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WHAT IS A BUDGET?



A Budget shows what the government expects to collect as revenue, support from partners in form of grants, how much it expects to save or borrow and how it plans to spend the communal wealth.

Budget helps the Government and the Citizens in prioritizing spending and managing resources. It is also an income and expenditure forecast for a set period of time.

Budget document provides the citizens with information on how much the State is expecting as total revenue for the year and how it intends to spend the money for the benefit of the electorates.

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**HOW IS THE
MONEY SHARED?**

₦70.83bn
Capital Expenditure

₦82.58bn
Recurrent Expenditure



46.17%

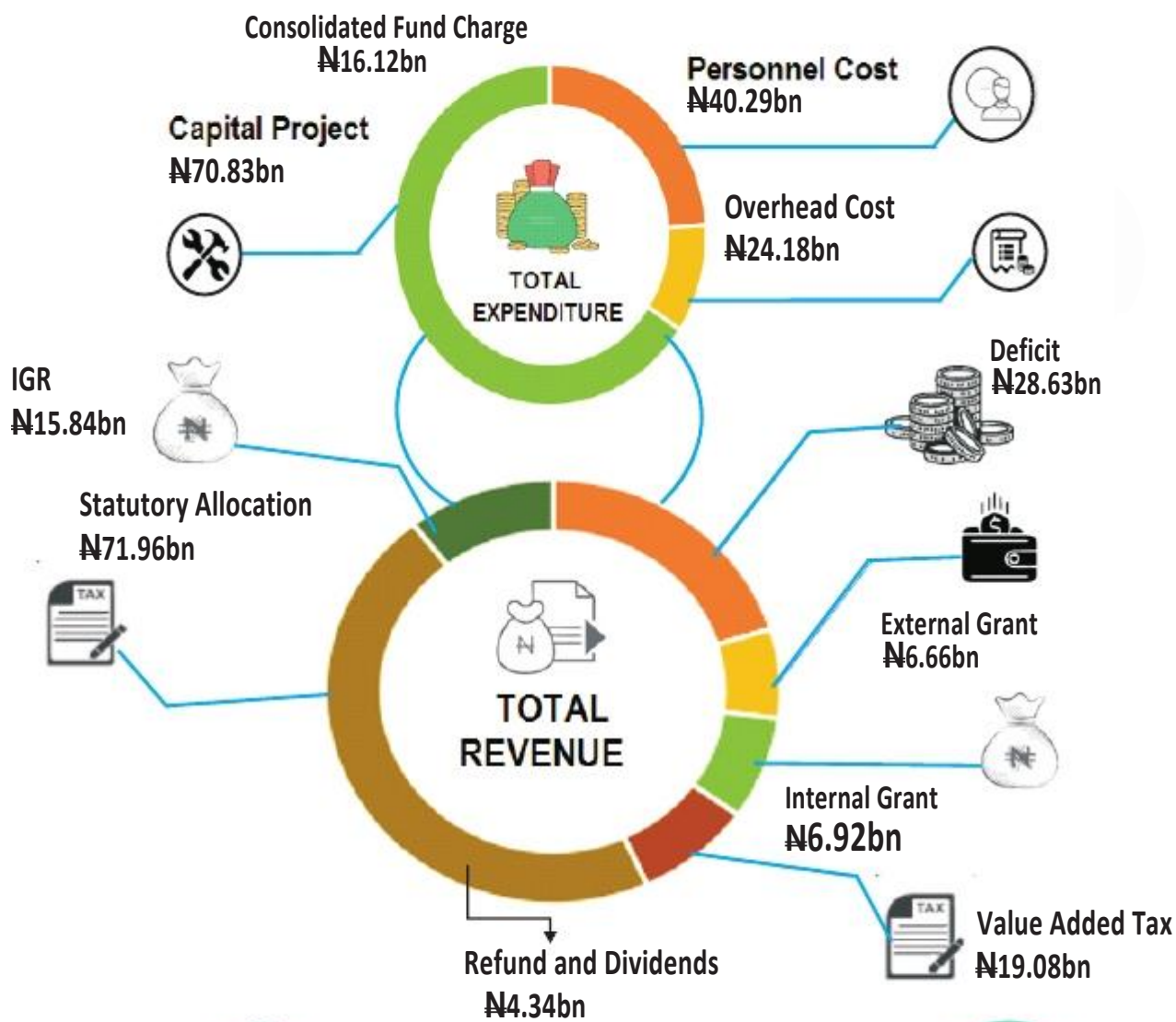
Capital Expenditure
Is money that will be spent on execution of projects like construction of roads, hospitals, schools and provision of water as well as other facilities.


53.83%

Recurrent Expenditure
These are payments made on salaries, allowances, pension, gratuities etc.

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FISCAL FRAME WORK





Revenue

Revenue is the income Government expects to receive from taxation, Federal Allocation, grants, loans and other sources on behalf of the citizens.



Expen diture

How the government intends to spend the expected money on behalf of the citizens. This is classified into Recurrent and Capital Expenditure.

