

**NIGER STATE JUDICIARY
JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON SMALL CLAIMS COURTS
MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT (Q4 – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023).**

Submitted by:

Secretary, Judicial Committee on Small Claims Courts,
Office of the Deputy Chief Registrar (Research & Planning),
Date of Submission: 30th December, 2023.

I. COURT: MAGISTRATE COURT 3, BIDA JUDICIAL DIVISION

Presiding Magistrate: H/W Ibrahim A. Aliyu

A. Assigned Cases:

S/N	Suit No.	Parties	Nature of Claim	Amount Claimed	Filing Date	Date Disposed	Outcome
1	NS/BID/SC/23/011	Ibrahim Musa v. Mr Ike Building Materials	Recovery of unpaid balance for construction materials	₦1,750,000	4/10/2023	18/10/2023	Judgment for claimant
2	NS/BID/SC/23/015	Amina Bello v. Musa Yusuf	Refund of annual rent for uninhabitable premises	₦450,000	16/10/2023	1/11/2023	Consent judgment
3	NS/BID/SC/23/019	Salihu Ibrahim v. Green Transport Ltd	Compensation for damaged goods in intercity haulage	₦675,000	24/11/2023	12/12/2023	Judgment for claimant

B. Summary:

Total cases filed: 3

Cases disposed: 3

Pending cases: 0

Average time to disposition: 16 days

Remarks: The Court ensured expedited pre-trial review. Amicable resolution facilitated in Case 2. Full compliance with Practice Direction timelines.

II. COURT: DISTRICT COURT 2, KONTAGORA JUDICIAL DIVISION

Presiding Magistrate: H/W Fatima Zakari.

A. Assigned Cases:

S/N	Suit No.	Parties	Nature of Claim	Amount Claimed	Filing Date	Date Disposed	Outcome
1	NS/KON/SC/23/014	Aisha Salihu v. Hannatu Musa	Recovery of unpaid proceeds from grain sales	₦650,000	8/10/2023	24/11/2023	Consent judgment
2	NS/KON/SC/23/017	Auwalu Umar v. Yakubu Bello	Recovery of loan (without interest)	₦560,000	21/10/2023	7/11/2023	Judgment for claimant
3	NS/KON/SC/23/020	Nafisa Garba v. Tanko Bala Boutique	Refund for bulk supply of defective fabrics	₦1,120,000	5/10/2023	20/11/2023	Judgment for claimant

B. Summary:

Total cases filed: 3

Cases disposed: 3

Pending cases: 0

Average time to disposition: 37 days

Remarks: All suits fell well within monetary limits. Although Case 1 was extended (it took 47 days due to negotiations), it was still resolved within acceptable timelines. Case 1 was resolved via court-assisted negotiation; records filed and certified judgments submitted to the Secretariat.

III. COURT: DISTRICT COURT 2, LAPAI JUDICIAL DIVISION

Presiding Magistrate: H/W Zainab G. Dangana

A. Assigned Cases:

S/N	Suit No.	Parties	Nature of Claim	Amount Claimed	Filing Date	Date Disposed	Outcome
1	NS/LAP/SC/23/006	Musa Lawal v. Rafin Furniture Works	Refund for defective furniture supply	₦850,000	10/10/2023	25/10/2023	Judgment for claimant
2	NS/LAP/SC/23/009	Hamza Isah v. Sunday Motors	Compensation for non-delivery of vehicle parts	₦1,250,000	18/10/2023	7/11/2023	Consent judgment
3	NS/LAP/SC/23/013	Danladi Yusuf v. Bashir General Stores	Recovery of unpaid balance for provisions	₦1,400,000	2/11/2023	20/12/2023	Judgment for claimant

B. Summary:

Total cases filed: 3

Cases disposed: 3

Pending cases: 0

Average time to disposition: 28 days

Remarks:

All suits were within the statutory monetary ceiling for Small Claims proceedings. Case 2 was resolved through court-supervised negotiation. The court complied with all case tracking, reporting, and judgment certification standards. Judgments and cause lists were filed with the Judicial Committee Secretariat within the prescribed timeframe.

III. COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING FORMAT AND TIMELINES

All the courts submitted quarterly returns on time using the approved reporting template.

Certified copies of judgments, cause lists, and court records were included.

Performance submissions received by the Committee Secretariat on 3rd December 2023.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

Ongoing support for designated Small Claims Court registries, including allocation of trained clerical staff.

Periodic review of performance data for backlog prevention.

Consideration for judicial performance incentives linked to timely Small Claims resolution.

Submitted to:

The Hon. Chief Judge of Niger State,

By the Secretary, Judicial Committee on Small Claims Courts

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