

**CONCEPT NOTE FOR THE PLANTING OF  
25 MILLION TREES AS PLEDGED BY  
MR. PRESIDENT**



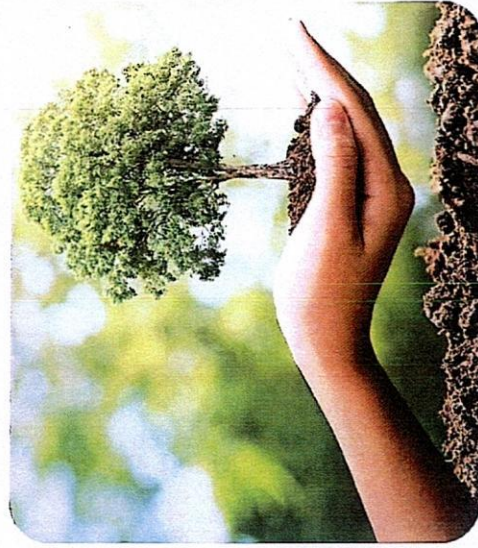
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Honourable Minister  
Federal Ministry of Environment**



## **Introduction**

- **There is the need to increase the forest cover from the present status of about 7% to the International recommendation of 25% forested standard in conformity with the policy thrust of the Federal Government.**
- **It has been accepted globally that a major way through which livelihood of rural dwellers can be enhanced while at the same time mitigating climate change effects is by embarking on massive forest restoration and nation-wide aggressive plantation establishment and development.**
- **This is to ensure steady progress of Nationally Determined Contribution and increasing the forest cover in the country by planting 25million tree seedlings as pledged by Mr. President in his address to the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly in September, 2019.**

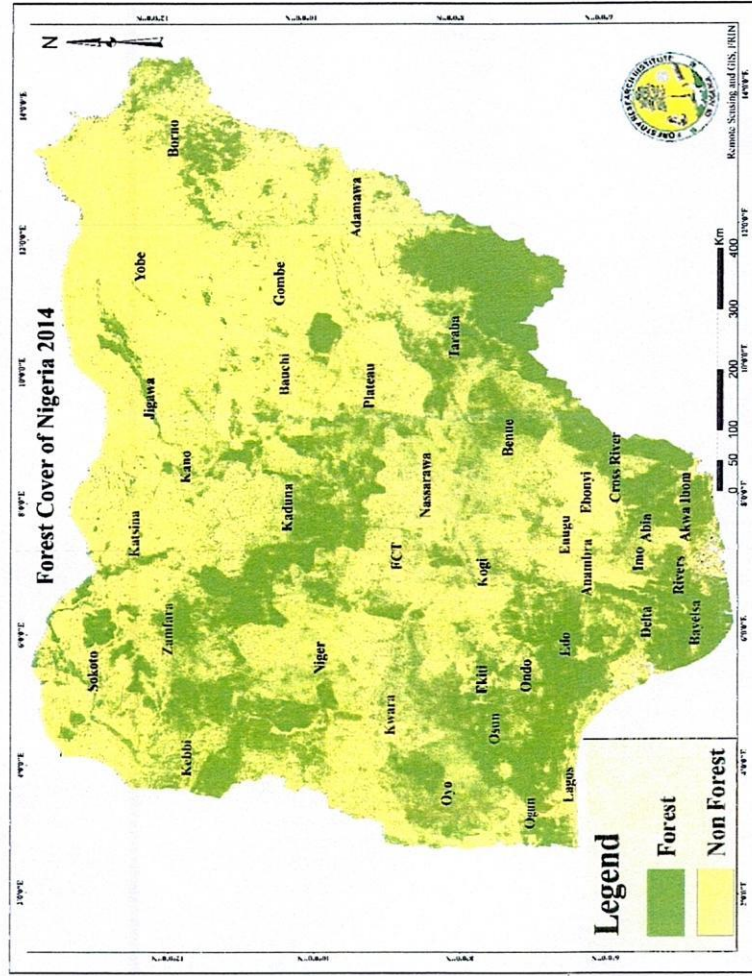




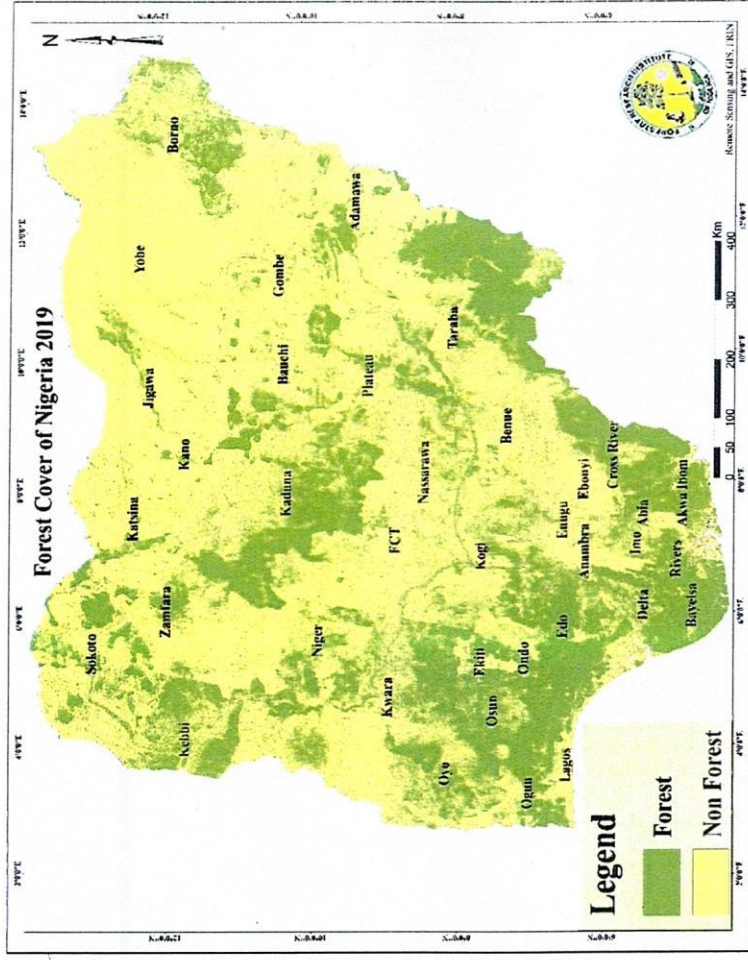
- **The President and Commander-in-chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari at the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly (74th UNGA), pledged that Nigeria would plant 25 million trees nationwide.**
- **This pledge is in furtherance of demonstrating Nigeria's commitment to emerging global solutions for addressing climate change including Nigeria's commitment of 4million hectares to the BONN Challenge.**
- **This is in line with Nigeria's commitment to its obligation under the Paris Agreement, the aspirations enshrined in our Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).**