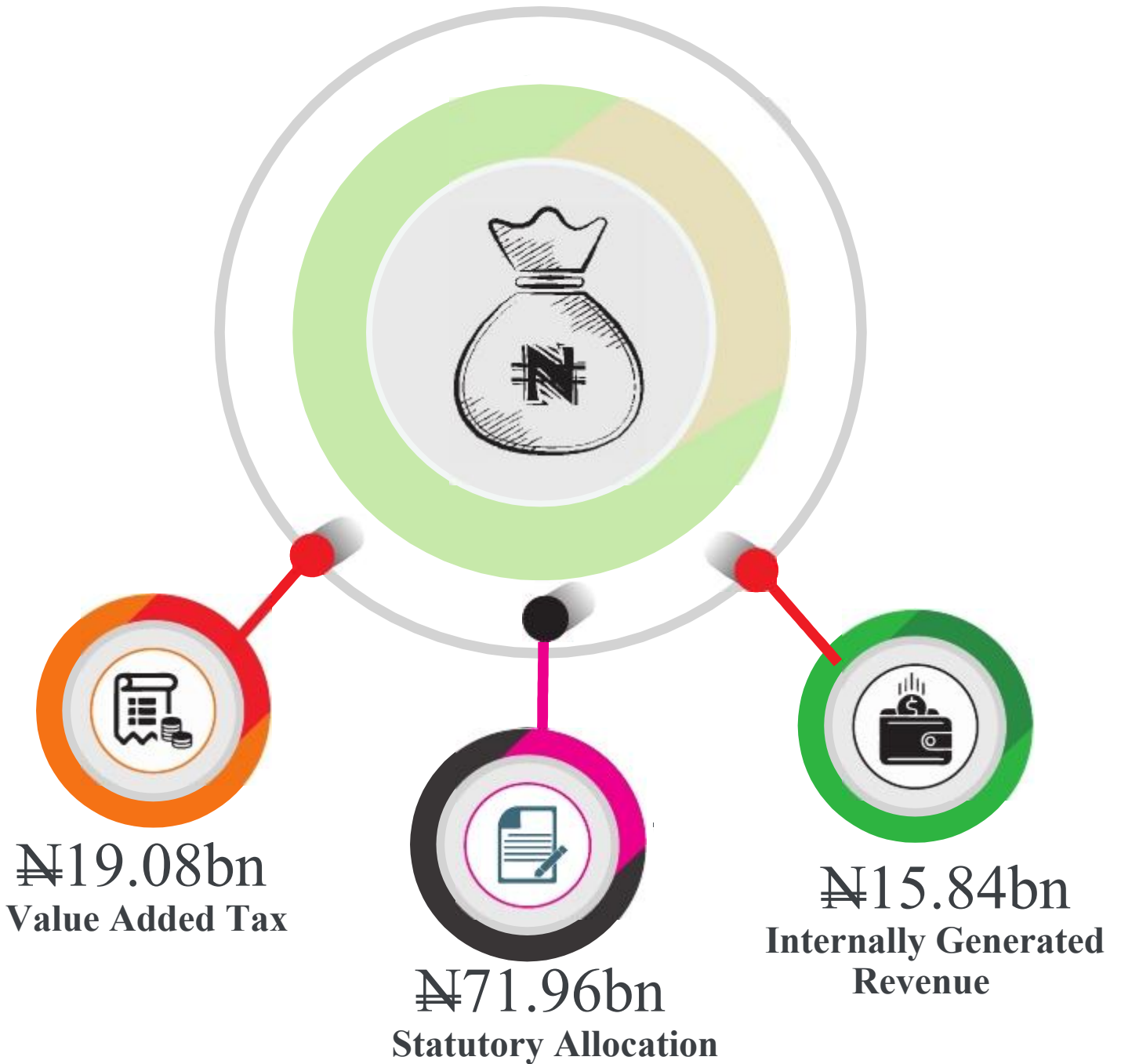
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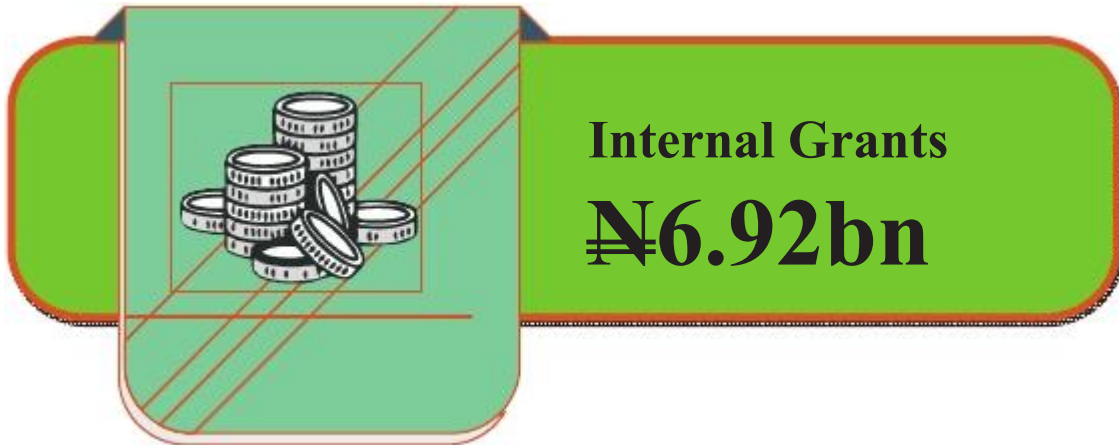
**WHERE WILL BE THE
SOURCE OF FUND?**

