

BRIEF ON ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, BAUCHI STATE

The primary responsibility of the Ministry is to co-ordinate and supervise the activities of the 20 Local Governments of the State. In an effort to revitalize the entire Local Government Administration the Ministry decided to establish and revitalize the following:

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- (i) **Establishment of Due Process Unit in all the 20 Local Government Councils:** In order to ensure the practice of honesty and transparency, the Ministry directed all the 20 Local Governments to establish the Office of Due Process. This is in line with the Federal Government's Policy of ensuring strict observance of Due Process and in compliance with Public Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility Law. They were guided by strong team set by His Excellency under the Chairmanship of the Honourable Commissioner that visited all the Local Governments. ✓
- (ii) **Revitalization of Tenders Board in the 20 Local Government:** Taking into consideration the importance of Tenders Board especially with current administration concern for accountability and transparency, the Ministry directed the revitalization of Tenders Boards in the 20 Local Governments. The Ministry further made it a policy that no submission for approval of Contract will be entertained without the report of Tenders Board. *None on assumption of office. ✓*
- (iii) **Printing of Copies of Financial Memoranda and Local Government Hand Books:-** The establishment of Due Process Offices and the revitalization of the Tenders Board in the 20 Local Government Councils will not be a complete success without the adherence to the set down Government established rules and procedures. It is in realization of this that the Ministry printed copies of the Financial Memoranda and Local Government hand Books and distributed same to the Chairmen, Councillors, Heads of Departments and Unit Heads. ✓
- (iv) **Committees on the Review of the Fees Collected on Various Taxable Items:-** Having noted the global economic meltdown, the Ministry saw the need to stop the entire dependence on the Federation Allocation and look inwards for source of revenue. In ✓

pursuance of this noble objective, the Ministry in conjunction with the Office of the Secretary to the State Government established and gave all necessary assistance to a High Powered Committee to ensure the review and collection of internally generated revenue. This is all in an effort to ensure the entire Local Government system is re-invigorated and have the capacity to survive on its feet without much reliance on the State and Federal Governments.

- (v) **Payment of Counter Part Funding to Projects:-** It is known fact that the Federal Government in conjunction with the State and Local Governments have been promoting some laudable programme such as LEEMP, FADAMA AND CBARDP. These programmes are all pursued with a view to ensuring the development/progress of the State especially at the Local Government level. It is in realization of this objective that the Ministry supported the programme by ensuring the prompt payment of Counter Funding which is a condition of the programmes.
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| a. LEEMP was given | - | N100,000,000.00 |
| b. FADAMA III | - | N40,000,000.00 |
| c. CBARDP (Monthly) | - | N3,624,975.00 |
- (vi) **Supply of *Educational Materials*:** In line with the policy of the present Administration to up-lift the standard and quality of education in the State, the Ministry was mandated and had procured educational materials worth **N986,480,000.00** and distributed to State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) and Ministry of Education respectively for effective learning.
- (vii) **Provisions of Funds to the Flood Disaster Victims:** The State had witnessed a flood disaster during 2007 raining season which rendered some people homeless. In order to alleviate the suffering of the teeming masses, the sum of **N279,000,000.00** was released and distributed to the flood disaster victims across the State.
- (viii) **Installation of Police Communication Gadgets:** In an attempt to ensure the security of lives and properties of the entire citizens of Bauchi State, the Ministry procured Police Communication Gadgets worth **N55,500,330.84** and installed in all the twenty (20) Local Governments across the State. Similarly, 20 Patrol Hilux Vehicles as well as 100 Jincheng Motorcycles were also procured at a total cost of **N114,887,000.00** and distributed to the twenty (20) Local

Governments in the State in order to tighten security system. **(N178,887,330.00)**.