# NATIONWIDE DEFORESTATION TREND ANALYSIS

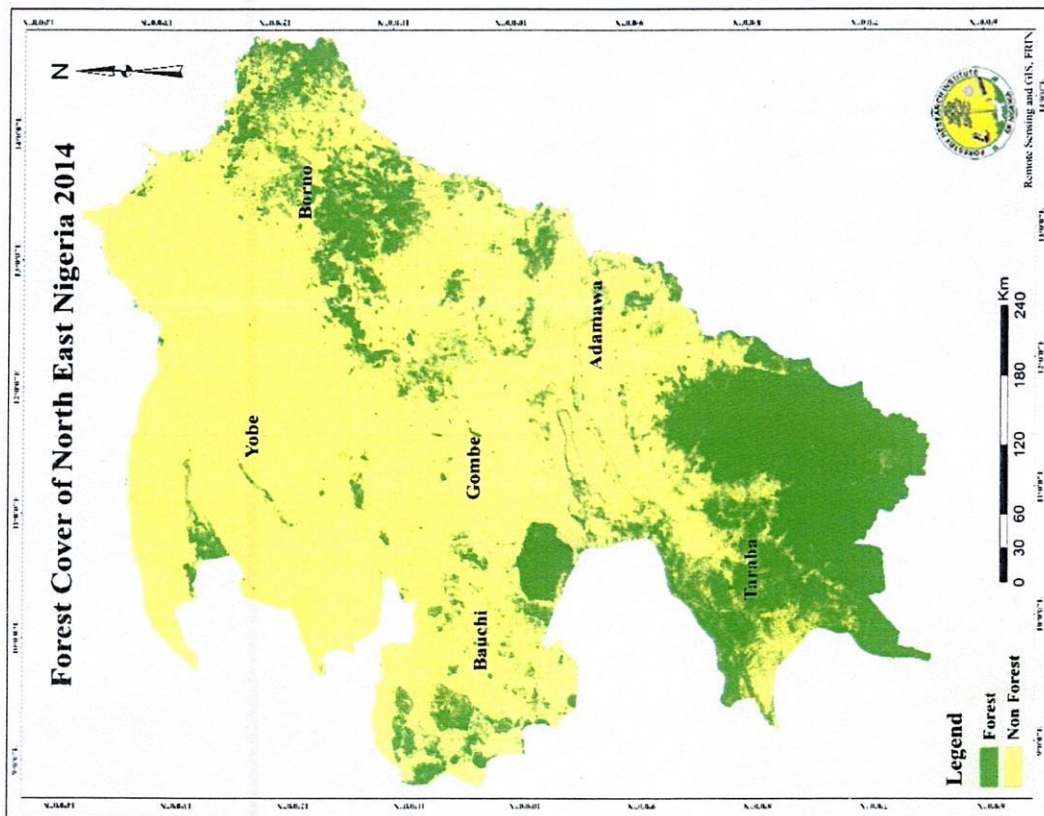


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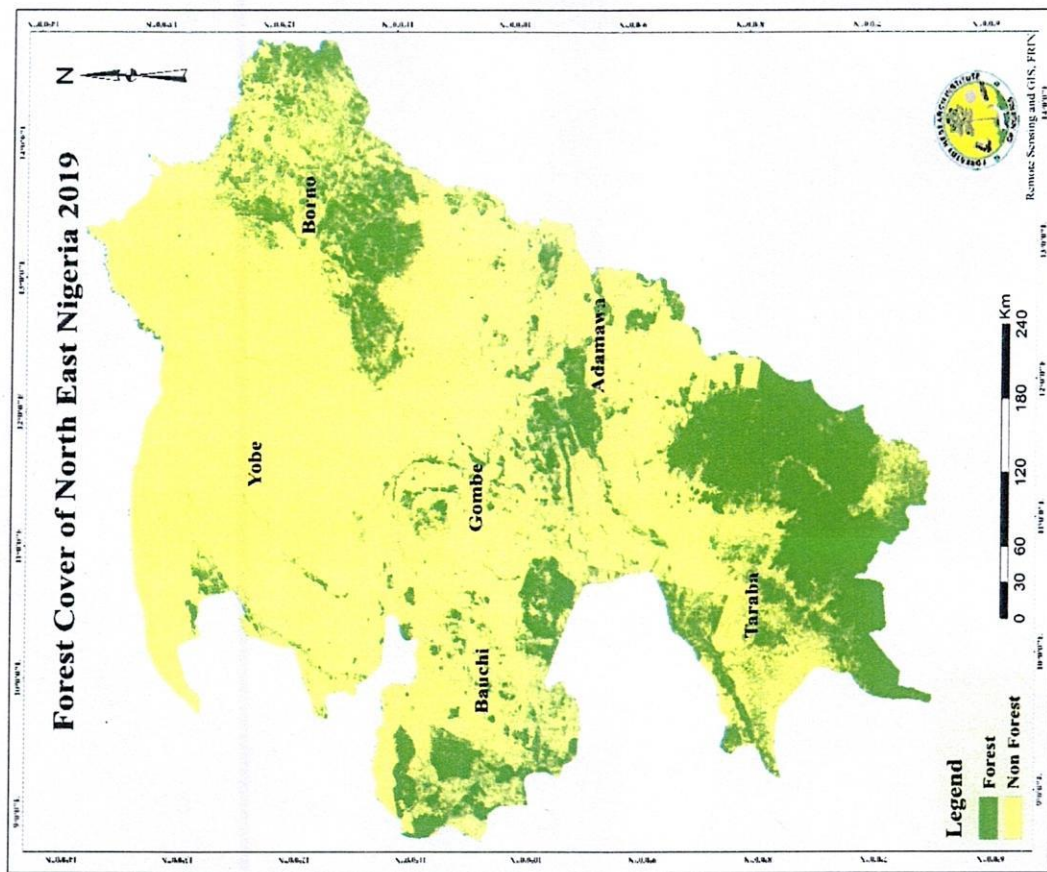


