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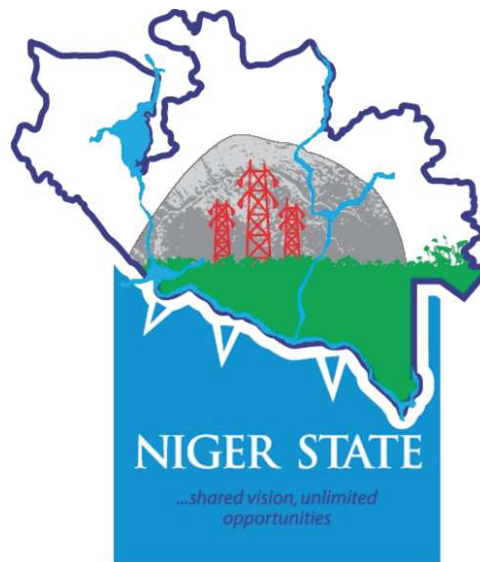


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INTRODUCTION

Citizens' Budget is the simplified version of the Approved estimates presented in an info graph for the citizens to clearly understand the intent of the government. It is one of the positive innovations adopted from the State participation in Nigeria Governors' Forum/ State Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability Programme (NGF/SFTAS) which was first practiced in 2018. The current edition is the Sixth in the series of Citizens' Budget produced by the State.

The advent of Citizens' Budget brought a new dimension to the participation of citizens in governance as it increases their understanding of government finances (inflow and outflow), involvement in decision making as well implementation of the budget; thereby promoting transparency and accountability.

Citizens' Budget outlined all government expected revenues and their sources including loans and grants. Highlights of expenditure both recurrent and capital are also defined alongside government entities responsible for their coordination, thus increasing Citizens' awareness, sense of belonging and participation in governance.

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.

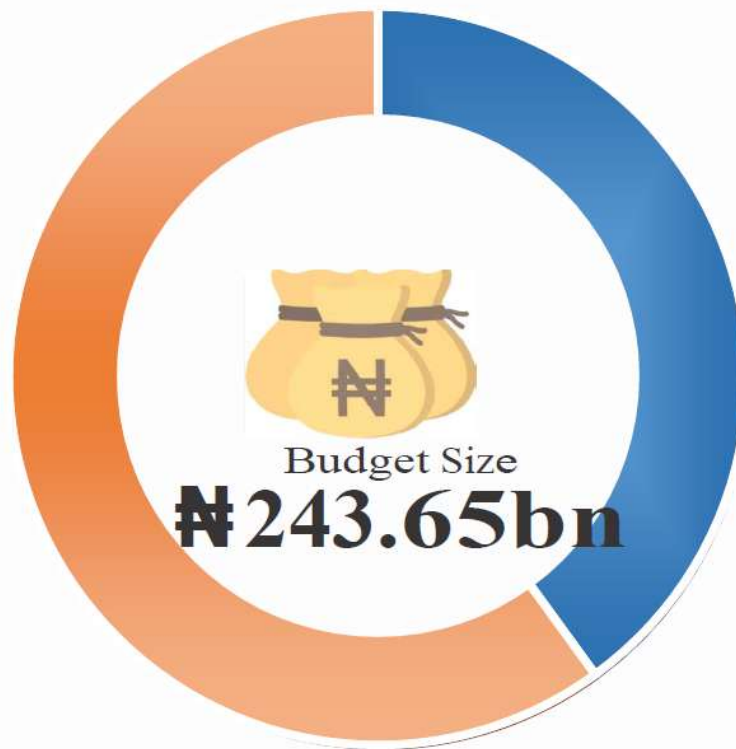
Budget helps the Government and the Citizens in prioritizing spending and managing resources. It is also an income and expenditure forecast for a set period of time.

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.

HOW IS THE MONEY SHARED?

