK
1	CONSTRUCTION OF ATTAH IGALA PALACE	COMPLETED
2	<u>OKEHI L.G.A</u> • RENOVATION WORK AT SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OBANGEDE • CONVERSION OF OLD MALE HOSTEL TO CLASSROOM • RENOVATION OF OLD STAFF OFFICE BLOCK AND DEMONSTRATION BLOCK • DITTO, LIBRARY BLOCK	COMPLETED
3	RENOVATION OF MAIN GOVERNORS OFFICE AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL (II) QUARTERS GOVERNMENT HOUSE LOKOJA	COMPLETED
4	Renovation of DSS Official Quarters at GRA Lokoja	COMPLETED
5	COMPLETION OF DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE AT MINISTRY OF FINANCE	COMPLETED
6	Construction of admin building of graphic news paper cooperation	COMPLETED
7	CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF SSG KOGI STATE	COMPLETED
8	LAND SCAPING OF SECRETARIATE PHASE I	COMPLETED
9	CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING OF PRESIDENTIAL LODGE GOVERNMENT HOUSE LOKOJA	COMPLETED
10	CONSTRUCTION OF A CHAPEL IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE LOKOJA	COMPLETED
11	CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE MOSQUE LOKOJA	COMPLETED
12	CONSTRUCTION OF ANKPA MARKET	ON-GOING
13	<u>IBAJI LGA</u> CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AT EJEH IBAJI PALACE	COMPLETED
14	CONSTRUCTION OF 50 BED CAPACITY HOSTEL BLOCK GOVT. GIRLS SEC. SCHOOL OBANGEDE (LOT 2)	ON-GOING
15	Construction of Government LODGE OKENE	ON-GOING
16	<u>ADAVI L.G.A</u> RENOVATION OF ADAVI MARKET	ON-GOING
17	<u>KABBA L.G.A</u> CONSTRUCTION, MODIFICATION & RENOVATION OF NYSC PERMANENT ORIENTATION CAMP KABBA	ON-GOING
18	RECONSTRUCTION OF KABBA MARKET	ON-GOING
19	<u>LOKOJA L.G.A</u> MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT	COMPLETED
20	RENOVATION OF FM TRANSMITTER HOUSE AT MOUNT PATTI LOKOJA	COMPLETED
21	CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE COMPLEX FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT MINISTRY OF WORKS	COMPLETED

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING : COMPLETED AND ON-GOING PROJECTS

22	CONSTRUCTION OF ARMY FORWARD OPERATION BASE ACHOZE OKENE	COMPLETED
23	RENOVATION OF THE OFFICE BUILDING OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF KOGI STATE	ON-GOING
24	RE-MODELLING /CONSTRUCTION OF KOGI HOTELS	COMPLETED
25	RE-CONSTRUCTION OF CIVIC CENTRE /LOKOJA SQUARE	COMPLETED
26	CONSTRUCTION OF NIGERIA BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMPLEX LOKOJA	COMPLETED
27	Construction of Ultra Modern General Hospital Gegu-Beki <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Main Office Complex • Construction of Morgue, Ultra-Modern General Hospital • Construction of Staff Quarters at Ultra-Modern General Hospital 	COMPLETED
28	Construction of Ultra Modern General Hospital Eganyi	COMPLETED
29	Construction of Rehabilitation of Mobile Police Squadron Unit, Oro, Okene	ON-GOING
30	Construction of New Ultra-Modern Clinical Complex General Hospital, Isanlu	ON-GOING
31	Renovation and Remodeling of Special Hospital Lokoja	COMPLETED
32	Construction of New Ultra-Modern Clinical Complex in Prince Abubakar Audu University Hospital, Anyigba	COMPLETED
33	Construction of MRI/ICT Block at Reference Hospital Okene	COMPLETED
34	Construction of GYB Model Science Secondary School Adankolo	COMPLETED
35	Renovation/Remodeling of GGSS Oboroke	ON-GOING
36	Remodeling of Community Secondary School Ajiyolo – Ojaji	COMPLETED
37	Construction of a New Central Reference Hospital Okene	COMPLETED
38	Renovation & Remodeling of Old Hospital for Central Reference Hospital-Okene	COMPLETED
39	Construction of Senate Building at Confluence University of Science and Tech, osara	ON-GOING
40	Construction of Faculty of Computing and Informatics CUSTECH Asara	ON-GOING
41	Construction of Faculty of Basic Medical & Health Sciences at CUSTECH Asara	ON-GOING
42	Construction of faculty of Engineering at CUSTECH, Osara	ON-GOING
43	Construction of University Library at CUSTECH, Osara	ON-GOING

44	Construction of GYB Model Science Secondary School at Technical at Technical College Idah	ON-GOING
45	Construction of GYB Model Science Secondary School at Technical at Technical Ihima	COMPLETED
46	Construction of GYB Model Science Secondary School Oke-bukun Kaba	COMPLETED
	Construction of GYB Model Science Secondary School RUVUCHEBA Okene	
47	Construction of Model Science Secondary School Ogaminana	COMPLETED

GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO IN KOGI STATE

48	Construction of Ibana/ Okpo-Ogugu/ Ette Road	COMPLETED
49	Rehabilitation & Asphalt overlay of Shintaku/ Gboloko/Dekina Road	ONGOING
50	Rehabilitation & Asphalt overlay of Idah-Iyano with spur to Odogwu Unale	ONGOING
51	Rehabilitation of Ankpa –Abejukolo Road	ONGOING
52	Construction of Ankpa Township Road (Lot 7)	COMPLETED
53	Construction of Hassan Katisina/ Mount Patti Road	ONGOING
54	Reconstruction of 4.7KM Nataco/Paparador Square dual carriage way	COMPLETED
55	Rehabilitation/ Asphalt Overlay of Chari Maigumeri Ring Road/ Street Lightening	COMPLETED
56	Rehabilitation of Dunamis-Federal University road Lokoja	COMPLETED
57	Rehabilitation of Zenith Bank Adankol road Lokoja	COMPLETED
58	Rehabilitation of Government House- Kasuwa Guest-Ganaja junction road	COMPLETED
59	Rehabilitation of KEWON Hotel road	COMPLETED
60	Rehabilitation of FRSC - Kpala Market road Lokoja	ONGOING
61	Reconstruction of 14KM Agasa Apogoro-Auchi bye pass road Okene	COMPLETED
62	Rehabilitation Cemetary Baptist Church road Lokoja	ONGOING
63	Rehabilitation/ Asphalt Overlay of Obehira/Ihima road with Spur to Obangede	ONGOING
64	Reconstruction of 4.5KM Agori-Magongo road	ONGOING
65	Construction of 14.5KM Ogaminana/ Ebogogo/Total junction spur Ebogogo –Eika –Itakpe Road	COMPLETED

GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO IN KOGI STATE		
66	Rehabilitation/ Asphalt Overlay of Iyamoye/ Ifeolukotun/Ponyan/ Jege/Ejuku/Ijowa (Isanlu)	ONGOING
67	Construction of Ekinrin-Adde/Ohun-ife Olukotun Road	ONGOING
68	Rehabilitation and Asphalt overlay of 55KM Idah/Ejule/ Anyigba	COMPLETED
69.	Construction of Odenyi/ Oguma/ Sheria Road Project	ONGOING
70	Reconstruction of 14.365Km Okene Township Roads	ONGOING
71	Reconstruction 10km Kabba Township Roads	COMPLETED
72	Grade Separation Intersection (Flyover Bridges) at Ganaja Junction, Lokoja	COMPLETED
73	Construction of Beach Embankment project	ONGOING
74	Landscaping of Beach Embankment	ONGOING
75	Rehabilitation And Asphalt Overlay Of 13.71km Itakpe Junction – Total Junction Okene Road	ONGOING
76	Construction of 3.72km Internal Road Networks for Phase II Development of CUSTECH Osara	ONGOING
77	Beautification and Landscaping of Beach Embankment	COMPLETED
78	Construction of 9km Zone 8 roundabout to GYB Junction.	ONGOING

NEWLY BUILT PRESIDENTIAL LODGE, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, LOKOJA





Government House Chapel: 1st ever Christian Worship Centre in Government House Kogi State



Government House Mosque

MUHAMMADU BUHARI CIVIC CENTRE, LOKOJA



MUHAMMADU BUHARI CIVIC CENTRE, LOKOJA





GOVERNOR BELLO AND THE TRADITIONAL INSTITUTION

MINISTRY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS

The Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs came into existence following the upgrading of the defunct Department of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs to a full-fledged Ministry with effect from 6th August 2007.

The Ministry is statutorily responsible for monitoring the affairs of the twenty-one (21) Local Government Councils in the State and also coordinating the activities of the State's Traditional Councils.

The ministry serves as a secretariat to the State Local Government Joint Account Allocation Committee (JAAC) and coordinates reforms of Local Government by initiating and issuing administrative guidelines to Local Governments. The Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs assists the Local Government with

capacity building for Local Government functionaries through seminars and workshops, handles industrial relations for Local Governments, and attends to public complaints and petitions arising from Intra and inter Local Government boundaries and disputes. It also coordinates and Monitors Local Government projects to achieve value for money and co-ordinates development at the grassroots, It ensures a high level of accountability, It provides technical assistance and guidance to Local Government on budgetary matters, financial and administrative record keeping and policy formulation and implementation, assists Local Government on the strategy to generate internal revenue.

Another cardinal function of the ministry is that It generates empirical Data from the Local Governments for the National Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission (NRMAFC), CBN, NBS etc and undertakes annual inspections of capital projects and other activities of Local Governments. It screens Local Government Annual Estimates, it organizes workshops and in-house training for Local Government staff in the area of financial implementation of the budget, and internal revenue generation.

The ministry advises the State Government on the grading, upgrading and creation of new traditional stools, discipline and provision of the welfare of the Traditional Rulers in the state. It acts as the secretariat of the Kogi State Council of Chiefs which is composed of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Traditional Rulers in the State.

Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs midwives connect the traditional institution with the state government as it advises the State Government on all matters relating to customary laws, cultural affairs and inter-communal affairs and equally advice the government on security matters in the Local Governments.

The Ministry is currently under the leadership of Hon Barr S.M Ozigi Deedat, Commissioner for the ministry.

Since 2015, there is no doubt that the bond between the government of His Excellency Yahaya Bello and the various critical institutions in Kogi such as Religious and Tradi-

tional has been strengthened greatly.

The leadership of His Excellency Yahaya Bello has been according great respect to these institutions since the assumption Office. The building of Christain Worship Cathedral in Government House and his contributions to the development of Christianity and Islam in the state is a great testament to his religious neutrality which has brought harmony and peaceful coexistence to the state today.

The statute of our traditional rulers/Royal Fathers under the leadership of His Excellency Yahaya Bello has been taken to cloud 9 in terms of welfare and recognitions, upgrade and creation of new traditional stools and so on.

The governor embarked on infrastructural face-lift of our Royal palaces, starting from the expansion of the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs where

the Royal Fathers hold their meetings and now to the construction of a befitting Royal Palace for the Ohinoyi of Ebiraland which is the First Ohinoyi Palace in history.

As revered as Heads of our traditional authorities; the Atta Igala, The Ohinoyi of Ebiraland, the Ohimege-igu of Koto-karfe, the Obaro of Kabba, there has been a great difference between the power they command and the elegance of their residence. Expansion and renovation of other palaces have also been considered and approved by the government.

Under the leadership of His Excellency, Yahaya Bello, a longtime traditional institution's crisis in several parts of the state have been resolved. The administration has graded, upgraded, and created new traditional stools leading to the peaceful coexistence amongst various communities in the state today.



CROSS SECTION OF THE NEWLY BUILT OHINOYI OF EBIRALAND PALACE, OKENE



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LIST OF NEWLY GRADING AND UPGRADING OF TRADITIONAL STOOLS IN KOGI

S/N	NAME OF STOOL	CLASS	LGA	REMARKS
A	ADAVI			
1.	ASEMA OF ANIKU	1st	Adavi	Up -grading
3.	ADEIKA OF EZI ONOGU	1	Adavi	Up -grading
4.	IDU OF IRIKU	1st	Adavi	Up -grading
5.	ASEMA OF UPOPUVATE	1st	Adavi	Up -grading
6.	ASEMA OF EMAMI	2nd	Adavi	Up -grading
7.	ASEMA OTUMI AJOKO,UKA	2nd	Adavi	Up -grading
8.	ADELKA OF UHAMI	2nd	Adavi	Up -grading
9.	IDU OF ATAMI	3rd	Adavi	Grading
10.	OHIZI OF EZI-ADEIKA	3rd	Adavi	Grading
11.	OUT OF EZI-ADEIKA	3rd	Adavi	Grading
B	AJAOKUTA			
1.	ADEIKA OF EZI-EDE	1st	Ajaokuta	Up -grading
2.	ADOGU OF EGANYI	1st	Ajaokuta	Up -grading
3.	OVANEBIRA OF EGANYI	2nd	Ajaokuta	Up -grading
4.	OBARUSA OF UNOSI	2nd	Ajaokuta	Up -grading
5.	IDU OF EBIYA	2nd	Ajaokuta	Up -grading
6.	ONU AJAOKUTA	2nd	Ajaokuta	Up -grading
7.	OHIETE OF AJAOKUTA	2nd	Ajaokuta	New creation and grading
8.	ANAJA OF GANAJA	3rd	Ajaokuta	Grading
9.	EHTU OF ELAITE	3rd	Ajaokuta	Grading
10.	INA-OGUNA OF EZI-OGU EGANYI	3rd	Ajaokuta	Grading
11.	AGUVA OZI ONOGU,CLAN	3rd	Ajaokuta	Grading
12.	LARAMOH 2 OF KPOROKO	3rd	Ajaokuta	Grading
13.	ASEMA OF EGANYI	3rd	Ajaokuta	Grading
14.	ONOWU OF ANIVASSA	3rd	Ajaokuta	Grading
15.	ETSU GEREGU	3rd	Ajaokuta	Grading
16.	OBARO OGOGOHO OF EHEDAH	3rd	Ajaokuta	Grading
C	ANKPA			
1.	ONU ANKPA	1st	Ankpa	Up -grading
2.	ONU-EJIFA,ENABO	2nd	Ankpa	Up -grading
3.	ONU-MEGBA, ABECHÉ	2nd	Ankpa	Up -grading
4.	ACHABU ANEDU ENJEMA	3rd	Ankpa	Grading

