

QUANTUM LEAP

Achievements of the Administration of
HIS EXCELLENCY, ALH. (DR) ALIYU MAGATAKARDA WAMAKKO
(SARKIN YAMMAN SAKKWATO)
Executive Governor of Sokoto State

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FOREWARD

Governor Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko (Sarkin Yamman Sokoto) was elected Sokoto State Governor on the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the April 14th, 2007 election. Barely ten months into the four year term, the election was annulled and a re-run election was ordered by an Appeal Court sitting in Kaduna.

Undaunted and apparently unperturbed by the Appeal Court's ruling, Sarkin Yamma made a triumphant entry into Sokoto which sent jitters into the opposition camp. He emboldened the resolve of his supporters in a speech at the Shehu Kangiwa square where he declared that the Court decision should be considered as an act of God which was destined to happen and urged the supporters to be law abiding. He added that he would contest the re-run election, assuring that he would again defeat his opponents. All what he said at the rally has come to pass.

The Governor was re-elected by the people of Sokoto State with a wider margin and was sworn-in at an impressive ceremony at the Shehu Kangiwa Square on 28th May, 2008 along with his Deputy, Barrister Mukhtari Shehu Shagari, CFR.

The administration is about two and a half years by December 2009 and in line with the age long conventions, the Ministry of Information looks back into that period to see what the Government was able to achieve in terms of policy redirection and service delivery to the electorate. This publication, titled "Quantum Leap" is, therefore, aimed at bringing to the fore the giant strides of the Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko led administration from May 29th, 2007 to December, 2009.

What follows is a Ministry-by-Ministry and Department-by-Department analysis and presentation of Governor Wamakko's agenda for the development of Sokoto state; a development which seeks not only to build structures but to build people as well.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT

During the period under review, Alh (Dr.) Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko (Sarkin Yamman Sokoto) was sworn in twice as the Executive Governor of Sokoto State; first on 29th May 2007 and second after the re-run election victory on 29th May 2008.

On assumption of office, the first appointment the Executive Governor made was that of the Secretary to the State Government and the post went to a seasoned administrator and former Permanent Secretary, Alh Sahabi Isa Gada, mni, who also has the rare privilege of holding the post twice in ten months; from 29th May 2007 to April 2008 and 28th May 2008 to date.

In both occasions the Governor appointed Members of the State Executive Council and Special Advisers representing various parts of the State to run the Ministries and Departments under the Executive Arm of the Government.

Office of the SSG is the engine room of the administration. In addition to the advice it renders to the Governor for the successful implementation of Government programmes and coordination of the various branches of the Executive arm of the Government, the office also carries out some projects.

The office has, during the period under review, performed creditably well. For instance, the office procured 100 units of motor cycles and 150 tricycles for poverty reduction programme at the cost of N57, 000,000.00 and N87, 000,000.00 respectively. The office also procured and supplied medical laboratory equipment and consumables worth N13, 152,300 to the Government House Clinic. The State Government has also up-graded the State High Court two Complex to serve as temporary site for new Federal Court of Appeal in Sokoto at the cost of N193,127,897.84.

It was under this office that contract for the establishment of Independent Power Project (IPP) which would produce 30mwts of electricity for the state was awarded at the cost of N3, 800,000,000.00. The project would provide the state with the much required electricity supply which will in turn lead to resuscitation of the closed down industries and establishment of new ones across the state. So far the sum of N1.4billion has been spent on the project. In addition, a Consultant has been contracted to oversee the project at the cost of N190million Naira. Equipment for the IPP have started to be delivered to the State Government.

In consideration of the number of high level personalities visiting the State almost on daily basis, the State Government has embarked on the building of 12 additional Villas close to Government Lodge one along Ahmad Muhammad Daku Road at the cost of N467million. Work on the Villas has reached 45% completion stage with the sum of N126million already paid to the contractors.

In an apparent appreciation of the role being played by the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital (UDUTH) to the health of the people of this State and beyond, the Magatakarda administration has awarded contract for the construction of modern medical library for the Institution and the State Government has already expended the sum of N208, 808, 470 on the project.

The administration has also extended similar gesture to the Sultan Abubakar III International Airport with the award of contract worth N100, 887, 500 for the fencing of its premises. The idea is to protect the Airport Areas from illegal encroachment, trespass by cattle and other animal herders as well as provide general security to plant and equipment of the Airport.

Other projects executed under this office were the rehabilitation of the collapsed walls of the Sokoto Eid Praying ground at the cost of N17, 002, 234.84, renovation of Hubbaren (tomb of) Shehu Usman Danfodiyo at the cost of N48, 080, 025, provision of

access road to the Hubbare at the cost of N11, 152, 008 and renovation of the residence of Director, State Security Services which cost the sum of N16, 620, 000. The State Government has also built a Conference Hall at the Police Training School in Sokoto.

During the same period, the State Government also renovated the Brigade Commander's residence at the cost of N10, 131,426.90 and also rehabilitated the burnt Police Command Communication Room at the cost of N9, 809,120.00.

Vehicles for Special Advisers and other top Government functionaries were also procured at the cost of N162, 828,309.58 and distributed to the officers concerned.

In order to improve intra and interstate mass transit, the Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko administration procured one hundred and fifty (150) 18 seater Buses at the cost of N630, 000,000 for sale to people of the state on credit basis. Similarly, 20 Peugeot 406 Comfort were procured at the cost of N4, 675,780.00. In the same vein, 70 Peugeot Partner brand mini Buses were purchased and sold to people for use as taxis in the Metropolis and other major towns in the state at the cost of N213, 850,000.00. The office also purchased Back-up vehicles (Humer Jeep) at N13, 000,000.00.

The official Residence of the State Executive Governor at Government House Sokoto was also furnished by the office of the Secretary to the State Government during the period under review at the cost at 49,902,000.00.

Under the office of the Head of Civil Service, the State Government has during the period under review awarded contract for the renovation of Usman Faruk Secretariat at the total cost of N600, 825.00. This is the first time a major rehabilitation work is being carried on the Secretariat since it was built over three decades ago.

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

The importance of the provision of good road network in the socio-economic development of any society cannot be overemphasized. It is in line with this that the present administration, since inception in 2007, considered road construction and rehabilitation in both the urban and rural areas as one of its cardinal objectives.

The administration has inherited a number of roads that were either washed away by floods or full of pot-holes that required maintenance and rehabilitation. There were others that were under construction when the administration took over in the state. The administration has pledged to not only complete all inherited road projects but to initiate new projects which will open the State's vast areas for both transport and investment opportunities. So far, the State Government under Governor Magatakarda has awarded contracts or rehabilitated 45 roads totalling 466.37km at both in urban and rural areas at the total cost of N16, 566, 727, 216.39 about half of which has already been duly paid based on the progress of works on these projects.

The road projects carried out by the Ministry include rehabilitation of 20 roads at the cost of N947, 108, 889.55. These include Achida Road (N48, 802, 940), Gobir road (N48, 802, 940), Bado Quarters access road (N49, 636, 000), Kware road (N14, 000, 000) and Zagga road (20, 485, and 001.25) all in Sokoto metropolis. Others are repairs on Bodinga-Danchadi road (N45, 447, 887.18), Kware-Gada road (N3, 900, 000), Tangaza-Balle road (N11, 074, 281.80), Yabo-Kilgori road (N2, 630, 000) and Tambuwal-Kebbe road (N3, 804, 335) in Bodinga, Kware, Gada, Tangaza, Gudu, Yabo, Tambuwal and Kebbe Local Government Areas respectively.

Other road projects executed by the Ministry are the construction of Kalambaina-Arkilli-Nasarawa-Polytechnic Link road at the cost of N299, 765, 753.40, Nasarawa-Yar Abba road at the cost of N143, 192, 093.63, Ahmad Rufa'i road asphalt overlay at the cost of N40, 000, 000, Unguwar Rogo Junction-Mabera road at N20, 352, 150 and

rehabilitation of Gado Nasko Avenue at the cost of N49, 996, 506. The rest are construction of drainage at Ex-Parliamentary Quarters at the cost of N47, 421, 727.50, construction of Drainage at Meat, fish and vegetables market, Sokoto at the cost of N28, 443, 200, Runfar Dankawu Roundabout at the cost of N40, 302, 896.29 and Badon Godabe Drainage Works at the cost of N25, 000, 000.

In consideration of the economic activities that exist in Illela and its position as boarder town, the state Government has awarded contract for the reconstruction of the 80km Sokoto-Illela Federal road at the cost of N1, 995,606,191. The 3km Nasarawa-Yar'Abba road constructed at the cost of N143, 192,093.63 was completed and commissioned by the Governor during the period under review. Government has also awarded contract worth N950, 000,000.00 for the construction of 37.3km Rundi-Katami-Silame ring road.

Contract was also awarded for the construction of 27km Wamakko-Bunkari road at the cost of N715, 213,348.03. The state Government also awarded contract worth N678, 886,553.63 for the asphaltting of 24km Arkilla-Gumbi-Wamakko-Kalambaina road.

Another giant effort made by the present administration was the award of contract for the re-construction of 40km Illela-Gada road at the cost of N828,747,155.25. Another contract for the construction of 16km Yabo-Bengaji-Gudurega-Fakka road which cost the state government the sum of N544, 598, 011.13 was awarded by the Magatakarda administration during its first one year under review.

The state government also awarded a contract for the construction of 24km Bodinga-Bakale-Kilgori road at the cost of N750, 000,000.00. Another important road awarded by the Magatakarda administration during the period under review was the 52Km Gidan Sale-Tidibale-Mailalle road which opens an important agricultural land in Isa, Goronyo and Sabon Birni Local Governments at the cost of N1, 214, 235, 618.75.

The present administration also re-awarded contract for the construction of the controversial Silame-Gande Bridge along with 7km access road at the cost of N615, 705,314.00. Another contract for the construction of 17km road with 4 span bridges for Wurno-Nasarawa-Tambagarka road which costs the State Government the sum of N1, 361,979,578.49 was awarded by the administration during the period under review. The state Government also awarded contract for the construction of 13km Yar'abba-Jegawa-Badarawa-Fanare road at the cost of N576, 000,000.00.