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REVENUE



GRANTS

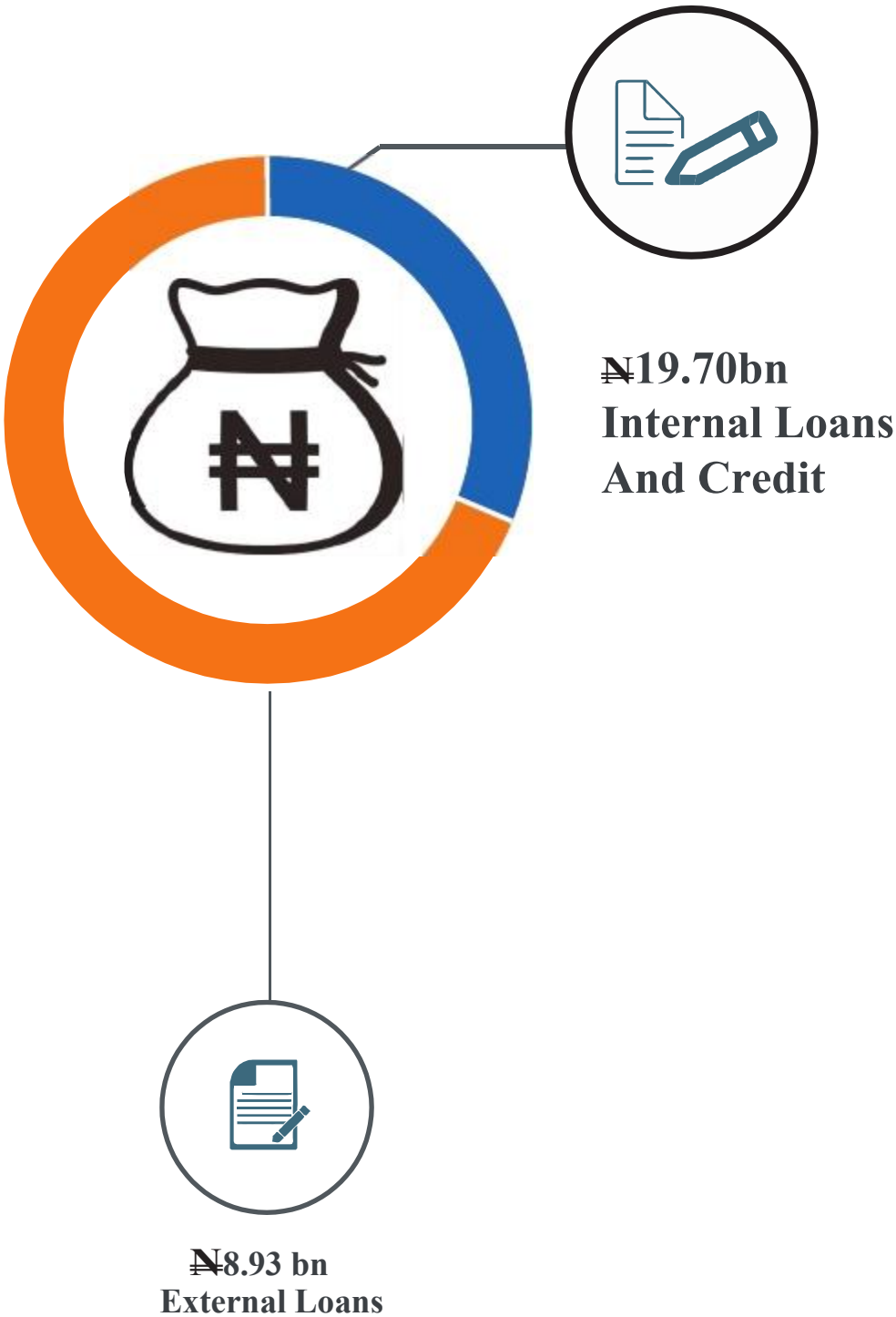


GRANTS

Grants are funds given to Government as assistance to complement its efforts in the execution of projects. Grants are non-refundable funds in form of aids or gift to enable government impact on the citizens.

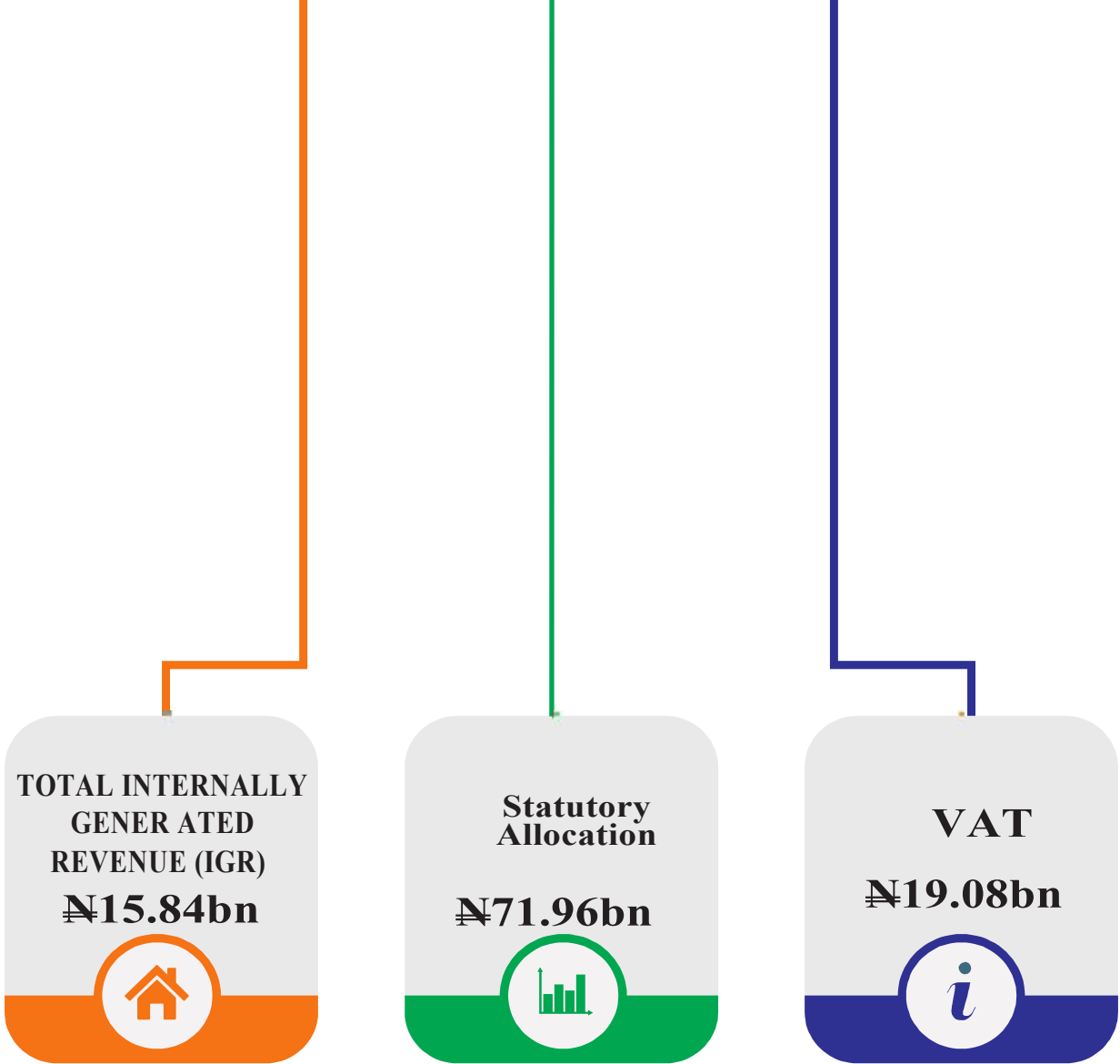
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LOANS

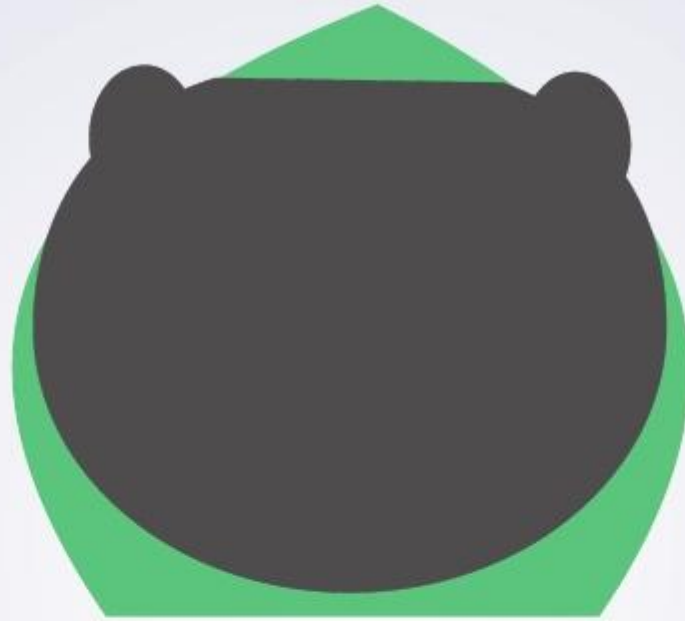


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Revenue Target



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SOURCES OF THE LOANS?

