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It gives me a great pleasure and honor to be amongst the operatives of the Jigawa state Government privileged to present a paper to this august forum. Perhaps, the title is not co-incidental as the topic is apt and quite rightly.

In-deed, the Ministry of Land and Housing constitutes a very vital role to play in governance because of the multifaceted role of LAND and SHELTER in the physical, and socio economic well being of the citizenry.

The Ministry of Land and Housing in this dear state (Jigawa) is made up of seven operational departments namely:-

- Admin and Finance
- Land
- Survey
- Deeds
- Housing
- Regional Planning
- Planning Research and Statistics

Similarly, the Ministry supervises two significant parastatals; viz, Jigawa state Urban Development Board and the Jigawa State Housing Authority, While at the same time maintaining corresponding working relationships with the Dutse Capital Development Authority DCDA being the custodian of the growth of the capital city Dutse.

PROGRAMMES

As outlined, the operational structures of the Ministry are quite unique and these include; Land Administration, physical planning, provision of and control of the Implementation of Master plans for Urban Centers as well as provision of public Housing and Construction of Township Roads etc. At the same time, the Ministry maintains cordial and complementary working relationships with all other organs of government in the delivery of dividends of democracy to the teeming population of the state.

ACHIEVEMENTS

We wish to place on record that from the inception of His Excellency the Sule Lamido led administration to date, the Ministry of Land and Housing has made significant progress in the following areas:-

- (i) Review of land ^{a economic trees} compensation rates upward by about 450% ^{2,150% respectively}
- (ii) Processing of over three thousand Certificates Occupancy for various Landuses; that is, Residential, Commercial Agricultural Industrial and small and Medium scale enterprises.
- (iii) Provision and implementation of various development plans (Layouts) in Dutse and other major Urban Centers. About 5, 000 plots of various land uses and densities have been produced and implemented.
- (iv) Acquisition of Lithographic and modern survey Equipment for effective service delivery and to conform with digitalizing of land records. This will simplify and enhance efficiently.
- (v) Construction of three number Township Roads at Gantsa, Garki, Birniwa Urban Centers as well as a link access Road to INEC Headquarters in Dutse- about 21.7 km cumulative
- (vi) Completion of 9 Nos. very senior staff Commissioners Quarters at Dutse GRA

- (vii) Construction of 2 Nos. New Commissioners Quarters completed with boys quarters.
- (viii) Construction of the Ministry's Permanent multi-storey office Complex now at completion stage
- (ix) Construction of 4 Nos. Zonal Land Registry offices for effective delivery of our services at grassroot.
- (x) Provision of computer facilities and Hands on training to various staff
- (xi) Equally, His Excellency the Governor has graciously approved the implementation of compensation in kind, where by owners of farmlands whose area is to be utilized as residential layout are considered for allocation of plots in lieu of monetary compensation.
- (xii) Construction of ^{66.}60 units of assorted Housing units by the Jigawa state Housing Authority at Fatara to enhance staff accommodation.
- (xiii) Construction of 20 units of police Housing units at Bamaina to complement the provision of police Divisional office and staff Quarters donated by Skye Bank Plc.
- (xiv) Resettlement of about 2,500 House Holds whose settlements and properties were affected by overriding public projects Viz- construction of staff Development center in Dutse, Construction of Township Roads and other government buildings.
- (xv) Review of Birnin- Kudu and Hadejia Master plan to provide a guide in the future growth and planned development of the towns.
- (xvi) Provision of about 3000 hectares of land for Housing Estate unit Public – Private Partnership development

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

It is the present government desires to see that the entire citizenry live a dignified life by ensuring the social charter component of the state development strategy.

The Ministry will therefore continue to pursue various and deliberate attempts to achieve the following in due course:-

- ✚ Purposeful economic empowerment by ensuring speedy processing of Certificates of Occupancy.
- ✚ Provision of small scale Industrial Layouts and related services in Dutse and other major Urban Centers in the state.
- ✚ Computerization of Land /Survey registry and related operatives.
- ✚ Provision of affordable housing through the Jigawa state Housing Authority.
- ✚ Appropriate review of Master plans for Urban Centers to keep phase with Millennium Development Goals.
- ✚ Construction of additional Township Roads in the state with a related services like drainages.
- ✚ Deliberate training and equipping of technical and professional staff to match with current global trends.
- ✚ Provision of appropriate layout plans for various Land Uses in both Urban and semi Urban settlements.
- ✚ In addition to the above, government will ensure that all on- going projects are appraised and gradually continued and completed to its logical conclusion
- ✚ Government is also exploring ways of reducing high cost of public projects and foreign content by utilizing local experts and locally sourced equipment and materials.
- ✚ Also the Ministry intends to make appropriate provision of developable Residential/ Commercial plots in all our Urban Centers
- ✚ Finally, the repugnant picture of the state is now changing to a more pleasant one with a defined implementation frame works

Thank you for listening.