₦ 152.27b
Capital Expenditure

₦ 91.38bn
Recurrent Expenditure



62.5%

Capital Expenditure

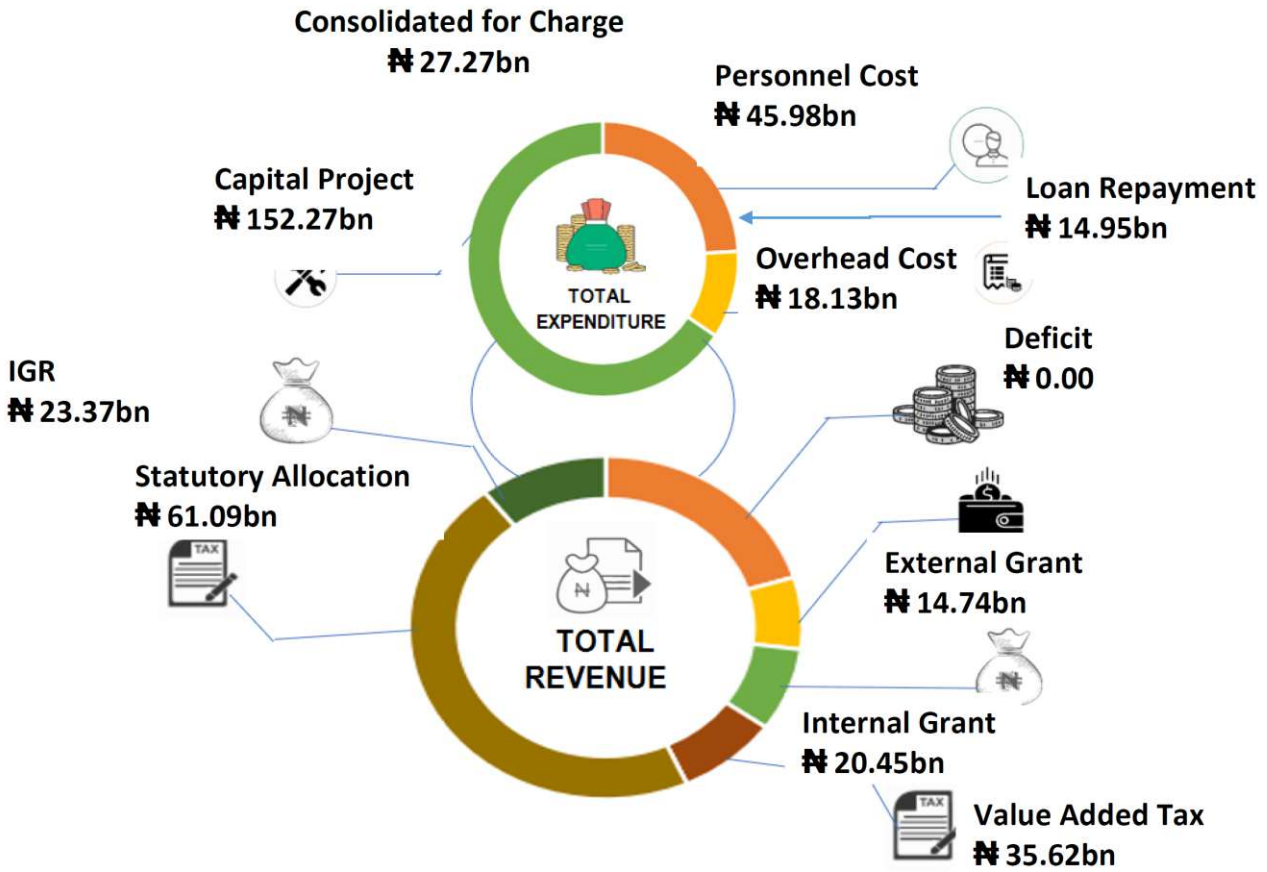
Is money that will be spent on execution of projects like construction of roads, hospitals, schools and provision of water as well as other facilities

37.5%

Recurrent Expenditure

These are payments made on salaries, Overhead Cost, allowances, pension, gratuities etc.

