

# OUR COMMITMENT FOR KANO

2023 and Beyond



The Blueprint to Create a Prosperous Kano  
by the NNPP Gubernatorial Candidate

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# Acronyms

<b>ASC</b>	Annual School Census
<b>CRC</b>	Community Reorientation Committee
<b>FCFA</b>	Fellow Certified Financial Analyst
<b>FCIM</b>	Fellow Certified Institute of Management
<b>IBB</b>	Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida
<b>KARMA</b>	Kano Roads Maintenance Agency
<b>KAROTA</b>	Kano Road Traffic Agency
<b>KASCO</b>	Kano Agricultural Supply Company
<b>MBA</b>	Master of Business Administration
<b>MICS</b>	Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys
<b>MNCH2</b>	Maternal, Newborn & Child Health Programme
<b>NAMA</b>	Nigerian Airspace Management Agency
<b>NAMES</b>	National Association of Mechanical Engineering Students
<b>NANS</b>	National Association of Nigerian Students
<b>NBS</b>	National Bureau of Statistics
<b>NIEPA</b>	National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration
<b>NNPP</b>	New Nigeria People's Party
<b>NUJ</b>	National Union of Journalism
<b>OOSC</b>	Out-of-School Children
<b>PPS</b>	Principal Private Secretary
<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>TDPs</b>	Teacher Professional Development Programmes
<b>UBEC</b>	Universal Basic Education Commission
<b>WRECA</b>	Water Resources Engineering Construction Agency

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 About the State

Kano is a state in northwestern Nigeria, created on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1967 from the Kano province. The state has a current estimated population of over 20 million people.

The state consists of wooded savanna in the south and scrub vegetation in the north and is drained by the Kano-Chalawa-Hadejia river system. The state's light sandy soils are excellent for growing groundnuts, cotton, onions, indigo, wheat, millet, sorghum, beans, cowpeas and maize as cash crops for export and local processing. The state is known for grazing cattle, horses, goats and sheep, while their byproducts (hides and skins) are exported.

The state capital is a commercial nerve centre of the north and used to be a manufacturing centre producing foods and beverages, textiles and furniture. Most of the state's inhabitants are Hausa or Fulani, but there are also Nigerians from all other parts of the country, Arab, Asian and European traders.

## 1.2 Current Status

### 1.2.1 Geography

Kano has 3 geo-political zones, 44 local governments, 484 wards and 11,222 polling units. It has an estimated population of over 20 million. The principal inhabitants of the state are the Hausa/Fulani people.

<b>Borders</b>	Bauchi, Jigawa, Kaduna, Katsina
<b>Area</b>	20,131 KM square kilometer
<b>Size rank</b>	20th



**Map of Kano State**

## **1.2.2 Health**

### **Maternal Mortality**

Maternal mortality or maternal death is the death of a woman during pregnancy, childbirth or within two months after delivery or termination of pregnancy per 100,000 births. The international community through SDGs has

pledged to reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births. According to the Human Development Index published by the NBS in 2018, the maternal mortality rate in Nigeria in 2016 was 567.5 per 100,000 live births. As of 2016, Kano has a maternal mortality rate of about 365 when Borno State was having the highest maternal mortality rate at 2,374.8 deaths per 100,000 live births. Currently, the maternal mortality in Kano is 1,025 deaths per 100,000 live births (Premium Times, July 22, 2022).

## Child Mortality

The current child mortality rate in Kano State is 67 per 1,000 live births (MICS, 2021).

## Life Expectancy



Life Expectancy:	47 Yrs
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*Source: NBS, 2019.*

## Delivery Care



Delivery by Health Professionals:	5.1%
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Facility-based Delivery Rates:	6.7%
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Assistance by Medical Doctors During Delivery:	3.8%
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*Source: MNCH2, Retrieved Nov. 10, 2022. MICS, 2021.*



### 1.2.3 Education

#### School-related Reasons for Children's Inability to Attend Class

Percentage of children who in the last year could not attend class due to absence of a teacher or school closure
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79%
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#### Out-of-School Children (OOSC)

Percentage of children out of school
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32%
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*Source: MICS, 2021. ASC, 2019-2020.*

#### Classes



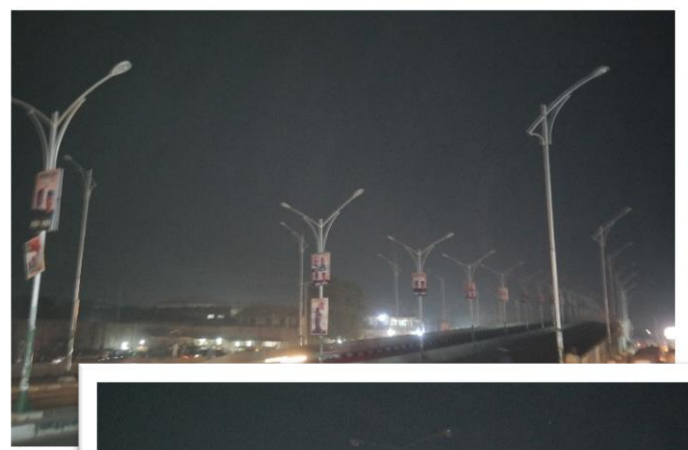
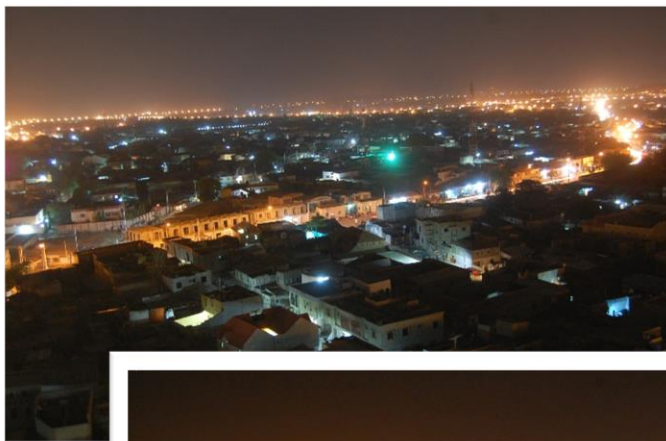
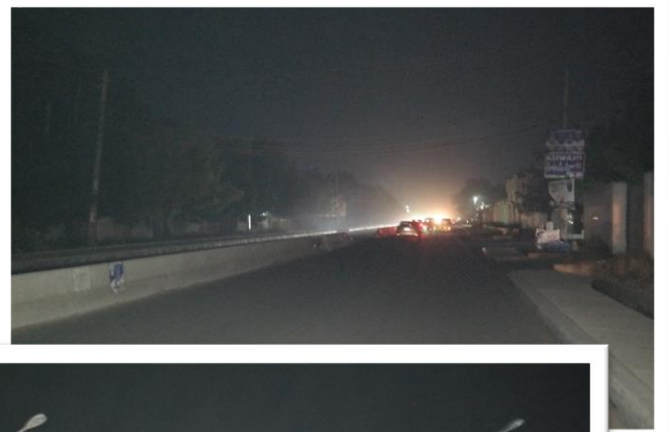
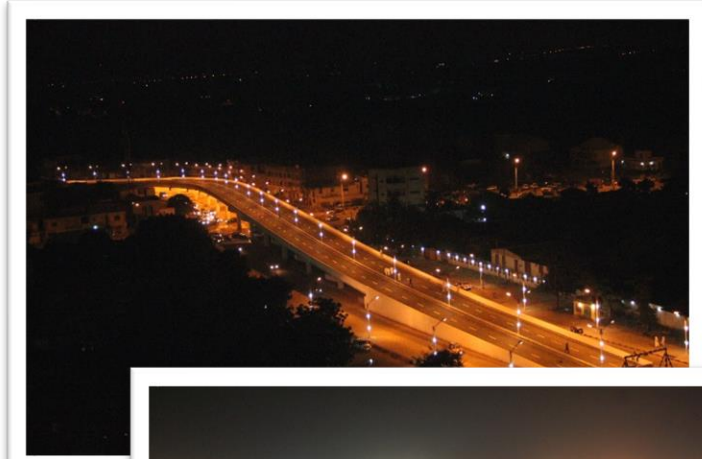
Condition of Schools and Classes During Kwankwaso's Administration

Current Condition of Schools and Classes in the State



## 1.2.4 Infrastructure

### Functioning Street Lights



Some Selected Locations in Kano at Night  
Friday, 25 April, 2014

Some Selected Locations in Kano at Night  
Thursday, 1 December, 2022



## Roads



Neglected Roads in Kano State under the Current Administration

In-set: The then Commissioner for Works During Kwankwaso's Administration ensuring Quality of Roads in the State

## 1.3 Why Abba?

### 1.3.1 Biography

Abba Kabir Yusuf was born to the family of Malam Kabiru Yusuf and Malama Khadijatul-Naja'atu in Gaya Local Government Area of Kano State on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1963. Abubakar (nicknamed Abba, which became his official name) started his Islamic education at an early age under the guidance of his late grandfather, Danmakwayon Kano, Alhaji Yusuf Bashari who was the then District Head of Gaya.

He attended Sumaila primary school between 1968 and 1975. He then proceeded to Government Secondary School Dawakin Tofa and later moved to Government Secondary school Lautai in Gumel where he completed his secondary education in 1980.

Young Abba gained admission into the Federal Polytechnic Mubi in the defunct Gongola state, where he bagged his National Diploma (ND) in Civil Engineering in 1985 and later obtained a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Civil Engineering with a specialization in Water Resources/Environmental Engineering in 1989 at the famous Kaduna Polytechnic. He served the mandatory one-year National Youth Service at Kaduna Environmental Protection Agency (KEPA) from 1989 to 1990.

His quest for knowledge pushed him to pursue higher certificates. Abba obtained a postgraduate diploma in management and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the prestigious Bayero University Kano.

The candidate is happily married to two wives with children and grandchildren. Abba is a lover of nature and books.