Contract was also awarded for the beautification of the landscaping of Maiduguri road from National roundabout to Sokoto Guest-inn roundabout at the cost of N60, 233, 33.25. Six new road projects have been awarded by the administration and are at various levels of development. These are Bodinga-Dingyadi road awarded at the cost of N310, 666, 033.13, Ambarura-Dogon Karfe-Tabanni road at the cost of 708, 664, 774.70 and Durbawa-Maikujera road at N1, 025, 028, 145.

Others are the Fanare-Lokobi-Yarume road, Dange-Wababe road and Milgoma-Bagarawa road at the cost of N859, 455, 749.25, N254, 519, 401.50 and N204, 348, 209.63 respectively.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS

Women empowerment is one of the areas that the present administration is giving greater attention to with a view to making women self reliant and allowing them to give their maximum contribution to the socio-economic development of the state. The state Government has, during the period under review, purchased materials for Women Development Centres worth N17, 575,000.00. These include sewing and knitting machines and their accessories which are being used to train Women in the state in various self sustaining trades and crafts.

To ensure equity and fair play, the materials were distributed to each of the 23 Women Development Centres in the State so that Women at grassroots level would not be left behind. Similarly, the State Government responded positively to the increasing demand for trainees at the Women Development Centre along Sultan Ibrahim Dasuki Road, Sokoto, by resuscitating and expanding its facilities, furthermore, additional sewing and knitting machines were also supplied to the centre. A fitness centre was introduced in the Women Development Centre as part of the reactivation exercise and equipment worth N2, 000,000.00 were purchased and installed.

The state Government has also contributed the sum of N10, 000, 000 as its counter-part fund to Women Fund for Economic Empowerment (WOFEE), a scheme initiated by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development with a view to reducing the level of poverty among Women in the Country. The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development pledged 6 Million Naira for the Scheme. The state Government is awaiting the redemption of that pledge so that the scheme will take off as all arrangements have already been completed. The State Government has also identified 500 Women In distressed economic situation and has assisted them

financially to enable them start businesses with a view to enhancing their economic wellbeing.

The state Government has also constructed amenity Ward, VVF temporary shed and provided wall fence at Maryam Abacha Women and Children Hospital at the cost of N43,542,205.50.

The Sarkin Yamma Administration also awarded contract for the construction of VVF rehabilitation centre at the cost of N18, 436,957.14 aimed at providing skills training to VVF patients so that they can be self reliant after they were discharged from the Hospital. The state Government has also awarded contract worth M20, 000,000.00 for the construction of additional structures at Wamakko Drop-in Centre, which is jointly established by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development and Sokoto state Government.

Similarly the state government has also provided site for the centre in addition to the recruitment of the entire work force needed by the centre. The Institution was established to give vocational training to students that could not finish Secondary School education so that they can be self reliant and can also give their own contribution to the socio-economic development of their dear State. It is imperative to note that, the present administration under the leadership of Alh (Dr.) Magatake Wamakko (Sarkin Yamman Sokoto) has in relation to child Right's Act (CRA) approved for the constitution of the committee to domesticate the act in line with the religious, cultural norms and values of the people of Sokoto State.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

In response to the rapid population growth and demand for better health services across the state, since the inception of the administration two and a half years ago, with clear vision and mission on how best to improve and expand Health Care Delivery Services in the state, many laudable achievements have been recorded under the health sector. These include construction of new Primary Health Centres, upgrade of others, supply of Medical equipment, provision of drugs, supply of ambulances, training and retraining of all cadres of Health personnel under the Ministry.

Highlight of the major projects executed by the Ministry during the period under review include repairs, renovation and construction of additional staff quarters at General Hospital Gada at the total cost of N58, 344, 982.37, upgrading of Primary Health Centres at Binji to the status of General Hospital at the cost of N15,926,705, that of.....? N78, 130,133.53; that of Tambuwal at the cost of N149, 390,046.75 and that of Tureta at N68, 363,740.05.

Other projects executed under the Ministry were the construction of new Primary Health Centres at Rara in Rabah Local Government at the cost of N94,369,741.01; Silame Primary Health Centre in Silame Local Government at N94,369.741 and Araba Health Centre, in Illela Local Government at N94,369,741.01.

Similarly, payment of N94,369,741.01 for construction of new Primary Health Centre at Umaruma was made by the State Government, repairs and renovation of maternity unit at Specialist Hospital Sokoto at the cost of N13,921,766.25 was also carried out and Government also constructed male and female wards and furnished the Neuropsychiatric Hospital Kware at the sum of N9,665,520.00. During the same period the Magatakarda administration carried out the supply and installation of Medical Equipment for the Dialysis Centre at the Specialist Hospital, Sokoto at the cost of N50,773.076.01.

In the same vein repairs and renovation of the main hospital block, staff quarters and construction of new bedrooms of 2 blocks and 2 bed room, 1 block of 2 houses were carried out at Illela General Hospital to the tune of N76,669.635.00; repairs and renovation of burnt student hotels at the Sultan Abdurrahman School of Health Technology Gwadabawa at N5,684,532, installation of 4 Dialysis machines at Specialist Hospital, Sokoto at N4,000,000.00 and Construction of staff quarters with a standby generator at Amanawa Leprosarium at the cost of N43,791,216. Government also carried out repairs and renovation of hospital main complex, supply of medical equipment and building of staff quarters at General Hospital Tangaza at the cost of N77,236.635 and upgraded a Primary Health Clinic to Primary Health Centre at Sabon Garin Dole in Goronyo Local Government at N94,369.741.01.

Other projects executed by the Magatakarda administration during the one year are the upgrading of Health Clinic to Primary Health Centre at Durbawa carried out at the cost of N94,369.741.01, upgrading of Romon Liman Health Clinic in Tambuwal Local Government to Primary Health Centre at the cost of N94,369,000, construction of Auditorium at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Sokoto at N107,791,377.70, repairs and renovation of Epidemiological Unit Health office and Public Health Laboratory at Specialist Hospital Sokoto at the total cost of N9,335,500, repairs and renovation of 16 No of Boys' Quarters at School of Health Technology, Gwadabawa at the cost of N18,503,687.00 and expansion of intercom facilities at Specialist Hospital from 50 to 120 lines at N2,000.000.

Government also carried out Supply Of 8 Peugeot Expert Ambulances to the 5 new General Hospitals at Tambuwal, Bodinga, Tureta, Binji, Kebbe and 3 Primary Health Centres at Sanyinna, Rarah and Silame at the cost of N258,199,932.30. Supply of Medical Laboratory equipment to Government House Clinic, Sokoto costs the state the sum of N13,152,300.00 while supply and installation of medical furniture and equipment to Health facilities at Dogondaji, Isa, Sabon Birni, Maryam Abacha Women

and Children Hospital, Amanawa Leprosarium, Durbawa and Sabon Garin Dole were executed at the cost of N 167,000,000.00.

In response to measles and malaria outbreak in Dange Shuni, Shagari and Tambuwal Local Government Areas, Government has spent the sum of N4,405,000.00. Control of outbreak of CSM in the state cost the sum of N28,000,000.00 while supply and installation of 500KVA Generator as well as construction of Generator House at Specialist Hospital cost N17,491,744.00. The Ministry also procured insecticide treated nets (LLITN) at the cost of N9,000,000 which were distributed to housewives across the state free of charges. The Ministry also conducted research studies on Health manpower in the state at N2,000,000.00 and procured computers, Printers, photocopiers, calculators, UPS, Generator set and Binding material at the cost of N4,995,200.00. Printing of registration Certificates, purchase of office materials and conduct of seminars cost N 4,251,800.00 while repairs and renovation of damages to buildings at NOMA Hospital cost N19,289,244.50.

Printing of medical stationeries to government Health facilities in the state cost N5,630,000.00; procurement of laboratories/Library for (HIM Courses) at N19,000,684.00; supply of additional medical equipment to Specialist Hospital Sokoto was made at the cost of N11472,600.00 while provision of First Aid kits at Government Secondary Schools in the state at N19,620,00,000.00 and purchase of Drug Revolving Fund Drugs for stock cost the sum of N10,000,000 respectively.

During the period under review, the Ministry also purchased 6 Toyota Hilux double cabin Pick Up Vans for the Zonal Health Offices at Dange-Shuni, Gwadabawa, Wurno, Yabo, Department of Health Planning Inspectorate of the Ministry and along with Insurance at the cost of N30, 294,000.00.

Also carried out during this period was the procurement of 6 motorcycles and training of Health workers from 5 Local Government Areas on Leprosy and

Tuberculosis control at the cost of N5, 000,000, procurement of drugs for free medical care at N76,000,000.00 and attendance of International Scientific Pharmaceutical conference in Switzerland by some officials of the Ministry at N3,000,000.00.

In the same vein, the Ministry procured 75 medium size fridges and 1.5 Horse Power Split Air conditioners to 15 General Hospitals at the cost of N12,375,000. Also purchased were drugs against the outbreak of Gastro Enteritis which cost N2,600,000.00. Drug Revolving Fund monitoring vehicle were procured at the cost of N1,500,000 and 4WD Prado Jeep Vehicles were purchased at the cost of N9,600,000.00. To improve the services of Women and Children Welfare Clinic (WCWC) additional furniture and equipment worth N17,000,000.00 were procured and supplied to the Hospital. Supply of Hospital mattresses, bed sheets and Blanket was made at the cost of N123,000,000.00 while installation, repairs and overhauling of Generators and provision of insurance cover for Peugeot 406 and Canter Truck for NOMA Hospital, Sokoto were implemented at the cost of N2,000,000.00. Supply of additional medical furniture and equipment to General Hospitals at Bodinga, Binji, Kebbe, Tambuwal and Tureta was made at the cost of N100,000,000.00.

Other projects executed by the administration in its first one year include supply of additional medical furniture and equipment to Primary Health Centres at Rumbi, Sanyinna and Silame to the tune of N39,053,800, supply of 872 First Aid Kits to public and private secondary schools in the state at N19,620,000,00, supply and installation of additional medical equipment to Hospitals under the Hospital Services Management Board at the cost of N261,328,750 and supply and installation of major medical equipment to Hospitals in the state at N40,635,000.00.

In the area of diseases control and reduction of Infant and Child Mortality Government has extended all the support needed to vaccinate children against the six childhood killer diseases namely Tuberculosis, measles, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus

and Poliomyelitis, routine Immunization and Polio Plus Days (TPDS). Equally, the Wild Polio Virus (WPV) prevalence in the State has been considerably reduced from 23 cases in 2008 to 3 in the first quarter of 2009 which brought Sokoto among the States with the lowest cases in the Northwest Zone in the country.