FISCAL FRAMEWORK

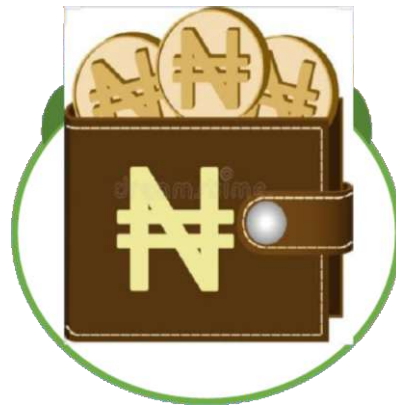


Revenue

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

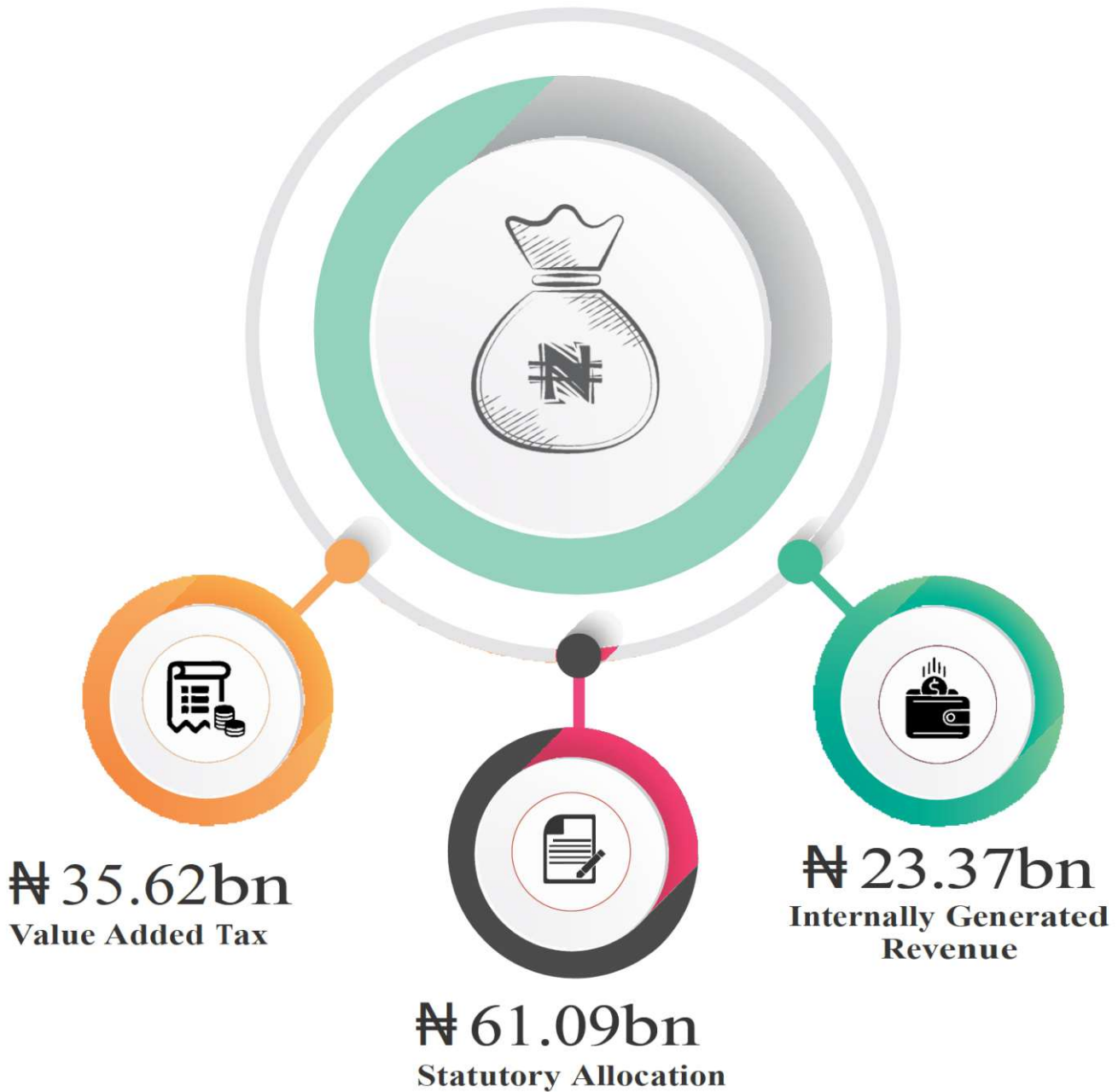
Expenditure

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



WHERE WILL BE THE SOURCE OF FUND?

REVENUE



GRANTS



Internal Grants

₦ 20.45bn



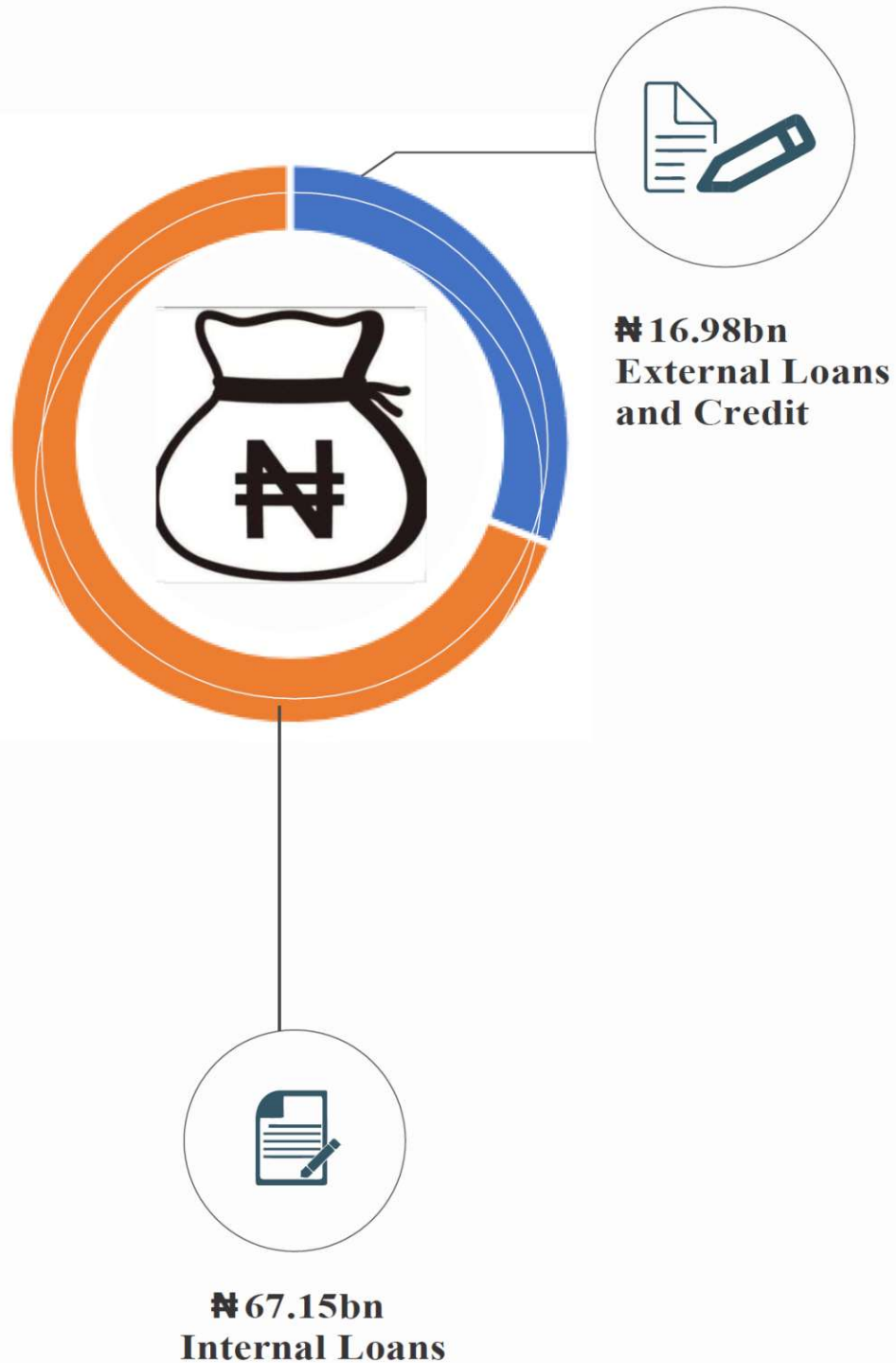
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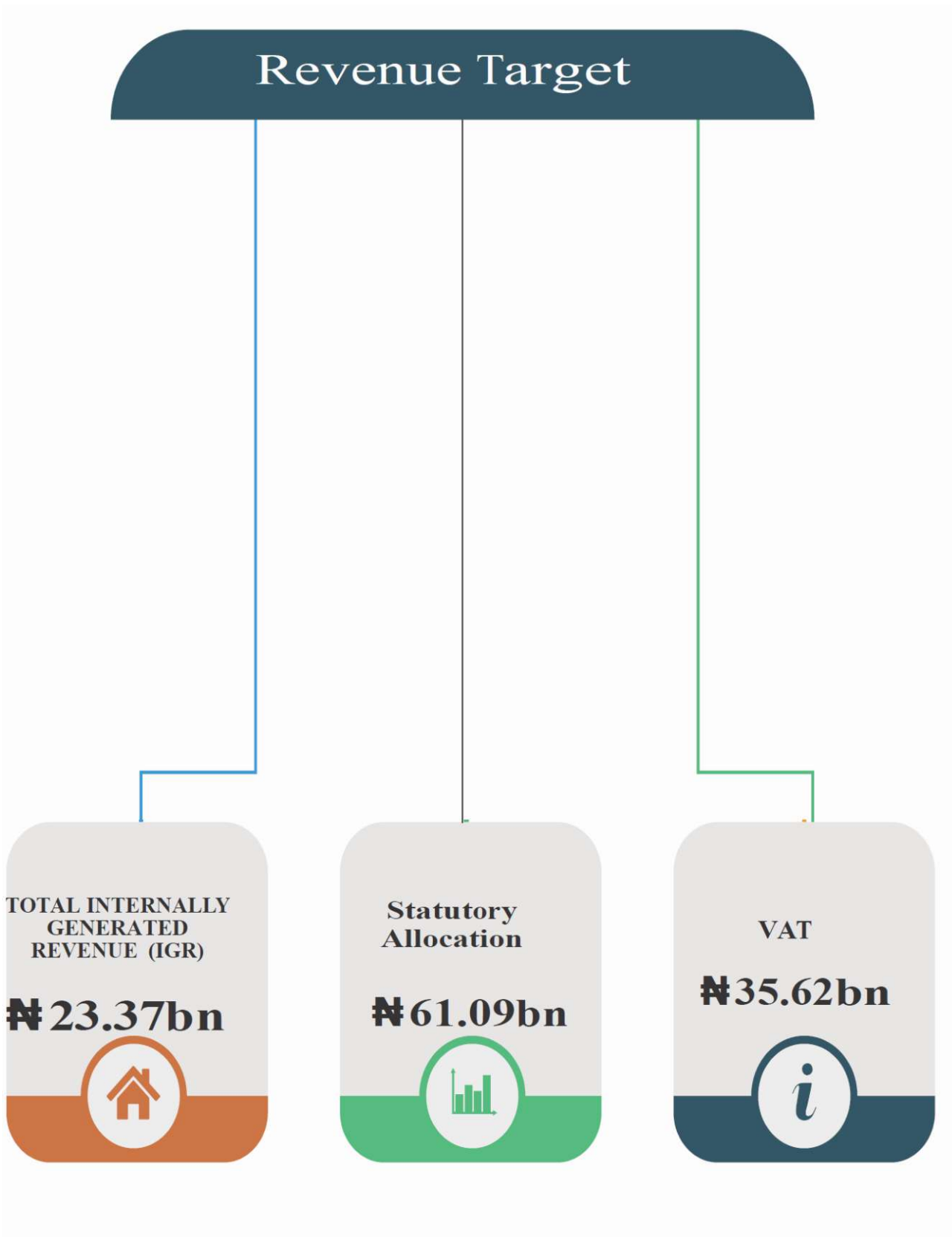
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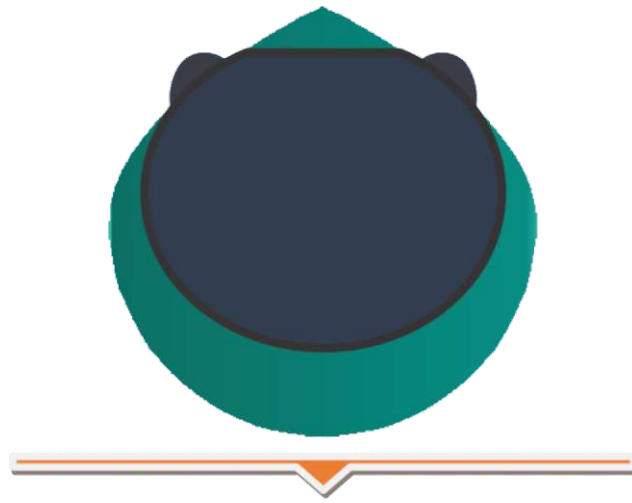
GRANTS