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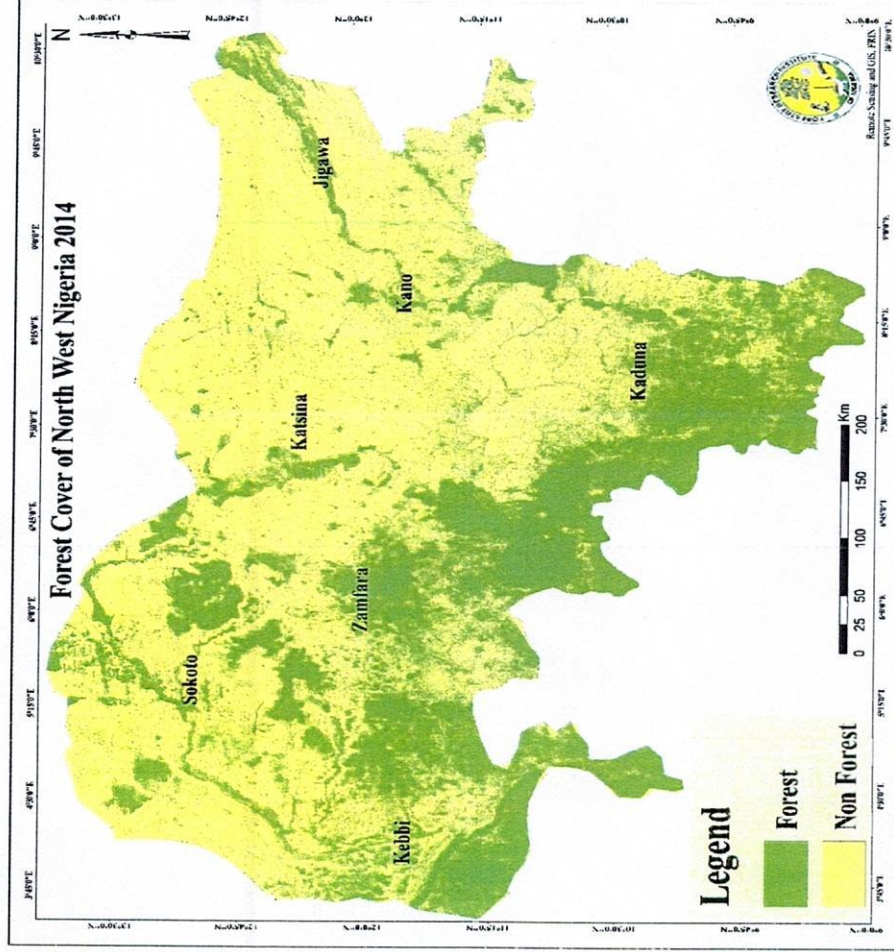


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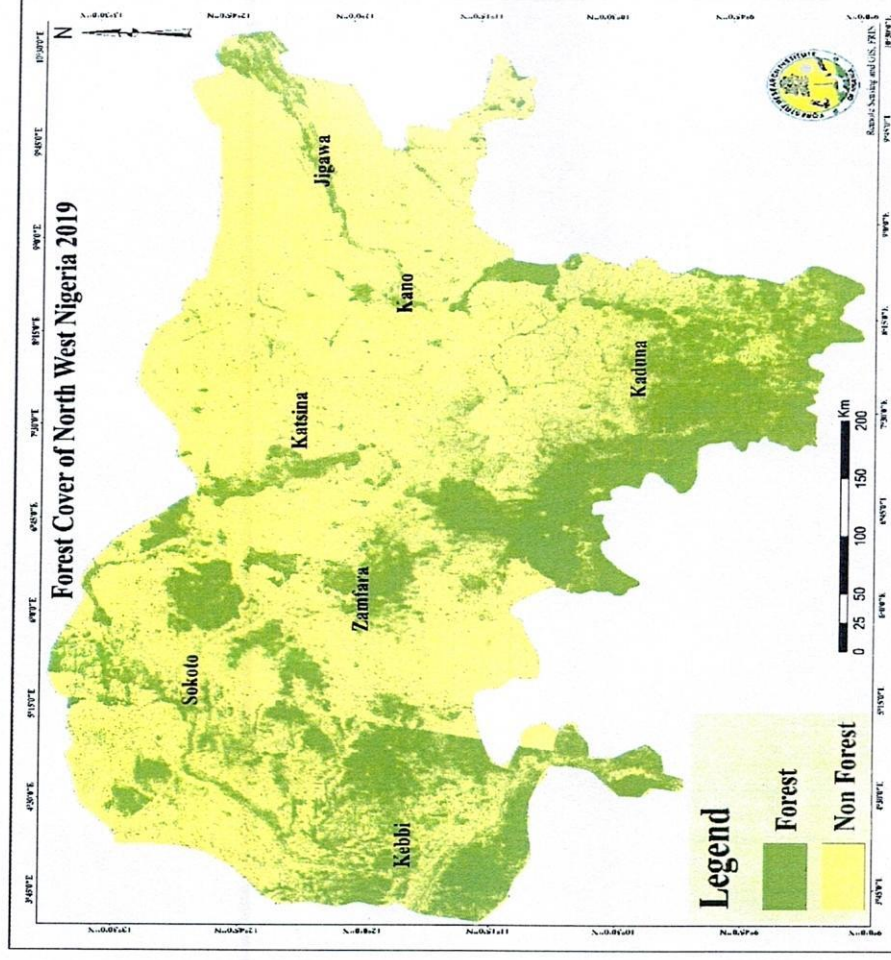