### 1.3.2 Leadership Experience

His Excellency Abba K. Yusuf began his career with the Kano State Water Resources Engineering and Construction Agency (WRECA), Kano State Water Board and later the Ministry of Water Resources where he held various positions of leadership. He also held some political appointments as:

- Assistant Secretary, Amalgamated Union of Public Corporation, Civil Service, Technical and Recreational Employees, Kano State, 1996–1998.
- In 2003, he was appointed as the Deputy Director of Mobilization for Youths, Women and Students Movement by the PDP Presidential Campaign.

He was appointed as Personal Assistant to the then Kano State Executive Governor, Engr. Dr. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso and later Special Assistant (Administration) between 1999 – 2003. When Kwankwaso was appointed as the Minister of Defence, Abba was appointed as the Personal Assistant to the Honourable Minister of Defence from 2003 to 2006. He became Publicity Secretary of the Forum of Personal Assistants to the Honourable Ministers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 2004 to 2006.

Abba later became the Special Assistant to the Special Adviser to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on Darfur/Somalia until 2007. He was the Ex-Officio I of the Kano State PDP Executive Council in 2009.

Alh. Yusuf was appointed by the late President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alh. Umaru Musa Yar'adua, as the chairman, Governing Board of the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), Ondo State from 2009 to 2011.

In 2011, when Engr. Dr. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso won the election as the Governor of Kano State for the second time, His Excellency, Abba K. Yusuf was appointed as the First Principal Private Secretary (PPS) to the governor, and subsequently appointed as the Honorable Commissioner of Works, Housing and Transport.

### **1.3.3 Achievements**

The staff and community members of NIEPA have greatly benefited from Abba's visionary and selfless leadership while he was the chairman.

The following milestones and achievements were recorded by the institute:

- 1 | Ensured the passage of the first and second readings of the enabling law by the senate to give legal backing to the institute which has been dormant since 1992.

- 2 | Initiated various developmental projects for the institute such as the Construction of a Modern office/lodge complex, sporting facilities etc.
- 3 | Provision of a befitting liaison office in Abuja, thereby bringing the institute closer to the Federal Capital.
- 4 | Restoration of sanity and peace from the lingering crisis within the institute for years.
- 5 | Decentralization of the management by employing additional staff into the institute.
- 6 | Ensuring full Training for educationists and planners within and outside the country.

While he was the Commissioner of Works, Housing and Transport, Kano State recorded unprecedented infrastructural development various projects were executed between 2011 and 2015. They include;

- 1 | Construction of 3 Multi-billion Naira modern flyovers within Kano metropolis:
  - Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso Flyover at Kofar Nasarawa.
  - Chief Olusegun Obasanjo Flyover along Ibrahim Taiwo Road.
  - 2-KM Murtala Mohammed Way Flyover.



**The first-ever flyover in Kano State at Kofar Nasarawa constructed under the full supervision of the then Commissioner of Works, Housing and Transport, His Excellency, Abba K. Yusuf**



**Kofar Nasarawa Flyover**



**Second flyover at Ibrahim Taiwo Road constructed under the supervision of Abba K. Yusuf, named after President Olusegun Obasanjo**



**2-KM Murtala Muhammad Way Flyover initiated and constructed to 35% completion level under the supervision of Abba K. Yusuf**





- 2 | Construction of 2 Multi-billion Naira Underpass Roads at Kofar Gadon Kaya and Kofar Kabuga within the metropolis.



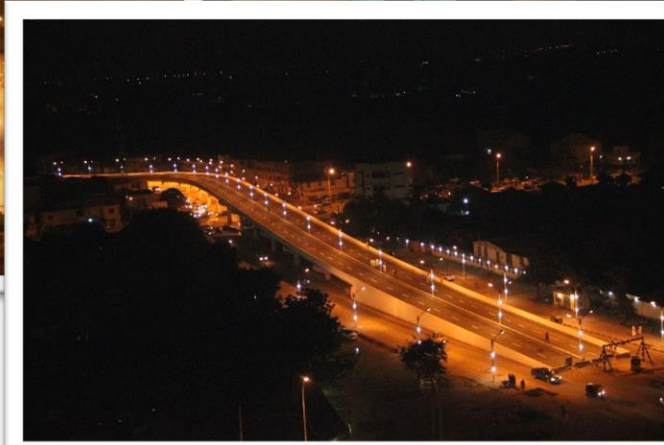
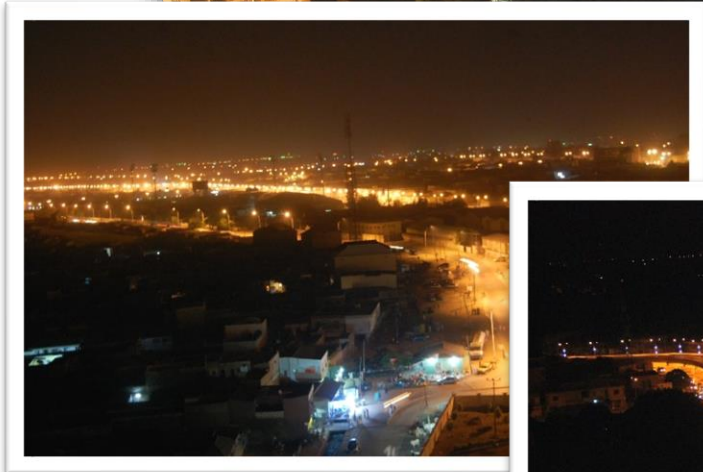
Second underpass at Kofar Kabuga



Second underpass at Kofar Kabuga

The first-ever underpass and overhead bridge constructed at Gadon Kaya.

- 3 | Conversion and construction of Multi-billion Naira covered Sewage Conduit/Road along Jakara-Gogau River, popularly known as Wuju Wuju.
- 4 | Provision, Rehabilitation and Installation of Streetlights along over 114 Metropolitan Roads and Local Government Roads across Kano State.



Arial View of Some Selected Locations in Kano at Night

- 5 | Provision and Installation of Modern Traffic Lights along major Road Junctions in the State.
- 6 | Construction of a Multi-billion Naira Independent Hydro Power Electricity plant at both Challawa Gorge and Tiga Dams within the state.





Independent Hydro Power Electricity plant at Tiga and Challawa Gorge

- 7 | Expansion/Construction (to 3 lanes) of major entrance Roads within Kano Metropolis e.g. – Zaria, Hadeja, Dakata Roads and Sharada Junction–Madobi Bridge Road, etc.
- 8 | Construction of 5km Dual Carriage Roads with streetlights in all the 44 Local Government Councils of the State.
- 9 | Reconstruction of over 80 Metropolitan Roads.
- 10 | Construction of 3 New Multi-billion Naira Cities of Kwankwasiyya, Amana and Bandirawo all provided with necessary infrastructure such as Roads, water supply, lights, recreational facilities, hospitals, schools, worship areas, shopping malls etc.



Kwankwasiyya, Amana and Bandirawo Housing Estates

- 11 | Construction of the Permanent sites of the newly established 22 Entrepreneurial Institutes across the state including the Sports Institute at Karfi, Informative Institute at Kura, College of Nursing at Madobi, Post Midwifery College at Gezawa, Journalism Institute, ARTV, Entrepreneurship Institute at Dawankin Tofa, Fisheries Institute at Bagauda, Animal Husbandry Institute at Bagauda, Horticulture and Poultry Institute at Tukwi, Reformatory Institute at Kiru, etc.



Informatics Institute, Kura



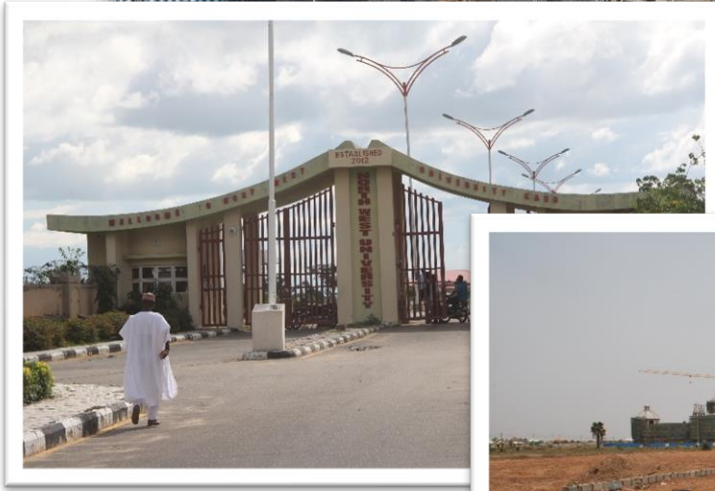
Sports Institute, Karfi



Informatics Institute, Kura

- 12 | Construction of 44 Technical Schools across the state.
- 13 | Construction of 44 Schools of Islamic Studies across the state.
- 14 | Construction of 44 garment industries across the state.
- 15 | Construction of Multi-billion Naira Sports Complex at former NAMA site, K/Na'isa.
- 16 | Establishment and construction of the Multi-billion Naira Permanent Site of the Northwest University Kano: construction of 2 facilities, staff housing estate, senate building complex, hostels, cafeteria, internal road network with streetlights, perimeter wall fence/gates etc.





Northwest University Kano, Main Gate



Northwest University Kano Under Construction

- 17 | Construction of overhead pedestrian bridges across various roads.
- 18 | Construction of security gates at strategic locations along major roads leading to the state capital such as Zaria Road (Karfi), Dambatta Road and Na'ibawa.
- 19 | Construction of a new Challawa Bridge across River Challawa/road into Panshekara town.
- 20 | Conversion/completion of the Magwan Water Restaurant 13-Storey Building into First Ladies Girls College.