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.

LOANS







SOURCES OF THE LOANS?

INTERNAL LOANS

Total

₦67.15bn

Value Chain Development Programme (VCDP) (₦117.50m)	BOND/LOAN (₦58.22bn)	Family Home (₦3.87bn)	Contractor Financing (₦4.94bn)
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EXTERNAL LOANS

Total

₦16.98bn

₦1.89bn

Nigeria for Women Project

₦0.39m

**Value Chain Development
Programme (VCDP)**

₦4.20bn

**Rural Access and Agricultural
Project (RAAMP)**

₦2.70bn

**Better Education Service Delivery
for All (BESDA)**

₦3.20bn

Nigeria-CARES Project (VCDP)

EXTERNAL GRANTS

Total

₦ 12.58bn



₦ 1.80bn

ATASP

₦ 1.84bn

WHO



₦ 1.56bn

CoPREP (WB)

₦ 5.39bn

ARC-P

₦ 0.86bn

MC

₦ 0.40bn

NSUSP

₦ 0.16bn

NUTRITION

₦ 0.17bn

MSH

₦0.11bn
Health Promotion

₦0.24bn
State Cash Transfer Unit

₦0.15bn
UNDP

₦0.13bn
TLCP

₦0.24bn
SFH/USAID/ICHSSA

₦0.05bn
Smile for Mother

₦0.48bn
SFH

₦0.03bn
CHAI

₦0.17bn
MSH

INTERNAL GRANTS

Total Internal Grant

₦ 20.45bn



₦ 3.47bn

(TETFUND)

₦ 5.22bn

IDB

₦ 1.38bn

UBEC

₦ 1.04bn

BHCPF

₦ 0.21bn

PHCS

₦ 0.50bn

SDGs

₦ 7.85bn

RWSP

₦0.44bn

SIP

₦0.23bn

CCCRN/ACES



HOW WILL THE GOVERNMENT SPEND THE MONEY?