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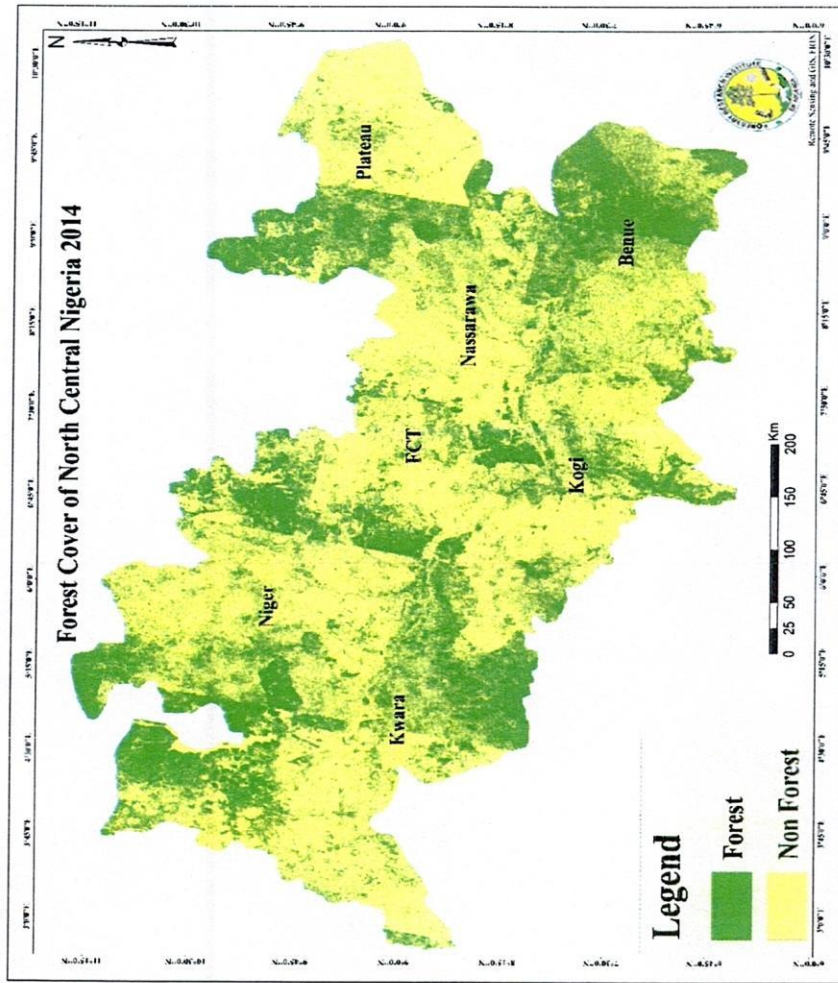


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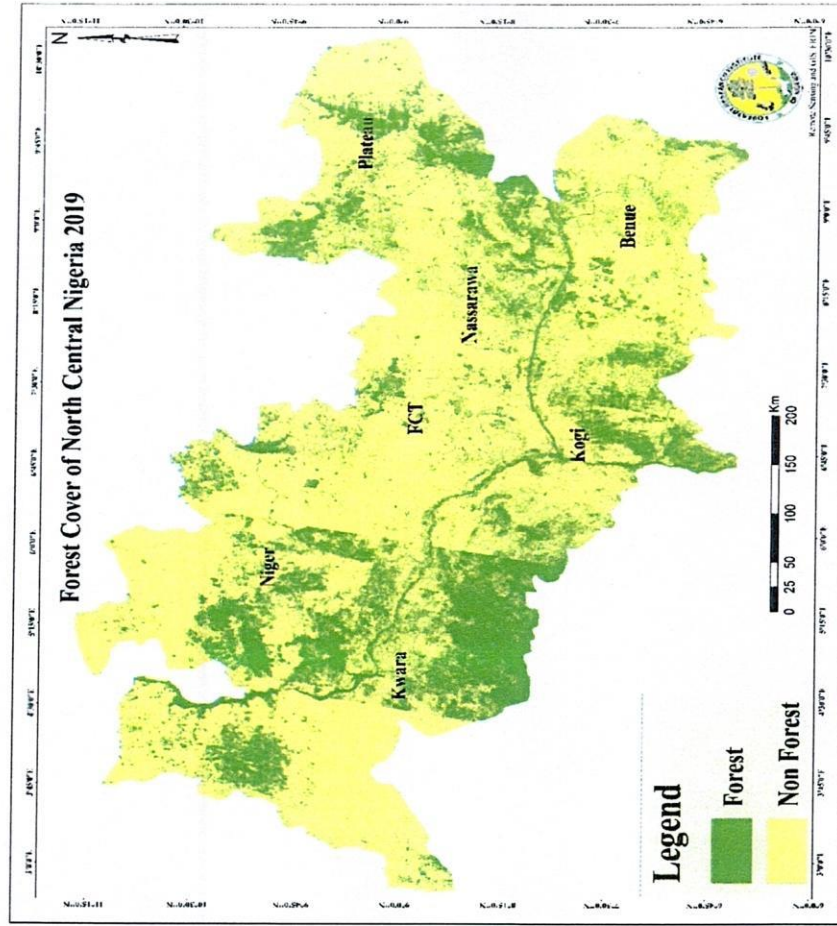