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INTERNAL LOANS

TOTAL

₦19.70bn

CBN (₦3.50bn)	Family Home Programs (₦2.65bn)
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Private Bond (₦13.55bn)

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EXTERNAL LOANS

Total

₦8.93bn

₦1.90bn
ATASP I

₦770m
ANRiN

**₦2.63
bn**
NEWMAP

₦1.99bn
State Cash Transfer

₦1.64bn
EWASH

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EXTERNAL GRANTS

Total

₦6.66bn



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INTERNAL GRANTS

Total Internal Grants
₦6.92bn

₦757.90bn
Tertiary Education Trust Fund
(TETFUND)

 **₦1.66bn**
UBEC

 **₦500m**
SDGs

₦1.50bn
Save One Million Life

₦2.50bn
SFTAS

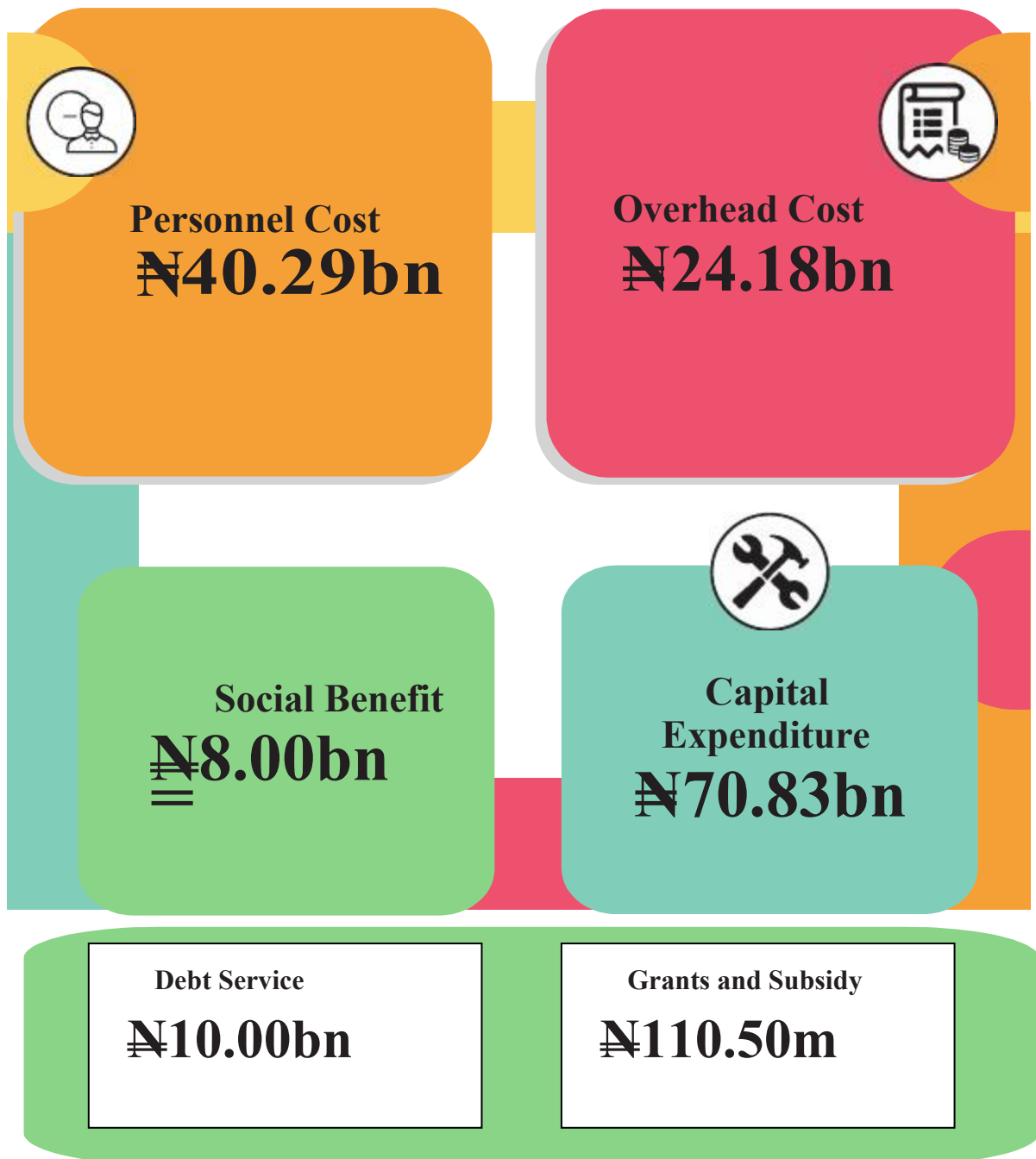
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**HOW WILL THE
GOVERNMENT
SPEND THE MONEY?**

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2021 SPENDING PLAN: BREAKDOWN



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2021 TOP SECTOR/MINISTERIAL ALLOCATION

₦5.94bn Ministry of Agriculture	₦11.96bn Ministry of Education	₦14.53bn Ministry of Health
₦3.16m Ministry of Water Resources	₦20.92bn Ministry of Works	₦627.10m Ministry of Transport
₦684.86m Ministry of Women Affairs	₦6.62m Niger State Planning Commission	₦777.37m Office of the Head of Service
₦3.86bn Government House	₦5.37bn State Legislature	₦6.17bn Judiciary
₦3.54bn Ministry of Environment	₦6.87bn Ministry of Tertiary Education	₦16.61bn Ministry of Finance
₦934.50m Ministry of Youth	₦4.81bn SSGs Office	₦1.9bn Ministry of Justice
	₦2.63bn Ministry of Livestock & Fishery Devt.	