2023 SPENDING PLAN: BREAKDOWN



2023 TOP SECTOR/MINISTERIAL ALLOCATION

₦ 7.77bn

Ministry of Agriculture

₦ 5.19bn

Ministry of Education

₦ 8.41bn

Ministry of Health

₦ 7.70bn

Ministry of Water
Resources

₦ 54.06bn

Ministry of Works

₦ 1.06bn

Ministry of Transport

₦ 2.45bn

Ministry of Women
Affairs

₦ 16.87bn

Niger State Planning
Commission

₦ 1.66bn

Office of the Head of
Service

₦ 5.18bn

Government House

₦ 3.19bn

State Legislature

₦ 6.00bn

Judiciary

₦ 0.42bn

Ministry of Environment
and Forestry

₦ 4.98bn

Ministry of Tertiary
Education

₦ 3.46bn

Ministry of Finance

₦ 934.50m

Ministry of Youth

₦ 7.03bn

SSGs Office

₦ 0.48bn

Ministry of Justice

₦ 2.50bn

Ministry of Livestock
& Fishery Devt.



GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

**BUDGET SPEECH BY ABUBAKAR SANI BELLO,
THE GOVERNOR OF NIGER STATE AND CHAIRMAN,
NORTH CENTRAL GOVERNORS' FORUM, ON THE OCCASION
OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 BUDGET ESTIMATE
AT THE NIGER STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
ON TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 2022.**

PROTOCOLS:

Mr. Speaker;
Honorable Members;
Fellow Nigerlites:

2. I stand before you all today in this hallow chamber of the Niger State House of Assembly to present for the last time the proposed budget estimate for Niger State. It has been seven wonderful years of mixed feelings with triumphs and challenges, but with gratitude to Almighty Allah (SWT) who has continued to grant us wisdom, good health and prudence to sail through till this day. My pleasure knows no bounds, as I present the last Budget Estimates for your considerations and deliberations.
3. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, with due sense of humility, I wish to thank all Nigerlites, who gave us the mandate in 2015 with an overwhelming renewal in 2019 and for having kept an abiding faith in our administration through these years. Amidst the highs and lows of these seven years, the Legislature and the

Judiciary Arms of government have been instrumental to all the laudable achievements we have recorded in the governance process. Similarly, the Traditional and Religious Institutions have been of tremendous support. The Civil Service has continued to live up to expectation of prudent implementation of our policies and programs using our shared vision with unlimited opportunities. The Media, Civil Society Organizations and the Development Partners; I use this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the years.

4. Mr. Speaker, the 2023 budget estimate was painstakingly prepared after due engagements and consultations with the people of Niger State in six different centers across the three Senatorial Districts of the State. In the spirit of inclusion, the Civil Society and Community Based Organizations were engaged for robust contributions. This was

followed by bilateral deliberations with Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government as well as our Development Partners to broaden the inputs. However, let me briefly give an overview of the 2022 fiscal year performance.

2022 Budget in Retrospect

5. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the 2022 fiscal year had a total approved budget by this Honourable House of **N225,148,340,230.30** out of which between January to September 2022 the sum of **N105,219,964,193.26** was realized from various forms of revenues representing **46.73%** performance.
6. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, fellow Nigerlites, you will all agree with me that the scenario above clearly indicates that we need to do more in order to wean ourselves from overdependence on the federation allocations. However, during the 2022 financial year under review, Government concentrated on supporting agriculture through the provision of critical services and supply of inputs to farmers to

improve productivity and increase individual income. We supported farmers in crop production, aquaculture and poultry with fertilizers, seedlings, herbicides, insecticides, extension services and other agricultural infrastructure at the cost of **N454,220,500.00**. We also reactivated the moribund irrigation schemes as well the rehabilitation of rural access roads. In the agricultural value-addition, the Kwakuti Rice Processing Centre was commissioned and linked to off-takers for ease of marketing.

7. Mr. Speaker, based on our impressive performance in the implementation of the just concluded Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP II), the state government has paid N1Billion as counter-part fund requirement for the takeoff of the next phase of the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP) which is expected to attract a drawdown of over **N4Billion** for the rehabilitation and maintenance of rural roads and marketing infrastructure in 2023.
8. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in the Livestock sub-sector, N40 million

was paid as counterpart contribution preparatory to the take-off of Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (Lpres) project in the State. The Project is designed to enhance livestock production and conflict mitigation between farmers and herdsman. Already, activities such as Livestock Profiling and Resource Survey across the State have been conducted to provide baseline data preparatory to its takeoff.

9. Honourable Members, fellow Nigerlites, despite the setbacks as a result of banditry activities in Bobi Grazing Reserve, 300 hectares of pasture plots have been developed and basic facilities provided towards making the reserve viable. Furthermore, in collaboration with Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the development of Sheyi Grazing Reserve is being pursued. This is in addition to training of pastoralists, extension agents, development of 2-hectare pasture, water and chain link fence. These and other several interventions in the livestock sub-sector would go a long way in forestalling farmers and herdsman clashes and also improve livestock productivity in the state.