For effective monitoring and supervision of the immunization exercises towards total eradication of the diseases in the state, a Taskforce Committee on Routine Immunisation and Immunization Plus Days (IPDS) made up of Commissioner, Special Advisers, Permanent Secretaries, Local Government Chairmen, Police, Army and other Security personnel was constituted and inaugurated.

Under the Roll back malaria Project, the state government procured anti-malaria drugs (ACTS) which were distributed to Public Health facilities free of cost to women and children. The Ministry also distributed 48,000 long Nets to pregnant women and children under 5 years of age on World Malaria Day.

On the eye care programme, over 1,111 cataract surgeries were successfully carried out. In the first quarter of 2009, about 7,454 patients were screened for eye problems, 3,967 were treated, 327 cataracts surgery executed 469 Trachoma Surgery made, 396 provided with eye glasses and 133 Glaucoma patients received treatment. On leprosy, TB and HI/AIDS control programmes, the Ministry established coordinating working committees, trained health workers for 50 days.

In the case of HIV/AIDS, the Ministry procured packets of disposable gloves, syringes/needles and waste gloves and distributed to health facilities in the state. The Ministry also maintains its supervisory role and monitoring activities of International partners working in the state on HIV/AIDS and STI's related issues.

In the same vein the NOMA Children Hospital recorded success with surgical operation carried out on 110 male and 130 female with Concarum Oris who were later

discharged. While Maryam Abacha and Children Hospital, Sokoto received 483 deliveries and operated 217 VVF patients successfully.

The State Government has during the period under review initiated two programmes that seek to take Health Care Services to the doorsteps of the rural dwellers in the state with a view to making the services accessible and affordable to even the most hard-to-reach areas of the state. These programs are tagged FREMCARE and RUMCARE. FREMCARE is a programme that provides free medical care to pregnant women and under 5 children with a view to reducing maternal and children mortality in the State. To achieve this objective of provision of free medical care to the target groups, the State Government works in collaboration with Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHDA), WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, the World Bank, EU-PRIME, USAID, GHAIN, the Mass Media etc.

RUMCARE (RURAL MOBILE MEDICAL CARE) Programme on the other hand, is designed for those who cannot afford health care services or are hard-to-reach due to the areas they live in. Under the Rural Mobile Medical Care, health teams headed by doctors would visit one community per week in each of the 3 Senatorial Districts. It is expected that the three mobile clinic teams would visit 156 villages in a year. For the success of the program, mobile clinics and ambulances as well as drugs worth over N 50 Million has so far been purchased and supplied to the Ministry..

MINISTRY OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND FISHERIES

Sokoto state has for centuries been the home base of livestock and livestock products. The livestock and poultry species breeds found in the state are mostly indigenous and well adapted to the weather and climatic conditions of the land. The state ranked second only to Borno State in livestock population in the country. The State, however, witnessed a decline from the enviable position of second to a far position of fourth due to lack of enough grazing areas, water points and medical services for livestock.

It was on due to the importance of the sector to the State Economy that the Wamakko administration swung into action by executing many projects in order to improve the livestock production in the state which begun with the creation of Ministry of Animal Health and Fisheries in its first one year in office.

In 2007/2008, the Sokoto State government released the sum of 2,000,000 for the procurement of assorted livestock vaccines for vaccination of animals in the state. As a result of this, about 450,321 cattle and 763,931 sheep as well as 363,535 goats have been vaccinated. Similarly 364,006 cattle, 231,354 sheep, 192,300 goats and 6,547 camel as well as 5,273 horses and donkeys were treated against different ailments in the various Veterinary Clinics and points in the State.

In addition to these, the Wamakko administration has also released the sum of six million naira (N6, 000, 000.00) for the commencement of 2008/2009 annual livestock vaccination in the state. Working equipment such as improved flaying and meat inspection knives were procured and distributed to the abattoir and slaughter houses in all the 23 local government areas in the state. Another sum of three million naira (N3,000,000.00) was also spent on the purchase of working materials and motorised inflation pumps as part of state effort in hides and skins development in the state.

Other projects executed by the present administration under Veterinary Services Department of the Ministry during the year under review include provision of N2, 000, 000.00 for anti rabies campaign and the construction of 8 veterinary clinics at the cost of N24,000,000.00 in the local governments of Wamakko, Bodinga, Kware, Illela, Tureta, Wurno Sabon-Birni and Kebbe. In addition, contract worth sixteen million naira (N16, 000,000.00) was awarded for equipping of these Clinics.

This administration also spent the sum of N7, 686,000.00 for the purchase of supplementary feeds, drugs and equipment for the Kebbe cattle Ranch and LIBC Dogondaji for Beef production and improved breed of dairy product. Similarly the sum of N5, 790,000.00 was also expended on the development of 50 hectares of pasture land in each of the centres with assorted seeds and feeding materials.

Another 608,000.00 and 500,000.00 was also release for the complete overhaul of LIBC Dogondaji tractor and rehabilitation of borehole and overhauling of leister generator at Kebbe cattle ranch respectively aimed at improving the water supply at the centres.

In its effort to provide the enough watering points to the nomadic people and their animals in the state, the present administration spent the sum of N15,500,000.00 for the construction of two earth Dams at Tsaki Grazing Reserve in Kware and G'lan Kare in Tureta Local Governments. The establishment of these two watering points has eased the difficulties of water searching that the nomadic people face in the areas.

Similarly, contract for the construction of five earth Dams was also awarded at the cost of N38, 515,000.00. One earth Dam is being constructed in each of the 3 Grazing Reserves of Kyaunsuna in Gada Local Government, Dogondaji in Tambuwal Local Government. Pilot Fish Farm of Wamakko was granted the sum of N10, 000,000.00. In addition, possibilities are being explored to establish an aqua-culture technology

transfer centre along with the farm to provide the needed vocational and management training to prospective and established fish farmers, research facilitation etc.

So far, the Wamakko's administration has committed the sum of 120,000,000.00 to livestock and fisheries Development in the state.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

At the inception of the present administration in the State, there was concern for the quality of not only equipment in the Media organisations but the personnel that run them as well. Thus the State Government set up a media and strategy committee under the leadership of a renown broadcaster and media administrator, former Director General of NBC, Malam Nasiru Danladi Bako (Kogunan Sokoto) which advised the State Government on how to restructure the Media organisations of the State. The State Government has been implementing the recommendations of the Committee including abolition of the Media Corporation and its replacement with two managements for Rima Radio and Rima Television as independent organisations.

It is pertinent to note that Sokoto State Government has four Media establishments that are fully functional. These include Rima Television, Rima Radio, Rima FM and Sokoto Newspaper Company. During the period under review, a lot of funds have been injected into these organisations to improve their performance and quality of their programming.

The activities of the Ministry during the period under review include Printing and reprinting of portraits of the Executive Governor for use in offices of State Government as well as those of the private sector in and around the State. Various types were produced and distributed at the cost of N14, 680, 000. The Ministry also spent the sum of N8, 575, 000 for the reprinting and distribution of the portrait of President, Commander-in-Chief, Alh Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

The Ministry has procured modern Public Address Equipment worth N3, 545, 000 in 2007 and made another purchase of new and stronger equipment at the cost of N11, 637,000.00 for Public enlightenment at the grassroots level in order to educate the electorate on what their elected Government does. The Ministry also produced the 2008 and 2009 desktop and pocket diaries and calendars which contain information on

the people and Government of Sokoto State as well as the pictures of projects executed by the state Government at the cost of N10, 500, 000 and N8, 000, 000 respectively. Similarly, wall sheets and Profile of Members of the State Executive Council and Special Advisers to the Governor were printed and reprinted at the cost of N5, 700, 000 and N3, 150, 000 respectively.

To safe guard equipment worth millions of Naira at the Sokoto Newspaper Company and Rima Radio, the Magatakarda Administration has awarded the contract for the building of wall fence at the premises of the two organisations at the respective cost of N41, 095, 000 and N14, 637, 000. The two projects have all been completed.

Since the commissioning of Rima Television in 2001 not much was done in the area of repairs/reconditioning of the transmitter equipment installed at the station. In December, 2007 the Magatakarda administration awarded contract for the purchase of TV equipment, reconditioning of transmitter parts, procurement of nonlinear editing machines, Uninterruptible Power Supply and provision of two 400KVA Generators to the then Media Corporation at the cost of N98, 486, 000. The job has been executed.

In order to have the signals of the State Television Station received all over the state, the present administration has completed the construction of a 10kwt TV booster station at Shagari and upgrading of that of Isa from 3.5kwt to 10kwt status. The two stations were test run and a date would be set to commission them. This would go a long way in creating the necessary awareness to the people in not only what the state Government does but the Federal Government as well. The two projects cost the State Government over N600m to put in place. Already the State Government has provided the sums of N2, 010, 140 and N4, 120, 702 for electrification works and connection of Shagari Booster Station to the National Grid respectively.

In line with the Federal Government policy of digitising the broadcast equipment, the state Government has set up machineries to provide digital equipment at its media

establishments. To this effect, the Sokoto Newspaper Company, publishers of The Path and Jagora Newspapers is also to be reactivated and strengthen not only to publish the two Newspapers, but also to carryout commercial colour printing jobs and generate revenue for the State. Consequently, contract worth N198m has been awarded for the procurement and installation of Web Offset colour Printing Machine, computers and other accessories to the Company. Over 50% of the equipment have been received by the Ministry and the main machine is expected to arrive Sokoto soon. The sum of N11 has also been approved for the construction of a Press Hall to house the machines.

The State Government has also procured and installed a 400KVA Generator to the Company at the cost of N12, 337, 000 to supplement electricity needs during production of the two Newspapers. Similarly, production materials and production equipment have been provided to the Company at the respective cost of N5, 584, 916 and N2, 986, 500. Newsprint were also purchased for the Company at the cost of over N11m. Two Toyota vehicles were also procured for the Company at the cost of N3, 000, 000.

Similarly, Sony High Definition Cameras, neck microphones Nonlinear editing machines, DV Cam, Laptops and Zoom 4 Tape recorders worth over N21m have been supplied to Rima Television and Rima Radio. The State Government has also provided the Rima Television with Two 400kva Generators, three Uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), editing equipment and has also reconditioned its transmitter parts in the UK at the cost of over N98m.