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**Governor's
SPEECH**

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2021 BUDGET OF REALITY

ALHAJI (DR.) ABUBAKAR SANI BELLO THE GOVERNOR OF NIGER STATE AND CHAIRMAN, NORTH CENTRAL GOVERNORS' FORUM ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 BUDGET ESTIMATE AT THE NIGER STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY COMPLEX ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 2020.

Protocol:

My Fellow Nigerlites;

It is indeed with a deep sense of responsibility that I present to this Honourable Assembly the 2021 Budget Proposals for legislative review and passage. The year 2020 has been tough on almost all fronts; from the outbreak of Corona Virus Disease nicknamed COVID-19 to the most recent protest that engulfed the nation with its attendant catastrophe. Indeed, the impact of the Pandemic affected almost all governments in all the nations of the World. Our nation's major source of revenue which remains the crude oil was sold far below the bench-marked price; affecting our ability to meet our capital projects expectation for the year 2020 under review.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, let me use this opportunity to wholeheartedly appreciate all residents of Niger State for keeping to directives when the pandemic was raging, my sincere appreciation to the traditional institutions, religious/ community leaders, and other actors, particularly the frontline workers.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the year 2020 in its turbulence came with increased security challenges, banditry, kidnapping, the recent #EndSARS protests among others. All these impacted negatively on our plans in the year under review.

Fellow Nigerlites, as gloomy as the situation looks, it is also instructive in many

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ways; affording us the opportunity for a deeper appreciation of our economic and social challenges, which we are tackling head-on. We have since reviewed our financial plans downwards to accommodate the contemporary realities of the time and also constituted a Committee on Investment Drive and resuscitated the State Economic Advisory Committee among other efforts towards rejuvenating the state economy.

Taking home the lessons learned in the out-going financial year, the 2021 Budget Proposal is predicated on realistic revenue forecasts focusing on completion of prioritized achievable projects, hence it is tagged “**Budget of Reality**”

REVIEW OF 2020 BUDGET

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, although our Government is challenged by prevailing economic and security situations, we are making significant progress in all sectors of our economy. I therefore, wish to crave your indulgence to allow me to review our performance in the out-going fiscal year

AGRICULTURE.

Mr. Speaker, we have continued to accord priority attention to agriculture in order to guarantee food security, increase market access and improve the economic status of our farmers in the state. During the out-going financial year, we pursued the following activities in the agricultural sector:

- Surface Dressing of 130km Rural Roads across the State through RAMP.
- Purchase and Distribution of 4,010 bags of Rice, 2,640 bags of Maize and 2,640 bags of Millet to all the 274 wards to cushion the effect of the Covid-19 lock-down.
- Upgrading of Tegna Farm Institute
- Developing 50hectare Oil Palm Plantation and planting of 2,500 Oil Palm Seedlings at Labozhi in Mokwa LGA
- Completion of Chanchaga and Tamanai Irrigation Schemes, while work is on-

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going on the Agaie and Gbakogi irrigation Schemes

- Procurement and Distribution of 30 Metric-Tonnes of improved Sesame Seeds to farmers all over the State under the Sesame Value Chain Development Programme.

In the Livestock and Fisheries Sub-Sector, the survey has commenced on the demarcation and gazetting of 5 additional Grazing Reserves in Birnin-Maza, Ndadakun, Garun Gabas, Sheyi and Masuga. Other activities undertaken in the sector include the establishment of 300 hectares of assorted pasture at Bobi Grazing Reserve, re-invigoration of Tagwai Fish Hatchery and establishment of Fish Store Centre at Lapan Gwari.

Government is partnering with the private sector and to this end, we have concluded arrangements to concession the KOICA Rice Mill in Bida for rice processing and establishment of additional Milk Collection Centre at Bobi Grazing Reserve.

ROADS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Speaker, Government is fully aware of the importance of a good road network in the state that will improve the socio-economic life of the people. During the year under review, I set up an Infrastructure Committee to review all uncompleted infrastructural projects and ascertain work status with the aim of completing them within the shortest possible time. This committee has worked tirelessly and visited all the construction sites in the state. Presently, some of these projects have been completed in our major towns across the state. Contracts for additional rehabilitation and constructions were also awarded, major among them are the rehabilitation of Minna-Kateregi–Bida which is a major economic nerve of the state, the dualization of Broadcasting Road, the rehabilitation of Maje Junction–Kwamba–Suleja Road and some selected Suleja township roads are ongoing. Maintenance of Minna (Chanchaga-Bridge)– Paiko – Kampani Dorawa – Farin-Doki, completion of City Gate to Chanchaga Bridge, which are all ongoing.

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During the year under review Mr. Speaker, 11km Kontagora Federal Highway was rehabilitated. Kontagora township roads, Garima-Tudunwada Police Station road and Zungeru township roads are all completed, while Bosso-Estate road is 85% completed. The following roads are ongoing across the state, Mokwa township road, Kagara township road, Tungagoro-Tagwai Dam road, Abattoir road in Minna, Piggery-Morris and Piggery-Union Bank road, Gbenu road in Rijau, Gogo-mailale to Peugeot are all on going.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, it is heart-warming to inform this Honourable House that work is steadily in progress at all the sites across the state. I am confident that in no distant time, these roads will be completed and ready for use. Similarly, the State Road Maintenance Agency (NIGROMA) carried out routine maintenance works along the major roads and also completed 3 out of 4 Roads on London Street in Minna. We also constructed river crossings, span bridges and concrete culverts across the State to ease the movement of goods and services particularly in the rural areas.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, we are all aware that our State roads serve as a major economic link between the Northern and Southern parts of the country. It is however regrettable to note the deplorable condition of these roads caused by heavy vehicular traffic which makes basic maintenance very difficult. This subsequently led to the closure of some State-owned roads recently. I am glad to report that the Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Works is responding positively to our plight and I am optimistic that

with the cessation of the rains now, contractors will effectively mobilize to sites to ensure timely completion of the road projects.