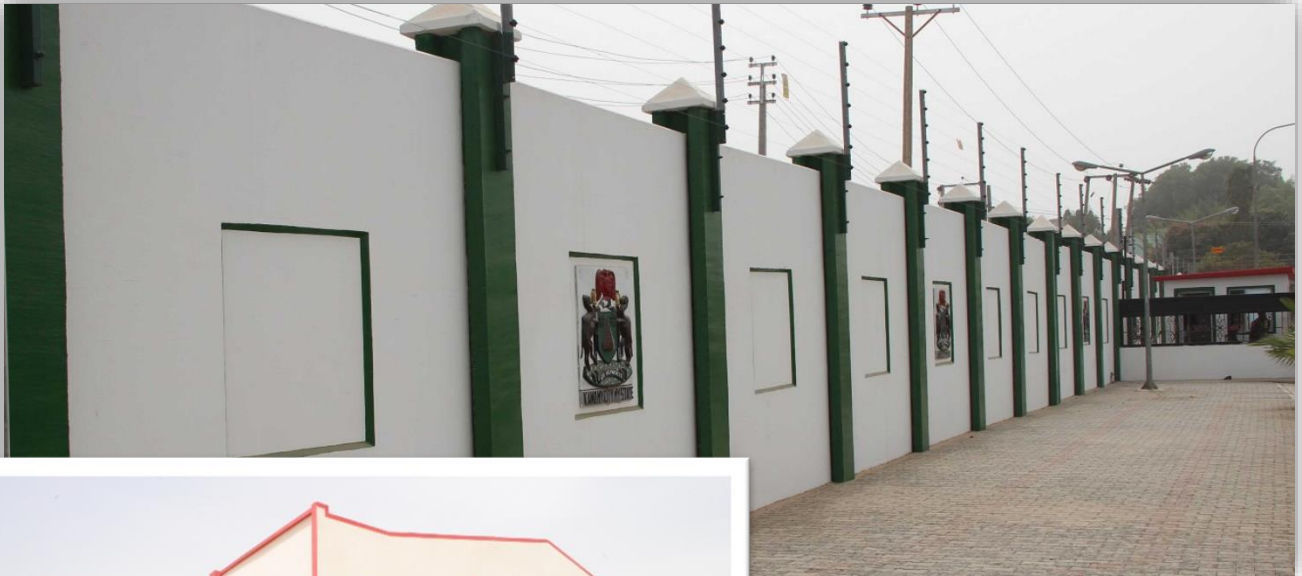


Ladies Girls College Building



Commissioning of First Ladies Girls College

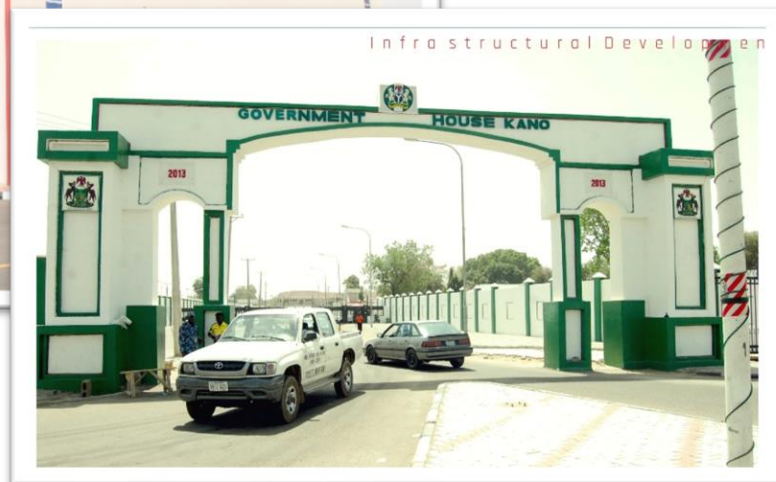
- 21 | Construction/relocation of the former Wudil Technical College to the former WRECA workshop at Tiga town.
- 22 | General reconstruction/rehabilitation of the Government House, including new wall fence, gates, road network, new deputy governor's office complex, new 1500 capacity Coronation Hall, etc.



New perimeter wall fence reconstructed in 2013 under the supervision of Abba K. Yusuf.



Coronation Hall within the Government House



Main Government House gate constructed in 2013

- 23 | Establishment of Kano State Roads Maintenance Agency (KARMA).
- 24 | Resuscitation of Kano State Asphalt and Quarry Company.
- 25 | Establishment of Kano Road Traffic Agency (KAROTA).



Kano Road Traffic Agency (KAROTA)

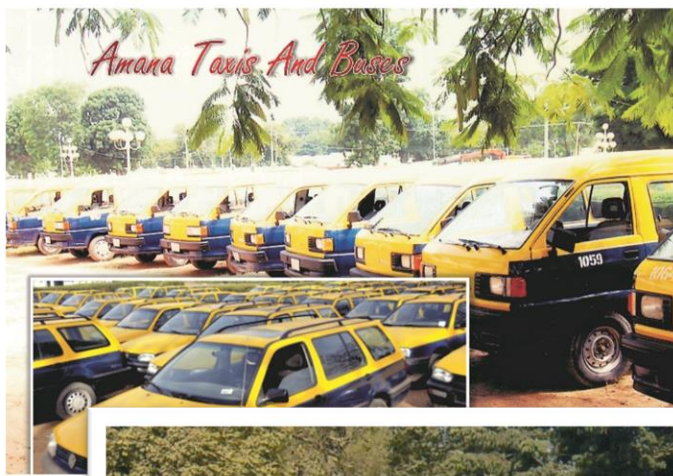
26 | Establishment of Kano Corporate Security Institute.

27 | Establishment of 22 Entrepreneurship Institutes.

28 | Establishment of Youths Empowerment Scheme:

- ✦ Purchase and distribution of 1,500 Amana Taxes and Buses to unemployed Youths.
- ✦ Purchase and distribution of over 250 New Luxury Toyota Corolla Cars for unemployed graduate youths.





Amana Buses

29 | And many other gigantic projects executed.

Alh. Abba K. Yusuf later contested the position of Kano State Central Senatorial Seat in 2014 where he victoriously won the primary election on the platform of the APC, but later withdrew from the secondary election voluntarily. He left the services of the State Government on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 after the expiration of the

four years tenure of the Kwankwaso administration and ventured into personal business till September 2018.

Alh. Abba K. Yusuf contested and won the Kano State PDP Gubernatorial Primary Election held in August 2018 and was officially declared as the recognized PDP Gubernatorial candidate of the state.

### **1.3.4 Awards and Recognitions**

In recognition of his numerous achievements and selfless service to humanity, Mr. Yusuf was honoured with various awards and membership among which are:

- ✚ Fellow Certified Financial Analyst, FCFA – Merit Award in the effort of advancing the interest of the financial analyst with all rights, honours and privileges, 2014.
- ✚ Fellow – Certified Institute of Management, (FCIM) in Nigeria 2006.
- ✚ Award of Excellence for being the best performing commissioner in infrastructure/housing in the North, by the Association of Financial Analysts in Collaboration with Centre of Leadership/Good Governance for Africa 2014.
- ✚ Merit Award as the best Performing Commissioner in Nigeria, National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), 2013.
- ✚ Merit Award, Best Performing Commissioner of the Year, Hannun Karba Hannun Rikewa, 2013.
- ✚ Awarded the Best Commissioner in the North-West of Nigeria, Northern Tourism Award, 2013.
- ✚ Merit Award of Honour as Best Performing Commissioner in Kano State, by the Nigeria Association of Technologists in Engineering Kano State Branch, 2013.
- ✚ Merit Award as Best Commissioner of the Years 2011-2015 by the Association of Government Photographers – Kano.
- ✚ Award as the Living Legend in recognition of immeasurable contribution to humanity, by Lead Times Africa, 2014.

- Merit Award in recognition of his contribution to the development of journalism and the union, by the National Union of Journalism (NUJ), 2014.
- Merit Award for the development of engineering in Kano State and Nigeria at large, by the National Association of Mechanical Engineering Students (NAMES) Wudil, 2014.
- Merit Award for good governance, by Gwale Youth Political Research for Good Governance, 2012.
- Orphans Fairness & Justice Society, Award in Recognition of tremendous achievements towards the resuscitation of the lives of women, orphans and the less privileged in Kano state and beyond, 2014.
- Transparency and Integrity Merit Award of Excellence, by the Institute of Industrialist and Cooperate Administrators (IICA), 2015.
- Awarded a Certificate for Contribution towards education/development of the people in the society of Kano, by Matan Kwarai 2013.
- Practising License Certificate, by the Certified Institute of Management Nigeria, 2006.
- Merit Award for Excellence in service to humanity, by the Institute of Corporate Executives of Nigeria, 2002.
- Member Elected in recognition of proficiency in Professional Ethical Standard, by Professional Institute of Nigeria, 2002.
- Merit Award for hard work and enormous service rendered to Humanity, by Grassroots Political Awareness Community, Gwale 2012.
- Jan Aiki Award in recognition of his immense contribution towards the development of the state, Barewa Multi-Media Co. Ltd. 2011/2012.
- Appreciation Award to the Most Wonderful Leader, by General Staff MOWH & T – Kano 2013.
- Man of the Year Award, Ministry of Works, Housing and Transport, Kano State 2015.



- Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his immense contributions to the infrastructural development of Kano State, exemplary leadership and resuscitation of the Ministry of Works, Housing and Transport, Kano 2015.
- Merit Award for the development of Kano State, by the Association of Ethics and Conscience, 2013–2014.
- A Merit Award in Recognition of his commitment/support and promotion of noble ideas of our Foundation, Kainuwa Women Child Foundation, 2014.
- Giginyu Youth Kwankwasiyya Forum APC, Award in Recognition of his full support, cooperation and untiring efforts in providing youths empowerment as well as creating jobs in Giginyu Ward, Nasarawa LGA, Kano State, 2015.
- Zuma Society Forum, Award of Excellence for Performance in the Management & Development of Administration of Kano State of Nigeria, 2003.
- Fahimta Multi-Media Award for his efforts and contributions towards the formation of Kwankwasiyya and development in Kano State.
- Marigayi Galadiman Kano Yusuf Maje Garko Association, Award of Excellence in appreciation for the tremendous assistance to the teeming family members, youths and the society at large, 2012.
- Chairman NYSC U.M. Katcha MOWH & T-Kano, Well-Deserved Administration Leadership Award, 2011-2012.
- Ahmad S. Muhammad MOWH & T –Kano Photographer, Award of Excellence in recognition of your contribution towards the physical development of the state, 2015.
- Salka Media Services and Communication (Mujallar Salka), Certificate of Commendation on his prominent roles in promoting Islamic affairs through democratic leadership, education, public forum, cooperate business, media circulation, information and communication services being Guardian of the only true religion, honesty and peaceful co-existence in the country, 2015.