S/N	NAME OF STOOL	CLASS	LGA	REMARKS
5.	ONU-UDEH EJINYA	3rd	Ankpa	Grading
D	BASSA			
1.	OHIOGBA OF MOZUM	1st	Bassa	Up -grading
2.	ANAJA OF GBOBE	2nd	Bassa	Up -grading
3.	OHIOBAKI OF OZUGBE	2nd	Bassa	Up -grading
4.	SHAABA OF AKUBA/ASHASHAMA	2nd	Bassa	Up -grading
D	DEKINA			
1.	ONU ABOCHO	1st	Dekina	Up -grading
2.	OGOHI/ONU ANYIGBA	1st	Dekina	Up -grading
3.	ONU GBOLOGU OF EMEWE	2nd	Dekina	Up -grading
4.	OBICHA OF OGBABEDE	2nd	Dekina	Up -grading
5.	EMAKOJI ATTAH IGALA,AJIOLO	3rd	Dekina	Grading
6.	OGOHI OLOGBA	3rd	Dekina	Grading
7.	OMACHI ATTAH ONU OCHAJA	3rd	Dekina	Grading
8.	OGOHI EJINA AGALA	3rd	Dekina	Grading
9.	ABOKOCHE ABOCHO,BIRAIDU	3rd	Dekina	Grading
F	IBAJI			
1.	ONU AYEKE	3rd	Ibaji	Grading
G	IDAH			
1	ACHADU ATTAH IGALA	1st	Idah	Up -grading
2.	ONU EGAH/EGANA ATTAH	2nd	Idah	Up -grading
H	IGALAMELA/ODOLU			
1.	ONU ODOLU	1st	I/Odolu	Up -grading
2.	ONYISHI (DIMANYI) AVRUGO	2nd	I/Odolu	Up -grading
3.	OTIBEJE OF NOKWA-AVRUGO	3rd	I/Odolu	Grading
I	IJUMU			
1.	OLUGBEDE OF GBEDE	1st	Ijumu	Up -grading
2.	OLU-AYETORO-GBEDE	1st	Ijumu	Up -grading
3.	OLU- ADDE OF EKINRIN- ADDE	1st	Ijumu	Up -grading
4.	OBARO OF IYAMOYE	1st	Ijumu	Up -grading

S/N	NAME OF STOOL	CLASS	LGA	REMARKS
5.	OLOGIDI OF OGIDI	2nd	Ijumu	Up -grading
6.	OLU-ODOKORO GBEDE	3rd	Ijumu	Grading
J	KABBA BUNU			
1.	OBADOFIN OF OWE LAND	1st	Kabba/B	Up -grading
2.	OBARO OF ODO-APE	1st	Kabba/B	Up -grading
3.	OLU OKEBUKUN	1st	Kabba/B	Up -grading
4.	OBAJEMU OF OWELAND	1st	Kabba/B	Up -grading
5.	ELESHO OF OWELAND	2nd	Kabba/B	Up -grading
6.	OBA OF GBELEKO	2nd	Kabba/B	Up -grading
7.	OBANI OF OWELAND	2nd	Kabba/B	Up -grading
8.	OLUKE OF IKE BUNU	2nd	Kabba/B	Up -grading
9.	OBADOFIN OF AYEGUNLE-IGUN	3rd	Kabba/B	Grading
10.	OLUWAO OF OKE-OFFIN	3rd	Kabba/B	Grading
k	KOGI			
1.	OHINOYI OF GIRINYA	1st	Kogi	Up -grading
2.	OHINOYI OF GEGU-BEKI	1st	Kogi	Up -grading
3.	OHINOYI OF NYABA	2nd	Kogi	Up -grading
4.	YERIMA OF TAWARI	2nd	Kogi	Up -grading
5.	OHINOYI OF EDEGAKI	2nd	Kogi	Up -grading
6.	OHINOYI OF OSUKU	3rd	Kogi	Grading
7.	OGAZAOGBANI OF IGU	3rd	Kogi	Grading
8.	ASAYAN OGBANI IGU	3rd	Kogi	Grading
9.	OHINOYI OF OKPAKA	3rd	Kogi	Grading
10.	OHINOYI OF OKAREKE	3rd	Kogi	Grading
11.	AGUMA OF IKIMI	3rd	Kogi	Grading
12.	OHINOYI OF ADABODE	3rd	Kogi	Grading
13.	OHINOYI OF OZI	3rd	Kogi	Grading
14.	OHINOYI OF OKOFI	3rd	Kogi	Grading
(L)	LOKOJA			
1.	MAIYAKI OF KUPA	1st	Lokoja	Up -grading
2.	OLU OF OWORO	1st	Lokoja	Up -grading
3.	ETSU ADANKOLO	2nd	Lokoja	Up -grading
4.	BAJANA OF OBAJANA	3rd	Lokoja	Grading

S/N	NAME OF STOOL	CLASS	LGA	REMARKS
5.	MASI OF AGBAJA	3rd	Lokoja	Grading
6.	OBA YORUBA,LOKOJA	3rd	Lokoja	Grading
7.	ODEYI ANEBIRA	3rd	Lokoja	Grading
8.	ONU IGALA-LOKOJA	3rd	Lokoja	Grading
9.	OBA-APATA OF OWORO	3rd	Lokoja	Grading
10.	OHIRIBO OF KARARA/IGOTI	3rd	Lokoja	Grading
(M)	MOPA/MURU			
1.	ALAMURO OF AMURO	1st	Mopa/Muro	
(N)	OFU			
1.	ONU ITOBE	1st	Ofu	Up -grading
2.	ONU/DH OF OFOKE	3rd	Ofu	Grading
3.	ONODU-IGO	3rd	Ofu	Grading
4.	ONU OF UMOMI	3rd	Ofu	Grading
5.	OGOHI ALLO	3rd	Ofu	Grading
6.	AMANA ITOBE	3rd	Ofu	Grading
7.	ONU/DH OMACHE	3rd	Ofu	Grading
8.	OHIOMOGBOLO ATTAH IGA-OJO	3rd	Ofu	Grading
9.	ONU/DH OF ALOJI	3rd	Ofu	Grading
10.	ONU EJULE	3rd	Ofu	Grading
(O)	OGORI/MAGONGO			
			Ogori/Magongo	
1.	OLU MAGONGO	1st	Ogori/Magongo	Up -grading
2.	UBORO OF OGORI	2nd	Ogori/Magongo	Grading
3.	OTARU IDU, ADUBANE/ONU	2nd	Ogori/Magongo	Up -grading
4.	OTARU IGOLI UDEYI (OSHOBANE)OF OGORI	3rd	Ogori/Magongo	Grading
5.	OTARO OPOWU OF OGORI	3rd	Ogori/Magongo	Grading
(P)	OKEHI			
1.	OHIOMAH I OF UHUODO- OKEHI	1st	Okehi	Up -grading
2.	OBOBANYI OF IHIMA	1st	Okehi	Up -grading
3.	OHIOMATA OF ODUMI CLAN	1st	Okehi	Up -grading
4.	ADEIKA OF EIKA	1st	Okehi	Up -grading
5.	OBOBANYI OF OHIOWAN	2nd	Okehi	Up -grading

S/N	NAME OF STOOL	CLASS	LGA	REMARKS
6.	ONOMU OF OHIAGA CLAN	2nd	Okehi	Up -grading
7.	IDU OF OHA-CLAN	2nd	Okehi	Up -grading
8.	OBOBANYI OF OHUETA	2nd	Okehi	Up -grading
9.	OGASUBE OF URE	2nd	Okehi	Up -grading
10.	ATIMATI OF EHEMI-CLAN	2nd	Okehi	Up -grading
11.	ADAMUGU OF UBOBO	3rd	Okehi	Grading
12.	EZU OF EGIRI	3rd	Okehi	Grading
13.	OHIAKUTA, IHIMA	3rd	Okehi	Grading
14.	OBANIYA OF EVASA	3rd	Okehi	Grading
15.	OGAZI OF ANCHI-CLAN	3rd	Okehi	Grading
(Q)	OKENE			
1.	OHI OF OKENE	1st	Okene	New creation and grading
2.	OZUMI OF OKENE	1st	Okene	Up -grading
3.	OHIOVIZA OF OBEHIRA	1st	Okene	Up -grading
4.	OHIOPISA OF EYIRE III	1st	Okene	Up -grading
5.	ODOVIDI OF EHEBE-CLAN	1st	Okene	Up -grading
6.	OHITAKPE OF OKENGWE	1st	Okene	Up -grading
7.	OHI-OBE,AKUTA,CLAN	1st	Okene	Up -grading
8.	OKAKANDA OF OMAVI	1st	Okene	Up -grading
9.	OHINDASE OF OKENGWE	1st	Okene	Up -grading
10.	EGASU OF OMOYE	1st	Okene	Up -grading
11.	ANANYIWA EHIMAZOKO AKUTA	2nd	Okene	Up -grading
12.	OTU OF ASUWE/ADOBE	2nd	Okene	Up -grading
13.	AISOVO OF ESUSU CLAN	3rd	Okene	Grading
14.	OHI OF OHIMOSOKO CLAN	3rd	Okene	Grading
15.	ADEIYI ANINGHERE	3rd	Okene	Grading
16.	OHIREBA OF OKENGWE	3rd	Okene	Grading
17.	SARKIN HAUSAWA,OKENE	3rd	Okene	Grading
18.	OTARU-IDU OZI EYIRE	3rd	Okene	Grading
(R)	OLAMABORO			
1.	OCHOGWU OF OGUGU	1st	Olamaboro	Up-grading
2.	ONU ODA ETTE-ADOGO	2nd	Olamaboro	Grading
3.	AJIBO-AKPOTOR OF IGAH	2nd	Olamaboro	Grading
4.	ONU AMANA ODA-IMANE	3rd	Olamaboro	Grading
5.	EGANA EJEH OLAMABORO	3rd	Olamaboro	Grading

S/N	NAME OF STOOL	CLASS	LGA	REMARKS
6.	OCHENI ONYOKU	3rd	Olamaboro	Grading
7.	AKOMU EJEH OLAMABORO	3rd	Olamaboro	Grading
8.	AIDOKANYA ODA-ETTE	3rd	Olamaboro	Grading
(S)	OMALA			
1.	ONU ABEJUKOLO	2nd	Omala	Up-grading
2.	OGOHI OF AKPACHA	2nd	Omala	Up-grading
3.	ONU OTUTUBATU	3rd	Omala	Grading
4.	ADENI ATTA IGALA	3rd	Omala	Grading
5.	OCHAI ONU-IFE	3rd	Omala	Grading
(T)	YAGBA EAST			
1.	ELEJUKU OF EJUKU	1st	YAGBA EAST	Up-grading
2.	OLUKOTUN OF IFE-OLUKOTUN	1st	YAGBA EAST	Up-grading
3.	OBA OF ORANRE	2nd	YAGBA EAST	Up-grading
4.	OWA OF JEJE	2nd	YAGBA EAST	Up-grading
5.	OKOGUN(SHABA) OF IFE-OLUKOTUN	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
6.	ONITEDO OF IRUNDA-ISANLU	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
7.	OWA-OMOWA OF ISANLU	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
8.	OLUAGBA OF MAKUTU	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
9.	OLUTADE OF ITEDO-MAKUTU	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
10.	OLURIGIRIGI OF BAGIDO	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
11.	OLOFIN OF OFFIN	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
12.	ALAOFIN OF IJOWA-ISANLU	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
13.	OBARO OF OKE-IFE	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
14.	OBA OF TAKETE-SAO	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
15.	ALAMURO-ODO OF ISANLU	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
16.	ALAFIN OF ILAFIN	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
17.	OBARO/BAALE OF ERO	3rd	YAGBA EAST	Grading
(U)	YAGBA WESST			
1.	OLU OF OKERI	1st	Yagba West	Up-grading
2.	ELEJIBA OF EJIBA	1st	Yagba West	Up-grading
3.	BAALE OF EGBE	2nd	Yagba West	Up-grading
4.	OLOMI OF OMI	2nd	Yagba West	Grading
5.	ONIGBARUKU OF IGBARUKU	3rd	Yagba West	Grading
6.	EMILA OF ILEMLA	3rd	Yagba West	Grading

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

In the last four years of the
present administration

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT



Before Photo of Adumu Road gully Erosion Site, Ogugu Olamaboro LGA



After

The Ministry of Environment has the statutory responsibility of ensuring sustainable use of the environment through continuous management of all environmental challenges such as; pollution, flood, erosion, deforestation and general land degradation. The core objective of this administration on environmental sustainability is to mitigate the impact of climate change on the environment by ensuring the reduction of carbon emission to the bearest minimum to about 1.5% in the year 2030 according to Naturally Determined Contribution (NDC), reduce refuse dump and gully erosion by 15% as well as improve and restore the green cover by 100% annually.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- I. Effective cleaning of public places was improved upon continuously through buy-in by Local community ownership, stakeholder's participation, religious, community and youth groups e.t.c with cost effectiveness.
- II. Public sensitization, stakeholder engagements and community participation is continuously being strengthen for sustainability
- III. Construction of Lokoja Beach Embankment 97% level of completion.
- IV. Construction of 5 prototype Modern Public Toilets in the three Senatorial Districts of the State namely: Anyingba (ongoing), Ogugu (completed), Okene (ongoing), Lokoja (completed) and Isanlu (completed).
- V. Distribution of National Clean Cooking Stove to mitigate carbon emission to all the 21 Local Governments in the state.
- VI. Establishment of Task Force on Sanitation.
- VII. Evacuation of age-long heaps of waste across the State as well as desilting of the drainages.
- VIII. State wide assessment of ecological challenges was conducted which has provided a baseline data for addressing ecological challenges- 206 gullies confirmed.
- (IX) Engineering Design: Kogi state has successfully completed thirteen engineering designs for the following sites;

- ◆ Adumu gully site,
- ◆ Agassa gully sites
- ◆ Ozuri gully sites
- ◆ Greater Lokoja Water Works site
- ◆ Ogane-Aji gully site
- ◆ Ankpa gully site
- ◆ Omigbo gully site
- ◆ Etahi gully site
- ◆ Ugwolawo gully site
- ◆ Afor Gam Gam
- ◆ Federal University gully site
- ◆ Idozumi/utovesa gully site
- ◆ Idah gully site

(X) Climate Change Adaptation Project: Kogi State provided solar powered boreholes and Street lights to the following communities;

- ◆ Okugo
- ◆ Oguda,
- ◆ Achoze,
- ◆ Aku
- ◆ Emifobida
- ◆ Ekinrin Ade

- ◆ Odologu

About 483 community members benefitted from the project

30 KVA mini solar grid was installed at Okugo community as source of electricity.

Telemetry Equipment, Automatic & Manual weather Station were Installed at Bagana and Prince Abubakar Audu University, Ayingba, Kogi State.