ELECTRIFICATION

The desire of the government to ensure the electrification of the rural communities in the past one year has yielded some impressive results. Our intention here is to meaningfully improve the economic status of the people and spur them to contribute positively to the socio-economic development of the state. The

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following projects have been completed.

- The construction of 33KVA Line to Gupa and environs and the electrification of Saminaka and environs both in Lapai LGA;
- Construction of 33KVA line from Dzakagi with Sub-Station at Mokwa;
- Electrification of Nkuchi and Gami Villages in Paikoro LGA;
- Completion of 11KVA from Madara through Ragadawa to Ibanga with a substation at Kontagora;
- Electrification of communities along Kontagora –Rijau Road;
- Electrification of Farin-Doki- Ajataye;
- Conversion of Masuga Community from 11KVA to 33KVA line;
- Construction of 33KVA line from Nagya to Sakpe and New Muregi.

The Government is also encouraging the participation of the private sector in the provision of adequate and affordable electricity in the state through its Renewable Energy Programme. In this regard, the electrification of Rokota Community in Edati LGA, Tungan Jika; Magama LGA, Goto Sarki; Paikoro LGA, General Hospital Gulu; Lapai LGA and Bisanti; Gbako LGA have all been completed, with over thirty new ones are at advanced stages of completion. Aside from the installation of Solar-powered streetlights in Kontagora, repairs and replacement of solar streetlight and accessories are all ongoing on major streets of Minna.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, consequent on our efforts to connect the rural communities through renewable energy, we have been rated by the World Bank as the first in Nigeria as having the highest number of mini-grid deployment and the highest number in process.

WATER SUPPLY

In our continued efforts towards re-positioning water supply in the State, the Government implemented the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Policy,

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which also transformed the Niger State Water Board nomenclature to Niger State Water and Sewage Corporation for effective service delivery during the year under review.

In the outgoing year Mr. Speaker, we intensified efforts towards making our Water Works functional and effective. We procured Ancillary Equipment for the smooth operation of Minna, Bida, Suleja and Kontagora Water Supply facilities. In Minna the State capital, an extension of water distribution pipeline network was extended to the Government House, GRA, Type A&B and Zarumai Quarters. Maintenance of Damaged Spillway Canal at Bosso Dam and repairs of Pipes serving Minna Central at IBB Uphill were also undertaken. Similarly, in collaboration with State SDGs Office, Agaie and New Bussa Water Works are being reactivated with the aim of making clean and portable water available for the residents of these towns.

MINERAL RESOURCES

My fellow Nigerlites, in order to maximize the potentials of our abundant natural resources, the State Government will continue to partner with Federal Government Agencies and other relevant stakeholders to fast track the exploration of mineral deposits in the state to its full benefits. Activities in this sector during the year include the following:

- Collaboration with NNPC and DPR on the exploration of hydrocarbons deposits in Bida Basin
- Reactivation of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) – Midland Petro-gas Resources Limited, Zuma Mineral Development Company and Midland Refinery and Petrochemical Limited
- Participation in two Oil Marginal Field Bidding for the State
- Development of Mineral Museum to showcase Mineral deposits in the state

HEALTH

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the health sector faced a huge challenge

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during the year under review by the global outbreak of COVID-19. Therefore, the major activities in the year have been concerted efforts towards the containment of COVID-19 pandemic

with advocacy and sensitization, Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), non-contact thermometer, drugs, distribution of face masks and other sanitary items to the public, establishment of isolation centers and construction of Molecular Laboratory at General Hospital Minna for testing COVID-19 infection and general infectious diseases to keep our people safe in the state.

During the year under review, work steeped on the re-modelling of Kontagora General Hospital and the completion of Female Hostels at the College of Nursing Sciences, Kontagora. Work on the Administrative Block of the State's Primary Health Care Development Agency is completed and ready for commissioning. There is appreciable progress on the facilities upgrade in the School of Nursing Bida as well as many Primary Health Care Facilities across the State. The construction of Amenity Ward at the IBB Specialist Hospital has been completed and additional two generating plants have been supplied during the 2020 fiscal year.

EDUCATION

The out-going year was also full of challenges for the education sector not only in the state but the World over, due to Convid-19 pandemic which distracted and nearly grounded the educational system. For several months, schools were closed while students were forced to stay at home. The Ministry of Education organized complementary radio programmes for exit classes of secondary schools i.e. SSS3 and JSS3 which was later extended to other classes. As part of safety measures before reopening of schools, 450 public and private schools were fumigated/decontaminated, in addition to the provision of face-masks, infrared temperature readers, buckets, wash hand basins and sanitizers. Teachers, parents and other relevant stakeholders were also trained on covid-19 safety protocols during the year under review.

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Government also established Almajiri Centers where over 2000 Almajiris were accommodated and fed during the lockdown, aside from transporting some of them back to their states of origin to reunite with their parents/guardians. In our modest effort at addressing students' accommodation at IBBU Lapai, the construction of both Male and Female Hostels is in progress.

LAW AND JUSTICE

During the year 2020, we continued with our efforts to improve the welfare of judicial officers across all cadres. We provided vehicles for the judges in addition to the payments of medical, vocational, robe and rent allowances to all judiciary officers. Furthermore, the High Court Complex in Minna was renovated and office accommodations were provided for Gurara, Chanchaga and Kpakungu courts in addition to the construction of a Magistrate Court at Paiko. Furniture were also provided for the newly completed Sharia Court Administrative Block in Minna and the High Court in Kuta.

SECURITY

In the 2020 fiscal year, we continued with our support for the operational activities of the security agencies, we procured additional equipment towards digitalizing the security apparatus curb all forms of insecurity in the state. We also intensified our collaboration with the traditional and community leaders in the detection and prevention of insecurity in the state.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTOR

The administration is mindful of the fact that our successes in the implementation of policies and programmes largely depend on an efficient, dedicated and motivated civil service, and therefore had to take to heart the needs and welfare of civil servants. To achieve this, the Office of Head of Service organized a workshop for the Directorate Cadre to enhance their productivity and service delivery. Work is at an advanced stage on the renovation of the Government House Complex, the extension of the State Assembly Complex, renovation of the Office of the Head of

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Service, the renovation of Political Advisers' Complex, renovation and furnishing of State Electricity Board and the renovation of Progress Court Complex.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, having briefly reviewed some of our performance in the outgoing year, let me present to you the 2021 Budget Proposals.