- ✚ Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN), Merit Award for immense contribution toward the development of the society and the Muslims Ummah at large.
- ✚ Award of Excellence for performance in the Management & Development of Administration of Kano State of Nigeria by Zuma Society Forum (2003).

His contribution to the development and empowerment of the youths to be self-reliant will ever remain indelible.

## 1.4 Campaign Message

Dear Kano People, thank you for the overwhelming support from the inception of our governorship candidacy in 2019 to date. We are extremely grateful for believing in us and maintaining momentum through the transition to the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) as part of our political journey to destiny.

Our government would be a continuity from the previous Kwankwasiyya administration of our able leader and mentor, Sen. Engr. Dr Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, who laid a solid foundation of development and became the Architect of modern Kano during his first and second tenures as Kano state governor between 1999-2003 and 2011-2015.

We want to commit that we would reinvigorate, reintroduce, reestablish and sustain all the giant strides executed by our leader. We would leave no stone untouched in terms of providing physical infrastructure, economic growth and reforming the critical social sectors.

Under our stewardship, we would restore the integrity of the civil service, transform the agricultural sector by overhauling the systems of irrigation and deploy appropriate technology for crop production, value chain development and provide access to affordable fertilizer and other Agricultural inputs.

We would reintroduce and strengthen the various youth and women empowerment programmes and reopen all 26 training institutes and the garment industry that was established in 2011-2015 to create jobs and alleviate poverty. We would give priority to the security of lives and properties of our people.

Our government would give utmost attention to the provision of quality and affordable healthcare services to the good people of Kano state by recruiting additional human resources for health, renovating and equipping our hospitals with standard tools, drugs and medical consumables.

The real free education that was enjoyed during Kwankwaso's administration would be reintroduced along with the foreign and domestic scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students. We would key into our party presidential candidate's blueprint on Education! Education!! Education!!!

## 1.5 Vision and Mission

### 1.2.1 Vision

Be the most prosperous state in Nigeria.

### 1.5.2 Mission

Facilitate functioning state systems that can stimulate rapid growth across all sectors of the economy.

## 1.6 Core Values

### 1.6.1 Accountability

Run a transparent government through effective citizen engagement and collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

### 1.6.2 Inclusiveness

Adopt an all-inclusive approach in managing the state thereby creating an equal opportunity for all.

### 1.6.3 Innovation

Incorporate new techniques of initiating and implementing all government projects and programme in line with the 21<sup>st</sup>-century approach to meet the global best practices.

## 2. Access to Quality Education for All

### 2.1 Preamble

Despite the huge investment in education by the Sen. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso administration between 2011 and 2015, it is a known fact that the education sector has suffered serious neglect by the current administration, thus, necessitating immediate reform across all stages of primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Education would be given the top-most priority in our administration with a focus to attract more enrolment, retention, completion and transition of all school-aged children in Kano state by providing quality teaching and learning environment with global best practices.

### 2.2 Plan of Action

#### 2.2.1 Free Education

The real free education as declared in 2014 by the then governor of Kano state would be reintroduced. The current free and compulsory education policy by the present administration is a scam because 32 per cent of school-aged children in Kano are out of school despite the huge amount of money claimed to have been spent.

#### 2.2.2 Establishment of Additional Schools

To address the burden of out-of-school children and access to schools in Kano, 729 additional primary schools are needed based on UBEC's national personnel audit report (2021). This administration would therefore build additional primary and secondary schools in selected areas where they are most needed to improve education for all.

#### 2.2.3 School Infrastructure

Undertake massive renovations of schools through Community Reorientation Committees (CRC) and provide additional infrastructures in various schools such as classrooms, toilets and water facilities to create conducive teaching and learning atmosphere.

#### 2.2.4 Provision of School Furniture

We intend to implement ***One Child-One Chair Campaign*** for primary and secondary schools through multi-stakeholder engagements to ensure all students of primary and secondary schools sit on a chair.

#### 2.2.5 Quality Teachers

Increase teachers' welfare through prompt payment of salaries, promotions, training/retraining and other Teacher Professional Development Programmes (TDPs) to render sound and qualitative teaching in our schools as was done by Sen. Rabi'u Kwankwaso administration.

#### 2.2.6 Teacher Recruitment

Recruit additional teachers for primary and secondary schools to replace retiring teachers which has created a wide gap in the current teachers-pupil ratio in Kano state.

#### 2.2.7 Teaching Aids

Equip and maintain schools' facilities such as libraries and laboratories with a supply of adequate teaching materials (boards, chalks, flip charts, markers etc.).

#### 2.2.8 School Feeding and Uniforms

Work with Community Re-orientation Committee (CRC) to strengthen and sustain school feeding programmes in primary schools as initiated by the Kwankwasiyya administration (1999-2003) to increase attendance and reduce the effect of child malnutrition in the state. We would also provide at least two sets of free school uniforms to public primary school pupils to ensure that every child of school age attends school irrespective of his or her parent's socio-economic status.

#### 2.2.9 Initiate Mega Schools Policy

Expand the capacity of selected schools in densely populated areas such as Kurna/Rijirya Lemo, Sheka, Hotoro, Dorayi, Brigade, Dawanau, Bichi, Kiru, Getso etc. to serve as ***mega schools*** that can host multiple schools in one school complex to manage congestion and effective utilization of school infrastructure.

#### 2.2.10 Completion of Northwest University-Main Campus

One of our priority areas in tertiary education is to complete the required structures at the main campus of Northwest University Kano to provide adequate infrastructure for conducive learning and research activities.

The old city campus would be dedicated as the first female university campus in Nigeria.

#### **2.2.11 Infrastructural Development at KUST Wudil**

Complete abandoned projects and provide additional infrastructure at Kano University of Science and Technology Wudil such as hostels, lecture theatres, office accommodation, internal road networks, security fences and staff quarters to ensure comfortability, safety and security of the university community.

#### **2.2.12 Recruit Additional Academic and Non-Academic Staff**

We realized that additional infrastructure alone cannot solve the problems affecting the two state universities established by the Kwankwaso administration. As such, we would recruit additional manpower to provide the much-needed character and learning for the current and prospective students. The government would use this opportunity to absorb available Kwankwasiyya scholars with required qualifications and other unemployed holders of various postgraduate degrees.

#### **2.2.13 Staff Development for the State University**

In fulfilment of global best practices in university teaching and learning, the government would provide opportunities for staff career development within and outside the country.

#### **2.2.14 Establish Additional State University**

Establish an additional state university to complement the two existing state-owned universities that have not been able to absorb the vast majority of our indigenes that are eligible for university education. The new university would be designed to offer special programmes such as Geospatial Technology, Forensic Science, Biomedical Engineering, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), Sports Management, Actuarial Science, Geographic Information Systems & Remote Sensing, Demography and Social Statistics, Business Information Technology, Mobile Computing, Real Estate Management, Procurement and Logistics, Project Management, Digital Marketing, etc., which are different from the most conventional courses offered in other universities within the country.



### **2.2.15 Special Education**

Conduct a total overhaul of the schools for the disabled in Tudun Maliki and Shahuchi and also establish additional special education primary and secondary schools in the state for people with special needs as part of the social inclusion strategy of our government.

### **2.2.16 Science and Technical Schools**

Restore the lost glory of the existing Science and Technical schools to meet the need for science, vocational and technical education through renovation and provision of additional infrastructure with well-equipped laboratories.

### **2.2.17 Schools for Islamic Studies and Technical Schools**

Complete and upgrade all the 44 Technical Schools and 44 Schools for Islamic Studies built by the Kwankwasiyya administration (2011-2015) and also upgrade the status of Kano School for Arabic Studies (SAS), as the oldest formal Islamic school in the state to serve as a centre of Islamic culture, research and training.

### **2.2.18 Private Education**

Provide enabling environment for private education to thrive in the state through supporting the establishment of new private primary and secondary schools, other private tertiary institutions such as Schools for Health Technology, Schools of Nursing and Midwifery, College of Education, Polytechnics and private Universities to complement the public institutions that are believed to be inadequate to absorb the teeming prospective students in the state.

### **2.2.19 E-Learning**

Transform Kano State Library into a full-pledged electronic library and domesticate the same in selected tertiary and secondary schools across the state to speed up digital transformation in education.

### **2.2.20 Scholarship for Tertiary Students**

Review the existing policy on scholarship allowance for indigent students of higher learning within and outside the country.

### **2.2.21 Adult Education**

Rehabilitate the existing mass literacy centres, reintroduce learning by Radio and support the private adult learning centres in the state to provide an opportunity for basic literacy and numeracy skills to at least one million people each year.

### **2.2.22 UBEC Counterpart Funding**

We are committed to providing the required counterpart funding to fully access current and previous UBEC Matching Grant to ensure sustainability in basic education reform.

### **2.2.23 Girl-Child Education Initiative**

As part of our intention to promote girl child education in the state, we would reopen all major boarding girls' secondary schools that are already closed by the present administration. We would also repair and make operational, all school buses purchased by Sen. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso's administration that shuttle female students.

### **2.2.24 Free O-Level Examinations**

Under our administration, all Kano indigenes would continue to enjoy free O-level examinations such as UTME, JMB, WEAC, NECO, NBIAS and NABTEB to all deserving candidates as initially introduced by Sen. Kwankwaso during his first tenure as Kano state governor.

### **2.2.25 Integration of Qur'anic and Tsangaya Education (IQTE)**

We would create additional integrated Tsangaya Schools in various locations and formalize all Qur'anic and Islamiyya schools to effectively be monitored and supported by the Kano State Board for Arabic and Islamic Education. This is in tandem with the anti-street begging policy of Engr. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso's Administration.