Infrastructural Development

10. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in

the year under review, we expended over **N9Billion** for the construction and rehabilitation of several roads across the State. The Jubilee Road, Maje Junction to Kwamba and Suleja, Kontagora township roads, 10km Federal Highway towards Tegina road have been completed. Also, Old Alheri and Aliyu Babadoko roads, Lady of Fatima, Yusuf Kolawale and Dattijo Aliyu roads all in Tunga-Minna have been completed too. In addition, the Minna City Gate – Chanchaga Bridge, Garima –Gidan Kwanu, the Ibeto Close, Morris Junction- Fertilizer Company, Piggery and 4 other roads at London Street have all been completed. The Kontagora Master Drain Project Phase 1 has been completed, while work is ongoing on the second phase.

11. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the construction of Bunu –Genu road, Abbaitoir–Unguwan Biri, Former NYSC Secretariat – Masallaci Idi-Unguwan Daji roads, as well as Gogo Mailale road are all at advanced stages of completion. In addition, palliative works were carried out on some roads in Minna Metropolis and Minna-Bida road by Niger State Roads Maintenance Agency (NIGROMA).

12. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members and distinguished guests, Government is desirous of completing all the on-going road projects before the end of our administration. Therefore, I call on contractors to immediately mobilize back to site as the rains have receded.
13. Mr. Speaker, considering the heavy investment in road development, Government is concerned about the safety of our people plying these roads. In this regards, we established the Niger State Road Traffic Management Agency with the provision of necessary equipment for its operations to ensure safety on our roads. Furthermore, to open up the state economy and improve mobility for goods and services, Government is currently working on a partnership arrangement with the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) to operate passenger/freight train service on the Kutuwengi –Minna –Kaduna corridor.

Tourism Development

14. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, leveraging on the tourism potentials in the state for increased revenue,

government has engaged a Lead Consultant to prepare a Master Plan for the development of Gurara Falls into a world class tourism site during the year. Also as part of our efforts to showcase our cultural heritage to the world, UNESCO earlier this year designated Bida as a UNESCO Creative City for Crafts and Folks, the first of its kind in Nigeria.

15. Additionally, during the year, government established Animal Zoo at the Murtala Park in Minna, we have also in collaboration with the World Bank renovated the Dr. Ladi Kwali Pottery Center in Suleja. We have made some deliberate attempts to rebrand the state cultural troupe, GWAPE International for better performance.

Water Supply

16. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, this administration has invested so much in making available portable drinking water across the state. We evived water supply in Minna, Bida, Suleja and Kontagora with complete overhaul of water works in terms of infrastructure, energy, chemicals and operational equipment.
17. The repairs of Bosso water works,

Agai/Katcha Water Projects have all been completed while construction of Zungeru–Wushishi Water Treatment Facilities are ongoing in collaboration with Federal Government under the auspices of the Ministry of Water Resources. The sum of **N6,892,752,659.12** has been expended on various water projects by this Administration from inception.

18. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, we intend to leverage on the support and interventions by our Development Partners and the Federal Government to enhance provision of water and sanitation facilities to the people of the State. In this regard, we have completed the E-WASH Programme where the United States Agency for Development (USAID) supported the State with the sum of US\$9.3 million towards reforms in the water sector, capacity building as well as reticulation and metering in some pilot areas.

Lands and Housing

19. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, as one of the major priorities of the Government and in our bid to provide access to affordable shelter and reducing housing deficit in the state, government is constructing **300**

Housing Units at Maikunkele as part of the Phase 1 of the housing project. Concerted efforts are ongoing for completion of Housing Estates at Bida, Minna and Kontagora for ownership and occupation.

20. Also government is making efforts to maximize the potentials of our proximity to Abuja to generate more revenue through collection of ground rents and other land related revenues. To this end, 70,673 properties across six local government areas of the state have been enumerated/identified for ground rent collection in the first phase of the programme.

Education

21. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, during the year, the education sub-sector suffered a major setback in the state, the sector was bedeviled by security which led to the closure of some of our schools. After a very careful review of the situation, some schools were de-boarded, so that the affected students can continue schooling from home. Despite the challenges of insecurity that drained the state resources, we continued with the Whole School Development Programme where nine Secondary Schools across the State were revamped at the cost of over **N3Billion**. Science equipment were

supplied to eight Schools at the cost of **N138,376,770.00**.

22. Similarly, we have commenced preparations for a total rehabilitation of our Technical and Vocational Schools in the State. These strides are a clear demonstration that we recognize the position of technical and vocational education in driving 21st century development in all sectors. Also, in a bid to reduce hardship and increase access for students writing external examinations, the sum of **N435,000,000.00** was used to settle for WAEC and NECO Examination fees during the year under review.

Health

23. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in our desire to provide efficient and effective healthcare delivery in the state, work is at advanced stages of completion for the re-modelling of Kontagora and Suleja General Hospitals at the cost of **N1,519,184,752.34 and N1,498,933,291.55** respectively, in addition to the upgrading of existing wards in Minna General Hospital, at the total contract sum of **N271,186,775.36**. Government notes with concern the dearth of manpower in the health sector, as a result of retirement /exodus of medical personnel. To address this challenge, the engagement of 400

health new personnel has been approved and employment processes are at advanced stage.

Law and Justice

24. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in pursuit of our commitment to improving the administration of justice in the State, the Government completed and furnished two High Courts in Kontagora, furnished the Administrative Building of Sharia Court of Appeal and procured and renovated Sharia Court buildings at Kpakungu, Sabon Titi and Upper Sharia Court all in Minna; while the construction of Attorney General's Office in Kontagora is on-going. In the coming financial year, government will address the deplorable conditions of court buildings and provide necessary facilities for effective dispensation of justice.

General Administration

25. Mr. Speaker, in the Administrative Sector, efforts were geared towards the provision of conducive environment for smooth running of Government machinery to ensure efficiency, coordination for sustainable development using our shared vision and unlimited resources. To this end, the renovation/construction of Governor's Main Lodge in Minna and Abuja have been completed, while

the construction of a new Deputy Governor's Office is at advanced stage of completion.

26. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Insecurity in 21st century has taken different dimensions; from terrorism, banditry, kidnapping to gang related crimes and so on. You will therefore agree with me that fighting and tackling these challenges should equally take a more sophisticated dimension which has been a major pre-occupation in the out-going year. So far, **N3Billion** was expended to provide some modern equipment, vehicles and logistics support to all security outfits in the State. For prompt response, efficiency and effective coordination of security matters as well as humanitarian crises usually occasioned by insecurity, the Ministry of Internal Security and Humanitarian Affairs has been created by this administration.

THE 2023 BUDGET

27. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members; the 2023 Budget is aimed at completion of projects at advanced stages, increase internal revenue generation, maximization of our potentials and encouragement of private sector participation in the development of the State. To this end, the budget will focus on:

- Security

- Agriculture
- Infrastructural Development
- Education
- Health
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Investment Promotion
- Environmental Sustainability
- Women, Youth and People with Special Needs

28. The 2023 Budget Proposals are anchored on resource projections to be financed through the traditional sources of:

- i. Statutory Allocation (including Excess Crude/Other Revenue)
- ii. Value Added Tax (VAT)
- iii. Internally Generated Revenue (IGR)
- iv. Capital Receipts (Loans, Grants)

29. The total proposed 2023 budget size is **N238,924,457,782.47** to be financed from the following sources:

- I. Statutory Allocation
= **N 6 1 , 0 9 4 , 7 3 7 , 0 9 7 . 0 0**
representing **25.57%**
- ii. Value Added Tax (VAT)
= **N35,616,260,802.00**
or **14.90%**
- iii. Internally Generated Revenue (IGR)
= **N22,519,483,986.00** or **9.43%**
- iv. Excess Crude/Other Revenue
= **N4,257,726,144** or **1.78%**
- v. Capital Receipts
= **N115,436,249,753.47**
or **48.30%**

Total = N238,924,457,782.47

30. Consequently, the Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members; the 2023 Proposed Budget stands at **N238,924,457,782.47** which is higher than the 2022 Budget of **N225,148,340,230.30** by **2.96%**. The 2023 Budget Proposal is made-up **N91,044,745,351.31** or **38.11%** of the expected total revenue as recurrent expenditure, while **N147,879,712,431.16** representing **61.89%** is proposed for capital expenditure.

Recurrent Expenditure Estimates

31. The total sum of **N91,044,745,351.31** or **38.11%** has been proposed as recurrent expenditure for 2023 financial year. This represents an increase of **N2,550,745,489.21** or **1.42%**, higher than the 2022 Budget of **N88,493,999,862.10**, as a result of envisage employment. The breakdown of 2023 recurrent estimates is as follows;
- I. Personnel Cost
= **N44,850,294,637.00**
or **49.26%** of the proposed recurrent estimate
 - ii. Leave Grant
= **N1,131,367,685.91** or **1.24%**
 - iii. Over Head Cost
= **N17,795,478,477.00**
or **19.55%**
 - iv. Consolidated Revenue Fund Charges

=N15,952,913,943.40
or **17.52%**

- v. Debt Service
= **N11,314,690,608.06** .
or **12.43%**
Total = **N91,044,745,351.31**

Capital Expenditure Estimates

32. The 2023 financial year estimates of **N147,879,712,431.16**, which represents **61.89%** of the proposed budget is be financed through recurrent surplus of **N32,443,462,677.69** and Capital Receipts of **N115,436,249,753.47**. This is **3.94%** higher than the 2022 Budget of **N136,654,340,368.78**

The proposed 2023 sectoral allocations are as follows:

- I. Administrative Sector
= **N9,326,537,182.51**
or **6.30%** of capital allocation
- ii. Economic Sector
= **N98,786,069,351.92**
or **66.80%**
- iii. Law and Justice Sector
= **N1,325,000,000.00**
representing 0.90%
- iv. Social Sector
= **N38,442,105,896.73**
or **26.00%**
Total = **N147,879,712,431.16**

Highlights of Capital Expenditure

Economic Sector

33. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, recent global and domestic events have further revealed why we need

to review our sources of IGR as we look inward to grow the state economy, by paying more attention infrastructural development to attract private sector investment for an enhanced earnings. Therefore, the Economic Sector in the 2023 budget proposal has the major percentage of our capital expenditure in the tune of N99,383,296,340.56 representing 67.21% of the total capital expenditure.

Agriculture and Rural Development Sub-Sector.

34. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Agriculture as the major occupation our teaming population and the backbone of the state as well as the nation's economy will continue to be encouraged. In view of our abundant land resources, this Administration will continue to support our farmers to boost agricultural productivity. The Agriculture and Rural Development Sub-Sector is earmarked the sum of **N3,656,901,788.78**
35. Mr. Speaker, specifically, the sum of **N100 Million** has been earmarked for the purchase of women and youth friendly equipment. Also, Government will continue to sustain the collaboration on commodity value chain development with focus on rice and sorghum. In line with the Memorandum of Understanding

(MoU) signed with the Zungeru Fertilizer Company, 30% of Fertilizer produced by the company will be purchased by the State Government and effective strategies of distribution will be put in place to ensure that the products get to genuine farmers. In the area of rural access roads, arrangements have been completed for the commencement of rehabilitation of 203km and maintenance of 233km through the Niger State Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project across the State.