This equipment serve as early warning system for flooding and weather predictions and also aid farmers in crop production and learning as well as research works in the university.

(XI) Gully Stabilization and reclamation Project;

- ◆ 45.5km length of road were constructed at various communities
- ◆ 30.9km length of drains were constructed at various gully sites

(XII) Gully reclamation works were carried out in the following sites; Agassa, Adumu road, Ozuri, Ogane Aji & Greater Lokoja Water works

(XIII) Afforestation Projects: Kogi State rehabilitated 40 hectares forest reserves in the state namely;

- ◆ Osara forest reserve
- ◆ Okura forest reserve &
- ◆ Oiyin forest reserve

(XIV) WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT: Kogi State provided 55 giant waste bins and 7 Tricycles to various communities for waste disposal.

Attached herewith are the pictorial evidences of ongoing and completed projects as requested.

Dr. Jibrin Saidu A.
Permanent Secretary
For: Hon. Commissioner.

KOGI NEWMAP



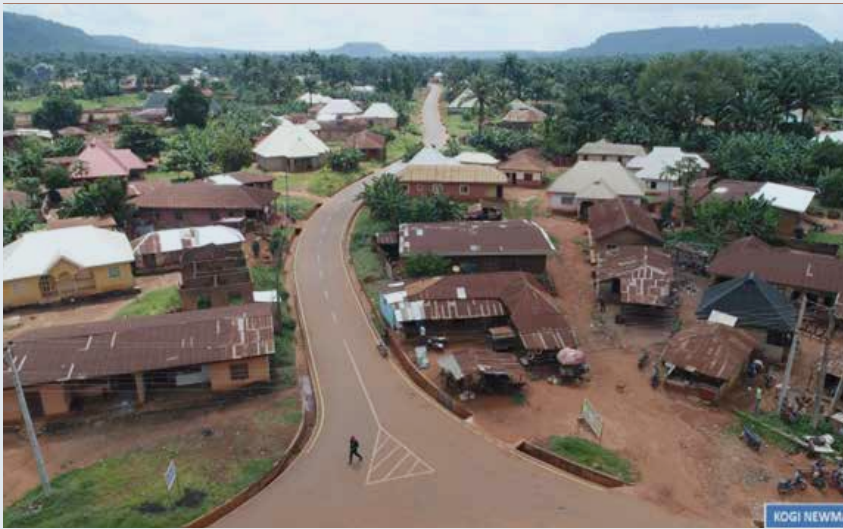
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Before photo of Agasa gully erosion site, Okene LGA



After photo of Agasa gully erosion site, Okene LGA



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Before photo of Ozuri gully erosion site, Adavi LGA



After photo of Ozuri gully erosion site, Adavi LGA



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Before photo of Ogane gully erosion site, Dekina LGA



After photo of Ogane gully erosion site, Dekina LGA

OGANE-AJI GULLY EROSION SITE (DEKINA L.G.A)



Before



After



GREATER LOKOJA WATER WORKS GULLY INTERVENTION SITE, (LOKOJA L.G.A)



Before



After



Before



After

OGANE-AJI GULLY EROSION SITE (DEKINA L.G.A)



GREATER LOKOJA WATER WORKS GULLY INTERVENTION SITE, (LOKOJA L.G.A)



Hydrological Station, Ministry of AEnvironment



Hydrological Station, Ministry of AEnvironment





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AFFORESTATION PROJECT
Planting of 12 thousand trees in Lokoja metropolis



**NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OFFICE COMPLEX FOR THE STATE'S
SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT TEAM.**



GYB WATER PROJECTS IN KOGI CENTRAL

REHABILITATION OF OKENE WATER WORKS STARTING FROM DREDGING, EXPANSION
AND RETICULATION TO FETCHING POINTS ACROSS KOGI CENTRAL.







Coal mining in Awo Akpali, ANKPA LGA

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF SOLID MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES UNDER THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER, HON. ABUBAKAR BASHIR GEGU

MINISTRY OF SOLID MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

THE Ministry of Solid Minerals and Natural Resources has recorded several landmark achievements under His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello from the inception till date.

One landmark achievements of the ministry is the recent declaration of Kogi State as an

oil producing state courtesy of His Excellency Governor Yahaya Adoza Bello's input and drive.

In its quest for Furnishing of the office with Furniture, Computers, Electrical Appliances, GPS and others.

The ministry has engaged in the collection and collating of geologic data on the abundant mineral resources in the state; the status of mining companies operating (active and inactive mineral sites) and artisans in the state.

This lead to the identification of new minerals i.e Painite in Kogi LGA; Lithium Ore in Ajaokuta and Yagba West LGAs and other minerals present in some LGAs but not yet captured in the Mineral Map of Kogi State.

The Ministry has created a conducive environment for investors and artisans in the sector as well as encouraging indigenous (local) investors to go into mining to maximize development and increase employment generation.

The ministry has also made progress in curbing the activities of illegal miners and indiscriminate mining activities across the 21 LGAs of the state by reorganizing and reintegrating the illegal miners to form artisanal groups with proper identification and location for proper monitoring as contained in the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act 2007 and 2011 respectively.

The ministry also ensure the formation of surveillance team with the state security apparatus to curb illegal mining activities and ensure safe and secure environment which in turn has reduced the incidence of kidnapping within the state.

The ministry has been consolidating on the Solid Minerals Revenue collectibles such as haulage fees, Mining Fee/Milling Fee/Quarrying Fee; Host Community Development Levy/Fee; Mineral Processing Fee and Registration of Mining Companies/Operators with the Ministry of Solid Minerals and Natural Resources in order to boost the IGR of the state.

Another achievement worthy of note is the opening of road at Ogbongboro-Jamata through investor's partnership at Kogi LGA.

The ministry has engaged in visits to all solid minerals base establishments in the state including federal ministries, parastatals and agencies as well as mining companies to collaborate and synergize in ensuring adherence to global best mining practices.

The ministry has created a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) by reactivating the Kogi Solid Minerals Processing Company, a state owned Mining Company that is working towards the following:

1. Acquiring Exploration and Mining Licenses on the following minerals such as Iron Ore, Gold, Marble, Coal (over 12 Mineral Titles have been acquired) etc.
2. Setting up of Quarries and Mining outfits

and III. Partnership with both foreign and local investors.

We have also recorded achievements in the acquisition of land for the construction of an ultramodern Mineral House with a laboratory, lapidary section and Mineral Museum.

Similarly, the ministry is working in collaboration with relevant Federal Government Ministries and Agencies such as Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, Federal Ministry of Environment, Raw Materials Research and Development Council, National Steel Raw Materials Exploration Agency, Nigeria Geological Survey Agency etc to actualise its set objectives.

We also ensure that community interests in Mineral Development Areas are equitably and economically protected in compliance with the provision of the act thereby:

generating more employment opportunities, providing technical support and promoting viable small scale mining activities

and assisting small, medium and large scale miners to operate in a more organized manner.

Another key achievement is the establishment of Gold Processing Centre in Mopa-Amuro Local Government Area, a Federal Government Project supported by the state government through the Ministry by the acquisition of land; provision of security and provision of transformer for the project.

The Ministry has strived to reposition miners by bringing them into an association for peaceful and fruitful operation.

The Ministry has also identified investors in Solid Minerals in the state and attracting other potential foreign investors from Russia, China,

Australia etc.

We have also leased or relinquishing solid mineral titles to partner investors: A case study of Cinafindev (A Company responsible for the production of Kogi Cement at Alo-Itobe).

The ministry has ensured an increase in revenue generation by blocking leakage from revenue on Solid Minerals by giving the collection of revenue on Solid Minerals to a reputable organization.

In conclusion, the Ministry has recorded many achievements and will continue to more for the state.



Gold mining field in Mopa Muro LGA



Crackdown on illegal mining in the state

Kogi Govt. Receives First Payment as Oil Producing State

...as Commissioner assures that Kogi will witness more developmental strides

Kogi state government received the first payment from the Federal Government's 13% derivation account. Signaling the state official enlistment as one of the oil producing state in the country as recommended by the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC).

This was contained in an announcement made by the state Governor, Yahaya Bello during the State Executive Council Meeting, where the governor also added that Kogi historically was the first and only state in the Northern region to be enlisted in the league of oil producing earners in the country.

Reacting to this information during a

Press Briefing after the EXCO close door session, Commissioner for Information and Communication strategy, Kingsley Fanwo noted that although the state was pronounced an oil producing state in 2021 but became effective today.

He added that the governor has assured the citizens that the derivatives from the oil would be judiciously used for the overall good of the citizens of Kogi State adding that the government of Alhaji Yahaya Bello would further do more in areas if infra-structures and very germane sectors of the state.

The commissioner who commended the tenacity of the governor in pursuing the enlistment of the state as an oil producing

state despite efforts by previous administration alluded that the governor promised that his pledge to ensure that Kogi's resources was for the benefit of Kogi people remained intact and would be adhered to.

Also speaking with the Press, the Commissioner for Finance, Budget and Economic planning, Asiwaju Idris Mukadam noted that owing to the governor's track records particularly in the area of security and infrastructural development, the state was well placed and prepared to welcome investors and oil companies, particular in the discovery area which would further boost the state's economy and provide jobs for the youths of the state.

How Yahaya Bello Is Deploying His Transportation Expertise In Kogi State

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT



As a transportation expert and the only governor who travels around the country using roads, the governor of Kogi State, Yahaya Bello prioritizes transportation and has been able to reshape the state's transport sector via the state's Ministry of Transportation in the last 7 years.

The state's Ministry of Transportation was established in 2014 after the Ministry of Works, Housing, and Transportation was split into two separate departments. It is responsible for developing and implementing policies for the state's efficient transportation system, providing infrastructure for land, air, and water transportation, including port facilities, and training skilled labour for the transportation sector through appropriate institutions like the Nigeria Institute of Transport Technology (NITT), Zaria, and the National Institute of Transport Law. Establish relationships with transportation associa-

tions and other allied workers unions for the expansion and development of the transportation industry in Kogi State; create a master plan for the state's transportation system that takes into account the state's various topographies and starts the development of river ports and jetties as well as air and sea ports following international standards.

The ministry is also tasked with representing the state at the National Council on Transportation, collaborating with other states' ministries of transportation, relevant federal agencies, and international organizations for the expansion and development of Kogi State's transportation subsector, and generating revenue from the sector to boost the state's internally generated revenue.

Under Governor Bello's leadership, the Ministry started with the creation of three committees as

a strategy to reposition the sector for effective and efficient performance with the clear goal of generating income and job prospects. They are Waterways Express Services, Confluence Express Services, and Lokoja Mega Terminal. Based on Public Private Partnership Arrangements, the committees' reports and recommendations serve as a roadmap for the expansion and development of the transportation industry.

The governor accepted the committee's recommendations for promotions, which are now being carried out for all eligible and qualified Ministry staff through 2018 while also taking into account those due between 2019 and 2022. This was done with high regard for the standard of living and proper worker welfare.

With the team "Leveraging on Technology as a tool for Motor Vehicle Administration to enhance Road Safety, Security and Revenue between October 25th and October 27th, 2022," the Kogi State Government set the bar high and led the States in the Federation's North Central region to sponsor and host the National Conference of Directors/Chief Road Traffic Officers (VIOs). The gathering, which takes place every year, brings together important players in Nigeria's motor vehicle administration and road safety to discuss new problems and offer practical solutions.

Governor Bello, a successful businessman, launched various initiatives through the ministry that are currently generating income for the state. The Ferry in Idah that the Ministry purchased and leased has so far brought in the sum of \$1,000,000 (One Million Naira). 8.5M (Eight Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira) has been earned from the 4Nos abandoned 32-Seater Ashok Leyland Buses, which have been placed under a concessionary management arrangement, and has been paid straight to the State Inland Revenue Service.

Additionally, the moribund Lokoja Mega Terminal has received a modern facelift following international standards during this administration, and the Kogi Mega Terminal has produced more than 8M (Eight Million Naira) since April 2021.

Given the significance of the ministry and Bello's interest in high-quality infrastructure, the governor built a very attractive building (Office Complex) in March 2020, which the transportation personnel have since relocated. The staff never had comfortable offices before the governor took office.