In line with the objective of opening up and bringing about Foreign Direct Investment into the State economy, the Ministry has engaged a number of foreign based International Television Stations and News Magazines which have been showcasing the State Government to their audience and wide readership. These include UK based Ben TV and The Voice, Magazine at an annual sum of N31, 909, 000,

Africatoday Magazine at N31, 200, 000, Africa Link at N1, 786, 000 and Newsweek Magazines at the cost of N12, 710, 000 among others.

To ensure that the expensive equipment installed for the Rima Television are protected against various hazards, the administration has paid for an Insurance cover worth N17m and the sum of N6m has been paid to Nigerian Broadcasting Commission (NBC) as Broadcast License Fees for the six Media outfit under the control of the Ministry.

The Photographic Unit of the Ministry has also benefited from the administration with the procurement of Computers, Printers, Printing Papers, Cartridges and Digital Cameras worth over N3, 865, 000. The Ministry has also realised its long dream of having an Information Library during the period under review at the cost of N1, 900, 000. In addition, essential office equipment such as Desk and Laptop Computers, Photocopiers, Printers, Scanners, Tables and chairs etc were also purchased by the Ministry at the cost of N3, 235, 000 while wireless Internet facility was provided to all the offices of the Ministry.

In the same period, the Magatakarda administration provided an enabling environment; both moral and financial, for the Hon Commissioner and Director of Information Services to attend an International Exhibition of Broadcast equipment tagged BroadcastIndia held at Mumbai in India in 2008 which made the Ministry to make contacts with important broadcast equipment manufacturing Companies and learned a lot about new trends in the Media industry. In 2009 the General Manager of Rima Television and Rima Radio attended the same type of Exhibition in Mumbai, India with the support of the administration.

During the period under review effort has been made to strengthen the services of the FM Station under Rima Radio. In this light, the sum of N9, 850, 095.15 was spent

on the procurement of transmitter and studio equipment that would enhance the operation of the station.

In the same vein, an approval of the sum of N173m has been obtained for the procurement, installation and commissioning of ultra modern Outside Broadcast Van, Uninterruptible Power Supply and cooling system for Rima Radio. The OB Van when supplied could provide live coverage from any part of the country to the doorstep of people in Sokoto State.

MINISTRY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

After the swearing-in of the elected Local Government Councils, the Ministry organized series of training workshops for the council members in order to enable them to understand how to carry out their duties and responsibilities. The Ministry also organized in-house-training and seminars for the carrier officers of the Local Government for effective and efficient running of our Local Government Councils.

It was noted with concern that at the inception of the present administration, various records of Local Government Councils accounts were not properly kept; either the records were not there at all or nobody cared about their maintenance. Thanks to the Magatakarda Administration which decided to bring the Local Government system alive from its near total collapse through the release of their total financial allocation from the federation account under the supervision of the Ministry for Local Government Affairs, things have quite improved.

During the period under review, the administration has purchased 10 Nos. Toyota Hilux vehicles and distributed to inspectorate division for Monitoring of day-to-day activities of the Local Government Councils in the state.

In the same period, the problem of using counterfoil for receipt in collecting revenue has become history; revenue books worth millions of naira were printed and distributed to the 23 Local Government Councils urging them to ensure that the revenue generation is improved. In this respect, the Ministry prepared a chart showing monthly revenue generation by each Local Government Council in the state.

The LGT form 78 which is also vital record showing both monthly revenue and expenditure of each Local Government was revisited and made compulsory with the coming of the present Administration with records now being submitted to the Ministry on monthly basis.

Before the coming of this Administration, Local Government cash books revealed nothing. Postings are not recorded, cheques used to be raised indiscriminately. However, during the past one year all these recorded are now updated.

FGPC/Councils meeting were not usually conducted by the previous Local Government Administrations, but today reverse is the case as the Ministry has made it compulsory for all the Local Government Councils to conduct monthly meeting and submit copies of the meetings to the Ministry.

The Ministry has also looked into the issue of going to Hajj by both the Chairmen and the Secretaries at the same time leaving their Councils empty of any activities. The absence of these key officers seriously hindered the administration of the Local Governments. However, as from this year the Ministry has directed that if the Chairman was going for Hajj, the Secretary must stay and vice versa.

Because of the respect Governor Magatakarda has for the traditional institutions, he embarked upon a series of measures including construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of the houses of District heads to make them conform with status of the royal fathers. In this light houses of the Districts heads of Sokoto North, Dange Shuni, Wurmo and Rabah were contracted out for rehabilitation/reconstruction and are at about 80% level of completion while the rest have been completed. The total sum of N12, 244,323.56 was involved in the construction and rehabilitation of the houses.

Similarly, in order to maintain security and ensure peaceful co-existence, the Magatakarda Administration demolished the Shiite followers' illegal headquarters in Sokoto North Local Government which was the centre of plots by the sect followers where they hatched plans to cause mayhem in the State and built a dispensary/clinic, motorised borehole and a Police outpost which cost the State the sum of N20, 028,597.

In order to ensure probity, transparency and accountability, the Ministry made it compulsory that the budget proposals of each Local Government Councils were debated and resolved.

upon at the Local Government Council levels before they were submitted to the Ministry of Local Government for screening, defence and approval.

The engineering unit of the Ministry has been re-organised in such a manner that allows it to vet bills of the quantity submitted by respective Local Government Councils and adequately supervise capital projects of the Local Governments and supervise projects periodically. For easy supervision, the 23 Local Government were divided into three zones each headed by an engineer and supported by a number of staff.

The planning and statistics Division of the Ministry and the 23 Local Governments Planning officers have been retrained in data collection, processing and distribution methods to conform with the national statistical database requirements.

With the rate of population growth and the movement of people from one place to another, Government deemed it necessary to purchase mass transit buses in order to reduce or solve the transportation problems in the State. It was in this direction that the present Administration purchases 155 Toyota buses and distributed them to 23 Local Government Councils.

Considering the fact that Sokoto is largely an Agrarian state which is blessed with abundant fertile Land, the present administration assured the people of the state its commitment to the Agriculture sector. In view of this, the Ministry has purchased 2 Massey Ferguson tractors with implements which were distributed to the Local Government Councils. In addition, 1380 water pumping machines were purchased and distributed to individuals and group of farmers across the 23 Local Governments with a view to boost dry season farming.

The Ministry also provided 69 Nos. Of threshing Machines to the 23 Local Governments to help farmers in processing their farm produce. Furthermore, cattle rearing as part of farming was given its due consideration with the procurement and distribution of veterinary drugs worth millions of Naira to the Local Government Councils for the treatment of domestic animals.

The Ministry also provided essential drugs worth millions of naira to the 500 Primary Health Care Centres, Clinics and Dispensaries located in various Local Governments. A total of 16 ambulances were also purchased and distributed to the Primary Health Care Centres as mobile clinic while 9 Peugeot experts vehicles were provided to 9 Local Governments. In terms of child health, the Magatakpa administration has given great attention for immunization against the 6 childhood killer diseases through provision of deep freezers, refrigerators and stabilizers.

The Ministry also supplied one fully equipped fire fighting van to each Local Government Council.

It has been observed that, the key Local Government officers are not residing within the Local Governments. To correct this anomaly, provision has been made in the 2009 budget to construct residential quarters of different categories in all Local Government headquarters for the accommodation of Local Government officials.

This report cannot be complete without expressing the commitment of the Administration towards the development of the youths. The Government organized an acquisition programme in which youths are selected from all the 23 Local Governments who get trained in different types of trades to be self reliant. The Ministry of Local Government pays the sum of N20 million monthly to cover the trainees and trainees allowances as well as purchase of working materials for trainees and graduates. Women too are not left behind because, within the period under review, the Government purchased 3, 680 sewing machines which were released to the 23 Local Governments for distribution to womenfolk through the women Development Centres.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

No people can attain meaningful development without according education the important position in the scheme of things. Indeed education remains the only credible legacy Government or individual can bequeath to those under their care. It was in view of this that the Magatakarda administration unveiled a multidimensional approach aimed at revitalizing education in the state.

The state government has within available resources and during the past ten years of its existence has embarked on renovation and expansion of Secondary Schools across the state since teaching and learning can only effectively take place in a conducive atmosphere. In almost all schools and colleges there was either a complete renovation of structures, rehabilitation and expansion of existing structures or provision of new structures to accommodate the rising number of school age children. The Government has so far spent the sum of N1, 893, 019, 508 on the expansion of Secondary Schools across the State.

One interesting development in this sector is the improvement of boarding facilities in most of State schools; many dormitories have since been improved by way of repairs and renovation. Similarly, beds and mattresses have also been provided to the students for their comfort. The Ministry has expended the sum of N112m on the procurement and supply of Beds, Mattresses, Blankets and Mosquito Nets for Boarding Primary Schools in the State and Uniforms worth N20m were provided to Girls in Boarding Secondary Schools to reduce the burden of providing the same on the part of the parents.

Water and electricity supply in the schools have received adequate attention. A number of broken down boreholes were reactivated in schools located at Illela, Bodija, Dogondaji, Rabah, Goronyo and Isa. Also 30KVA, Perkins Generating sets have been supplied to 20 Senior Boarding Secondary Schools across the state at the cost of N100m. To improve its logistics, the State government has repaired 31 vehicles attached to

schools and the Ministry, while 7 new vehicles have been procured. In addition, 18 Toyota Hilux Pickup Vehicles were procured for Girls Education Project (GEP), Inspection of schools, Nomadic Education and Agency for Mass Education.

No fruitful teaching and learning take place without qualified teachers. It was in view of this that the Magatakarda administration, in the period under review, has recruited 1,500 graduate teachers for both Senior and Junior Secondary Schools across the State. This is in addition to the series of training workshop organized for teachers and sponsorship of inspectors to attend re-orientation workshop for Federal and State Inspectors of Education which cost the State over N16m. Government has also approved payment of Teachers' Salary Scale (TSS) for all qualified teachers. This is to improve the morale of the teachers and assist them to do more in the task of improving educational development of the State.

To ensure that the State moves from its disadvantaged status educationally, child education continues to receive all the necessary support by the Magatakarda administration. The sum N200m was paid as the state's counterpart funding in that direction during the period under review.