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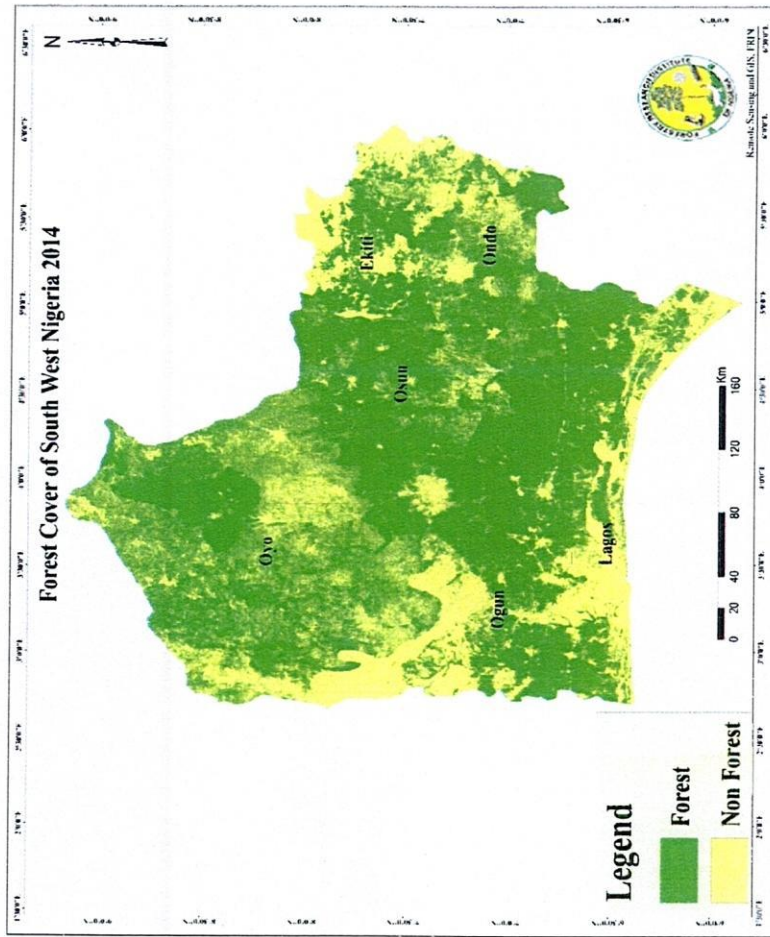


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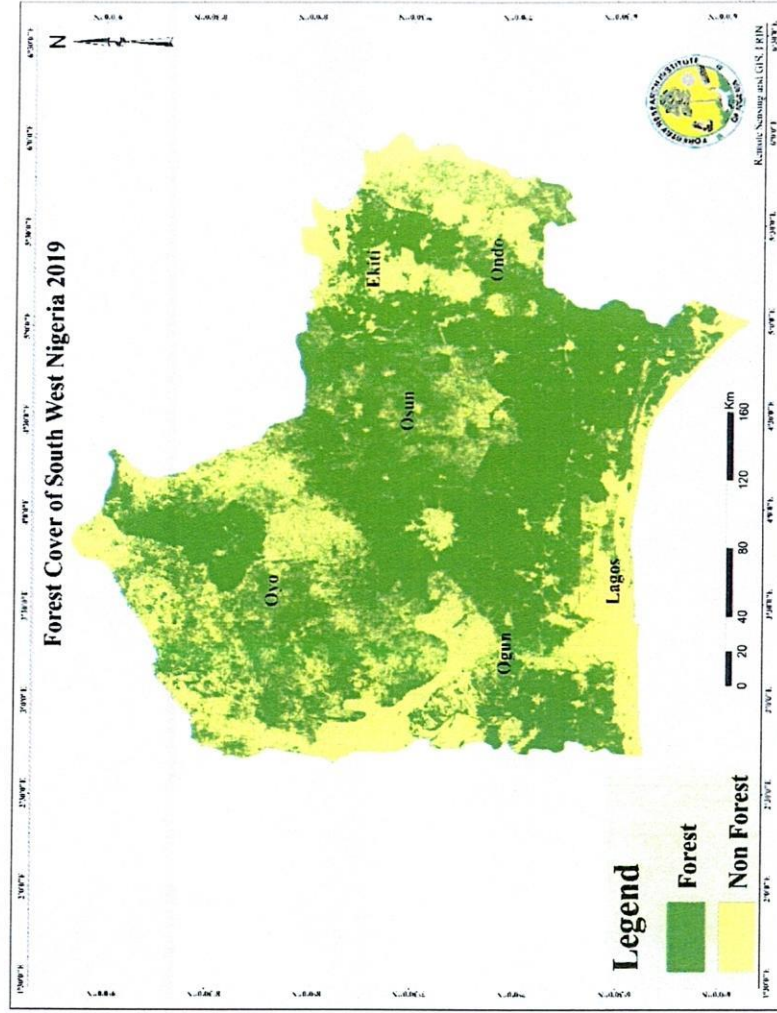


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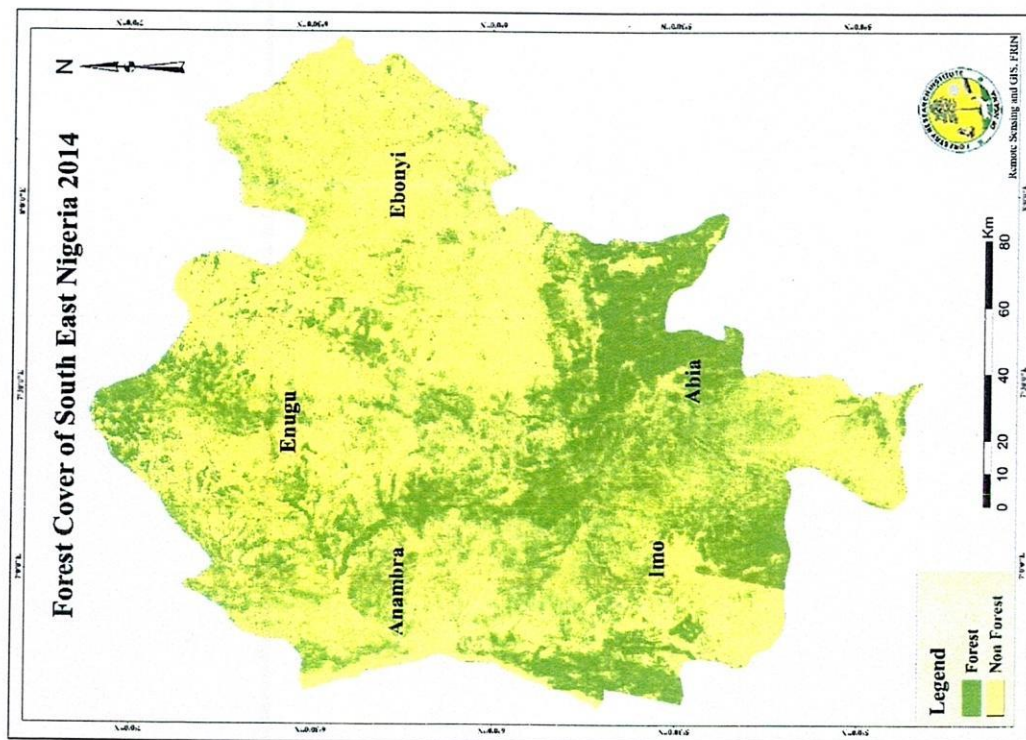