Livestock:

36. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in 2023, we will intensify efforts to complete the Bobi Grazing Reserve and revamp other Grazing Reserves. We will also undertake the Statewide Vaccination and Livestock Disease Control. Efforts will be will be strengthened for the take-off and continuation of various interventions in livestock sub-sector such as the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (Lpres) Project. The sum of N100,000,000.00 is earmarked for the construction of Modern Abattoir at Tayi Village, in addition to the construction of Cow shades at the Ultra-Modern Kure Market and improvement of facilities at Livestock Improvement and Breeding Centre (LIBC) Tagwai. The sum of **N1,800,000,000.00** has been

proposed for Livestock sub-sector in 2023.

Tourism Development

37. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Tourism has been identified as a potential source of revenue to the State. We continue to solicit the support of appropriate Federal Government Agencies and Private Investors to develop our tourists' potentials. To this end, Government will undertake the development of Tourism and Culture Policy for the State and review the Law establishing the Niger State Tourism Corporation. Similarly, re-classification of Hotels and revitalization of U.K Bello Arts Theater will be undertaken as means of boosting hospitality and generating revenue for Government. We have equally concluded plans, to develop sustainable and harmonious cities around the FCT to develop the Gurara Water Falls, Suleja Smart City and Zuma Investment and Cultural City through the private sector.

Mineral Resources

38. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in furtherance of the efforts at diversifying our sources of revenue, in 2023 attention will be given to the mineral resources sector with provision of conducive environment so as to promote exploration, exploitation, processing and marketing of mineral products in the

State. In this regard, a Mineral Buying Centre is to be established to coordinate marketing of mineral products, centralizing revenue and employment generation. The State Government has taken up a 10% stake in OMEGA BUTLER Limited for the development of a marginal oil field in the Niger Delta. Furthermore, the State is not relenting in its drive towards the developing the Hydrocarbon deposit in the Bida-Basin through its Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Midland Petro-Gas limited.

Roads Development

39. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Administration is convinced that good road network is indispensable for the state to attract investments and for socio-economic advancement of the people. This explains why we embarked on the construction and rehabilitation of numerous road projects that are at various stages of completion across the State. Our approach in 2023 fiscal year will be to prioritize the completion those projects that have attained 80-90% completion while pursuing other that are already initiated to a logical conclusion. At this point, I wish to reiterate my call to contractors to resume back to their respective sites immediately. Therefore, the sum of **N53,541,044,240.59** has been

proposed for roads development in 2023 fiscal year.

40. Mr. Speaker, arrangements have reached advanced stage for the commencement of the remaining two sections of the dualization project for Minna –Kataergi –Bida Road. To this end, necessary arrangements leading to the take-off of the project are being put in place in conjunction with our partners: The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and Abu Dhabi Fund for Development; ADFD. Together with these institutions Niger State is developing a dual carriageway that is laced with world class facilities in terms of road safety, security and emergency response. The sum of **N28Billion** is provided as drawdown from our partners.

Social Sector

41. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the social sector is to receive the second highest allocation of the sum of **N38,070,100,850.05** or **31.10%** of the proposed capital expenditure. This is in line with the commitment of the Government to improve the living standard of people through the provision of education, healthcare and social welfare services.

Education

42. Mr. Speaker, education as a major social development sub- sector will continue to receive our prompt

attention. Government will provide the necessary facilities for our educational institutions; that include the completion of on-going Whole School Development projects, upgrading of Vocational Training Centers, support to tertiary institutions to meet accreditation requirements, supply of science equipment to schools and payment of bursary allowance/award to students. The sum of **N22,585,841,279.57** has been proposed for the educational sector for the year 2023.

43. Mr. Speaker, distinguished guest, on health services, the upgrading of the following Primary Health Care Centres to Rural Hospitals will be undertaken: Katcha, Enagi, Munya and Agwara at cost of **N200million**, in addition to renovation of 10No Primary Health Care Facilities. Furthermore, the sum of **N5,737,500,000.00** has been earmarked for continuation of re-modelling and up-grading of General Hospitals Minna, Suleja, Kontagora and Tunga Magajiya. Renovation and provisions of facilities to health tertiary institutions and upgrading of Responds Laboratories will be accorded priority. The issue of manpower shortage in the sector will be address with the engagement of new health workers. The sector has a combined

proposed allocation of
N17,459,277,797.62

Law and Justice

44. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in recognition of the pivotal role of the judiciary in the administration and dispensation of justice, the sector has a propose allocation of **N1,325,000,000.00** for renovation of High Courts, Magistrate, Upper Area and Area Courts throughout the State. New Magistrates Courts will be established at Ibbi, Bangi, Tufa Madalla, Baro and Danchitagi. As the third Arm of the Government, efforts will be made to see that the judiciary gets necessary facilities for the execution of its enormous tasks.

Administrative Sector

45. Mr. Speaker, the Public Service is the bed-rock any administration. The Government is committed to improving the morale and enhance the civil service for better service delivery. The sum of **=N9,101,315,240.55** or **6.15%** has been earmarked for the sector in 2023 to among other things: complete the renovation of Abdulkareem Lafene Secretariat Complex and embark on the renovation of Old Secretariat; install solar powered Light in government offices. Efforts will be intensified at improving the quality of Staff for efficiency through training and re-

training.

Conclusion

46. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the budget placed before you is designed to consolidate our past achievement in moving the State forward. I call on the in-coming administration to seriously explore the abundant opportunities available in agriculture, tourism and mineral resources to boost our internal revenue.

47. Mr. Speaker, finally, I would like once more to place on record my sincere appreciation for the co-operation you have been giving me in our collective efforts to improve the quality of life of our people. Similarly, I wish to thank all Nigerlites for their support and understanding. It is on this note that I hereby lay before this Honorable House the **"2023 Budget of Consolidation and Transition"** in the total sum of **N238,924,457,782.47** for your deliberations and passage.

I thank you all and God bless.



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