## 3. Access to Quality and Affordable Healthcare Services

### 3.1 Preamble

Kano being the most populated state in Nigeria deserves a well-planned and sustainable healthcare system to function appropriately for us to grow as a society, which would address the challenges bedevilling the sector. The sector would be put in a good shape to meet the current realities and respond effectively to the local and international emerging health threats.

### 3.2 Plan of Action

#### 3.2.1 State Healthcare System

Strengthen the healthcare system to function as a social service to the teeming population through review of the Health Information System (HMIS) to generate and manage reliable data for effective decision making, revamp the Human Resource for Health Management (HRM) and review where necessary the Health System Policy and Planning.

#### 3.2.2 Recruitment of Human Resources for Health

Recruit additional human resources for health such as medical doctors, pharmacists, nurses, laboratory, community health and environmental health practitioners to boost the health sector manpower and be able to provide more access to quality healthcare services. We would absorb all the 200 medical doctors (140 female and 60 males), 100 pharmacists and the over 300 nurses already trained by the Kwankwasiyya administration (2011-2015).

#### 3.2.3 Mobile Clinics and Ambulance Services

Using a multi-stakeholder approach, reintroduce the mobile clinic services already initiated by the Kwankwasiyya administration to increase access to healthcare services, especially in rural areas. Also, provide an adequate emergency ambulance system that will deliver 24-hour service while leveraging National Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance System (NEMSAS) to save more lives.

### **3.2.4 Free Maternal and Child Health (MNCH) Programme**

Reinvigorate free maternal and child healthcare, nutrition and immunization programmes in the state through additional funding and prompt releases of the approved budget for effective implementation.

### **3.2.5 Involvement of Renowned Health Professionals**

Design a strategy to attract capable professionals in the health sector within and outside the country including Kano indigenes in the diaspora to render pro-bono services to enhance the delivery of healthcare through direct involvement or training and reorientation of state health personnel in different specialities.

### **3.2.6 Health Equipment and Maintenance**

Equip and maintain health facilities with state-of-the-art medical tools to provide quality services at hospitals and other diagnostic centres in the state.

### **3.2.7 Promote Cleanness in Our Hospitals**

Introduce annual sanitation and hygiene award for best-performing healthcare facilities with the highest adoption of cleanliness and sanitation standards to ensure a patient-friendly environment.

### **3.2.8 Kano Centre of Disease Control (KCDC)**

Facilitate the establishment of a full pledge Kano Centre for Disease Control (KCDC) to manage current health threats, mitigate disease outbreaks and emerging epidemics such as Polio, Measles, Yellow fever, Corona Virus, Avian Influenza, Ebola, and Lassa fever among others.

### **3.2.9 Contributory Health Scheme**

Review the regulatory functions of the Kano State Contributory Health Management Agency (KACHMA) to ensure value for money in terms of access to services by the contributors and ensure accountability in the process.

### **3.2.10 Regulation of Private Health Institutions**

Strengthen the regulatory functions of the Kano Private Health Institution Management Agency (PHIMA) to safeguard and manage risk for people accessing healthcare services in private facilities and also ensure that the private institution's facilities meet the minimum standard.



### **3.2.11 Primary Healthcare Service**

The administration would move towards achieving primary healthcare under one roof which is a national target and we will focus on preventive healthcare to reduce the burden of zero dose and unimmunized children. The re-emergence of polio and measles cases in Kano due to the negligence of the current administration that was handed over the state as polio-free had drawn our attention to reawaken the primary healthcare sub-sector.

### **3.2.12 Health Financing**

We will critically examine the current Health Trust Fund Law and the structure in place to make it function effectively as a major internal health financing body. Attention would be given to enforcing prompt releases of the health budget which has been one of the tough challenges.

### **3.2.13 Special Public Health Interventions**

The state would pay attention to specialized diseases that are prevalent in the state such as Malaria, Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Sickle Cell and Glaucoma.

### **3.2.14 Partnership and Donor Coordination in the Health Sector**

Encourage innovation for Public Private Partnership (PPP) and donor coordination in the health sector to diversify health financing options as complementary to the state expenditure and effective service delivery.

### **3.2.15 Private Investment in the Health Sector**

Create enabling environment to attract investment into the health sector to increase access and affordability and provide options for health seekers to reduce medical tourism.

### **3.2.16 Drugs Supply and Manufacturing**

Strengthen the Kano State Drugs and Medical Consumables Supply Agency (DMCA) to attract foreign and local investments in drugs and consumables manufacturing in Kano for competitive prices and increase access to quality and affordable pharmaceuticals in the state.

### **3.2.17 The State Cancer Centre**

Facilitate immediate takeoff of the Kano Cancer Centre (KCC) by making available the required equipment and deployment of personnel to ensure that the centre is operational and can provide services to victims of cancer within and outside the state. Despite spending much time and

a huge amount of money by the current administration, the cancer centre project has not made any significant progress due to corruption.

### **3.2.18 Renovation of Major Hospital in the State**

Undertake serious renovation of all secondary and tertiary health facilities in the state to give them a facelift and instil confidence into the minds of caregivers and frontline health workers to operate in a conducive atmosphere while serving the patients optimally.

### **3.2.19 Doctors' Residency Training and Support for Medical Students**

Our administration would re-introduce the full sponsorship of residency training for interested medical doctors working with the state government to ensure career development and availability of specialists in various aspects of medical practice and minimize brain drain. Support all indigent medical students under a prescribed bond to guarantee sustainability in attracting and retaining enough medical personnel for the state.

## 4. Agriculture

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### 4.1 Preamble

Transforming Agriculture into Agribusiness is a key priority as Kano is blessed with arable landmass for the production of various crops, livestock, aquaculture and forestry. Our target is to provide enabling environment for value addition in all commodities produced in Kano state through strategic value chain development to boost the production, processing, packaging, marketing and distribution of food items, animal feeds and raw materials.

### 4.2 Plan of Action

#### 4.2.1 Agrochemical Production and Supply

Support Kano Agro-chemical Supply Company (KASCO) to attract private sector investment by making affordable and subsidized inputs available to farmers such as seeds, fertilizer and other agrochemicals. This would ensure the availability of all inputs as when due to farmers. Initiate crop-specific fertilizer blends and scale up the use of Urea Super Granules (USG) to increase the production efficiency of selected crops.

#### 4.2.2 Rehabilitation and Expansion of Irrigation Facilities

Rehabilitate and expand the existing irrigation facilities and create new ones in selected areas to support all year-round crop production in Kano state.

#### 4.2.3 Rehabilitation of Earth Dams

Kano is blessed with 22 earth dams (both large, medium and small), some of them have been abandoned while others are grossly underutilized. Our administration would undertake immediate rehabilitation of all the dams in the state to boost agricultural activities in their respective locations for job creation and food sufficiency.

#### 4.2.4 Establishment of Agro-industrial Estates

Establish a private sector-driven Agro-industrial estate that can serve as a one-stop-shop for all Agric value chain players to create jobs and connect with local and international commodity markets from Kano. The Agro-Industrial Parks would be sited around major farming areas such

Kura/Garin Malam/Bunkure axis, Madobi/Kiru/Karaye axis, Tudunwada/Doguwa axis and Danbatta/Makoda axis.

#### **4.2.5 Establishment of Commodity Aggregation Centres**

To minimize pre- and post-harvest losses and increase access to markets and logistics for agricultural commodities, the government would build commodity aggregation centres across the state. The operation and management of the aggregation centres would be private sector driven in partnership with farmer associations to ensure price stability of major commodities.

#### **4.2.6 Protection of Ranches**

Restore and protect available ranch facilities in the state to minimize farmer-herder conflicts in the state and ensure that both livestock and crop production complement one another.

#### **4.2.7 Kano Zoological Garden and Wildlife Conservation**

Ensure the conservation of wildlife in Falgore forest and other places available, in line with international best practices. Upgrade Kano state Zoological Garden and expand its services to generate more revenue and reclaimed all encroached areas around the zoo. The new zoological garden established by the previous administration of Sen. Rabi Kwankwaso and abandoned by the present administration at Tiga would also be put into operation.

#### **4.2.8 Agricultural Extension Services**

Strengthen the capacity of Kano Agricultural Rural Development Agency (KNARDA) to provide modern extension services to farmers and collaborate with private extension service providers and other donor agencies for the transfer of knowledge on global best practices.

#### **4.2.9 Agricultural Financing**

Facilitate timely and affordable Agric financing to only legitimate farmers in the state including innovative insurance modern facilities through Islamically approved insurance (Takaful) at Jaiz Bank, Taji Bank and Lotus Islamic Bank. The government would as well facilitate other financing options at the Bank of Agriculture, NIRSAL Microfinance Bank, Bank of Industries, Development Bank of Nigeria, Islamic Development Bank, NEXIM Bank, Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) and Kano Microfinance Banks. This initiative would boost value chain development in the state.



#### 4.2.10 Adoption of the National Agricultural Policy

Explore various opportunities contained in the Nigerian Technology and Innovation Policy of the Federal Government of Nigeria (NATIP). Deploy strategy for quick adaptation of smart agriculture, Rapid mechanization and livestock development, Data standardization and digitization, Women and youth attractive agricultural programmes and Investment in land development.

#### 4.2.11 Agricultural Value Chain Development

The administration would promote the value chain development of selected crops such as rice, tomato, sesame, soybean, wheat, hibiscus, onion and maize to be competitive and increase food security.

#### 4.2.12 Climate Smart Agriculture

The government would collaborate with the private sector and other donor agencies to facilitate the quick adoption of climate-sensitive agricultural practices which could prevent the likely occurrence of drought, desertification, flooding and other natural disasters.

#### 4.2.13 Introduction of Regenerative Agriculture

Introduce regenerative agriculture as a new concept of producing organic foods for healthy consumption through the adoption of new techniques to enable carbon sequestering with digital data capturing for traceability of all commodities produced under the regenerative practice. This would increase farmers' income at international commodity markets while providing access to the United Nations Carbon Credit which would come as an entitlement for the contribution of generating more carbon to the society and regenerating the soil moisture of our farmlands.

#### 4.2.14 Crop Specific Fertilizer

The government would identify opportunities to introduce a specific blend of fertilizer adaptable to our soil including other technology to reduce waste.