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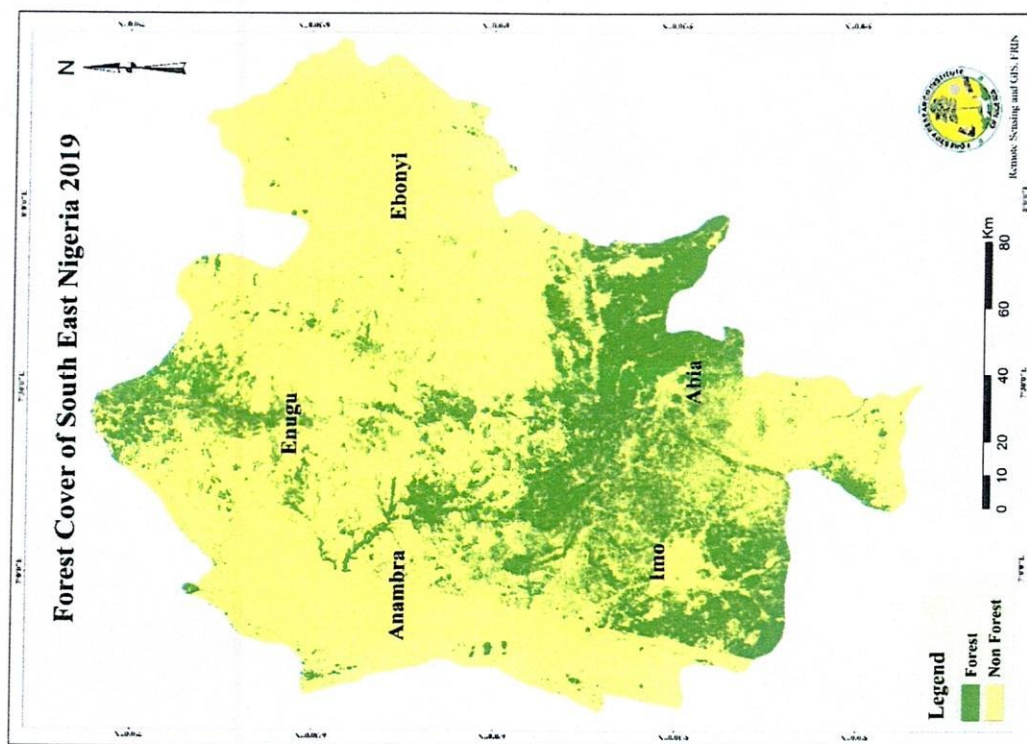


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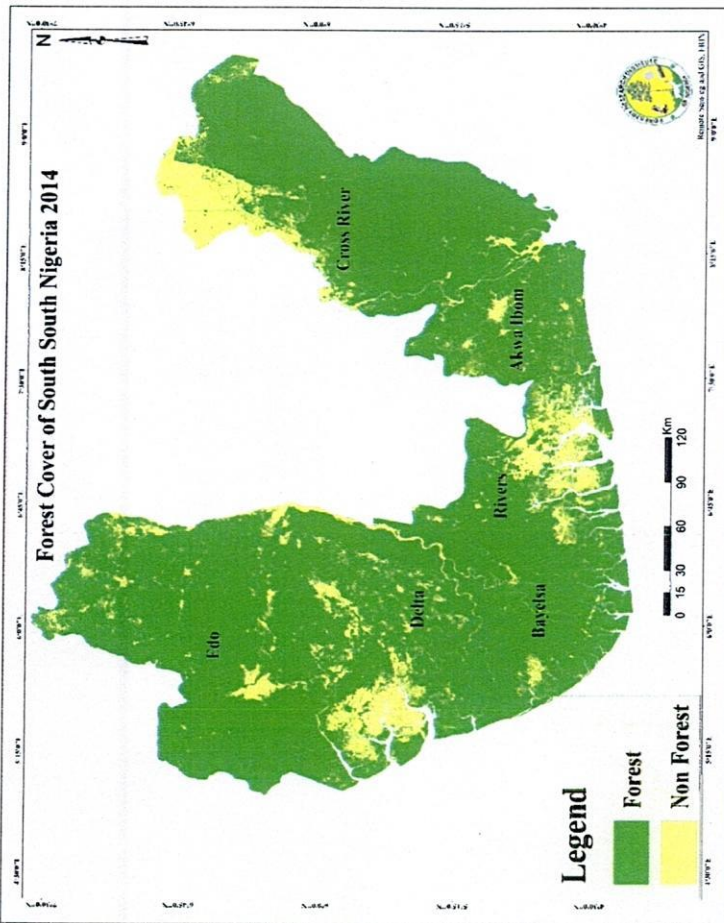