One can therefore picture the number of vehicles that pass through the State daily with attendant traffic congestion, especially at Lokoja, given



Newly constructed office complex of the ministry of transport

its central location, its border with ten other States, and the fact that it serves as an outlet to the Federal Capital Territory of Abuja. To avoid indiscriminate parking of automobiles and gridlock on the highways and township roads, the government of Bello enacted extreme steps. By fostering a winning environment for the vehicle inspection office and establishing the Kogi State Traffic Management Authority (KOTRAMA) for efficient traffic management and control, it grabbed the bull by the horns.

The government took a step further and purchased four (4) Sienna buses to help the Authority's operations. Some of the KOTRAMA employees working out of the Ministry have earned more than 12M (Twelve Million Naira) since April 2021.

Computerized Vehicle Inspection, Certificate of Road Worthiness, Traffic Offenses, and Clamping Services generated a total of 34,548,886 (Thirty-Four Million, Five Hundred and Four Eight Thousand, Eight Thousand, and Eight Hundred and Eighty-Six Naira), while the

amount generated for 2021 was 59,966,968.00. The amount of 44,634,634.19 (Forty-Four Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Naira, Nineteen Kobo) was spent between January and September 2022.

It is imperative to have a trailer park with amenities as part of efforts to solve the problem of frequent trailer accidents on the Felele-NATACO roadways. To this end, Bello kindly consented to the release of sixty-three million naira (63,000,000), which is the State's only equity contribution to pay the landowners concerning the Truck Transit Park at Ohono that the State and the Federal Ministry of Transportation are implementing.

The Bello government has also kept up its regular public education and sensitization campaigns on accident-free practices. The Ministry frequently educates and sensitizes motorists, drivers, and road union workers through print and electronic media, seminars, workshops, and conferences.

It is impossible to overstate how convenient water transportation is in the State that is home to Nigeria's two largest rivers, the Niger and the Benue, hence the name Confluence State. As a result, intra- and interstate water transportation will be created. The initiative will generate significant revenue to increase the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) of the State in addition to providing adolescents with work opportunities and lowering antisocial behaviour. To achieve this, Bello approved and released funds to the Ministry to enable some staff to visit Lagos and Onitsha and observe the administration of a comparable project in preparation for replicating it in Kogi State. This project is currently being worked on using a strategy that is driven by public-private partnerships.

The Ministry, led by Governor Bello, has called in several specialists, like Brass Marine Propulsion, with offices in Lagos and Port Harcourt. The Kogi State Economic Management Team and the Ministry of Transportation have received the proposal that the company has packed and presented. There has been development in this direction.

A proposal for the development of this subsector was presented and defended before the Kogi State Economic Management Team. As of right now, the transportation sector-friendly administration led by His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello is approaching the Bank of Industry to grant loans to the members of the Water Transportation Union to develop their operational capacity. Essentially, the Partnership with the Bank of Industry is to open up the Water Trans-

portation Sector through empowerment which will give rise to maximizing the natural benefits accruable from the presence of River Niger and Benue for exploration for both economic and social benefits to Tourists and investors.

Bello, who formerly oversaw one of the biggest transportation firms in the nation, reorganized the Kogi State Confluence Express Services, the government transportation firm, for maximum efficiency. Following the Ministry's Public Private Partnership (PPP) strategy,

the State Economic Management Team has been consulted, and the required steps have been taken to administer the transport company under concessionary conditions.

While this was going on, the Ministry, under Bello's direction, was able to submit the short-term development plan for the development of Sea and Air Ports as well as Railway inter/Intra linkages at the North Central State Interactions in Lokoja.

Kogi is evolving into a model of growth in terms of transportation thanks to the work of Governor Bello and the team of the ministry of transport led by Baron Okwoli. Bello is a master in transportation, so nothing less was anticipated.





Governor Bello's Giant Strides In Lighting Up Kogi East, Rural Electrification Projects

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Energy and Rural Development is a state government ministry, charged with the responsibility to plan, devise and implement state policies on Rural Development. It is the closest ministry to the rural communities across the state, therefore, occupies a prominent position in the administration of His Excellency, Yahaya Bello.

The Ministry of Rural Development under the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello has brought relief to the vast majority of the populace; the rural dwellers, in terms of the provision of electricity/power and water supply, provision of basic healthcare service, rural agricultural development and so on.

Rural electrification system remains critical in the improvement of the quality of individual life, facilitation of community services such as health and education (consumption use) and enables business ventures to thrive. There is no gainsaying that for any society to make any tremendous growth and development, the

availability of energy and its constant supply remains a principal catalyst. Simply put, rural electrification is central to the socio-economic development of non-urban areas in developing and even emerging countries. Availability of power in rural areas can help students excel in their academic pursuits as they can study during the night time; health facilities can operate non-stop so long there is a power supply. This will invariably increase the quality of life of the inhabitants in the communities where such exists. Aside from that, it also ensures increased basic comfort for rural people, powering and recharging communication devices such as phones and computers leads to improved connectivity and communication. You can be in a rural community and link up with someone in the faraway United States of America. This will ordinarily be impossible if there is no power.

The availability of electricity in rural communities can also facilitate distance learning,

and mobile banking and boost commerce and agricultural commodity trade. Street lights, road signs, electric fences, etc all help in improving security in rural areas. No doubt, the absence of electricity to power water pumps in rural communities is also responsible for the lack of clean drinking water and the prevalence of diseases such as dysentery and diarrhoea which worsen the health conditions of the rural dwellers. From the aforesaid advantages of power supply in rural areas, it is obvious to the discerning that the absence of electricity in most parts of Kogi East accounts for the all-around backwardness seen in most of the rural communities in the district.

Well, the narrative of perennial darkness in Kogi East is now changing for good as there is now a silver lining in the cloud through the instrumentality of Governor Yahaya Bello. In the first term of his administration, Governor Yahaya Bello, through statistics presented to him and based on his observation while sojourning through the Igala Kingdom before he became the helmsman of the Confluence State, affirmed that over 90 per cent of Kogi East was in gross darkness. He revealed that Kogi East, which has produced governors for the greater part of the existence of the state, was grossly under-developed because of a lack of power supply which past leaders complained about was a tedious venture. Propelled by the urgent need to unleash the huge economic potential of the region through rural electrification, Governor Bello took the challenge head-on. This he did by showing his commitment towards actualizing the "Light up KogiEast" when he inaugurated a 15-man committee on the 6th of July, 2019 chaired by the Deputy Governor, Edward Onoja.

Upon the committee's inauguration, Bello saddled them with the responsibility of fact-finding to understudy the situation at hand and proffer probable solutions that would lead to lighting up Kogi East. The inauguration of the committee interestingly and coincidentally happened the same day the Governor commissioned the Igala Unity House in Anyingba.

The committee swung into action immediately on the 18th of July, barely two weeks after its inauguration when it embarked on its first fact-finding and assessment inspection. The sum of 2 billion naira was captured in Kogi Budget 2019 to fund the rural electrification project. This is necessary to disabuse the minds of the naysayers who probably felt it was a political gimmick just to hoodwink voters to vote for the APC in the last general elections. The N2b Operation Light up Kogi East project encompasses the upgrading of the Itobe Bridge Cable by crossing 150mm x 1 Core Cable to 300mm x Core cable from Ajaokuta across the River Niger to the region. The 300mm cable has the capacity for a 45 MW load at maximum while an entire load of Kogi East currently stands at 25MW. Another area of interest is that the existing cable has a loading capacity of 14.5 MW. This is the obvious reason responsible for the load shedding in Idah and Anyigba axis. The upgrade forestalled load shedding in the area as it relates to cable capacity limitation and upgrading the bridge cable would enable all the nine Local Government Areas of Kogi East to receive supply at the same time without overloading.

The Project Light Up Kogi East is an all-encompassing solution to the dearth of power supply in the region as it also includes the rehabilitation of weak existing power supply infrastructure in the nine local government areas of Kogi

East, rehabilitation of existing main lines from TCN Ajaokuta, rehabilitation of weak existing distribution substations, and weak existing High Tension and Low Tension overhead lines. Moreover, the project included the reinforcement of the electricity infrastructure in the area, which will include the installation of distribution of substations in 24 towns and villages; the construction of High Tension and Low Tension Lines.

In totalizing this piece, the good news is here and I think it should gladden the hearts of all progressive Igala and Bassa sons and daughters: the Light Up Kogi East project aggressively embarked upon by the Bello-led administration has since been completed and its impact already being felt on the social economic destiny of the region. This is yet another big win for the Yahaya Bello-led administration.

Bello-led administration has also carried out Rural Electrification of communities such as Opetu, Ebachi, Aposi, Adoza and Irevere communities in Adavi Eba, Adavi LGA, drilling of one motorized borehole and provision of 20cm³ capacity, pressed steel overhead tank at General hospital, Isanlu, Yagba East LGA, Electrification project of (Kusa and Tazennyin), (Onzo and Robomi) and Omoko communities in Koton-Karfe, Kogi LGA. the ministry embarked on the Provision of motorized borehole and 20cm³ capacity pressed steel overhead tank and rehabilitation of existing solar borehole at Wada flood victim camp hostel, behind old poly quarters, Lokoja LGA. Drilling of one motorized borehole and the provision of 20cm³ capacity pressed steel overhead tank at Agudoko Okula, Ofu LGA, Re-construction of HT trunk lines from Kabba junction to Irepeni I and II in Adavi LGA, Electrification and installation of a transformer

at Kogi State Hajj commission, Lokoja. Lokoja LGA Electrification of Araba salifu, Ajonugbelegu, Emewe opada I & II communities, Abocho.

In addition to the above development in the ministry of Energy and Rural Development, the ministry has also supplied electricity and electrical equipment to various communities which include; the supply of 500KVA transformer to some areas in the Lokoja suburb. These areas are; Supply of 300/11KVA to Meme(Otokiti government housing estate)

Supply and installation of 500/33KVA to Central bank area 1 community

Supply and installation of 500/33KVA to army signal community

Supply of 500/11KVA to Bishop court community-GRA

Supply of 500/11KVA to phase two RCCG Region 24

Supply of 500/11KVA to Western Riverside-Lokongoma phase two.

Extension of electrification by 33KV overhead line from Zango-Daji junction to Banda in lokoja local government area with Felele and other communities benefiting

Supply of 500KVA transformer to Aye-Gbede community in Ijumu local government

Electrification and installation of a transformer at the Kogi State hajj commission Lokoja.

Still, on the electrification works, we have been able to improve the supply of electric power to Abejukolo with;



Rural road construction in Kogi State





1. Line tracing from Abejukolo to Ankpa-
Ā'kakĀ'ĪĀ'-Otukpo roundabout.

2. Replacements 2 33KVA in Abejukolo town

3. Replacement of 500/33KVA Transformer and
earthing work at IbadĀ²n Akpacha.

4. New Electrification and installation at
AjĀ²makoji.

5. New Electrification and installation at
Ā'bakumĀ' 1 and 2.

6. New Electrification and installation at
AgbĀ'nĀ'ma. 7. New Electrification at

AjichĀ'kpa,

8. New Electrification and installation at Ā'pada

9 New Electrification and installation at Ā'leji
Community.
(Omala Local Government)

Agassa town power improvement with 7
500/11KVA Transformers

Ogori/Magongo Electrification work building an
injection Sub Station of 5MVA

New Electrification at Irepeni Idodenge
and Irepeni-Oziokutu(both in Adavi local

government).

The ministry has also supplied and installed
two 300KVA/11KV/415V to Inozi/Ageva
community of Okene local government

300/11KVA Peace development community
extension in Ajaokuta local government area.

n the area of water provision, the ministry
has also attended to the water needs of many
communities across the state. In this regard,
the ministry has successfully rehabilitated
functional motorized boreholes selected at
random in the following local governments.
Completed and already functioning are at;
Ogalale-Imane (Olamaboro LGA), Resuscitation
and supply of generator in Ihima (Okehi LGA),
Resuscitation and supply of generator to Ogah
(Yagba West LGA)

Resuscitation and supply of generator to Elubi
Eti-Aja (Dekina LGA), resuscitation and supply
of generator to Okengwe (Okene LGA) and
Supply of generator to Elubi-Ejefu borehole,
Resuscitation and supply of generator to
Idi-Oro (Ijumu LGA) In addition to the again
are; Rehabilitation and reticulation of a broken
down MDGs (now SDGs) borehole beside Egume
police station in Dekina local government area.

Furthermore in our efforts toward affordable,
available and all-around portable water is
the drilling of one motorized borehole and
provision of a twenty-metre cube(20MĀ³)
capacity pressed steel overhead tank each in
the following local government areas of the
state. They are for public confirmation pleasure
located at; Agudoko-Okula (Ofu LGA), Obidoko-
Ogugu (Olamaboro LGA), Zango Daji (Adavi
LGA), Abobo in Okehi (Okehi LGA)and Bagido/
Mopo(Yagba East LGA).

The proceeding efforts are not to say we have
done enough in satisfactory regard but to
clearly state our commitment to the provision
of potable water in addition to the efforts of the
Kogi state ministry of water resources.

Ministry of Rural Development also resusci-
tated the largest rural water supply scheme in
Kogi State which was constructed by prince
Abubakar Audu before it was abandoned at
AjĀ'nĀ'jĀ²-Ā'madĀ'nĀ'-Ajakagwu-Odu in
Dekina government area.

Motorized borehole in each of the 239 wards
as contained in the New Direction blueprint is
already prioritized.

While the bulk of road construction is entrusted

to the ministry of works and housing, the Ministry of Energy and Rural Development in conjunction with the World Bank under the RuralAccess And Mobility Project (RAMP)" has embarked on the construction of a 500km distance feeder roads across the three senatorial districts of the state.