The Magatakarda administration, in line with the need to give a sense of belonging to all Nigerians resident in the State, has abashed the discriminatory tuition fees in all Government owned schools and has been paying for all registration fees charged by WAEC, NECO, NABTEB and other Examination bodies for both indigenes and resident Nigerian children in its Schools. This has cost the State Government the sum of N131m from 2007 to 2009.

Students in State's Secondary Schools and Colleges receive free text and exercise books as well as other instructional materials. During the period under review, the State Government has spent the sum of N366,317,620 on the procurement and supply of various text books to schools and colleges. The sum of N278,486,526 was expended on

the procurement and supply of science equipment to Schools while records and instructional materials cost the State the sum of N49, 735, 500 to provide. The sum of N15m was spent on the purchase of Fridges, TV Sets and DVD Players for Secondary Schools across the State.

In line with its position as a State with high number of Nomads and in order not to exclude anyone from acquiring education, the State Government has rehabilitated and equipped 9 Nomadic Schools in the State. The administration has also spent N40m on the provision of three seater Desks and chairs to Secondary Schools in the State.

In the area of bursaries, the State Government has made an upward review of bursaries and scholarship payable to State indigenes studying in institutions of higher learning in and outside the country. The sum of N83m was spent on payment of scholarships to indigenes studying in institutions of higher learning in the Country. The Magatakarda administration has the plan to fill all State's quota in all National institutions. It, therefore, supports State indigenes to study in those institutions by shouldering the fees payable to those schools. Government has paid the sum of N15.0m to Federal Science College, Sokoto for the 250 state indigenes studying there. The sum of N20m was expended for the sponsorship of 26 state indigenes to study at Zaria Academy, Shika-Zaria while N50m was spent on the sponsorship of 50 indigenes to study at Key Science Academy, Abuja.

The Magatakarda administration has sponsored 30 State indigenes to pursue courses in Medicine at Albion College, London, United Kingdom at the cost of N250m. The sum of N10m has also been spent on the sponsorship of 10 State indigenes to pursue ACCA course in London while 25 indigent Medical Doctors were sponsored to undergo post doctoral studies in the United Kingdom and Malaysia that would qualify them as Consultant. Currently, 74 State indigenes are studying at the Nigeria Maritime Academy with the State sponsorship.

To cap it all, the Magatakarda Wamakko administration has taken the historic *Giant Step* of establishing a Sokoto State owned University. A bill to this effect was passed by the State House of Assembly and was signed into law by the State Executive Governor, Alh (Dr) Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko (Sarkin Yamman Sokoto). A site has been identified along Birnin Kebbi road where the University will be built and all survey works have been carried out on the proposed site. By the time the University was built, the State indigenes would be easily absorbed into the institution as against the present situation where qualified indigenes cannot gain placement in the Federal Universities due to quota provisions.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Agriculture occupies a very prominent position in the economy of Sokoto State. It was estimated that over 80% of the population of the state are engaged in one form of farming or the other.

It is, therefore, true that agriculture provides major source of employment in the state as such its significance in the economic development of the State cannot be over emphasized. In view of the significant position of Agriculture coupled with abundant minerals and other natural resources in the State, the State Government has continued to give top priority attention to the Sector. The objectives of the present Magatakarda led administration in the State with regard to Agriculture is to enhance greater productivity in both food and cash crops, to be self sufficient and be able to provide adequate raw materials for the Agro-allied industries as well as improve the standard of living of the rural dwellers.

In order to realise these objectives, the State Government has taken various drastic measures such as the passage of the Bill by the State House of Assembly for the establishment of the State College of Agriculture and Animal Science at Wurko, rehabilitation of Wurko irrigation scheme which is currently in progress and which will cost the government the sum of 820 million naira.

In the period under review, the Magatakarda administration has procured and sold at subsidised rate 38,610 metric tonnes of assorted fertilizer at the total cost of close to 5 billion naira.

Another giant stride taken by the administration during the period under review to improve agricultural in the State was the procurement and sale of 238 Massey Ferguson tractors fully equipped with implements such as harrow, Ridgers, ploughs and trailers at the total cost of 1.7 billion naira.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

The Magatakarda administration has through the Ministry of Justice strove to ensure efficient administration of Justice; for justice delayed is justice denied and justice should be done so much so that it is seen to have been done.

To improve the rather poor accommodation situation occasioned by dilapidated court rooms, the present administration constructed 18 new upper and lower Shari'a courts with 17 Judges' residences across the State.

Similarly, before the inception of the present administration, the State Rent Tribunal was dormant with over 100 cases pending to be determined. To promote Justice and ensure a hitch-free relationship between tenants and Landlords, the Magatakarda administration reconstituted the Rent Tribunal and secured premises for it within the State Shari'a Court of Appeal Complex.

In its effort to ensure that State Counsels are kept abreast with the dynamics of the Legal Profession, the State Government procured Law Books worth millions of Naira while capacity building workshops for lawyers were facilitated through sponsoring them to attend International Bar conferences, Nigeria Bar Association Annual Conferences and further studies at the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos.

Equally, the State Government has continued to sponsor State indigenes to study Law in various tertiary institutions in the country. The state Government is consistently pursuing compensation for the families of the ADC plane crash victims of 2006 through the Ministry of Justice.

MINISTRY COMMERCE, INDUSTRIES AND TOURISM

In line with the poverty reduction policy of the present administration, Governor Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko has, during the one of his administration, paid greater attention to the Ministry of Commerce, Industries and Tourism with the view to promote the industrialisation and commercial activities in the state.

The main objectives is to achieve sustainable economic growth and development through the promotion of public/private sector partnership, Direct Government Investments and creation of enabling environment for Private Sector Participation in the Socio-Economic development of the State. Development of this sector will not only boost commercial activities of the State but will also generate employment for the youths.

In conjunction with Sokoto Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture, the State Government has disbursed interest free loan of two billion Naira (N2,000,000) to 7, 000 business men and 214 trade troupes in the state in order to boost the economic activities in the state which was nearly ground to a halt after the devastation caused by the 2006 fire incident at the Sokoto Central Market which left most of the traders in the State without working Capital. Similarly, under this sector, the state government has procured 20 units of complete small rice milling machines with polishers and generators worth N93.6 million Naira. Government has also procured 20,000 irrigation pumps, 20,000 agricultural sprayers, two mobile machine workshops and 1000 cobblers for shoe making and leather works as well as 1000 units of complete embroidery machines at the total cost of N830 million to assist small scale entrepreneurs in the state.

With the current changes in the global food prices, the present administration has initiated the procurement of 13, 000 metric tonnes (260,000.00 bags of 50kg) of

Thailand Parboiled Rice at the cost of N1.794 billion for sale across the state at subsidised rates.

In addition, the Sokoto State Government has approved the sum of N2,950,000.00 for the provision of borehole and overhead tank as well as utility vehicle to the Technology Incubation Centre. The sum of N8,686,757.20 has also been approved for utility vehicle, installation of independent internet server, personnel cost and sensitization tour for the promotion of development of micro, small and Medium scale enterprises in the state, as well as 2.1 million naira for the overhaul of the Poly Materials Displays Centre.

Furthermore, the State Government is looking into possibility of the State participation in the establishment of a Cement Factory in collaboration with Foreign Technical partners in the state.

In the area of Hotels and tourism Development, the present administration is undertaking some repairs and replacements of facilities at Giginya Hotel, Sokoto. The sum of N132,195,400.00 was approved for the purchase and installation of six lift elevators, repairs of central air conditioning system and provision of good portable drinking water at the Five Star Hotel.

The industrial promotion and development drive of the administration is manifested in the increase of the Sokoto state Shares in the Sokoto furniture Factory from 17.82% to 57.82%. The government has also paid the sum of N28,555,100.00 being the cost of 3,172,798 right issues offered to Sokoto Cement Company of Northern Nigeria (CCNN) in 2008.

Government continues to woo foreign investors to the state from various companies in the Middle East, China and South Africa to utilize the abundant minerals resources of the state.

MINISTRY FOR WATER RESOURCES

Water, as the saying goes, is life. Without adequate portable drinking water, therefore, no meaningful development can take place. That is why all right thinking leaders cannot brush its provision aside. In the last one year, the Magabara administration has taken many steps aimed at provision of this all essential amenity to the homes of people in and around Sokoto Metropolis. The administration has in fact considered the provision of clean and portable drinking water as one of its cardinal objective and is vigorously pursuing all options to ensure its availability.

The state government has spent huge amount of money in both urban and semi urban water schemes. In the last one year N18,000,000.00 and 24,000,000.00 were spent on the purchase of maintenance pipes and submersible pumps respectively. The administration also committed the sum of N18million for the improvement of water supply to some parts of Sokoto namely Zuru, Yauri and Talata-Mafara Roads. Others are Agaye and Lapai Roads as well as Gwiwa low-cost. Reactivation of elevated Tank at Gumbi and Wamakko towns was also carried out at the cost of N17million while N3,994,760.00 was expended in the improvement of Water supply to low-cost houses and ex-Parliamentary quarters by linking them with 2 boreholes.

Government has during the one year period spent the sum of N242,970,000.00 on the procurement of Water treatment chemicals for the provision of clean water to Sokoto Metropolis and its environs. The sum of N71,133,452.00 was spent on the extension of water supply to 10 areas in Sokoto metropolis and Gidan Igwai and Girabshi areas. In the same vein, another sum of N19,000,000.00 was expended for water supply extension to seven areas within Sokoto metropolis. The state government also purchased three (3) 1500KVA Perkins Generating Sets at the cost of N193,250,000.00 in order to provide backups in lieu of the erratic power supply from the PHCN.

New semi urban water scheme was provided at Katami in Silame Local Government, at the cost of N15,229,305.00. Similarly, the sum of N6,200,200.00 was expended on the Rehabilitation of Wauru Semi urban water scheme in Gada Local Government while the sum of N9, 777,161.5 was committed to the improvement of Dingyadi Semi Urban water scheme in Bodinga Local Government. Salame Semi Urban water Scheme in Gwadabawa Local Government was also improved at the cost of N28,669,575. Other semi urban water schemes were carried out at Dan Zaki and Tami in Isa and Illela Local Governments respectively

Jabo Semi Urban water Scheme in Tambuwal Local Government was also improved at the cost of N17,873,45 and the sum of N541,000,00 was spent on the repairs of Bore holes in 11 Girls Education Project (GEP) schools across the state.