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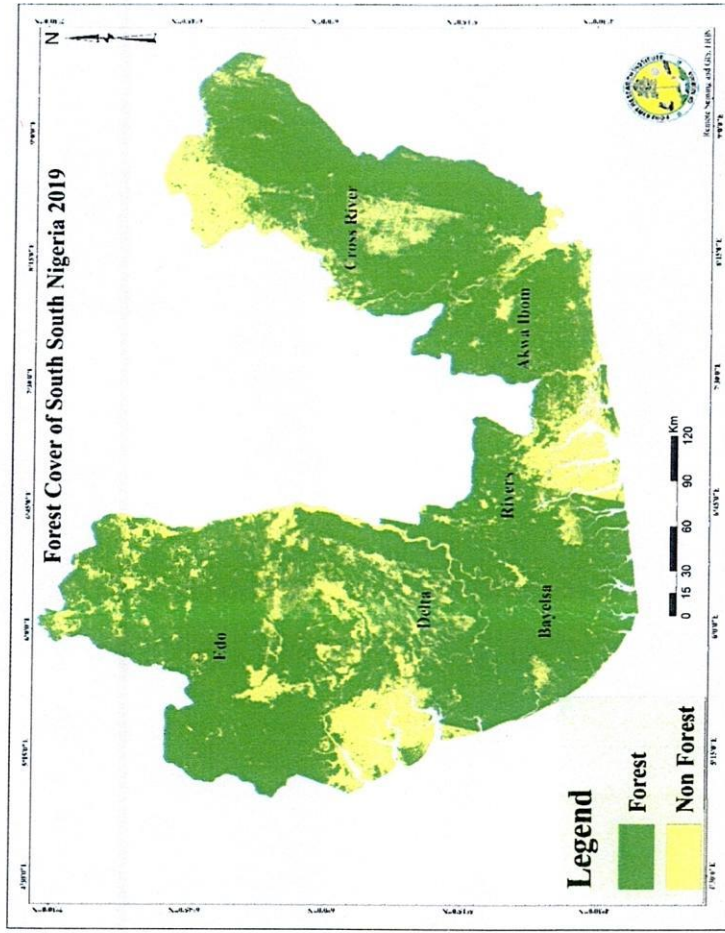


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## **Implementation Committee and Collaborating Ministerial stakeholders**

The implementation committee chaired by the current Coordinator of the Afforestation Projects, Director-General, of the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria (FRIN), is composed of the following;

- Office of the Honourable Minister
- Office of the Honourable Minister of State
- Department of Climate Change
- National Agency for the Great Green Wall
- Representative Office of the Permanent Secretary
- Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria
- Department of Forestry
- Department of Drought and Desertification Amelioration
- Representatives of Governors Forum



- Federal Ministry of Education
- Federal Ministry of Agriculture
- Federal Ministry of Youth and Sport
- Federal Ministry of Women Affairs
- Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs,  
Disaster Management and Social  
Development
- Federal Ministry of Water Resources
- Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources
- Federal Ministry of Youths and Sports  
(NYSC)
- Federal Capital Territory
- Federal Ministry of Information and  
Culture (Publicity Arms –National  
Orientation Agency)
- Nigeria Television Authority (NTA)
- Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Federal Ministry of Defense
- National Security Adviser's Office
- Nigeria Police Force



- Youth in Climate Change Representative – Ms. Samira Ibrahim
- NGO - Dangote Foundation
- Life Builders Initiative, Ibadan (NGO)
- Civil Society – Mr. Aderibigbe Abiodun (SEFAAI)
- Private Sector (Corporate Social Responsibility Arm) – Tropical Wood Exporters Association – General Secretary, Mr. Odiase O. Joseph
- Chief (Mrs.) Ajoke Mohammed – Sairus Palmetum Botanical Garden.



## **Terms of Reference**

**The constituted implementation committee would be minimally guided by the following Terms of Reference:**

- **Come up with practicable and workable ways of implementing the Policy.**
- **Leverage on the Nurseries within the FRIN Headquarters, outstations, Colleges; NAGGW Nurseries, Federal Department of Forestry (FDF) Nurseries across the States and other Nurseries in Zonal offices for the purpose of raising the seedlings.**
- **look at possibilities of accessing the 2020 Budget Appropriation as regards Afforestation for the purpose of raising seedlings across the Country.**





## Terms of Reference

- **Liaise with the National Forestry Trust Fund (NFTF) for possible collaboration.**
- **Develop MOU with State Governments particularly on land acquisition and labour for tree planting and management**
- **Actively engage and empower youths and women especially those residing within the communities around the Forestry facilities in the process of raising seedlings, awareness campaign, socio- economic development etc.**
- **Organize “Synchronized Tree Planting Day”.**



## **Deliverables** **(Project Outcome)**

**Nigeria's forest provides significant economic, social and environmental benefits.**

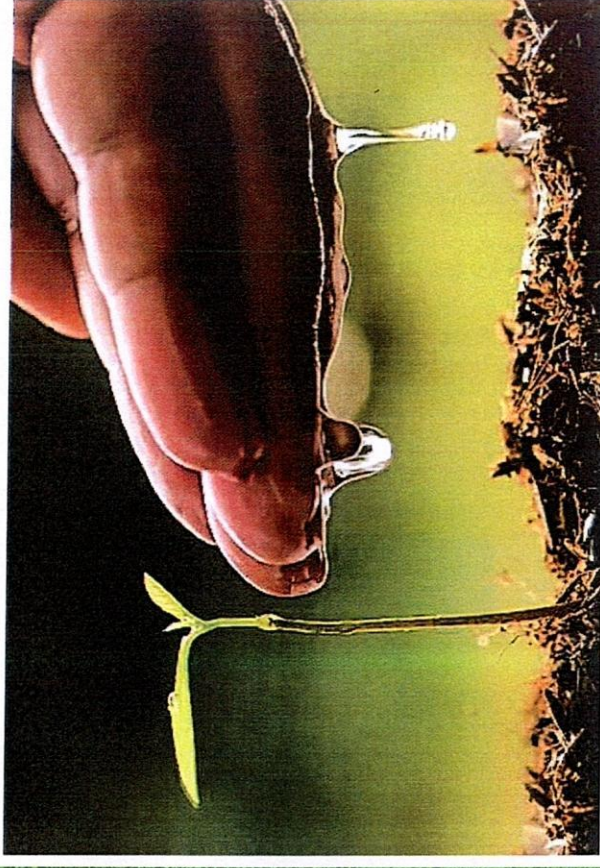
- **Economic benefits**
  - ✓ Job creation and re-introduction of forest guards)
  - ✓ Economic growth and sustainability (Enterprises development)
- **Social benefits**
  - ✓ Improved human livelihood
  - ✓ Social equity and development
- **Environmental benefits**
  - ✓ Climate change mitigation and adaptation (Projected carbon emission sequestration for 25 million trees as from age 5 years is estimated at 146, 264.625 tons per year (22,502.25 ha x 6.5 CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration rate)
  - ✓ Reduction in green house emission
  - ✓ Provision of Ecosystem services
  - ✓ Biodiversity conservation
  - ✓ Reclamation of degraded land
  - ✓ Desert encroachment control
  - ✓ Soil erosion and surface run-off control
  - ✓ Increase in forest cover