THE 2021 BUDGET

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the proposed 2021 Budget is estimated at One Hundred and Fifty-One Billion, Two Hundred and Forty Million, Six Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Six Naira (N151,240,621,776.00) which is 2.71% lower than the Original 2020 Budget of N155,459,814,701.

The 2021 proposed budget estimate is made up of Seventy-Two Billion, Five Hundred and Three Million, Two Hundred and One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty Naira, Eighty-Eight Kobo (N72,503,201,830.88) representing 47.94% as Recurrent Estimate and Seventy-Eight Billion, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Seven Million, Four Hundred and Nineteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-Five Naira, Twelve Kobo (N78,737,419,945.12) or 52.06% of the budget size as Capital Estimates.

ESTIMATED REVENUE

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members as indicated earlier, the 2021 Budget Proposal is arrived at against the background of lessons learned in the outgoing year 2020. To that effect, the proposals are as realistic as possible, hence, the 2021 Budget is titled "Budget of Reality". The Budget is to be financed through the usual traditional sources of:

- i. Statutory Allocation from Federation Account
- ii. Value Added Tax
- iii. Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) and
- iv. Capital Receipts

Out of the N151,240,621,776.00 Proposed Budget, N71,955,049,902.00 or

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47.58% is expected to accrue from the Federation Account, N17, 999,524,715. 00 representing 11.91% from Value-Added Tax, while N14,744,770,399.00 or 9.74% is to be generated internally. The sum of N42,201,250,249.00 representing 27.90% of the budget is expected as Capital Receipt from Development Partners, Grants, Loans among others

Other expected revenue sources include: Dividends from North-South Power N500,000,000.00, Refund from National Electricity Liability Company (NELCO) N3,510,026,517.00 and Refund from Federal Roads N330,000,000.00 which account for 0.33%, 2.32% and 0.22% respectively.

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

2021 Proposed Recurrent Expenditure is put at N72,503,201,830.88 which is 3.63% slightly higher than the 2020 Original Budget with the following breakdown:

a) Personnel Cost	N38,277,834,620.27	or 52.80%
b) Leave Grant	N2,015,869,500.00	or 2.78%
c) Overhead Cost	N16,089,500,000.00	or 22.20%
d) Consolidated Funds Charges	<u>N16,119,998,128.61</u>	or 22.22%
TOTAL	<u>N72,503,201,830.88</u>	

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the increment in the Personnel and Overheads Costs is as a result of the implementation of N30, 000.00 New Minimum Wage, and the backlog of promotions, annual salary increments and payment of pension and gratuity entitlements to retired civil servants who have meritoriously served the State.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

The size of the 2021 capital expenditure proposal is N78,737,419,945.12 with the following sectorial breakdown:

a) Administrative Sector	N7,095,607,618.60	9.02%
b) Economic Sector	N54,257,303,577.68	68.90%

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c) Law and Justice	N1,300,000,000.00	1.66%
d) Social Sector	<u>N16,084,508,748.72</u>	20.42%
TOTAL	<u>N78,737,419,945.12</u>	

Mr. Speaker, it is evident from the above breakdown that the Economic Sector has the highest allocation of N54.257Billion or 68.90%. This is followed by the Social Sector with N16.084Billion or 20.42% and Administrative Sector with 9.02% or N7.095 Billion. The Law and Justice Sector has a proposed estimate of N1.3Billion.

In arriving at this sectoral allocation of capital expenditure, we were guided by the following parameters:

- i. Completion of on-going projects that have attained 90% completion.
- ii. Need to provide adequate counterpart funds to development partners supported projects.
- iii. Investment driven and employment generation for youths' projects in the areas of solid mineral development, Agriculture, Small and Medium Enterprises.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

There is no gainsaying that agriculture remains the major source of livelihood for a larger number of our people, it will thus continue to receive our priority attention. We pegged the Agricultural and Rural Development Budget Proposal at N5,554, 847, 221.36 for the 2021

fiscal year. We shall upgrade the existing Farm Institutes, enhance the activities of the Niger State Agricultural Mechanization and facilitate the accreditation of courses at the School of Agriculture, Mokwa. We shall vigorously pursue mutually beneficial collaborations with new and existing Development Partners to enhance agricultural extension and promote value chain development of rice, cassava, maize, sorghum and other staple foods. Other activities to be prioritized in this

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sector include the establishment of Green House Projects, the completion of on-going surface dressing of rural roads, reactivation of irrigation schemes, and Oil Palm Plantation programme and participation in the Anchor Borrowers programme among others.

The Livestock and Fisheries Sub-sector has been earmarked the sum of N2,042,000,000.00 with focus on the completion of Minna Abattoir Project and establishment of Feed Mill at Tagwai. Additional purchase of 100 cattle and establishment of extra Milk Collection Centers would be undertaken at the Bobi Grazing Reserve.

INVESTMENT

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, in pursuance of our economic diversification efforts, we will speed up the process of entrenching the culture of ease of doing business in the State and provide favourable and competitive conditions to support and protect businesses from potential vulnerabilities occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Sector has been earmarked the sum of N600Million. In specific terms, N202Million is proposed for State Equity Participation in Joint Ventures and resuscitation of moribund industries in the State.

The place of Small and Medium Enterprises in employment and revenue generation cannot be over-emphasized as it remains the stimulant of economic regeneration. In this regard, Government will continue to collaborate with Federal Government Agencies such as the Central Bank of Nigeria, Bank of Industry and other Development Partners to significantly address current structural challenges of the state economy, improve the business environment and accelerate IGR generation and economic recovery. The sum of N70 Million is earmarked for Statewide Micro Credit Business Education. We shall expand discussions with private investors on the development of Gurara Water Falls and Shagunu Tourist Site and establish a Zoo in Minna as part of tourism development for increased revenue drive.

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MINERAL RESOURCES

In the Mineral sub-sector development, we will pursue a new mutually beneficial partnership with genuine investors to take advantage

of large mineral deposits in the State. We intend to acquire and explore mineral titles, develop the Akutayi Tourmaline Mining Site and establish Minna Mining City in partnership with the Central Bank of Nigeria among others. We shall also continue to support our Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) in their operations particularly in the Oil and Gas Sector for revenue and employment generation purposes.

However, we will continue to streamline all Mining activities in the state to stem the wave of illegal Mining distorting the ecosystem and degradation of the environment.