- (ix) **Purchase of Seven (7) Hilux for Effective Monitoring and Inspection:** In line with the policy of this Administration to ensure prudence and accountability, the Ministry has procured 7 Hilux Vehicles to the tune of **N34,930,003.50** and distributed to all the 6 Area Inspectorate Offices including the Headquarters in order to facilitate effective inspection and Monitoring activities of all the twenty (20) Local Government Councils.
- (x) **Peaceful Conduct of Local Government Elections:** The sum of **N215,973,660.69** was released to the State Independent Electoral Commission (SIEC) as a contribution for the successful conduct of Local Government Elections.
- (xi) **Refurbishing of 60 Tractors by STEYR NIGERIA LIMITED:** As an interim measures to improve agricultural production in the State, the sum of **N175,974,701.74** was approved for the refurbishing of 60 Tractors by STEYR NIGERIA LIMITED. Already 40 Tractors have been refurbished while the company is working on the remaining 20.
- (xii) **Purchase of 3 Official Vehicles to the Office of the Auditor General for Local Governments:** For the purpose of proper auditing of Local Government Accounts, the Ministry has purchased 3 Official Vehicles worth **N15,076,520.00** and released to the Auditor General for Local Governments for effective service delivery.
- (xiii) **Purchase of Vehicles to Emirate Councils:** Government appreciates the role of traditional rulers in various aspects of Local Governments. To supplement this effort, the Ministry has procured vehicles worth **N11,090,000.00** and distributed to all the Emirate Councils in the State.
- (xiv) **Implementation of HATISS** and subsequent payment of 15% arrears to Medical and Health Workers in the Local Governments. **(N359,313,863.45)**
- (xv) **Procurement and installation of Computers** and accessories to the Ministry to improve on data storage. **(N2,065,000.00)**

- (xvi) **Purchase of Generators** to the Six (6) Area Inspectorate Offices at the cost of N100,000.00 each **(N720,000.00)**
- (xvii) **Furnishing of all the Area Inspectorate Offices** and the Headquarters in order to create a conducive working atmosphere to staff. **(N5,446,700.00)**
- (xviii) **Capacity Building Workshops/Seminars** for all category of Public Officers to keep them abreast on modern system of Local Government Administration. **(N19,486,350.00)**
- (xix) **Payment of Estacode Allowances** to Hajj Affairs Officers and their Deputies for 2008 Hajj Operation. **(N39,294,000.00)**
- (xx) **Drilling of 100 Hand Pump Water Projects:** In an effort to arrest the perennial water problem across the State, Government has approved the drilling of 100 hand pumps water projects in all the 20 Local Governments in the State to CHINA ZHONGHAO NIGERIA LIMITED at a total cost of **N1,688,920,645.50**. Already the sum of **N337,789,128.50** was released to the Treasury as 40% counterpart funding by the 20 Local Governments.
- (xxi) **Furnishing of the new Permanent Secretary's Office** and supply of 4No. 11/2 HP Air conditioners to the Ministry **N1,116,500.00**.
- (xxii) **Supply of Olympic Model Microscope** to the all the Health facilities in the 20 Local Governments **N26,250,000.00**.
- (xxiii) **Execution of One Million Naira ward projects:** The sum of **N400,000,000.00** was expended by the 20 Local Governments for the execution of ward projects in order to ensure the extension of dividend of Democracy at the grass root level.
- (xxiv) In order to alleviate the sufferings of the teaming masses the sum of N371,000,000.00 was approved and released to all the 20 Local Government Councils in the State for both **Ramadan feeding scheme** (for designated Mosques) and Special Assistance/Hospitality to individuals and Groups. Similarly, the sum of N2,556,000.00 was expended, for the purchase and distribution of Ramadan Gift to all the Staff of the Ministry and other important

Dignatories across the State. However, efforts are being intensified to make adequate provision for the Sallah Ed-El-Kabir Gift as usual.

(xxv) Holy Pilgrimage is one of the five Pillars of Islam and a mandatory responsibility for any practicing Muslim to perform. Government has purchased **seats from the State Pilgrims Welfare Board** in respect of all the 20 Local Government Councils to the tune of N118,000,000.00 for distribution to some selected Muslim Ulama and other important Dignatories across the State. Similarly payments to Hajj Affairs Officers to the tune of N47,085,000.00 were accordingly effected to ensure this years smooth Hajj operations.

(xxvi) **Skill acquisition training by JANGARI NIGERIA LIMITED:** a programme where 400 participants were considered and have eventually benefited on how to manufacture body cream, bar soap, vim, tie and dye in order to boost youth empowerment across the 20 Local Government Areas.

(xxvii) During the period under review, the Ministry in collaboration with Samaga Global Concept Ltd/ A. I. Consults Investment Limited, Day Break Communication Limited, Amicable Integrated Service Limited and other Consulting Firms conducted **various training (Workshop/Seminar)** to all the 20 Local Government Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and their Councillors, aimed at contributing their quota toward the development of sound administrative footing set up by the present administration.

(xxviii) **Construction of Area Inspectorate Offices:** The Ministry has secured an executive approval and awarded contract worth N197,586,971.16 to Messrs. Ciroma Builders Limited for the construction of 6 Nos. Local Government Area Inspectorate Offices with Wall Fence, 6 Nos. Area Inspectors Residence (3 Bedroom Bungalow) with 2 Bedroom Boys Quarters and Wall Fence at Bauchi, Dass, Ningi, Misau, Azare and Jama'are.