Improvement of Hama'ali and Dogondaji Semi Urban water supply schemes in Kware and Tambuwal Local Governments cost the State Government, the sum of N17 million naira and N23.7 million respectively.

Concerned over the slow process of provision of water to Sokoto Metropolis and its environs, the State Government constituted the Namadina Abdurrahman Committee on Water Supply and released the sum of N500, 000, 000 to the committee to handle all water supply projects in the State Capital and towns close to it. The Committee has been handling its assignment with resounding successes.

The above are just few out of many projects executed by the present administration in the provision of portable drinking water to its people during the first one year of its existence..

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

Sokoto state government has put high premium on issues relating to environment, as evidenced by the creation of the Ministry of Environment. The Ministry belongs to the generation of new ministries and departments created by the Wamakko administration in its effort to invigorate and modernise the organs of government for effective service delivery to the good people of Sokoto state.

The ministry comprises the Departments of Administration; Pollution and Environmental Health; Erosion and flood management; as well as Forestry (from the former Ministry of Forestry and the Sokoto Environmental Protection Agency, SEPA). The Public Health Department of the Sokoto Urban and Regional Planning Board is also moved to the new Ministry. The Ministry also supervises the activities of two parastatals Viz; the state Afforestation Programme and the state Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

The pollution and Environment Department is responsible for control of communicable diseases; disposal of waste and gaseous waste (i.e. sewage and hazardous substances emitted by industries and automobiles); potable water supply; ensuring good and sanitary housing condition; food sanitation; personal hygiene and inspection of premises. Other functions of the Department are; pest and rodents control; air and noise pollution control; occupational Health; epidemiological investigation and control of recreational environment; health promotion and environment Health impact Assessment (EHIA).

To successfully perform the above functions and ensure the sustainable development, the Ministry has employed more qualified staff, uses modern and safer methods of refuse evacuation and disposal, rehabilitates existing public toilets and constructs new ones in Sokoto metropolis and mitigates and controls indiscriminate littering of the environment with polythene bags. The Ministry also Controls industrial

and automobile pollution and is intensifying environmental awareness campaigns and adoption of Geographic information System (GIS).

On its part, the Erosion and Flood Management Department is saddled with the responsibilities of managing two major and hazardous environmental problems, namely Erosion and flooding. Each of the two phenomena mentioned above has its own adverse effect on the environment. Such effects include outright loss of soil and consequent decrease in soil nutrient capacity, moisture retention, organic matter content, with their attendant negative effects on crop and livestock production, residential building and infrastructure.

Erosion and flooding could be man-induced, through rampant abuse of town planning regulations, dumping refuse in gutters and other water ways, economic activities such as mining rearing of animals, etc.

The Ministry of Environment is not taking the menace of erosion and flooding lightly. It addresses the general ecosystem by embarking on both structural and non-structural measures such as massive construction of drainages in all the affected areas; intensification of Public Enlightenment campaigns against unwarranted and indiscriminate bush burning and felling of trees, application of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) on both public and private projects and ensuring the enforcement of environmental laws and ethics.

The Ministry maintains and supervises the 300 hectares Gum Arabic Plantation at Marnona, Gidan Malam and Kambama in Wurno, Tangaza and Shagari Local Government Areas" respectively. To provide the required planting stock to feed all afforestation activities, the Forestry Department runs a number of tree seedling nurseries across the state, just as it also makes the necessary arrangement for the establishment of Jathropa Plantations in forest reserve areas so as to provide Bio-fuel, check desert encroachment and replenish the soil.

The Department has also in the period under review, established 2km road side plantations along the Sokoto-Wamakko road and the Dandin Mahe-Jaredi junction in Shagari Local Government Area to serve as wind breaks and help in halting desert encroachment.

Governor Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko (Sarkin Yamman Sokoto), had lunched the 2008 tree planting campaign at Gidan-Madi in Tangaza Local Government Area, with a charge to all Local Government Councils Chairmen to launch similar campaigns in their respective Areas. Similarly, the committee for the deployment of the Refuse collection Unit of the Sokoto Urban and Regional Planning Board (SURPB), set up in compliance with the directives of the Secretary to the State Government, has submitted its report and the Ministry assured of its readiness to implement the recommendations.

The Ministry has also in the period under review received and conducted a delegation of Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria round the desert-prone areas in the State for on-the-spot assessment of the adverse effects of desertification on the State's environment.

MINISTRY FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Out of concern for the development of religion of Islam and consolidating on the effort to strengthen the Shari'a legal system, the present administration upgraded the Department of Religious affairs hitherto under the Home Affairs Department to a full pledged Ministry under a Commissioner.

The activities of the Ministry in the last one year include construction and rehabilitation of Mosques and Islamiyya Schools across the state, purchase of standard measures (Mudus and scales) for use in the Markets, provision of Islamic books, control of preaching activities, collection and administration of Zakkat and Waqf as well as Shari'a implementation in the state among others.

The ministry has, during the period under review, awarded contracts for the construction of type 'A' Jumu'at Mosques at Shinaka town of Goronyo Local Government at the cost N18,328,540.00 and Tangwale in Kware Local Government at the cost of N18,328,540, construction of 2 type 'B' and type 'A' Jumu'at Mosques at Talako, Gujara and Katsira villages all in Goronyo Local Government at the total cost of N95,590,668

Other projects include the construction of type "B" Jumu'at Mosques at Burbama in Dange Shuni Local Government at the cost of N9,338,180

The ministry has also awarded contract for the construction, rehabilitation and completion of five daily prayers mosque, Jumu'at Mosques and Islamiyya schools at the cost of N9,338,180

Other contracts for the construction of type 'B; Jumu'at Mosques at Gidan Hama at the cost of N9, 338,180, G/Zabarmawa village in Kware Local Government, Kola, Bote and Huchi villages all at the cost of N280, 245,40 has been awarded.. Similar

contract has been awarded for Mosques at Dutsin G/Iska and one at Sakilgra in Gada Local Government area of the state.

Government has also approve the sum of N56, 029, 080 for the construction of six Jumu'at Mosques in Yabo, Illela, Isa, Sokoto North and Sabon Birni Local Government. Sokoto South, Binji, Shagari and Bodinga local Governments are to benefit from the sum of N29, 832, 484 for the construction of four Jumu'at mosques in their areas..

Approval was also granted for the construction of type 'C' Jumu'at Mosques at Gumbi Mobile Barracks in Wamakko Local Government and redemption of the pledges made by the Governor to construct Dr. Ahmad Makarfi Qur'anic Recitation Complex in Kaduna State at the total cost of N16, 382, 554.

In addition to these projects the Ministry has also awarded a contract for the construction of five type 'C' Jumu'at Mosques at Mabera in Sokoto South, Sabon Birni area, Tudun Wada and old Airport, Sokoto. **Mobile Barracks at Wamakko Local Government** at the total cost of N26, 727, 870.

Another contract two type 'B' Jumu'at Mosques at T/ Masana and Tungar Zaki in Gwadabawa Local Government at the cost of N18, 033, 025 was also awarded during the period under review Reconstruction of Jumu'at Mosques at Faru village in Sabon Birni Local Government was approved at the total cost of N12, 056,608.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

This Ministry serves as the nerve centre and advisory body of the state government on all financial activities including tax and taxation, stores control, public accounts, lending and borrowing, grants and subventions to Ministries and parastatals as well as charitable organizations among others.

As it has been, the ministry of Finance is not a project executing ministry, but as the custodian of state government accounts the staff of the ministry need to be sensitised and infused with latest knowledge and skills of accounting, auditing and other financial education needed for them to carry out their job effectively. During the period under review, the Ministry has sponsored many of its staff to undergo different forms of training both within and outside the country. Similarly workshops seminars and conference were organised in order to acquaint the staff with computer education and its application in the financial transactions. In order to keep phase with the current trend of professionalism, the Ministry has sponsored fifty of its staff to the institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria (ICPAN). Presently arrangements have almost been concluded to sponsor another batch of fifty for similar training. Other staff of the Ministry were sponsored by the State Government to attend courses in financial management at the London School of Business and Finance. In the same way, workshops had also been organised for Store Officers and Internal Auditors so as to update their knowledge and skills for better performance.

Another millstone in the history of Magatakarda led-administration in the state was the payment of the sum of 1.2 billion naira as arrears of illegal deduction made on the Salary of Civil Servants for seven years by the previous administration. In addition to that, the state government had also rescued workers of the state from being the least paid in the country through increase of the minimum wage from N4, 500 to N6, 500. Similarly pensioners were also not left out in these kind of gestures. During the period

under review, they were paid 13 months pension arrears to the tune of 109 million naira. In order to reduce hardship being experienced by the Civil Servants in the state and promote their welfare, the State Government has procured and sold 30,000 motorcycles to Civil Servants on loan a subsidised rate of 40,000 each against what was obtained under the previous dispensation.

In the spirit of Corporate social responsibility the Ministry had organised an interactive forum with Banks and other stakeholders on strategic financing plan for micro entrepreneurs in the State with a view to find ways through which Banks and other financial institutions in the state can effectively promote and contribute to the socio-economic transformation of the state.

The ministry has also through the Sky Bank obtained a soft loan of 1 billion naira to finance a programme on Poverty Reduction with which it procured 20,000 units of Gasoline water pumping machines and 20,000 units of Hand sprayers for distribution to farmers in the 23 Local Government Areas of the State.

Other achievements recorded by the ministry during the period under review were;

- Purchase and distribution of 206 sets of Desktop and laptop computers to Ministries and Departments at the total cost of N57, 330,000.
- procurement of essential Stores document for Ministries and Parastatals
- Purchase of 2 No four wheel drive vehicles at the cost of N9 million
- Installation of machines for the renewal of driving license at the State Headquarters of the Board of Internal Revenue and three zonal revenue offices as well as installation of another machine for the replacement of number plates
- Restoration of the 145,714,260 units UBA shares kept in a Special account by the past administration, in addition to recovery of another 204,000,000 unit of Union Bank shares on the internal revenue source?

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Science and Technology continues to play a leading role in global development generally. It is in recognition of this fact that the present administration is giving science and technical Education the proper attention it deserve.

Quite a number of projects were executed in the sector since the inception of the Administration in the State some three hundred and sixty-five days ago which were aimed at improving the pathetic situation, science and Technical education found itself in. The present Administration expended **N380, 000.00?** on the renovation of new statistic laboratory at Sokoto State Polytechnic. Similarly, science equipment worth **N1, 500,000** were purchased and supplied to GGCC Tambuwal.