#### 4.2.15 Re-establishment of Modern Abattoir

The government would re-establish a modern abattoir in line with ***halal meat Policy*** to serve as a business cluster with intended value addition such as processing, packaging and distribution of finished products to end markets. This would provide additional business opportunities and wealth creation in the second layer of the livestock industry. The

government would partner with the private sector to provide required logistics equipment such as tricycles, kiosks and refrigerated vans for the successful implementation of this programme.

#### **4.2.16 Promote Women in Agriculture**

Facilitate decisive actions to promote the participation of women in Agribusiness to provide opportunities that can alleviate poverty and create wealth through farming, poultry, aquaculture, homestead gardening and local processing of farm produce such as tomato paste, dried pepper, groundnut and others.

# 5. Infrastructural Development

## 5.1 Preamble

The agenda for infrastructure would focus on maintaining the status of Kano as a mega-city through an urban renewal with mega projects such as rehabilitation and upgrade of major physical infrastructures across the metropolis and rural areas. We would address the menace of flooding as a major concern and establish additional housing and energy infrastructure.

## 5.2 Plan of Action

### 5.2.1 Independent Power Supply (IPP)

Complete and fully utilize the Kano hydropower electricity projects in Tiga and Chalawa Gorge dams so as to provide additional electricity for the industrial and some residential areas in the state. The projects were initiated by Sen. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso and handed over in 2015 to Governor Ganduje for completion. Over 40 million dollars was left in the treasury for its completion but till today, the project suffers abandonment.

### 5.2.2 Sustainable Energy

The need for energy is increasing exponentially as a result of population growth. To achieve universal electrification and sustainable energy for all, our government would promote the use of other sources of alternative energy such as solar, moonlight and wind energy as well as Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) in partnership with the private sector.

### 5.2.3 Housing Scheme for High, Medium and Low-Income Earners

Establish additional mass housing schemes for high, medium and low-income earners in more locations to complement existing ones through Public Private Partnership (PPP). We would ensure the completion and full utilization of the Kwankwasiyya, Amana and Bandirawo cities initiated by the previous administration of Sen. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso to address the housing deficiency in the state.

#### **5.2.4 Rural Housing Scheme**

Initiate a rural housing scheme in selected local government outside the city to provide access to shelter for rural dwellers and protect residents of riverine areas who could be relocated against flooding and other natural disasters as a similar project was done by the administration of Rabi'u Kwankwaso in Warawa, Ganduje, Madobi and Kunchi between 2012- 2014.

#### **5.2.5 Protect Kano Historical Monuments**

Restore and protect all cultural and historical monuments, emirate palaces and museums such as the prestigious Kano city wall, ancient city gates, Dala and Gwauron Dutse Hills to maintain our heritage.

#### **5.2.6 Road Constructions and Expansions**

Construct additional roads and other alternative routes to reduce traffic congestion in the metropolitan area and provide new access roads in the rural areas. We would ensure all major road networks linking the local government areas are motorable and secured. Undertake the expansion of major metropolitan roads that were not captured in 2015 to complement the efforts of Dr Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso in Kano.

#### **5.2.7 Completion of 5KM-Roads at LGAs**

The previous administration of Sen. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso had initiated the construction of 5km of roads across the 44 local governments under our stewardship as the then Commissioner for Works, Housing and Transportation. Before the expiration of Dr Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso's tenure in 2015, the projects reached 40 per cent completion, but despite their importance, the projects were abandoned by the current administration. We would therefore ensure the immediate completion of these 5km road projects within the shortest time in all the remaining LGAs.

#### **5.2.8 Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance**

Kano roads are currently in devastating conditions with some of them in total dilapidation. We would strengthen the Kano Road Maintenance Agency (KARMA) to perform optimally and make roads motorable.

#### **5.2.9 Overpass and Underpass Bridges**

Construct additional overpass and underpass bridges in strategic locations to ease the movement of commuters and beautify Kano as a mega city as pioneered by the previous administration (2011-2015).



### **5.2.10 Pavements and Pedestrian Bridges**

Create additional and rehabilitate existing pavements, pedestrian bridges, road barricades, road site business clusters and green zones to beautify the city and ensure compliance by road users.

### **5.2.11 Completion of Wuju-Wuju Project**

The Wuju-Wuju project which was the first of its kind in the state was started by the previous administration in 2013 to cover the river Jakara with the construction of a standard expressway. It is one of the legacy projects of Dr Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso that has been abandoned by the current administration. Considering its economic importance, health, safety and security benefits, our administration would revisit the contract and complete the project within the shortest time.

### **5.2.12 Physical Planning and Development Control**

Strengthen the regulatory functions of Kano State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KNUPDA) to effectively control the indiscriminate erection of structures, land grabbing and building collapse in the state and ensure strict adherence to the city master plan.

### **5.2.13 Development of Mini-Cities**

In partnership with local governments, our administration would upgrade selected towns to the status of mini-cities to minimize rural/urban migration, promote sustainable development, enhance safety/security and rapid economic growth in rural areas.

### **5.2.14 Kano City Gates**

Establish standard city gates at designated entry points of Kano and renovate the existing ones at Karfi in Zaria Road and Dandalama in Daura Road to boost security and effective intelligence gathering.

### **5.2.15 Reform KAROTA to Meet Global Standard**

The Kano Road Traffic Agency (KAROTA) would be provided with modern traffic management gadgets to meet the current challenges in the state. Create a digital system that could track traffic offenders through a strategic partnership with the Kano State Internal Revenue Services (KIRS), Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and State Ministry of Justice.

### **5.2.16 Kano Modern Central Motor Park and Inter-State Parks**

Establishment of a standard central Motor Park for Kano mass transport buses that can connect Doka (Gwarzo road), Kura (Zaria Road), Kwa

(Katsina road), Gezawa (Hadejia road) and Gano (Maiduguri Road) to the central motor park. Undertake renovation works at all inter-state motor parks to restore sanity and guarantee the safety and security of passengers.

#### **5.2.17 Repair and Installation of Street and Traffic Lights**

Rehabilitate and restore full operation of all street lights in the 114 metropolitan roads to provide maximum security and ease of movement at night within the city. Repair and make operational, the over 60 metropolitan traffic lights provided by the previous administration (2011-2015) for effective traffic management. To complement the existing street and traffic lights, we would identify and install additional ones at designated locations.

#### **5.2.18 Restructure the Operations of Kano Line**

We would carefully restructure the operations of Kano Line to serve as a modern transport business firm and support the state revenue base effectively.

#### **5.2.19 Renovate and Build Additional Mosques**

Kano is predominantly a Muslim state characterized by numerous mosques. We would therefore undertake a massive renovation of major Juma'at mosques that have been left in total dilapidation by the present administration. We would also assist individuals and organizations willing to build new ones.

# 6. Water Resources Infrastructure

## 6.1 Preamble

Water as a critical sector of the economy and well-being serves as a cross-cutting area that would be given the utmost attention by our administration. Being a professional with decades of experience in the field of water engineering having worked in various agencies of the sector, our government would deploy all available resources and expertise to fix the challenges bedevilling the production and distribution of potable water across the state.

## 6.2 Plan of Action

### 6.2.1 Steady Water Supply

Previously, the Administration of Sen. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso provided a steady water supply to most communities in Kano State through the execution of rigorous water projects. Our administration would continue with the laying of additional water pipes to the respective communities suffering from water scarcity by enhancing the capacities of various water treatment plants to produce and distribute sufficient portable water.

### 6.2.2 Resuscitate the Functionality of WRECA

We are determined to conduct a total overhaul of Kano State Water Resource Engineering and Construction Agency (WRECA) to reposition itself competitively

### 6.2.3 Water Treatment Plants

Rehabilitate all existing water treatment plants to perform optimally and establish at least three additional ones in different locations to boost the water supply for Kano residents.

### 6.2.4 Rural Water Supply

Access to potable water becomes one of the major challenges, especially in rural areas. We are determined to fund additional water projects such as the construction of hand pumps, motorized boreholes and tube wells and increase the pipe networks of the State Water Board to reach more communities.

### **6.2.5 Rehabilitation and Expansion of Irrigation Facilities**

Rehabilitate and expand the existing irrigation facilities and create new ones in selected areas to support all year-round crop production in Kano state.

### **6.2.6 Rehabilitation of Earth Dams**

Kano is blessed with 22 earth dams (both large, medium and small), some of them have been abandoned while others are grossly underutilized. Our administration would undertake immediate rehabilitation of all the dams in the state to boost agricultural activities in their respective locations for job creation and food sufficiency.

### **6.2.7 Reforming the Kano State Water Board**

Reform the Kano State Water Board through digitization of the payment system, reintroduction of the water metering system, review of the state water supply policy and undertake regulatory functions for all water vendors and other private investors in the water sector.



# 7. Climate Change and Environmental Control

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## 7.1 Preamble

To reduce the effects of climate change, environmental pollution, desertification and flooding, a precise decision needs to be taken to ensure a healthy and sustainable environment. Kano as a mega city lacks a critical environmental management system to mitigate both artificial and natural disasters posing threat to our state.

## 7.2 Plan of Action

### 7.2.1 Develop and Implement Kano Drainage Master Plan

Develop a state-wide and holistic drainage system to manage the devastating flooding in major streets of Kano. This can be achieved through strategic planning and execution of projects in phases within the first tenure of our administration.

### 7.2.2 Reclaim REMSAB and Facilitate Waste to Wealth

Reclaim Kano Refuse Management and Sanitation Board (REMASAB) and optimize its functions such as the introduction of Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) plants as part of our waste-to-wealth initiative while managing an effective refuse evacuation and disposal.

### 7.2.3 Urban Beautification

Re-introduce the State Standing Committee on Urban Beautification and Development Control to revive the existing ones and create new green areas and manage parks and gardens in strategic locations within the metropolis to give the city a facelift and aesthetic look.

#### **7.2.4 Create Oxygen Banks**

Create oxygen banks through plantations along major roads and other strategic locations to boost the generation of carbon monoxide and minimize the effect of global warming.