## **Production of tree seedlings**

**Production of tree seedlings is expected to leverage on the Nurseries within**

- ✓ **Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria**
- ✓ **Federal Department of Forestry**
- ✓ **National Great Green Wall**
- ✓ **National Parks Services**
- ✓ **Department of Drought and Desertification Amelioration**
- ✓ **Private Nurseries**
- ✓ **Department of Forest Production and Products, University of Ibadan**
- ✓ **Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria Nursery**





## States in Discussion

**We are already in discussion  
with the following states....**

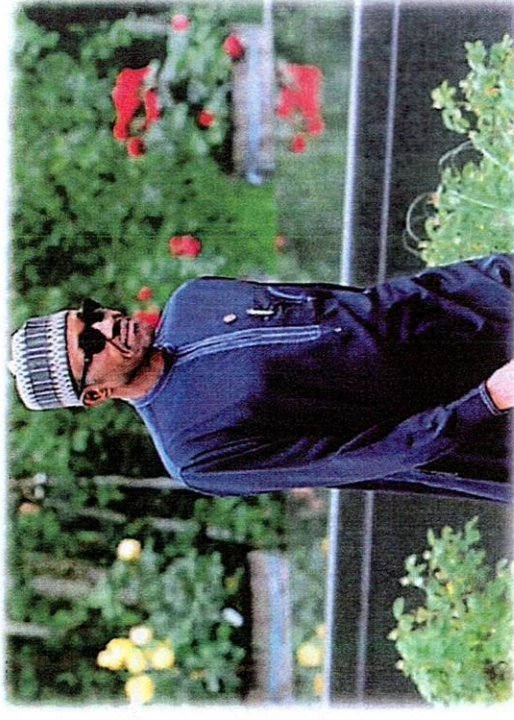
- ✓ **Borno State**
- ✓ **Gombe State**
- ✓ **Kwara State**
- ✓ **Niger State**
- ✓ **Kaduna State**





## **Tree Planting**

- **The ceremonial, commemoration and flagging off planting activity of the 25 million trees by Mr. President is suggested to take place in June in a pre-determined location in Abuja, Federal Capital Territory.**
- **The National tree planting activities could commence earlier in the six geo-political zones of the country.**

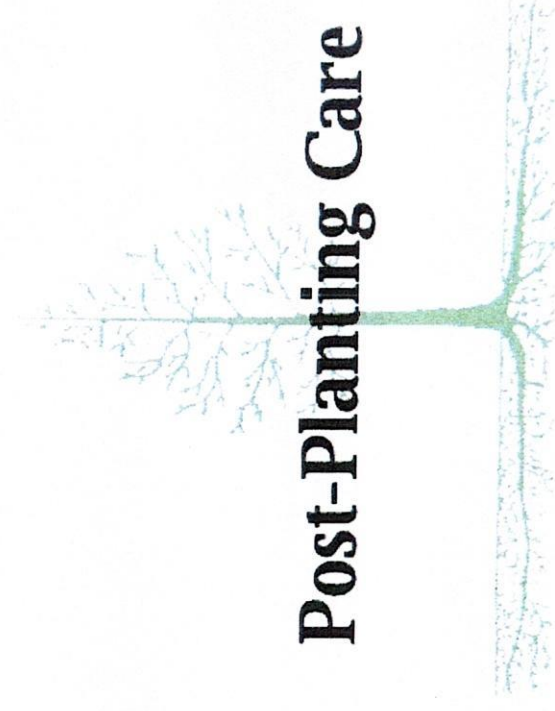




## **Post-Planting Management**

- **To achieve the pre-determined objective of increasing the forest cover through plantation establishment and ensure sustainability, post planting management operations are very germane.**
- **In view of the aforementioned, it is proposed that there should be three weeding operations within a year.**
- **Beating-up operation, fire tracing and protection of established plantation against anthropogenic activities should be considered accordingly.**
- **The success of this huge Afforestation project is hinged on regular monitoring and evaluation.**

## **Post-Planting Care**





# Implementation Workplan

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## Implementation Work Budget

### Federal Funding Budget

S/N	Category	Unit	Unit Cost (N)	Total Amount (N)
<b>1</b>	Raising of 20 million Tree Seedlings, logistics, mobilization and flagging off by Mr. President	1	5,338,850,000	5,338,850,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>5,338,850,000</b>
<b>2</b>	Post Planting Management operations (Southern and Northern Ecological region)	1	2,708,270,000	2,708,270,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>2,708,270,000</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>8,047,120,000</b>

- *The Federal Funding Budget amount to Eight Billion, Forty-Seven Million, One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira. (N8, 047, 120, 000)*



## Implementation Work Budget

### State Funding Budget

Category	Unit	Unit Cost (N)	Total Amount (N)
Planting of Tree Seedlings at 3 x 3m spacing is estimated at N810, 000 per ha			
20Million tree seedlings at 3 x 3m spacing will plant 16,000ha	16000	810,000	12,960,000,000
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>12,960,000,000</b>

- *The State Funding Budget amount to Twelve Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million Naira. (N12, 960, 000, 000)*



## **Funding of Implementation Work Budget**

<b>Budget Implementation Funding</b>		<b>Amount (N)</b>
Federal Funding		8,047,120,000
State Funding		12,960,000,000
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>21,007,120,000</b>

- *Total funding amount to Twenty-One Billion, Seven Million, One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira*



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TO SAVE THE  
ENVIRONMENT



PLANT A  
TREE

**“Now is the time to close the destructive chapter in our history, and build a future where people can live and prosper in harmony with nature. Only this can ensure a sustainable future”**