GOVERNOR BELLO TO FLAG OFF 500KM RURAL FEEDERS ROADS ACROSS KOGI STATE

One of the major thematic areas of the blueprint of the New Direction Administration under the leadership of His Excellency, Yahaya Bello is the infrastructure renaissance of both the state capital and the other 21 local government areas of the state to make livelihood easy for inhabitants in the rural areas and bring cosmopolitan development to the fore.

In complementing the diversification drive of the current administration, the government has proposed the construction of 500km feeder roads in the rural areas across the three senatorial districts of the state. According to the governor, the roads would ease the transportation of agricultural products from the farm to the market in due time for sale with consequent economic benefits, improved food security and

smooth transportation for the people in the rural areas.

The Feeder Road is an accumulatively 500KM stretch which is spread across the three(3) senatorial districts of Kogi State. In line with His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello's closely held principle of fairness, equity and spread of dividend of democracy, he has approved for the design, bidding, award and subsequent construction of the selected roads". He made it very clear the funding for the construction of the feeder roads would come from the World bank under the auspices of Nigeria Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project which is a counterpart project between the World Bank and the State Government.

According to the project coordinator, Mr Adams Obansa, the advertisement for the design and construction of the roads which is presently ongoing, will be ready in 45days. It is important to know that the funding arrangements with World Bank for the project have been concluded and this will go a long way to meet and surpass the expectations and yearnings of the people which will open up the rural areas, enhance their economic life and reduce migration of any sort.

The list of the proposed roads are listed below under each senatorial districts .

PROPOSED FEEDER ROADS IN KOGI STATE		
S/N	ROADS LGAs	DIST(KM)
ADAVI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA		
1	Iresuah-Checkpoint Adavi	2.3km
2	Ozusi-Ege Road	5 km
3	Aku-Iresuare	3.2km
4	Avinebe-Irevure Road "	6.5km
5	Okuha-Agara Atami Road	6.6km
6	Ebiya- Idebe Road	1.5km
7	Adogo-Ffn Road Ajaokuta	16km
8	Obabara-Upake Road Ajaokuta	24km
OGORI MANGOGO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA		
1	Magongo-Ogori Road Ogori-Magongo	4.8km
2	Eni-Asoso Road Ogori-Magongo	10 km
3	Ugugu-Akonogbolo-Oreketete Road Ogori-Magongo	25km

PROPOSED FEEDER ROADS IN KOGI STATE		
4	Olugbemiro – Jegede Crescent Road Ogori-Magongo	0.5km
OKEHI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA		
1	Obeiba Township-Oboroke-Ijove Okehi	2.3km
2	Sen Pius-Farm Centre-Chenya-iku Road Okehi	2.5km
3	Eika Adagu Farm Centre (Prof Route) Okehi	2km
4	Ohuepe-Obangede-Oboroke Road Okehi	6.5km
5	Iniku-Ege Road Okehi	8.2km
6	Ebechi Road Okehi	9.1km
OKENE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA		
1	Charity Hospital-Inigo Road Okene	0.65km
2	Auchi- Oguda Okumoh Road Okene	2km
3	Agassa-Ahache Road Okene	2.1km

PROPOSED FEEDER ROADS IN KOGI STATE		
4	Ageva General Hospital-Inyamahi Okene	4km
5	Emcco-Umuaga Road Okene	8km
6	Upogoro Checkpoint Road Okene	2.7 km
	Total	152.95km
PROPOSED FEEDER ROADS IN KOGI EAST		
	ANKPA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Ejema-AforEnabo-Ogane Road Ankpa	6km
2	Aalor-Ub Ele-Abache-Uboji Road Ankpa	8km
3	Ankpa-Ojogobi-omodo Road Ankpa	7km
4	Bangele-akunu-Odomogu-Enjema Road Ankpa	7 km
BASSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA		
1	Shinkatu-Gbobe Road Bassa	5km
2	Elulu-Adum-Woiwo Roa Bassa	10km
	DEKINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Olubojo-Ojogba-Abocho Road Dekina	1.5km
2	Ajekalaga-Ajegwuna-Abocho Dekina	1.5km
3	Okete-Odu-Ofugo-Ogboyaga Road Dekina	6km
4	Okura-Lafia-Egboje-Elubi-Ulaja Road Dekina	7km
IGALAMELA ODOLU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA		
1	Ajaka-Ibochi-Aya Road Igalamela	8km

PROPOSED FEEDER ROADS IN KOGI STATE		
2	Umochina-Nokwa-Amaobo Rd Igalamela	7.6km
3	Odolu-Akolo-Avrugo Road Igalamela	6.4km
4	Odogwu-Unale Ayeke Road Igalamela	14km
IBAJI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA		
1	Iyogbo-Okpachala-Idah Road Ibaji	4.5km
	IDAH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Disable sch off Okpachala Idah Rd Idah	2km
OFU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA		
1	Ogejefu Ejule Road Ofu	9.5km
2	Onchigo-Ejiata-Okura Sawmill Rd Ofu	5.7km
3	Ejule-Egubi-Alla-Ejima Rd Ofu	11km
OLAMABORO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA		
1	Alloma-Okura-Alobi Road Ofu	6.5km
2	Ogugu-Leke road Olamaboro	2.3km
3	Odidoko-Ugbamaka-Ubojo-Oloyo Rd Olamaboro	7.6km
4	Imane-Inale-Idekpe Road Olamaboro	2km
5	Alah-Agala-Agoh Road Olamaboro	8.7km
	OMALA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Abejukolo-Iyade Road Omala	3.5km

PROPOSED FEEDER ROADS IN KOGI STATE		
	Total	174.3km
	PROPOSED FEEDER ROADS IN KOGI WEST	
	IJUMU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Ogala-Idio-Ayede Road Ijumu	14km
2	Agirigbon-Araromi junction Road Ijumu	3.5km
3	Iyara-OKOROGBEDE Road Ijumu	15km
	KABBA BUNU LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Akutukpa Road Kabba-Bunu	12km
2	Aiyegunle-Ape-Aduratedo-Igori Road Kabba-Bunu	12km
3	Ofere-Ihale-Taki Road Kabba-Bunu	17km
	KOGI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Adankere-Kekere-Gbrade Road Kogi	8km
2	Edaha-Edagaki-Odama Raod Kogi	4km
	LOKOJA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Lawal Avenue Road Lokoja	1.6km
2	Abugi-Kinami Road Lokoja	9.2km

PROPOSED FEEDER ROADS IN KOGI STATE		
3	Agbaja-Igbonla Road Lokoja	7km
	MOPA MURO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Oyi junction-Lai-Ifeolukotun RD Mopamuro	20km
2	Mopa-Okeaji-Mela Junction Road Mopamuro	18km
	YAGBA WEST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Ogbe-Oke Ere-Egbe Road Yagba-West	16km
2	Iyamerein-Igbaruku-Odoara Yagba-West	6km
	YAGBA EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	
1	Igbagun-Oduagun Road Yagba-East	6.4km
2	Isanlumopo-Irunda Road Yagba-East	12km
	Total = 181.7km	



FOR SECURITY, GIVE IT TO YAHAYA BELLO, THE GOVERNOR WITH NO PATIENCE FOR CRIMINALITY

SECURITY

According to a Daily Trust report of Friday, April 6, 2018, Kogi and Osun states were the most peaceful in the nation as of December 2017. The article cited a study titled "Nigeria Peace Index (NPI) Research Project," which said that Kogi State is the second most peaceful state in Nigeria and the most peaceful in the North. The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the Police, and other national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations provided the survey's data sources. As the state governor, Bello has successfully worn the title of security icon among his contemporaries, and Kogi's standing on security has not changed to this day.

Security of people's lives and property comes foremost for the governor known as Bello. It's understandable why he once asserted that he had the "Proven ability to enforce Security, Unity and Peace in a large territory with difficult terrain. Citizens must be safe in their homes and assets. We must be able to safely go where we want in Nigeria when we want."

Although there is no longer any news regarding the security of Kogi State, it is nevertheless vital to shedding light on Bello's actions, which allowed him to transform the region from a terrorist hotspot to a place of safety for the populace.

The governor strategically created a local, compact system of security architecture appropriate for the

State's topography, geography, and culture, which helped to lower the state's high rates of terrorism, kidnapping, and other crimes. He developed and compiled a database of crimes committed in the State and used it to apply practical security measures to perfect the security architecture.

For the man who had little patience for illegal activity, he designed a well-organized information collection for the State and named key players who had a part in ensuring security, including traditional leaders, young leaders, and market women. This is a distinctive security system that has never existed in any region of the nation.

He incessantly emphasized the importance of neighbourhood watch in providing security. (Know Your Neighbor) while fostering the necessary cooperation amongst the security organizations. The governor created the Kogi Vigilante Service, which has so far hired and trained 3,500 people, to help the security services with police and intelligence collecting.

As an additional security measure, the governor established Operation Total Freedom in September 2016 for effective 24 hours patrols. The strength is now about 545 troops involving the Nigerian Army, Nigerian Navy, Nigerian Police, DSS, and NSCDC, purchased and

deployed modern technology like Vigisco to fight crime in addition to purchasing and distributing of over 160 vehicles to the security agencies and vigilantes.

To ensure a total clamp down on criminalities in the state, there is a system of provision of useful information for clearance operations by security agencies in the State as well as regular meetings with critical stakeholders: Traditional rulers, Aldo, CAN, JNl, LG Chairmen, not leaving out the harmonization of the recognition of Hunters and Vigilantes to form part of some military operations in the State.

Today Kogi remains a foreign investors' destination. This can be attested to from the records obtained from the Nigeria Immigration Service indicating an increase in the number of expatriate living and working in the State. The records revealed that in 2014, about 56 expatriates were living in the state. It moved to 72 in 2015, and in May 2016 it jumped to 73 while in August same month, it went up to 98 making a total of 171 that month. In 2017, it moved to 214, while in 2018, it jumped to 246. In 2019, it entered 263 and in 2020, it increased to 297. This also enabled the state to overtake Lagos in investment in the third quarter of 2020 as announced by the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC).

The governor has received and hosted several security institutions on the study tours of the State and one of the notable achievements of Bello's administration is the recognition of the citizen to take ownership of security by participation through information and intelligence. The State within the period under review, redefined new strategies in information and intelligence gathering through local networking, while also curbing increased headers/farmers clashes, through strategic stakeholders meetings in Local Governments and the State capital.

Bello worked and provided platforms including logistics and intelligence support for the Nigerian Army Special Force operations at Uttu-Kpokpolobi Forest and contiguous hills in Toto LGA of Nasarawa State where identified terrorists and bandits hideouts were destroyed. In the operation, no fewer than 778 family members of suspected terrorists and bandits consisting mostly of women and children were rescued. Several suspected terrorists were neutralized and a large cache of arms and ammunition was captured. The affected women and children from Kogi State were resettled with their families while others were sent to their various States of origin.

His government rooted out several bandits and kidnappers Camps as well as cultists in some



Governor Bello charging the Local Hunters and Vigilantes on duty

Local Government areas of the State through cohesive intelligence gathering and operations.

To strengthen the security of the State further, there was a training of 441 Special Police Constabulary at the Police Training School, Ilorin. The IGP approved 16 each for the 21 LGAs of the State, amounting to 336. The Governor added 5 each from the LGAs making 105 and bringing the total to 441. The constables successfully passed out on 29 December 2020.

Kogi is winning the fight against insecurity; terrorism mainly because of the willpower, capacity, and un-repentant support for security agencies in the State by Governor Bello.

In his security principles, the government of Bello resolved not to negotiate with criminals, gave a clear distinction between politics and security, gave a clear idea of the working relationship with security agencies, resolved that Kogi State security must be managed by the Chief Security of the State, and stated that Mr President should not be held responsible for the challenges facing the State.

As of now, the governor has changed Kogi State to make it one of the safest in Nigeria and removed it from the nation's centre of kidnapping.

In recognition of his giant strides, the Governor has received several awards too numerous to mention. But for the records, on 16 May 2017, Bello was honoured with the award of Good Governance by the Daily Times. While on 9

February 2017, the Inspector General of Police awarded the governor as the best security-conscious Governor in the country.

On 10th April 2021, the while lion as he is fondly called for his brevity won the award of the First Ever Security Personality of the Year and Conferment of Fellowship by the Institute of Security and Strategic Studies, Abuja. Similarly, on 21 October 2022, President Muhammadu Buhari honoured Governor Bello with Presidential Award on Security as a distinguished award for security management across the states at the Nigeria Excellency Award in Public Service, Abuja.

Due to its location as a connecting point between numerous other states in the nation, Kogi State is not immune from criminal activity. All prior governors of the north-central state had failed to overcome it, except Bello, who did so in the end and helped the confluence achieve its current status as the safest state in the North Central.

Kogi Situation was in a dreadful state before Governor Bello arrived, as contrasted with the current level of tranquillity there. While no one may be able to provide a vivid account and show the data in figures of the many security measures in Kogi, Governor Bello's overzealous efforts over the past few years in all areas have contributed to the robust development seen in the confluence state's security sector.



Kogi State Governor, His Excellency Yahaya Bello receives the Commandant, Armed Forces Command and Staff College Jaji, Air Vice Marshal Anthony O. Tunwase, the Director of Administration, Brigadier General M Isah and their delegation at the Banquet Hall, Lugard House, Lokoja, Kogi State.



Yahaya Bello receives Governor of the Year award on Security by IGP Ibrahim Idris (2018)



Over 120 patrol Vans, Motorcycles and other logistics equipment distributed to security agencies and vigilantes in the state



Demolition of properties belonging to Criminal and Kidnapper in Kogi state



Gov. Bello visiting Crime scene in Kogi



Construction of Forward operation base for the Nigerian Army in Okene



Governor YAHAYA Bello receives the Inspector-General of Police, Usman Alkali Baba

KOGI NO LONGER SAFE FOR CRIMINALS UNDER YAHAYA BELLO, IGP DECLARES

The Inspector-General of Police, Usman Alkali Baba, on Monday, described Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State as a dogged crime fighter who had made the state unsafe for criminals to thrive.