#### **7.2.5 Desertification and Ecological Control Through Tree Planting**

Design and implement ecological projects for specific areas and establish additional tree shelterbelts in selected communities to address the effect of desertification, soil erosion and other related ecological threats. Revive the annual tree planting campaign through a tripartite partnership between government, private sector and community organizations to minimize the effect of climate change, especially global warming and environmental pollution.

#### **7.2.6 Environmental Health Practitioners**

Reinvigorate the functions of environmental health workers in the state to ensure monitoring and enforcement of environmental standards to safeguard our communities, hospitals, markets and schools. Provide uniforms and other kits to environmental health practitioners to effectively serve as agents and role models for environmental sanitation and hygiene.

# 8. Revenue Generation

## 8.1 Preamble

Our target is to create an enabling environment for innovative financing and boost the state's internally generated revenue base and digitize all payments platforms. Also, explore other sources of revenue generation that can complement the existing ones.

## 8.2 Plan of Action

### 8.2.1 Innovative Financing

Develop innovative financing strategies to fund special projects in critical areas. These could be grant-making through donor agencies such as the United Nations bodies, British FCDO, USAID etc. counterpart funding, co-funding and Public Private Partnership (PPP).

### 8.2.2 Disengagement of Current Tax Consultants

Abolish the current tax consultants currently working with the Kano State Government as a result of massive corruption in the remittance of the generated revenue.

### 8.2.3 Improve Capacity and Welfare of State Tax Collectors

Provide operational tools/vehicles and special welfare packages such as incentives, bonuses, promotion, training and retraining for state tax collectors working under the Kano Internal Revenue Services (KIRS) to improve their capacity and motivate them to generate adequate revenue for the state.

### 8.2.4 Accountability and Transparency in Revenue Generation

The government would deliberately roll out an effective accountability mechanism to block all leakages from the state revenue streams and ensure all payments are directed to a single treasury account through fully digitized platforms as initiated by the previous administration of Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso. The government would ensure efficient utilization of generated revenues for the execution of the most critical projects and programmes for the overall development of the state.

### **8.2.5 Enhance Tax Legislation and Administration**

Review relevant tax legislation, improve tax administration and formulate and implement relevant policies to meet the global best practices in revenue generation and management.

### **8.2.6 Identify Additional Revenue Sources**

As Kano's revenue has drastically reduced due to massive corruption and leakages by the present administration, we are committed to increasing the target areas for revenue collections within formal and informal sectors across the state to address the state's fiscal challenges for infrastructural development.

### **8.2.7 Tax Relief and Incentives for Relevant Tax Payers**

Provide tax relief and incentives to relevant taxpayers and interested investors to increase patronage and ease of doing business in the state. Companies operating in Kano with massive employment of state indigenes would also enjoy this policy.

### **8.2.8 Advertisement and Signage**

To create an additional source of revenue for the state, the government would establish Kano State Advertisement and Signage Agency (KASIA). The agency would harness opportunities in the advertising industry.

# 9. Human Capital Development

## 9.1 Preamble

The biggest investment by any government should be in human capital development to ensure the full operationalization of government systems, as such, we would prioritize the in-building skills of the teaming youth at both formal and informal levels. Some opportunities can be used to address the unemployment situation of the state. The administration will explore all the opportunities and revisit what was established.

## 9.2 Plan of Action

### 9.2.1 Foreign and Domestic Training and Scholarships

Reintroduce and sustain foreign and domestic scholarships and training for postgraduate and undergraduate youth with outstanding performance.

### 9.2.2 Reopening of all State Training Institutions

Revive the 26 training institutions initiated by the Kwankwasiyya Administration to provide hands-on skills to the teaming youth in the areas of tailoring, horticulture, fisheries, auto mechanic, animal traction and husbandry, nursing, midwifery and sports, among others.

### 9.2.3 Women and Youth Empowerment Scheme

Reintroduce monthly women and youth empowerment schemes across the 44 LGAs in the state to reduce the effect of poverty and hardship.

### 9.2.4 Capacity Building and Skills Development

Facilitate local and international capacity building in relevant skills for staff performance in various professions in partnership with relevant corporate bodies.

### 9.2.5 Bilingual Schools for French and Chinese

Reinvigorate the bilingual schools for French and Chinese languages in Niger Republic and Madobi LGA respectively, to enhance foreign relations and business engagement between Kano state and other French and Chinese-speaking stakeholders.



### **9.2.6 Sponsorship of Specialized Training**

Build on the established legacies of Sen. RMK for sponsoring specialized training to produce skilled workers such as pharmacists, pilots, cabin crew, marine engineers, sailors, train operators and event managers among others.

### **9.2.7 Textile and Garment Industry**

Resuscitate the Kano garment industry policy and programmes of Rabi'u Musa Kwankwason's Administration to ensure its immediate takeoff in the 44 LGAs to create more jobs and generate wealth for the garment and textile industry stakeholders.

# 10. Civil Service and Local Government Reforms

## 10.1 Preamble

As the state civil service is almost facing total collapse due to years of negligence, the need for immediate reforms to restore the functionality of government operations at both state and local governments would not be over-emphasized.

## 10.2 Plan of Action

Some opportunities can be used to address the unemployment situation of the state. The administration will explore all the opportunities to revisit what was established and introduce new skills in various sectors.

### 10.2.1 Kano State Civil Service Institute

Establish Kano State Civil Service Institute to make the Service result-oriented and attractive for enhanced productivity. The institute could as well render training, research and event management services to other states and corporate organizations.

### 10.2.2 Re-Establish Local Government Service Commission

To reposition the local government administration in the state, we would re-establish of Local Government Service Commission for effective supervision.

### 10.2.3 Local Government Autonomy

Support the implementation of Local Government Autonomy (if enacted) to ensure that governance is taken closer to the people and funds meant for local government are effectively utilized by the local government to bring sustainable development. We would however ensure the sustenance of the state/local government's joint project scheme for optimal project delivery in a prudent way.

### 10.2.4 Accountability in Civil Service and Local Governments

Deploy effective accountability mechanisms and transparency in civil service and local government administration to restore discipline, block

all leakages of corruption and provide efficient service delivery through proper monitoring, oversight function and budget tracking.

#### **10.2.5 Recruitment into the Civil Service**

Conduct staff recruitment into the state civil service to replace the retiring employees in different cadres of the Service.

#### **10.2.6 Prompt Payment of Salaries and Promotion**

We would ensure prompt payment of salaries and timely promotion of civil servants in the state to guarantee the economic stability of the employees and their immediate families.

#### **10.2.7 Annual Civil Service Award**

Initiate and sustain the first-ever annual civil service awards for personnel with outstanding performance in the Service to increase motivation and competitiveness.

#### **10.2.8 Revisit the Recent Victimization of Senior Civil Servants**

The recent compulsory retirement of Permanent Secretaries and directors by the present administration would be critically reviewed to ensure justice to the victims of the state policy while paying attention to the integrity of the civil service and protection of the rights of all civil servants in respect of their geographical and political inclinations.

#### **10.2.9 Payment of Gratuity and Other Post-Retirement Plans**

Initiate post-retirement programme for economic survival and improved health condition of pensioners in the state. We would devise a means of settling all the outstanding payments of gratuity for retired civil servants through a staggered arrangement, deploy a mechanism to stabilize future payment of gratuity and ensure prompt payment of monthly pension allowances to the senior citizens.

#### **10.2.10 Stop Rampant Deductions from Salaries and Pensions**

We would stop the rampant deductions from the salaries of civil servants and pension allowances of retirees while dealing decisively with any individual or group found wanting on this evil act.

# 11. Youth and Sports Development

## 11.1 Preamble

Facilitate rapid development of youth including in the sports sector to enable talented youth to explore their potential and compete globally while providing entry points to empower the teaming unemployed youths (men and women).

## 11.2 Plan of Action

### 11.2.1 Accord High Priority to Kano Pillars

Restore the lost glory of Kano Pillars (Masu Gida) to maintain its status as one of the leading national football teams in Nigeria.

### 11.2.2 Provide Additional Sport Facilities

Recover the lost sports facilities and build additional ones in strategic locations across the state to engage the teaming youth and occupy their time against social vices.

### 11.2.3 Complete the Mahaha Sport Complex

Complete to international standard and fully utilize the multi-billion Naira Mahaha sports complex in Kofar Na'isa which accommodates various sporting activities.

### 11.2.4 Private Investment in Sports Industry

Provide enabling environment for private sector involvement in the sports sector for sports consultants and owners of private sporting facilities to enhance their businesses.

### 11.2.5 Foreign Opportunities in Sports for Kano Youth

Create linkages for foreign opportunities with sporting firms in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas for Kano's talented local champions among our youth to explore their full potential.

### 11.2.6 Promotion of Cultural Sport Activities

Facilitate the restoration and promotion of various Hausa cultural sports activities such as Langa, Bare Bugu, Gudun Kwai a Chokali, Shadi, Dambe, Koroso and Kokawa among others.

### **11.2.7 Kano Annual Tournaments**

Revive Kano state annual tournaments on tennis, polo, basket, badminton, hockey, Langa and Marathon, and others.

### **11.2.8 Annual Kano Youth Fellowship**

Facilitate annual youth fellowship on entrepreneurship and leadership for deserving individuals who would be exposed to their chosen areas of interest through an internship, mentorship and intensive training to create future icons in business and leadership in collaboration with the organized private sector.

### **11.2.9 Special Business Grants for Youth**

Provide start-up grants and seed capital for the youth of 18-29 years with viable business ideas in collaboration with angel investors, venture capitalists, philanthropists, foundations and other corporate bodies under their corporate social responsibility framework. This would be facilitated through a highly competitive process in selecting the best potential entrepreneurs.

### **11.2.10 Youth and Community Development Associations**

Encourage the formation of youth and community development associations by supporting them to address basic challenges in their respective communities such as drug abuse, political thuggery, and phone snatching for peaceful co-existence and self-reliance.