Practical materials for technical colleges were also purchased at the cost of **N700, 000.00?** and distributed to various schools in the State. In its effort to provide an atmosphere conducive for learning, the State Government has spent the sum of **N47,115,517.75 (On what)**. For distribution to schools across the state, in addition to renovation of students' Hostels at GGC Sokoto at **N41,115,617.75** and repairs and renovation of classrooms and students' hostels at Nagarta college Sokoto at the cost of **N46,926, 259.90**. Furnishing of Labs fittings at the same school was carried out at the cost of **N35, 400,240**. Eight (8) laboratories were also repaired and furnished at Sokoto at the cost of **N33,348,218**.

In order to provide security on the institutions and ensure safety of students the State Government has provided wall fence at GGC Sokoto and GSS Tambuwal at the cost of **N33, 058,058.31** and **N33, 439,637** respectively.

GSSS Yabo also benefited from the dividends of democracy under the leadership of Governor Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko, (Sarkin Yamma Sokoto) as the school witnessed general repairs and renovation which cost the State Government the sum of

N72, 797,917. Similarly, the school's laboratories were also furnished at the cost of N12, 638,741. Supply of text books worth N48,129,000, sports equipment worth N2,000,000 and material for guidance and counselling (GC) valued at N1,855,200 were also purchased and distributed to schools across the State.

The Headquarters of the Ministry and all schools under it were connected with internet in order to keep them up to date with modern development in science and technology. The project cost the state government N35, 468,800. Computers, photocopiers and Printers were also purchased and distributed to schools and the Ministry at the cost of N42, 100,000.00.

The State Government has also expended the sum of N28, 167,439.07 on the drilling of boreholes to provide portable drinking water at GSSS Yabo, GSSS Gwadabawa and Ahmadu Bello Academy, (ABA) Sokoto. The sum of N16, 650,000.00 was spent on the supply of 6No **KVA generators** to science & Technical colleges across the state.

Repairs and renovation of staff quarters and students' hostels in Schools under the Ministry were also carried out at the cost of N127, 377,512.50. The State Government also repaired storm damaged structures at Olusegun Obasanjo Technical College Bafarawa at the cost of N9, 000,000. The sum of N40, 000,000 was expended by the State Government for N.B.T.E accreditation of courses offered by the Sokoto State Polytechnic. Practical materials for SSCE/NECO worth N34, 133,896.23 were purchased and supplied to schools under in 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

In responsive to the yearnings, aspiration and well being of the people of the state particularly, the physically challenged and the needy in the State, Government has, for the first time in the history of the state, established a Department to provide services to the destitute and disabled people in the state.

The major achievements recorded by the Department during period of one year include conduct of survey of people with physical disability and subsequent payment of six thousand-five-hundred Naira (N6, 500.00) monthly allowances to each qualified destitute and disabled persons in all 23 local governments in the state. This was aimed at getting the disabled persons to stay in their home towns and villages and eschew begging in the State and other cities across the country. Once this is achieved, Government hoped that the children of the physically challenged will be enrolled in Primary Schools instead of moving with them and begging. Thus a prosperous future is envisaged for both the destitute and their young ones.

Other achievements of the Department were the rehabilitation and equipping of rehabilitation centres at Kalambaina and assisting the needy in rebuilding their houses.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENTS' MATTERS

The Department was established in May 2007 in order to take charge of scholarships and students matters and assist in realising the Governor's lofty goals of provision and improvement of education standard in the state.

With the machinery set in motion, the Department swung into action in order to achieve its principal responsibilities of providing both Local and foreign scholarship to deserving indigenes of the state

Some of these achievements recorded by the Department include settlement of the tuition fees of the 50 students to read medicine and other Para-medical courses at the Medical University Varna, Bulgaria. 28 of these students have already graduated and returned home after the settlement of the fees payment of flight tickets to Nigeria. The remaining 22 are, God willing, graduating this year

The state government has also increased the allowances payable students by 50% in order to meet with the economic realities of today. So far, students' allowances for 2007/2008 session as well as settlement of registration fees for all the indigenes students in all the tertiary institutions in the country has been paid.

Following the agreement on new foreign scholarship programme between the Sokoto State Government and the authorities of Albion College, London the State Government has sponsored 30 State indigenes to the College to study Medicine and Pharmacy in the United Kingdom. Similar arrangements are on with University of Kansas where another bath of 30 students are to Study Medicine, Pharmacy and Engineering in the United States of America.

Another achievement recorded by the Department during the one year sojourn was the introduction of allowances and payment of registration fees to Post Graduate students of state origin. This measure has increased the number of State indigenes in

postgraduate Institutions across the country. As at now the number of postgraduate students of Sokoto state origin in Usmanu Danfodiyo University alone stands at.

The state government plans to have at least 100 PhDs and 1000 masters' degree holders of State origin before the end of its 4 year tenure. This gesture will definitely increase the level of manpower base of the state and provide adequate and qualified staff to run the affairs of the newly established state owned University.

The Department has during the period under review made some advances in securing admission and giving full sponsorship in some prestigious institutions of higher learning in the country where Sokoto State indigenes before now were lacking representation. These include 29 students to African Maritime Academy Oron, Akwa-ibon State, 17 students to College of Aviation Technology Zaria, 6 students to Regional Centre for Training in Aerospace Surveys (RECTAS), and some other Institutions such as Nigerian Metrological Training Centre, Oshodi, National Mathematical Centre, Abuja and Federal School of Surveying Oyo among others.

In the spirit of corporate social responsibility, the intercontinental Bank Plc has awarded 100 scholarship grants to 50 State indigenes of different level of studies in our tertiary institutions. Under the programme each of the 50 students is to receive the sum N50, 000 annually up to their graduation period. This is with a view to complimenting the effort of the state Government in this direction.

Last year alone, the State Government has spent over **600 million naira** on the payment of students allowances and settlement of registration fees for both undergraduate and postgraduate students in the country.

DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The present administration in its avowed determination to enhance tertiary education has created the Department for Higher Education headed by a Special Adviser. Tremendous achievements have been recorded by the Department during the first one year of its existence.

Sokoto state is gradually moving into the realm of educationally advanced States. This is as a result of the combination of a number of factors including payment of registration fees for State indigenes pursuing Post Graduate Programs (PGDs, Masters and PhDs). Similarly, GCE, NECO, UME, DE and Matriculation forms are being purchased and distributed free of cost to indigenes in order to ease hardship of parents trying to secure admission for their wards in tertiary Institutions in and outside the country.

Through the Department, the State Government has considerably, improved the academic ratings of the Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto and the State Polytechnic with the recruitment of additional lecturers, provision of computers, internet facilities, improvement of Library services and securing of accreditation and approval for 10 new HND programmes at the state Polytechnic.

STATE POVERTY REDUCTION AGENCY

Poverty is a hydra-headed monster that Governments at the three tiers have been trying through various strategies to reduce. During the one year of the Magatakarda administration it has undertaken various projects aimed at eradicating poverty in the State.

There was the remarkable Programme of Skills acquisition for the unemployed. It is meant to gainfully engage the teeming youth who before the coming of this administration were generally jobless. Through this programme, these youth are trained on specific trades such as Welding, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical Installation and Perfume making among others.

In the Same vein, the Magatakarda administration has procured and distributed 15 buses, 70 taxi cabs, 3000 motorcycles and 150 Tricycles to people in the State on loan payable from the proceeds the beneficiaries are able to make using the vehicles sold to them at heavily subsidised rates. This measure has already started yielding the desired result of employment generation to the hitherto unemployed youth in the State.

As a strategy of complementing the giant strides in training the youths in ... trades such as Solar Energy technology, shoe/hand bag making, aluminium pots making, etc; three new Drilling machines for the 3 senatorial Zone were procured?

Similarly, other revenue- generating equipment/machines including chalk making machines, candle making machines were procured and distributed to Schools and Colleges in the State. Other equipment provided by the State Government during the period under review includes painting machines, shoes and bags making equipment, pomade and foam for making mattresses.

It is envisaged that when these machines are properly installed and put into use, a healthy economic environment would have been created the youth would be economically empowered and poverty reduced in the State.

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

In its efforts to fight fire disaster in the state, during the period under review, the present administration committed large sum of money in the area of refurbishing of the Department's grounded fire fighting vehicles.

The state government also spent huge amount of money in overhauling fire engines at Arkilla, Government House and Sultan Abubakar Roads fire stations. This has gone a long way in enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the officers charged with the task of fighting fire disaster in the State. Working materials and uniforms were also provided to the firemen to enhance their performance.

The Department has also expended large amount of money in the purchased of fire fighting equipment and chemicals, which were distributed to all the fire stations in the state; in addition to the purchase and installation of fire extinguishers at strategic places at Sokoto Central Market in a kind of disaster preparedness and response strategy. Fire fighting materials and spare parts were also purchased for the fire service Department in order to make it functionally more effective.

The state governments also construct four fire service units at Usman Farouk Secretariat, Giginya Secretariat, Bado and **State Government Housing Unit?**

The Magatakarda Administration also revived the Government printing Press which was at the point of collapse at the time of the inception of the administration. It has committed huge amount of money in servicing and general overhauling of printing machines at the Government Printing Press in order to return it back to its former status with a view to enhancing and improving its internal revenue generation drive.

In order to modernise the Department and make it compete favourably with its sister Government Presses in the country the Magatakarda administration has procured new

equipment including Kord (colour separation machines) 64 model with dryer, puller, cutting machines (115 model) and A3 lesser printer with its accessories.

In its efforts to reduce transportation problem encountered by the Ex-servicemen in the state, the State Government purchased and donated a Bus to the Nigerian Legion in order to enable them carry out their day-to-day activities with ease. Similarly, the state government provided uniforms to 500 members of the Legion in the State.

DEPARTMENT FOR RURAL FEEDER ROADS

The Department for Rural Feeder Roads is saddled with the responsibilities of construction and rehabilitation of rural feeder roads across the State with the sole purpose of connecting the rural populace with the major road to ease transportation of goods and people to and from towns and villages across the state.

Within the period under review, the Department has successfully executed various projects, directly and indirectly as approved by the state government. These include, the construction of 10km Gumbi-Gidan Ali-Badon Rafi road and additional extension of the road to Gidan Aruwa -Gobiri road to Gidan Kofa, all in Wamakko local Government.