He said the Kogi Governor was one governor that would never raise the alarm of not being in control of security in his state, adding that from what he had observed, the governor "leads from the front".

The IGP, who spoke during his visit to Kogi State, added that he was happy that Governor Bello was playing the role of the "real Chief Executive Officer" in terms of security, noting that he is "a

dependable ally in the battle against national insecurity."

He said, "I've never heard him crying that he doesn't have control of security in his state. That is because he is able to synergise and cooperate with all the security agencies as well as lead from the front. Security is everybody's business. When you have a leader who is leading from the front, others will follow. That is what is happening in Kogi.

"Many of the crimes being committed by sons and daughters of Kogi are not even being committed in Kogi but outside Kogi because they have no place in Kogi State again.

"We have people like His Excellency who are supporting our cause. My sincere gratitude to His Excellency for being proactive about security. I can't remember how many times he has visited the force headquarters, not for himself because he has no reason to; but in his efforts to protect his people. I don't know how many governors do this."

In his address, Governor Bello reiterated the readiness of his administration to resist attempts by some desperate politicians to plunge the state into the pre-2015 era of insecurity in the guise of playing politics.

The governor said credible intelligence report at the disposal of the state government had revealed that actions of some politicians were capable of truncating the peace currently enjoyed in the state, stressing that his administration would not allow insecurity to be smuggled into Kogi through the "boot of politics".

He seized the opportunity to appreciate and commend men of the Kogi State Police Command, currently under the command of CP Edward Chuka Egbuka, as well as those of the various security agencies operating in the state, saying, "They stand by day and by night to secure our lives and properties. We recognize their sacrifice and dedication and we do owe them

a weight of gratitude for their service. Together they form a formidable wall of defence for my people and state."

On how insecurity was tackled in Kogi, the governor said, "It is well known that prior to the inception of the current administration, our citizens lived in perpetual fear from rampaging insecurity of all kinds including high rates of terrorism, kidnapping, bank robbery, violent political agitations, pipeline vandalism, herdsmen/farmers conflicts, inter-and intra-communal clashes, campus and other forms of cultism, amongst others.

"By the grace of God, over the last 7 years my Administration has done its best to supply both the tools and the allied morale boosters that our officers need to excel. In our first year, we were able to buy and distribute over 200 patrol vans, over 500 motorcycles and thousands of communications and tactical equipment to the services. We also continue to provide regular maintenance and logistical support.

"In addition, we established a Joint Task Force, Operation Total Freedom, for them which allowed the Police, the Armed Forces and all the other Security Services, including our community policing network (the Kogi State Vigilante Services), to work in tandem, sharing intel and collaborating real-time in operations. In this way we were able to tackle the distrust existing among the services and which is the root of the lack of synergy hampering their effectiveness."

Governor Bello attributed his success in security to the combined efforts of the state government and security agencies, saying, "On February 8th, 2017 I received the Special Award for Excellence In Security Governance conferred on me by the then Inspector-General of Police, Ibrahim Kpotun Idris. It was the first award of its kind on a sitting Governor by the Nigerian Police. Till today the Nigerian Police Force has not seen it fit to bestow it on any other.

"On December 26, 2020 Major-General MG Ali, Commander of the Special Forces Battalion of the Nigerian Army gave me a highly cherished honourable mention during a public speech and held up our security model as worthy of emulation by other leaders.

"On October 21, 2022, President Muhammadu Buhari presented me with the Distinguished Award for Security Management at the 2022 Nigerian Excellence Awards in Public, held in Abuja."





GOV. BELLO BAGS AWARD AS POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR

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With the knowledge that the state is central to the nation's peace and development, Governor Bello set up a template, involving all indigenes in the fight, keeping them busy with worthy jobs and making the task of securing the state everybody's business. Other states are beginning to borrow this blueprint.

It is on record that Governor Bello has also helped to midwife series of interventions in de-escalating tensed security situation across the country.

APC presidential candidate, Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu, PDP presidential candidate, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organisation, Dr Amina J Muhammed, Deputy Secretary- General of the United Nations and man other distinguished personalities received awards of honour at the event.



MEMORY LANE: GYB AND A REALISTIC QUEST FOR ASO ROCK

By Musa Ilallah

Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State seems unwavering, confident and determined to pick the ticket of his party as its flag bearer in the country's 2023 Presidential election.

Looking himself and gutsy as he declares his intention to vie for the APC's Presidential candidate ticket at the Eagle Square in Abuja recently, he titled his campaign "HOPE 2023" aimed at bridging existential gaps in Nigeria's body politics.

Standing in his favour are his youthful age of about 47 years, his mental and physical

fitness, courage and foresight to steer the leadership of the country.

He also has a lot to gain from his proven ability to replicate and enforce his strategies for security, unity and peace at the Federal level like he has been doing in Kogi State.

Governor Bello had during his declaration said that President Yahaya Bello (PYB) administration, if and when elected as President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, will run on the basis of equity, fairness and justice. "My government will be open and all-inclusive in its conduct

towards fostering an economy in which every citizen can maximise their potentials as wealth creators and change agents".

Most outstanding is his globally tested and acknowledged capacity for transparency and accountability in the management of human and material resources since his election as Kogi State Governor some six years plus ago.

Even the World Bank attested to GYB's transparency and accountability when it described Kogi's 2020 audited financial statement as "standard of transparency, accountability in the public sector".

The Bank's commendation came via a letter sent to the Accountant General of Kogi State on November 21, 2021 and signed by the States Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability Programme (SFTAS) Task Team Leader, Nigeria Country Office, Western and Central African Region of the World Bank Group, Deborah Hannah Isser.

Titled, "Nigeria: Review of Kogi State Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 for State Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability."

SFTAS is a \$750 million programme to reward States for meeting any or all of nine indicators that demonstrate improvements in fiscal transparency, accountability and sustainability.

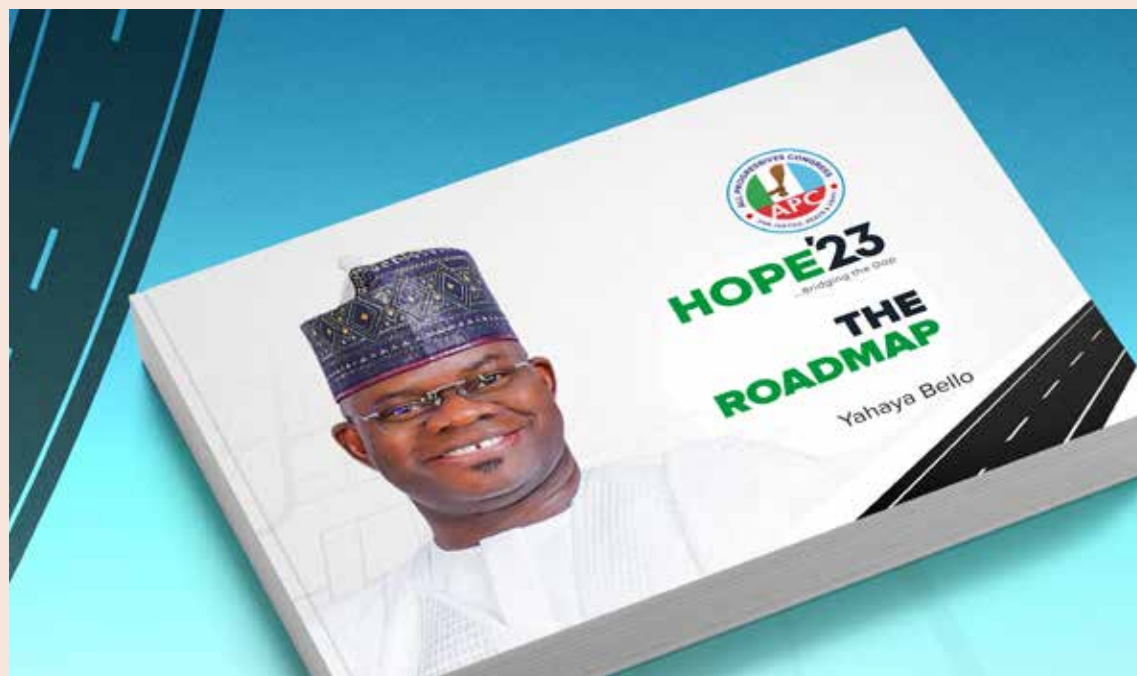
The nine indicators are an offshoot of the previous Fiscal Sustainability Plan of the Federal Government where States were to be rewarded for meeting up to 22 targets.

The criteria to be achieved are: improved financial reporting and budget reliability; increased openness and citizens' engagement in the budget process; improved cash management and reduced revenue leakages through the implementation of State Treasury Single Account, TSA; strengthened Internally Generated Revenue, IGR collection; biometric registration and Bank Verification Number, BVN used to reduce payroll fraud.

Others are improved procurement practices for increased transparency and value for money; strengthened public debt management and fiscal responsibility framework; improved clearance/reduction of the stock of domestic expenditure arrears; and improved debt sustainability.

The SFTAS programme is part of efforts of the Federal Government to further enhance the transparency and accountability in the use of public resources through the implementation of the Open Government Partnership, which Nigeria signed to in July 2016.

The World Bank in its letter commended the state for preparing its audited financial statements in line with the accrual basis of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards.



"The Bank has reviewed the Audited Financial Statements, and it is found acceptable for SFTAS Program assurance requirements."

It is therefore interesting to note that another World Bank letter came barely four months after it issued an earlier one commending Governor Bello for good leadership.

The second letter commended GYB for the refund of a \$4.63million surpluses under the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project, NEWMAP. In the letter of appreciation, titled, "Refund of Surplus Project Funds to the World Bank under the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project, NEWMAP signed by its Regional Director, Shubham Chaudhuri, the Bretton Woods institution asserted that Bello's action made it possible for the organisation to extend its projects to other states facing deficit funds and closing date of its projects.

As a further testimony to the GYB

administration of Kogi State, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, ICAN acknowledged the improvement of Kogi State on its ICAN'S Novel Accountability Index, ICAN AI.

ICAN noted that the state moved from 12th to 7th position in its 2019 assessments.

However, an issue that needs to be completely sorted out for GYB's aspiration

is the issue of payment of workers salaries. Despite the fact that the Governor and his officials, including the State Accountant General, have severally insisted that they pay 100% of salaries monthly to State workers, the issue has refused to die.

For this, GYB recently in a Channels TV interview challenged any Kogi civil servant who is not collecting full salary to come on air with a printed payslip to challenge him. He admitted however that local government councils workers get percentage salary.

"We don't owe any salary. Since our staff screening and verification exercise which ended in 2018, we pay 100% of salaries to State workers on or before the end of every month", GYB explained.

The man GYB appears determined to succeed as he is not leaving any stone unturned. He is in constant touch with the high and low members of his party, APC as a grassroots politician.

GYB looks set to give a big surprise at the party's Presidential direct or indirect primary election or consensus.

How far will he go, can he really beat other heavyweights on the bill? Only time will tell.

Governor Bello flags off Exercise Enduring Peace II, Donates 10 Million

...promise to lead charge against criminals



Kogi state Governor, Yahaya Bello on Tuesday flagged off Exercise Enduring Peace II at the Joint Operations camp in Owunoh, along Ajaokuta – Okene highway, while he donated 10 million naira towards the operations.

According to the Commander, command Army Records Major General S.I Igbinomwanhia who represented the Chief of Army

Staff, Major General Farouq Yahaya at the flag, the exercise would checkmate security challenges during the festive seasons.

Governor Bello asserted that the exercise could not have come at a more auspicious and very important time than now when the nation was preparing to elect the next leader who would build on the legacy of President Muhammadu Buhari.

He appreciated the COAS for initiating the exercise in a bid to keep the criminals out of the state and the nation during the festive seasons promising that as a focal advocate of security he was always willing to lead the charge against criminals

Governor Bello asserted that Kogi was bordered by 10 states and with the support and understanding of the security formations security and safety of citizens have greatly improved, assuring that Kogi would remain a peaceful, safe and secured state.

He emphasized that If Kogi was in distress it would have effect on the nation, promising that he would continue to foster peace, unity and a smooth working relationship among all the security agencies in the state.

He tasked the security operatives to deal decisively with anyone caught in the act of crime, irrespective of their tribe, religion or political affinity adding that the security operatives should reject directives from authorized quarters while making the constitution the bane of their operations.

In his opening address, Commander, command Army Records Major General S.I Igbinomwanhia who represented the Chief of Army Staff, Major General Farouq Yahaya at the event explained that the exercise is an Army level exercise conducted at every last quarter of the year.

He mentioned that the exercise which was operational in other states would hold till the 22nd December involving joint Patrols, ambushes and raids of criminal hideouts through a joint task force drawn from every security operatives in the state working together in synergy to achieve the desired result.

He alluded that the exercise which was funded by the COAS would also involve medical outreaches in the host communities owing to the firm believe in the relevance of the host community and to also cement an existing Cordial relationship.



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With the knowledge that the state is central to the nation's peace and development, Governor Bello set up a template, involving all indigenes in the fight, keeping them busy with worthy jobs and making the task of securing the state everybody's business.

Other states are beginning to borrow this blueprint.

It is on record that Governor Bello has also helped to midwife series of interventions in de-escalating tensed security situation across the country.

APC presidential candidate, Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu, PDP presidential candidate, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organisation, Dr Amina J Muhammed, Deputy Secretary- General of the United Nations and man other distinguished personalities received awards of honour at the event.

We will Proclaim your Good Works at Zero Cost

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2023: Gov. Bello Promise to mobilize Nigerian youths for Tinubu

Kogi State governor, Yahaya Bello has promised to repeat the feat he achieved during the All Progressives Congress registration and revalidation exercise where over 40 million youths, women and People Living with specialty were mobilized into the party.