### **11.2.11 Youth Empowerment in Transport Sector**

As part of the continuity policy of Kwankwasiyya legacies, we would build on Kwankwaso's initiative on youth empowerment in the transport sector with the distribution of Kwankwasiyya Luxury Taxis, Amana Buses and Yellow Taxis to provide job opportunities for our unemployed youth.



# 12. Industrialization and Commerce

## 12.1 Preamble

Create enabling environment for Kano to be ranked highest on ease of doing business and support micro, small and medium enterprises for wealth creation, generation and distribution. Strengthen the Kano Investment Promotion Agency to attract the attention of both foreign and local investors to Kano.

## 12.2 Plan of Action

Despite Kano being a center of commerce, the state is faced with the collapse of many industries over the years.

Our administration is committed to addressing the major challenges of industrialization and restoration of commercial activities through:

### 12.2.1 Ease of Doing Business in Kano

Creating an enabling environment and increasing ease of doing business to attract foreign and local investors in various sectors of the economy such as Automobile Assembly Plants, Pharmaceutical and Cosmetics Manufacturing companies, Food Processing & Agro-Industrial firms, Financial Services companies, Information Communication Technology and Media Services companies to mention but few.

### 12.2.2 Kano Investment Promotion Agency

Strengthening Kano Investment Promotion Agency (KANINVEST) to perform optimally and attract more investment and champion a holistic ease of doing business policy framework of the state inter-agency partnership and collaborations.

### 12.2.3 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through the establishment of incubation centres for the MSMEs and facilitating access to affordable financing to boost wealth creation, generation and

distribution in the state, reduce the poverty index and enhance the livelihood of Kano citizens and residents.

#### **12.2.4 New Cottage Industries**

Develop new cottage industrial clusters in strategic locations across the state to provide business opportunities in processing, packaging, marketing and distribution of goods and services for job creation of all classes of people. Locations would be selected based on their peculiarities and competitiveness. To attract investment in the locations, State Government would provide land and basic infrastructure in the identified locations and allocate the respective industrial plots to credible companies under specified payment and other conditions.

#### **12.2.5 Kano Microfinance Banks**

Invite the oldest and the biggest microfinance investors within the country to collaborate and revive the collapsed Kano State Micro-Finance Banks (KSMFBs) in the 44 LGAs and recapitalize them to achieve financial inclusion and support local businesses in Kano and neighbouring states.

#### **12.2.6 Promote Emerging Businesses**

The Government through its strategy on Ease of Doing would promote emerging businesses in specific areas to facilitate wealth creation in various areas such as animation, robotics, hospitality, foods and beverages, interior decoration and make-up, entertainment industries, etc., to harness their potential.

#### **12.2.7 Digital Economy**

Establish Information Communication Technology (ICT) hub to harness the opportunities in the digital economy to provide additional jobs to keep thousands of our youth engaged.

#### **12.2.8 Electricity Generation and Distribution**

Facilitate a strategic partnership between Kano Hydro-Electricity Company (KHEDCO) and Kano Electricity Distribution Company (KEDCO) for effective distribution of the electricity generated in Tiga and Challawa IPP project to boost power supply for business sustainability of our industries.

### **12.2.9 Kano Annual Business and Investment Summit (KABIS)**

Institutionalize and rebrand the Kano State Annual Business and Investment Summit to showcase opportunities and celebrate successes for new and existing businesses.

### **12.2.10 Kano Chamber of Commerce**

Support the Kano Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (KACCIMA) to meet the global standard and help the state economic prosperity drive.

### **12.2.11 Upgrading Kano Central Markets**

Kano as a centre of commerce is blessed with several major markets that require immediate remodelling to meet the international standard. The market would be upgraded with key infrastructure such as parking lots, access roads, security, public convenience, firefighting facilities, solar powered systems, among others to provide comfortability and efficiency for daily business transactions.

# 13. Safety and Security of Lives and Properties

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## 13.1 Preamble

Improve security coordination with all relevant agencies, focus on surveillance and intelligence gathering, declare a state of emergency on phone snatching, drug abuse, rape and other social vices, and support the functionality of the Kano State Security Trust Fund to improve and sustained peace and security.

## 13.2 Plan of Action

### 13.2.1 Security Coordination

Strengthen strategic coordination of all security apparatus at all levels and conduct regular Security Council meetings.

### 13.2.2 Promote Inter-faith Dialogue

The state would invest hugely in promoting peaceful co-existence through a multi-stakeholder approach such as inter-faith dialogue and inter-community engagements.

### 13.2.3 State of Emergency on Phone Snatching

Declare state of emergency on phone snatching and other prevalent local crimes which had left Kano in a precarious situation as many innocent people were killed and or injured in an attempt to commit the crime. A task force and special tribunal would be created with the support of community involvement as part of the strategic plans to curtail the menace that has been bedevilling the people of Kano and visitors of the state.

### 13.2.4 Community Policing

Support the implementation of the national community policing policy in Kano, promote police-community relations and deliver direct state intervention to the Nigeria Police Force to effectively control crimes and restore sanity in our communities.

### **13.2.5 Reintroduce Forest Rangers**

Revive and reinvigorate the operations of Rangers for effective patrol and intelligence gathering against any security threats in Kano forests and any other entry points to the state.

### **13.2.6 Kano Security Trust Fund**

Ensure takeoff and effective functionality of the Kano State Security Trust Fund (KSSTF) to provide sustainable financing for strategic security interventions.

### **13.2.7 Kano Reformatory Institute**

Revive the Kano State Reformatory Institute (KSRI) in Kiru and create two additional ones across the two other senatorial zones to curb the menace of incessant drug abuse among the teaming youth which leads to an increase in crimes such as phone snatching, rape, thuggery and murder.

### **13.2.8 Kano Drug Abuse Control Agency**

Facilitate the establishment of the Kano State Drug Abuse and Other Social Vices Control Agency (KADASCA) to fight the ever-increasing menace of drug abuse in the state in partnership with relevant local and international agencies.

### **13.2.9 Fight Against Rape and Domestic Violence**

The state would make all necessary mechanisms in place to end the menace of rape against women and men of all ages. We must ensure stiff punishment for all perpetrators found guilty of this inhuman crime that left thousands of victims helpless, traumatized, depressed and dead.



# 14. Good Governance

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## 14.1 Preamble

We would run an open, accountable and transparent government through the involvement of relevant stakeholders for the state's prosperity and economic growth. This can be achieved through institutional reforms and strategic engagements.

## 14.2 Plan of Action

### 14.2.1 State Development Plan

Review the state development plan to reflect the current realities and incorporate the new vision for Kano.

### 14.2.2 E-Governance

Introduce an e-governance framework to ease government operations through electronic platforms to simplify monitoring, reporting and performance management and transparency.

### 14.2.3 Effective Service Delivery

Strengthen the operationalization of SAVICOM for productive service delivery across the MDAs in line with the service charter of demand as a national policy that is already domesticated in Kano.

### 14.2.4 Budget Realism and Fiscal Discipline

Develop and adopt a realistic and inclusive annual budget to increase performance and fiscal discipline in line with due process, public procurement guidelines and principles of budget tracking. The state under our stewardship would ensure timely releases of approved expenditures.

### 14.2.5 Anti-Corruption and Public Complaint Commission

Review the law and operational guidelines of the Kano State Public Complaint and Anti-corruption Commission to perform its functions optimally.

#### **14.2.6 State Gender and Social Policy**

Facilitate the implementation of the state gender and social inclusion policy in all government operations to provide equal opportunities for both men and women, People with Special Needs and other marginalized groups.

#### **14.2.7 Establish State Partnership Coordination Office (SPCO)**

Establish a State Partnership Coordination Office (SPCO) to harness development and business opportunities, through partnership and collaboration with donor agencies, civil society organizations, philanthropists, national and international non-governmental organizations, organized private sector, Nigerians in diaspora, federal and other state governments.

#### **14.2.8 Zero Tolerance to Corruption**

Maintain zero tolerance for corruption and abuse of office by government agencies and their respective officials to guarantee prudence.

#### **14.2.9 Citizens' Participation in Governance**

Allow citizens to participate in governance for accountability and responsiveness to promote inclusiveness in decision-making.

#### **14.2.10 People with Special Needs**

Provide equal opportunities for people with special needs in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by giving them special attention in all relevant policy formulation and implementation of projects and programmes. This commitment includes providing an adequate share in every job recruitment, empowerment and other opportunities.

#### **14.2.11 Civil Society Engagement in Budget Tracking**

We would engage civil society organizations to explore opportunities in different sectors including collaboration with donors in the areas of health, agriculture, education, and others. In fulfilment of our transparency and good governance, civil societies would play key roles in project monitoring and budget tracking that could support the government in making informed decisions.

#### **14.2.12 Open Government Partnership (OGP)**

Support the operation of an Open Government Partnership (OGP) in Kano to increase transparency in government through the provision of

befitting office accommodation and other logistics from the state annual budget.

#### **14.2.13 Women's Participation in Governance**

We are determined to accord priority to women's participation in governance and leadership through strategic involvement in all government activities on policy development and political appointments.

#### **14.2.14 Establish State Performance Management Agency**

Create a state Performance Management Agency to monitor and evaluate the impact of all policies, projects and programmes through a modern Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework to assess and report key performance indicators (KPIs) for all government agencies.

#### **14.2.15 Annual Kano Day Celebration**

Initiate annual Kano Day (AKD) to recognize and celebrate champions and unsung heroes in the state who excel in their various areas of human endeavour that are beneficial to Kano state.

#### **14.2.16 Publication of Weekly Executive Council Brief**

Reintroduce the publication of weekly council briefs in national dailies for transparency and accountability as was done during the Administration of Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso.

#### **14.2.17 Religious Tolerance**

The government would ensure religious tolerance among the various predominant Islamic sects in Kano for peaceful co-existence and promotion of Islamic norms and culture. We would also protect the rights of Christians and other religious groups to promote interfaith stability in the state.

#### **14.2.18 Anti-Nepotism**

We would fight nepotism by expressly prohibiting all public officials from directly or indirectly involving their family in the affairs of government. There would be no office of the First Lady and direct involvement of First Family.

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