ROADS

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, we are exploring various funding arrangements to actualize the completion of road projects across the state. Similarly, we shall continue to mount concerted pressure on the Federal Government to do the needful on Federal Roads that crisscross the State. The Niger State Roads Maintenance Agency (NIGROMA) will be re-positioned in line with our Zero Pothole Policy to ensure routine maintenance of our roads. Additional pedestrian bridges will be constructed along major highways in Minna and Kontagora to ensure safety.

ELECTRIFICATION

To improve the economic status of the people through expanded access to electricity, the sum of N550 Million is proposed for the completion of on-going electrification projects across the State. The conversion of conventional streetlights to Solar Powered ones as well as the maintenance of streetlights in Minna, Suleja Bida and Kontagora will continue in the next fiscal year.

In the Renewal Energy Development subsector, sixty new sites will be completed

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at various locations across the state while, preliminary documentation for the deployment of thirty other sites is ongoing to connect more communities to the off-grid.

WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, from the inception of this Administration, we were clear about repositioning the water sector in the State for the provision of efficient, reliable and sustainable water supply, sanitation and hygiene services. In 2021, the sum of N450 Million has been earmarked for the completion of on-going waterworks, purchase of water chemicals, construction of solar-powered boreholes and other ancillary works across the State. The sum of N1.8 Billion and N102 Million are expected from USAID/AFD and

UNICEF under the Sustainable Urban Water and Sanitation and PE-WASH project respectively.

In the area of Sanitation, the Niger State Water and Sewage Corporation will be supported to fully implement the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Policy by ensuring the construction of Households Latrines to discourage open defecation and develop a data bank on Open Defecation Facilities in the State.

LANDS AND HOUSING

In our desire to stimulate sustainable urban development in the state, we are already working with the UN-Habitat to strengthen the Niger State Urban Development Policy (SUP), towards the preparation of Integrated Development Plans for Minna, Suleja and Bida. The Suleja Smart City project, when completed will help us to establish an Assembly Plant for Renewable Energy Systems and Components such as Solar Panels, Solar Water Heaters, Inverters, Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs; and a Technical Training Centre for the training of our Youth in the Assembly and the Marketing and Repair of renewable energy systems and components.

We have also strengthened the capacity of the state institutions in charge of the

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development and management of the towns and cities in the state for optimum results. To this end, the Niger State Geographical Information System (NIGIS) will be upgraded and its activities extended to other LGAs. The sum of N140,000,000.00 is earmarked for the completion of Mass Housing Estate. A total of 400 Housing Units will be constructed under the Family Home Programme. Other priorities in the sector are the payment of compensation for lands acquired for resettlement scheme, purchase of GPS Equipment and development of layouts to open up access roads in Minna, Suleja, Bida and Kontagora.

EDUCATION

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, in furtherance of our resolve to accord education the attention it deserves as a tool for human development and emancipation, the sum of N4,969,234,444.72 has been proposed for the educational sector in the year 2021. Our main focus will be the completion of the Whole School Approach Projects across the State, procurement of staff and students' furniture for the Agaie and Nasarawa Teachers Institute. We shall continue to support our tertiary institutions to meet accreditation requirements and staff welfare.

Primary education as the bedrock of education, will continue to be accorded priority with continued support to the State Universal Basic Education Board through timely provision of matching Grants to UBEC to stimulate and enhance primary education.

HEALTH

In 2021 fiscal year, the capital provision for health services amounts to N7,337,519,382.00 largely for the upgrading of General and Rural Hospitals. In this regard, the re-modelling of Kontagora General Hospital and upgrading of some selected Wards and Laboratory will be undertaken in Suleja General Hospital. All on-going initiatives in the sector such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Support, Accelerated Nutrition Projects, Saving One Million Lives Programme for Result and construction/ rehabilitation of Primary Healthcare

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Centers will be sustained.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT YOUTHS AND SPORTS

In the field of Social Development, the sum of N30,000,000.00 has been proposed for the re-modelling and modification of Old Orphanage and N120 Million for the completion of the New Sports Complex and the 123 Indoor Sports Complex. On youths and women empowerment, the sum of N150,000,000.00 is earmarked for the renovation of NYSC Camp Paiko, Abdulsalam Youth Centre Minna and training of youths on Change Skills Acquisition Scheme. Furthermore, we propose the sum of over N66 Million for women development activities and another N20 Million for health support for the vulnerable among us.

EROSION AND FLOODS CONTROL

The menace of erosion and flooding in the State requires our definitive attention, especially given the heavy rains recorded this year. The State in partnership with World Bank on Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) will be spending about N2,500,000,000.00 on erosion control projects across the State. Furthermore, we will vigorously continue to pursue the take-off of HYPPADEC.

INFORMATION

This Administration attaches great importance to the free flow of information between the people and the government as this will keep the citizens abreast of developments and enhance public enlightenment. In order to reach the people at the grassroots, efforts will be made in the 2021 fiscal year to reactivate Radio Booster Stations in Mokwa and Kontagora and establish FM Station at Sarkin Pawa.

The Niger State Printing and Publishing Company (NEWSLINE) will be supported to rejuvenate its operations with the provision of necessary equipment and printing materials. Electricity supply to the State Television station will be upgraded from 11KVA to 33KVA and software for the FM Station will be

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upgraded.

GENERALADMINISTRATION

The provision of a convenient working environment for the state civil servants to improve service delivery will be a priority in the coming fiscal year. Therefore, renovation of offices, provision of working equipment and capacity building will continue to be our major focus. Furthermore, public service lectures to further enhance interaction between the Academics and the Civil Service will be encouraged. As part of the motivation for boosting the morale of civil servants, the Merit Awards for hard-working civil servants will be resuscitated in 2021.

This Sector has a proposed allocation of N7,095,607,618.60

LAW AND JUSTICE SECTOR

In pursuit of our commitment to improving the administration of Justice in the State, the sum of N1,300,000,000.00 is proposed for the sector for the establishment of more Magistrate and Sharia Courts across the State. Other activities include Construction/renovation of Judges Quarters, procurement of vehicles, office equipment and furnishing court buildings.

CONCLUSION

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members and my fellow Nigerlites, it is with great pleasure, therefore that I lay the proposed 2021 budget estimate before the Niger State House of Assembly for your consideration.

I thank you for your attention.

May God continue to bless Niger State and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