The governor made this pledge during a stakeholders meeting with party members from Idah Federal Constituency where he also announced his appointment into the 2023 Tinubu/Shettima presidential campaign council, a role he said he has accepted.

The governor stated that the party's presidential flag bearer has been an achiever, an epitome of success, and a consistent leader hence his promise of making Nigeria the envy of nation is realistic and achievable.

Our system is solid; don't work against it

– Gov. Bello charge party members.



Kogi state Governor, Yahaya Bello has expressed that the system of the All Progressives Congress in Kogi state remained very solid, hence true party faithfuls should not work against the structure.

The governor charged that, the structure and party system which had ensured successes in several outings across the years must be retained while party faithfuls and leaders show loyalty.

Governor Bello who met with APC stakeholders from Idah Federal Constituency said that owing to the consistency of the party system those who would want to work against it would be easily identified and equally expunged.

While charging party members on the need to work for the successes of all party's candidates across board in the forth coming election, he assured that every benefits that should come to them as grass rooters would reach them directly without the influence of third parties.

He said "we are coming up with a system whereby every party member in Kogi state will have these direct benefits. There will be no room for anyone to be excluded and

there will be platforms where you as grass rooters can reach me directly and inundate me on happenings in your wards, Polling Units, Local Government".

The governor promised that no hardworking and loyal Kogi APC party member's interest would be short changed adding that no one irrespective would be allowed to jump in through the roof but rather due process would be ensured in all regards.

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Never again would we allow anyone from the diaspora come and deceive us, by selling mundane and trivial sentiments to divide us, this time we are undertaking a politics of inclusivity, he noted.

In his vote of thanks on behalf of the Party stakeholders, Sen. Jibrin Isah thanked the governor for creating such a robust platform to meet with the true party men who sell the gospel of the party in their respective locality.

He affirmed that the numerous infrastructural strides of the governor across the state have earned the party 70% of votes in the forth coming election while the remaining 30% has been cemented by the interface with the party stakeholders at the grassroots.

He mentioned that those making noises on social media do not have the track record to back their ambition adding that when the campaign commences they would inundate the people with the landmark strides of the party candidates as well as the numerous achievements of the current administration.

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He said what he was promising to achieve in his new role was not to only deliver Kogi state maximally for the party at the polls but also ensure to use his influence to galvanize votes from youths across the nation.

FLOOD

GOV. BAGUDU VISITS GOV YAHAYA BELLO, SYMPATHISES WITH THE VICTIMS



Gov. Bello using boat to access flood-ravaging communities in Kogi State

The Kebbi State Governor, Sen. Atiku Bagudu has hailed his Kogi counterpart, Alh. Yahaya Bello for showing capacity in leadership.

Sen. Bagudu disclosed this when he paid solidarity visit to Gov. Bello on the devastating flood in the State.

According to Gov. Bagudu, the flood has dealt a devastating blow to the heroics recorded in Agriculture by the Yahaya Bello administration.

“under your leadership, Kogi is doing well in agriculture. We are competing in rice production but this flood would have reversed those gains.

“On behalf of the good people of Kebbi, I sympathize with you and the good people of Kogi State over the casualties recorded”, He said.

He went ahead to donate 50 million naira to the State Government to support efforts at providing palliatives to flood victims.

In his response, Governor Yahaya Bello thanked his Kebbi state counterpart Sen Bagudu for identifying with Kogi State in this trying period.

He called on the Federal Government to support the state’s efforts at mitigating the effects of the flood.

Governor Bello also called on the Federal Government to complete the Abuja – Lokoja road, expressing fears that the flooding would have further compromised the integrity of the bridge.

In his vote of thanks, the Deputy Governor of Kogi State, Chief Edward Onoja expressed appreciation to Governor Bagudu for visiting the state and donating handsomely to the flood victims.

Over nine local government areas of the state were affected by the flood with Ibaji, Kogi/Koto and Lokoja the worst hit.

IMAGES OF FLOOD DISASTER IN KOGI STATE



IMAGES OF DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEVE MATERIALS ACROSS KOGI STATE



2023:

We'll deliver highest percentage of votes in Kogi – Gov. Bello assures APC



Kogi state governor, Yahaya Bello has assured that Kogi State All Progressive Congress would deliver the highest percentage of votes for the party in the forth coming 2023 general elections.

The governor gave this assurance while receiving the National Vice Chairman, North Central of the APC and other party National executives who paid a working visit to the state.

The governor also hailed the presidential

candidate of the APC, Sen. Bola Ahmed Tinubu as a natural problem solver noting that his actions since his emergence has showed reasonable efforts in uniting the party and carrying every stakeholders along.

He re affirmed that APC in Kogi state was one indivisible family, while he directed that every efforts by stakeholders in the party must be in synergy with the party leadership structure in the state asserting that such directive would ensure the party stay United with one goal in sight.

Governor Bello however cautioned party leadership to desist from listening to diaspora politicians who were not active members of the party in the state but were trying to jump through the roof to enlist themselves as members. He pointed out that if they were truly part of the party, they should identify with their state and the party leadership.

The governor said "I will continue to do my best, particularly when I see the need to foster unity and cohesion in our party" while he affirmed that the All Progressives Congress would be his first and last political party.

In his opening remarks the National Vice chairman, North Central APC, Muhazu Bawa Rijau revealed that they were in the state to undertake a working tour of all the states under the region and interface with party stakeholders based on the directives of the National working committee.

He noted that they were confident that the Governor was firmly in charge of affairs in the state and was already making preparations towards ensuring a successful outing for the Party in the general elections.

In his goodwill message Senator Representing the people of Kogi East, Isah Jibrin described the governor as a true party man sportsman who immediately after the party primaries donated his campaign office to the winner of the outing.

He asserted that the success of the upcoming election relies largely on the governor being saddled with the responsibility to mobilize the youth's population hence the governor was the core spindle of the 2023 general elections.



GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO (Middle) RECEIVING WORLD BANK AWARD OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY FROM THE STATE'S FINANCE TEAM. COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE, BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, HON ASIWAJU IDRIS ASHIRU, HON JIBRIN MOMOH, STATE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (Left) HON YUSUF OKALA, STATE AUDITOR GENERAL, HON USMAN AHMED ODODO, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR GENERAL (right)

The World Bank has described the 2020 audited financial report statement of Kogi State as a standard for transparency and accountability in the public sector.

The bank made the commendation in a letter addressed to the state's Accountant General in Lokoja.

The correspondence was signed by Deborah Hannah Isser, the State's Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and

Sustainability Programme (SFTAS) Task Team Leader, Nigeria Country Office.

It was titled, 'Nigeria: Review of Kogi State's Audited Financial Statements (AFS) for the Year Ended December 31, 2020 for State Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability' (SFTAS).

SFTAS is a \$750 million programme to reward states for meeting any or all of nine indicators that demonstrate improvements in fiscal transparency, accountability and sustainability.

The indicators are offshoots of the previous Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) of the Federal Government, where states were to be rewarded for meeting up to 22 targets.



WORLD BANK LAUDS KOGI OVER TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY

The World Bank had supported the Federal Government to incentivise states to achieve the FSP, which has now been redesigned as Disbursement Linked Indicators under SFTAS.

The criteria to be achieved are improved financial reporting and budget reliability; increased openness and citizens' engagement in budget process; improved cash management and reduced revenue leakages through

implementation of State Treasury Single Account (TSA); strengthened Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) collection; biometric registration and Bank Verification Number (BVN) used to reduce payroll fraud.

Others are improved procurement practices for increased transparency and value for money; strengthened public debt management and fiscal responsibility framework; improved clearance/reduction of the stock of domestic expenditure arrears; and improved debt sustainability.

The SFTAS programme is part of efforts by the Federal Government to further enhance transparency and accountability in the use of public resources through implementation of the Open Government Partnership, which Nigeria signed to in July 2016.

In its letter to the Kogi State Government, the World Bank commended the state for preparing its audited financial statements, in line with accrual basis of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

It said: "We note that Kogi State's AFS for the year ended December 31, 2020 has been uploaded on the state's website as per the SFTAS' eligibility criteria for FY21. The financial statements were prepared on International Public Sector Accounting Standards accrual basis and the Auditor General of the State has issued an audit certificate with an unqualified (clean) audit opinion on the General-Purpose Financial Statement (GPFS) and a Special Opinion on SFTAS Programme Expenditure Framework during the period.

"The Bank has reviewed the AFS, and it is found acceptable for SFTAS Programme Fiduciary assurance requirements."

The World Bank letter is coming about four months after it issued a letter commending Governor Yahaya Bello for good leadership and the refund of a \$4.63million surpluses under the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP).

In the letter of appreciation, titled, 'Refund of Surplus Project Funds to the World Bank under the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) (IDA Credits: 62770, 62780)', signed by its Regional Director, Shubham Chaudhuri, the Bretton Woods institution asserted that Bello's action made it possible for the organisation to extend its projects to other states facing deficit funds and closing date on projects.

The latest World Bank letter is also coming about a month after the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) acknowledged the improvement of Kogi State on its ICAN'S Novel Accountability Index (ICAN AI).

The institute said the state moved from 12th to 7th position in its 2019 assessments.

This was made known through the 56th President of the accounting body, Mrs. Comfort Eytayo, during a visit to Governor Bello.

She added that such improvement was worthy of note and signaled a better ranking in the future. She noted that ICAN AI is a tool for assessing the three tiers of government on their level of adherence to best practices in public finance management, while she appealed that Ministries, Agencies and Departments continue to provide relevant documents for forthcoming assessments.





KOGI STATE PARTNERS WITH CHINA, AIMS AT 591 BILLION NAIRA ECONOMY

The Chinese Government has concluded arrangements to build a nuclear plant in Kogi state to compliment current efforts geared towards driving industry and investment as well as improve power generation in the North Central State.

Kogi state Governor, Yahaya Bello made this known on Thursday in Abuja at a trade and Investment forum organised by Kogi State Government in partnership with the Chinese Embassy in Nigeria.

Conversations at this gathering centred around how the Government of Kogi State can leverage existing ties with China to drive industrialization for rapid development of the confluence State.

The Kogi State delegation to the forum was led by Governor Yahaya Bello who has been on a mission to attract foreign investment to the state. It was considered a successful meeting as the team from Kogi met with 10 Chinese companies that signalled Interest to invest in the State.

The urgent need to revive Ajaokuta steel company, development infrastructure including rail lines in Kogi State was also discussed at this forum, Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria Cui recalled his recent visit to Kogi State, saying that the State and China have so much in common

He expressed confidence that the cooperation between Kogi State and the Government of China will continue to flourish for the benefit of all, the Chinese envoy says his country is still in the process of facilitating currency swap to help the ease of doing business.

Source:
Sadiyat Abah Dosunmu



ASUKU;

A TALE OF RESPONSIBILITY, SERVICE AND HUMANITY



Pharm. Mohammed Jamiu Abdulkareem Asuku, Chief of Staff to the Governor of Kogi State

No doubt the New Direction Government has left doubtful pundits and naysayers in continued disarray and utmost confusion. This is not far-fetched from the fact that at its inception promises and pledges made to the good people of Kogi state, most pertinently in the areas of the 5- Thematic Blueprint and other additions as the administration's sojourn in the past 6-years has witnessed tangible results accompanied with local, national and international accolades.

Venturing out with the overall vision to develop Kogi state into Nigeria's foremost and most secure emerging commercial hub through optimization of the state's geographical location, natural endowment and human resources for a sustainable future. This vision becomes attainable under proven team work under a reliable and highly synergized team.

Every sincere Kogi citizen, as well as those in opposition parties, attests to the fact that Governor Yahaya Bello has in him, the quality of identifying egg-heads and putting them to

function by manning critical offices in government. This is because the governor acknowledges that those who supervise government affairs on his behalf have remarkable impact on his effectiveness in office. One of these offices which is the center of this piece is the office of the Chief of Staff to the Governor, currently occupied by the hardworking and intelligent Pharmacist Abdulkareem Mohammad Jamiu Asuku.

The role of the Chief of Staff mostly revolve around the facilitation of a smooth day to day running of governance both in administration and politics by ensuring that every unit within the system work together with a singular vision of achieving very set goal by the administration. This could only be effective when there is an identified sub-leader whose role is to coordinate these efforts, ensure synergy and supervise the delivery of results in every sector. Such role also require the assimilation and transmission of the goal, mission and overall vision of the government as well as the body language of the leader.

This office, as well as the person occupying it is critical to government because it plays a wide range of roles in the governor's office. He is principally the personal confidant of the governor who assists the governor as the clearing house, overseeing and coordinating the effort of team members, make contributions to important policies of the government as well as interface with external bodies outside the government.

The Chief of Staff serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the government as much of the day-to-day responsibility for ensuring that state agencies are functioning falls to the chief of staff. He manages the governor's office, supervising the daily operations and interrelationship of the governor's staff and determining what decisions will be taken to the governor. He is also referred to as the Chief Strategist. This is because he assists the governor to develop and maintain a focused policy agenda and helps to reinforce the governor's commitment to his

agenda which is termed the New Direction Agenda.

In crisis situations, the chief of staff has a formal role in the governor's office plan for emergencies, which includes developing the standard processes for managing crises, putting together an ad hoc team to address the specifics of any given emergency, and rationing the governor's visibility in a crisis.

Pharmacist Abdulkareem Mohammed Jamiu Asuku since his promotional appointment in October, 2019 as the Chief of Staff to Governor Yahaya Bello has melted excellently in these roles, which has yielded many accolades for the administration and the New Direction Leadership in its entirety. There exists barely any disputation that the he has played important and significant roles in the social and political organisations of the GYB-led administration. Some of these underpinning attributes would suffice in expatiating how pharmacist Asuku has been able to use his office to add meaningful value to the New Direction Government

Unbending loyalty

Pharmacist Asuku's loyalty to the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello is beyond reasonable doubt and he has entrenched the same effect on other follower of the Youngest Governor in Nigeria. Loyalty to the system and the leader above individual self desire has always been Asuku's choral mantra knowing full well that in every situation, the decisions and leader's instruction is what the foot soldiers execute without grouse. Asuku through his loyal disposition has maintained and sustained a "one direction" leadership both in administration and political affairs hence every stakeholder despite the multi ethnic dimension. In fact, Pharmacist Asuku has positioned himself as a rallying and a point man in defining what loyalty truly means. Leading ventures that displays unbending loyalty and ensuring that others effectively follow through in similar direction. In this regards, a system loyal to the leader facilitate a whole attainment of its goals and visions as individuals go the extra mile to ensure such attainment.

Visionary and Steadfastness

He has remained steadfast in ensuring that the governor stays committed to his promise to Do More for the people. The establishment of the Confluence University of Science and Technology, Osara, the Ultramodern Reference Hospital in Okene, Muhammadu Buhari Civic center, Ganaja junction flyover, GYB Model Science Schools and all other lofty infrastructural strides of the administration, as well as the smooth grinding of governmental wheels can be linked to the Chief of Staff's effort in staying true to the New Direction blueprint and ensuring that the governor is not distracted.

Being legacy minded, Pharm. Asuku believes that at the end the administration, the tangible, physical and sustainable impacts made along the sojourn is very is a valuable achievement that would become enlisted as the landmark of any leader.

Leadership/Conflict resolution

Pharmacist Asuku within the framework of serving as a delegated leader in representing the interest of his boss have remarkably being able to effectively interpret the policies, program and initiatives of his overall leaders to other followers within the administration. Interpretation also involves taking the lead role in some of the implementation to serve as a good example for others to imitate. Pharm. Asuku as the Chief of Staff as effectively performed this role and many can attest.

As a delegated leader, it is one's role to douse some misunderstandings between team members in such a way that would reflect equity, fairness, Justice, balance and unity while efforts is also made to check excesses even before the overall leader is given concerns.

Again this role is effective understood by Pharm. Asuku who stops at nothing to offer leadership by first leading from the front and ensuring peaceful co existence of every team members in the interest of the government as a whole.

Synergy/Team work

The entire vision of the New Direction Government is premised on the idea of team work and synergy just as a bunch of broom is realistically efficient in sweeping than a singular stick. This role starts from each and every role player within the

system made to understand their roles and ensuring the performance of same to maximal gauge. New Direction Team has been built to a formidable team and without doubt, Pharmacist has played a remarkable role in this regards

Youth driven leadership

As the youngest Chief of Staff in the state's political history under the leadership and mentorship of the youngest Governor in Nigeria, the youth's constituent have had massive leadership engagement which has led to a huge support of a strong youth base for the New Direction Administration. Young individuals of both genders have been given leadership roles at different times which have not only strengthened their belief in themselves but the attestation that the New Direction Government is youthful and useful.

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Abdulkareem Asuku Youth Empowerment Forum (PAAYEF) catered for the health and well-being of many, granted innumerable scholarships and empowered many others with the required skills and start of funds. In recognition of his landmark contributions among many other accolades from within and outside the state, he was recently conferred with the Chieftaincy as the "Ogochi Ata Igala" by His Royal Majesty (Dr) Matthew Alaji Opaluwa Oguiche Akpa ii, Ata of Igala and the chairman of the Kogi State Council of Traditional Rulers on the 17th of November, 2022 in recognition of his contribution to the development of Igala Kingdom and the state at large. Pharmacist Asuku has continued to soldier his assignment with so much grace, despite several challenges and he truly is among the many making Nigerian youths proud in a leadership position, you can go and verify!



Over 18,000 solar street light procured and installed across the state to curb insecurity



Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) office complex in Lokoja



Newly built Graphics Newspaper office complex in Lokoja

GOV. BELLO'S SECURITY TEMPLATE AND GLOBAL ALIGNMENT



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GOV. BELLO URGES STATE ASSEMBLY TO IDENTIFY UNIMPLEMENTED LAWS FOR M&E, SIGNS FOUR BILLS INTO LAW



Kogi State Governor, Yahaya Bello signed into law four bills while he assured that all laws made were citizen friendly and aimed at making Kogi great.

The governor urged the State Assembly to identify all the laws previously passed and Signed but unimplemented by the various Ministries, Agencies or parastatals so as to engage in joint monitoring and evaluation

According to the governor he stressed that his administration inherited a state that was lawless but has witnessed tremendous improvement adding that the 7th assembly had performed efficiently.

He asked that the legislative arm should continue to work in synergy with the other

arms of government as that was a standard disposition of his administration.

He further called on all citizens, business owners and those earning their living in the state to comply with the laws stating that the newly signed laws would facilitate a clean environment and an increase in revenue generation.

In his address, the Speaker of the State House of Assembly, RT. Hon Matthew Kolawole assured that they as an arm of government were committed to the development of the state and improvement of revenue generation.

He conveyed to the governor that the KSHA was investigating some certain companies who have been short changing the state

government and they would transmit their resolution in no distant time.

The laws signed included, a law to provide for the establishment of Kogi State sanitation and waste management board Law 2022, a law to provide for the movement of Agricultural produce within Kogi state and other matters connected therewith Law 2022.

Others are, a law to provide for regulation of outdoor structure for the display of signage and advertisement law 2022 and a law to provide for the repeal and re enactment of hotel and tourism board edit of 1995, establishing the Kogi state Hotel and tourism board and other matters connected.



Kogi Civil Service Takes Proper Shape, Record Successes After 2016 Reformation

Six years after the reformation of the Kogi State Civil Service by the administration of Governor Yayaha Bello, during which time over 5000 (Five Thousand) ghost, diaspora, and fake certificate workers were ejected, the commission has recorded several developments that have placed the state in an enviable position among states with excellent hiring practices and prompt payment of salaries and pensions.

According to a report made available by the commission, the state has significantly improved its civil service over the past four

years, including the adoption of the new minimum wage, as a result of Bello's administration's careful resizing of the personnel in 2016.

The report says the government completed the remodeling of various facilities, including phase I of the Secretariat Complex, and facilitated the purchase of 16 operable vehicles and one ambulance for the Confluence University of Science and Technology, Osara, and other organizations.

The hitherto dormant commission also hired valuers and auctioneers to handle the sale of non-essential State assets and

properties, which are now producing the right kind of revenue for the state.

Additionally, the state has earned the reputation of prompt promotion after promoting 213 officers who were due for promotions in 2017 and another 245 in 2018.

Bello's commission, which formed the Directorate of Finance and Account in all MDAs for transparency, was also able to host director seminars and deploy officers to their corresponding MDAs against the malpractices by past administrations.

In addition, while the appointment of five (5) permanent secretaries was processed in 2021 and ten (10) in 2022, the conflicts between supervising Ministries and their boards/parastatals were settled.

The state's civil service has been able to forge strong connections with the federal and other states' civil services in order to exchange experiences, and it is currently

generating jobs for the populace through its continual hiring of competent and qualified people into the system, making Kogi currently one of the states with viable civil services system.



Cross Section of the Renovation and Expansion of Budget Office, Lokoja

GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO INTERACTING WITH THE
PEOPLE DURING PROJECT INSPECTION



GOOD WILL MESSAGE BY HIS EXCELLENCY, EDWARD ONOJA, DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE TO THE MAIDEN EDITION OF THE LUGARD GAZETTE

I am excited to write one of the goodwill messages to this publication in so far as it seeks to highlight some of the achievements of the New Direction Administration of my principal, His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State.

This Administration was birthed in divinely orchestrated circumstances which put it right in the eye of the storm from inception. Now that we are in the final laps of what has been a most eventful tenure, I am proud to declare that the last 7 years have also been some of the most rewarding times that Kogi State has seen in terms of transformational leadership and good governance.

His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State has laid down a blistering pace of development unparalleled by any Government before him, except, perhaps, the Administration of our late leader, His Excellency, Prince Abubakar Audu.

Our proofs abound and redound in all sectors, from Education to Healthcare to Infrastructure and Utilities, from Job Creation/ Youth Empowerment to Civil Service and Pension Reforms. In Agriculture, Security, Diversity Management as well as Cooperation and Integration among Nigerians in our State and beyond, His Excellency, has led us to establish paradigms which will shape our state and indeed the country for the future.

We have aggressively built roads and other engineering infrastructure across the three senatorial zones. We have built or renovated and continue to upgrade our primary, secondary and tertiary educational and health institutions across board. Our public sector reforms have, for the first time ever, positioned the Kogi State Civil and public service to adequately cater for civil servants in and out of service.

Our security architecture has won awards of excellence right up to Mr. President and continues to ensure that lives and properties are safe in Kogi State, and when breaches inevitably occur, that the perpetrators are hunted down and brought to justice swiftly and decisively.

Kogi State under His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello has won back-to-back accolades from the World Bank and other reputable development partners for excellence in transparency and accountability in the management of public finance and resources. This is not surprising as right from his first Inaugural speech

His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello did promise that under him, the resources of Kogi State will work for all of her people and will not be lent to services the avarice of vested interests - a promise he has kept over and over again.

Of course, it is common knowledge today that no other government in this 4th Republic has given youths and women the pride of place or chunk of government which they have enjoyed in Kogi State under Governor Yahaya Bello. It is commonly said that youths have taken 50% of top leadership positions in the State and the remaining 50% the women have snagged.

Perhaps, the greatest achievement of this administration is her scorecard in diversity management. Once a hotbed of parochial divisions, Kogi State is today in the forefront of inclusivity. Tribe, religion, gender, age, physical ability and even social class have lost their hold as the determinants of a citizen's worth or opportunities. Cooperation and integration is the new norm, thanks to a leader with uncommon depth, width and height of vision.

I have no doubt that as you page through this publication you will find details and proofs of the claims I have made here. In the final analysis, it is all about legacy and the building of a society that works for those alive today and those who will come after.

This is a book of legacies in the mould of the several compendia we have produced at the end of each year of service to our people and like them, it seeks to bear witness that we have made promises and kept them. The reader will see how we have moved from Change to Next Level to Doing More.

I celebrate my boss, Governor Yahaya Bello and his legacies and I pray that Kogi State will continue on this trajectory of development and greatness under the charge of those whom he has trained, empowered and commissioned over the last 7 years.

I commend the workaholic Onogwu 'Galacticus' Mohammed, our Chief Press Secretary and his crew for this publication, even as I wholeheartedly welcome it into the growing library of materials which showcase the era of Yahaya Bello in the annals of Kogi State.

EDWARD ONOJA

Deputy Governor of Kogi State



HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FEMALE GENDER FRIENDLY GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO ON THE COMMISSIONING OF HIS ADMINISTRATION'S LEGACY PROJECTS BY PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI



I, The Secretary to the State Government congratulates Your Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello on this special occasion of the commissioning of some of your Administration's legacy projects by His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR).

Your relentless investments in critical infrastructure all across the State and numerous peoples-driven policies and programs has placed Kogi on a high pedestal among comity of states in terms of infrastructure development and socio economic advancement. You have also distinguished yourself as the most gender friendly Governor by giving women strategic positions in your administration.

Your Excellency, it is my believe that when your name is mentioned in the annals of history, the People of Kogi State would by themselves point to many of these numerous projects and other achievements as they would continually hail your ingenuity, foresight and dedication to moving the State to a befitting status.

Signed

Dr (Mrs) Folashade Arike Ayode
Secretary to the State Governmen

HEARTY CHEERS TO MY INDEFATIGABLE LEADER, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO ON LEGACY PROJECTS COMMISSIONING BY PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI



I, Engr Abubakar Ohere, former Commissioner, Kogi State Ministry of Works; Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs and currently, flag bearer of the APC for Kogi Central Senatorial district wish to congratulate

Your Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello on the special occasion of the commissioning of your legacy projects by His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR).

As part and parcel of this administration from the inception, I can attest to your commitment and passion in bringing landmark and legacy infrastructural projects across the state.

More importantly, as Commissioner for Works, I am very much in the picture of all the massive projects you embarked upon across the three senatorial districts of the state.

From construction of fly over to road infrastructures; from educational structures to hospital infrastructures; you have no doubt bequeathed the people of Kogi with legacy projects to remember.

Once again, congratulations on this special occasion of project commissioning.

Signed:

Honourable (Engr) Abubakar Ohere
Former Commissioner, Kogi State Ministry of Works;
Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs and
Currently, Flag bearer of the APC for Kogi Central Senatorial district

HEARTY CHEERS TO MY BOSS

GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO ON LEGACY PROJECTS COMMISSIONING BY PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI

On behalf of the management and staff of the Office of the Accountant-General, Kogi State, I Jibrin Momoh heartily congratulate Your Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello on the unique occasion of the commissioning of your legacy projects by His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR).

Your financial prudence and quintessential management of resources accruing to the state have placed Kogi on a high pedestal among the comity of states.

Recall that on the 14th of November 2022, the World Bank through the Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning organized a dinner for state governors to celebrate States' Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability, SFTAS Programme achievement since its inception and to present the award to states that have done well in the programme.

During the award session, Kogi State alone under the capable leadership of His Excellency, Yahaya Bello received three awards for very good performance in the following categories: Fiscal Transparency and Accountability; Debt Sustainability and Domestic Revenue Mobilisation.



While most states are sinking deeper in debt, Kogi State under the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello has drastically reduced the state's debt profile over the last four years while dotting the state with infrastructure in health, education, roads infrastructures etc. The state has also taken a quantum leap in revenue generation over the years.

The state's finance and the economic team have been very meticulous and dutiful with resultant financial prudence, revenue drive and economic growth.

We once again congratulate Your Excellency on this very special occasion of the commissioning of legacy projects executed by your administration. Congratulations sir!

Signed

Jibrin Momoh

Accountant General, Kogi State