Other projects executed were the constructions of 15km Salame to Huchi feeder road in Gwadabawa Local Government Area; construction and tarring of 30km Dogondaji- Salah – Sanyinna road; construction of Yabo-Bengaje –Fakka road and rehabilitation and fencing of the Department's office Complex along Kaduna road, Sokoto.

The Department has also, during the one year period, successfully executed the rehabilitation, fencing and provision of 2 No, 1000 gallons overhead tanks; provision of water pumping machine, provision of electricity, and construction of additional store rooms and 1 gate for the Civil Engineering Workshop at Sama road, Sokoto.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGICAL & RELIEF MATTERS, SOKOTO

Ecological and Relief matters saddled with task of tackling ecological problems and disaster management in the state within its one year of inception has recorded tangible success. These includes; relief/rehabilitation of fund to the victim of fire and other disasters to the tune of N223 million. Provision of assorted relief materials and grains worth N41.2 million to the victims of flood in Shagari. In addition to others 8 local governments areas in the state. These includes; Wamakko, Tambuwal, Sokoto-South, Silame, Goronyo, Bingil, Tureta and Illela respectively.

Other achievement recorded include the processing of documents for payment of compensation to flood victims in Shagari local government by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources.

Similarly, a feasibility studies on erosion problems in all the 23 local governments of the state was carried out by a consulting firm 'BROTHERS ACROSS OCEAN' at the tune of N23 million.

The officers of the Department also conducted a study four of all the local governments in the state with a view to identify flood and erosion and come out with a data bank for all information relating to ecological matters in the state.

Part of the department's efforts to boost the moral of its staff, three of its officers were sponsored for a certificate course in Disaster Management and sustainable Development at AMREF, KENYA. The management also attended seminar on transformation of Public Service in Africa held in London UK in August 2008 and the Special Adviser and some key officials conducted a study tour to some states Emergency management Agencies (SEMA) with a view of sharing experience.

SOKOTO STATE ROADS MAINTENANCE AGENCY

Sokoto Road Maintenance Agency is an agency with the responsibility of roads maintenance activities in the state. The agency also cooperate with the Federal, state Ministries, Local Government councils and other non-governmental organizations in maintaining rural roads.

In realization of the importance of agency, the present administration under the able leadership of Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko initiated a laudable Programme called COPAROM (Community Partnership for Roads Maintenance) aimed at involving communities in self help roads maintenance activities to all nook and crannies in the state.

The Agency also undertake various road repairs across the state which includes rehabilitation of Arkilla-Gumbi-Wamakko- Kalambaina road at the total cost of N11,883,900.00 and maintenance of Tangaza-Balle 34 km road in Tangaza and Gudu local Government which comprises two (2) cells 900mm diameter ring culverts, shoulder reclaiming embankment protection and pavement repairs at the cost of N9,369,536.40 as well as maintenance works at Tangaza-Ruwa Wuri road (47) km which involved three (3) cell 900mm diameter ring culvert, shoulder reclamation and embankment protection at the total cost of N25, 028,563.60.

Similarly the sum of 10,940,331.80 has also approved for the maintenance of 78km Kware-Gidan Madi-Binji-Gande, the work comprises potholes repairs, shoulder reclamation embankment Protection, land slide treatment and culvert under pinning and maintenance of Tambuwal Kebbe (35)km at the total cost of N24,217,224.00.

In addition to these, the sum of N9,047,319.00 have also approved for the maintenance of Kasarawa-Silame, a (50) km road and N3,718,000.00 for the purchase of workshop as well as used in mechanical workshop as well as N1,902,000.00 as

N820,250.00 which expanded on overhauling and general repairs of graders and excavating machine respectively.

State government also spent the sum of N3,072,504 for the renovation of Agency's premises.

Therefore, almost a Hundred million Naira spent in two years of the administration.

DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

The important role played by sport in bringing unity and reducing social vices among youth cannot be over emphasized, it is in line with this that, the present administration has been giving necessary attention it deserved.

The state government has awarded contract worth hundreds of naira for the renovation of Giginya Stadium in the state capital, the work has reached advanced stage of completion. When completed, the state will have opportunity of hosting different competition organized at the National level which will also generate a lot of revenue for the state.

The state government has recorded tremendous achievements in sports within the year under review; without the financial support from the government, these successes recorded would not have been possible. In 2008, the state participated in Emirate Ilorin Northern state U-18 football competition and won the trophy; also in 2008 the state U-16 football team participated and won Pa Michael Imodu National U-16 football competition. The state U-16 team also won the National U-16 unity cup football competition in 2008. The state representatives at the "Ramat Cup Football Competition in 2008 became Runners-up, while the state U-13 football team became the winners of the Northern state U-13 football competition in (2008).

United football Club won promotion in 2008 from Amateur to professional division of the Nigeria National League. The state also hosted in 2008, the Nigerian Golden Eaglets screening. 9 indigenes were invited to national camp. The U-13 state handball team in 2008 participated in the National U-13 Championship and ended as runners-up and securing a ticket to represent Nigeria World Youth Handball Championship in Argentina.

The state also participated in National Sport Festivals "Kaduna 2008" The state participated in Football, Handball and fives in 2008. The Arewa Pillars Football Club won the National Division II playoff and qualified to play in the National Division III Category.

The state U-13 Handball team in 2009 participated and won the World Youth U-13 handball championships, a competition organized by the world Handball Championships, a competition organized by World Handball Federation and was held in Dubai. The state also participated in the U-18 talent hunt mini sports fiesta held in Kaduna in 2009 and won 3 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze. The state participated in Athletics; weight lifting, Table Tennis and Taekwondo. The state Handball team (Rising Strikers) in 2008 defeated the Niger National Handball team in an International friendly match played in Niamey, Niger Republic, and lastly the state also was able to participate in the 16th National Sports Festival "KADA 2009" held in Kaduna in 2009.

DEPARTMENT FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Right from day one, the present administration under the dynamic leadership of Governor Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko, realized that for any meaningful development to take place in the state, the issue of rural electrification must be handled with all the seriousness it deserve.

The administration's plans to connect large number of rural communities in the State with electricity began with the splitting of the Department of Rural Electrification and Feeder Roads into two, namely the Department of Rural Electrification and the Department of Rural Feeder Roads.

The Department of Rural Electrification is charged with the responsibilities of executing directly or indirectly all government projects and programmes that concern rural electrification, advising government on all matters relating to generation, transmission and distribution of electricity; coordinating rural electrification projects to be executed by the State and Local Governments and carrying out of other functions that may be assigned to them by the State Executive Governor.

During the period under review, the Department has achieved a lot in the areas of its assigned responsibilities. The Department has entered into agreements with more than six firms for the execution of numerous electrification projects across the length and breadth of the State.

Willand Engineering Nig. Ltd was awarded contract worth N429, 201,470.60 for electrification of 25 towns and villages in the State. With the progress of work on the project sites at 85%, the contracting firm has been paid the sum of N364, 821,250.01.

In the same period, the State Government awarded contract for the electrification of another set of 47 towns and villages to M/S Digibits Control Nigeria Ltd at the cost of N740,110,158.10. Based on the progress of work also at 85% at the time

of filing this report, the State Government has paid the sum of N584,687,037.40 to the Company leaving an outstanding balance of N146,423,127.60. to be paid once the project is satisfactorily completed.

Contract worth N571,931,592.30 for the electrification of 16 towns and villages was awarded to M/S Weber Nig. Ltd and the job has reached over 80% level of completion with the sum of N447,549,273.80 already paid to the contractor while the sum of N114,382,318.50 is the balance to be paid when the job is duly completed.

Craft Point Nig. Ltd was in 2008 awarded contract for the provision of solar powered street lights on some roads in Sokoto Metropolis at the total cost of N35,397,712.00. The project has reached over 65% level of completion.

Also in 2008, contract for the electrification of 41 towns and villages was awarded to M/S Red Sea Nig. Ltd at the cost of N504, 620,109.47. M/S Sapeco Nig. Ltd was in the same 2008 awarded contract to electrify 14 towns and villages at the cost of N299, 135,353.12. Work on the two projects has reached various levels of completion.

Earlier on 3rd March, 2005, the immediate past administration had awarded contract for the electrification of 138 towns and villages to news Engineering Nig Ltd at the cost of N4,578,530,707.36. The contractor was paid N3,962,816,563.48, with a balance of N615,704,140.00. Ninety (90) towns and villages have been provided with the facility and the Wamakko administration has made further payment of N300,000,000.00 to the Company to ensure speedy completion. The project has reached over 90% level of completion.

In addition to the above projects, the State Government also awarded contract for the purchase of transformers and other electrical appliances to improve distribution and stability of electricity supply in the State especially the rural areas. These have since been supplied and distributed to various communities across the state.

The Executive Governor also approved the completion of the abandoned Federal Government Electrification Projects at Gorau, Sabon Garin Dole and Kagara in Goronyo Local Government Area at the cost of N16.4 million. The projects have been successfully completed by the Department of Rural Electrification and the affected towns are now enjoying electricity.

LIBRARY SERVICE

Education plays a central role in development. But no society can have a functional education without well-stocked libraries, the latter being the repository of knowledge.

It is in recognition of the above fact that the present administration under the able leadership of Alh. (Dr.) Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko places great premium on the provision of effective and efficient library services for the general public, irrespective of age, gender, religion, or ethnic background.

The administration has recorded modest achievements in this area. To provide a conducive reading atmosphere in the libraries in the state, package unit Air conditioners have been procured while about 20 Nos. were repaired, all at the cost of N2.5 million.

Proper fumigation of the internal and external environment of the libraries was also carried out last year to protect library facilities and materials against rodents, termites and insects.

In an effort to ameliorate the problem arising from epileptic public power supply, repairs and refurbishing of a 60 KVA and 27.5 KVA generating plants were carried out, even as six official vehicles of the libraries were equally refurbished so as to reduce transformation problem, both at the cost of N1,476,000.00.

Books worth 15,000,000.00 were also procured to further stock the libraries in the state current materials. In the same vein, the internet facilities in such libraries were undergoing upgrading and expansion.

To enhance efficiency in service delivery, library staffs have been attending through workshops and conferences both within and outside the state.

FURNITURE PLANS/PROJECTS

Plans are at advanced stage to build three zonal libraries at Tambuwal, Gwadabawa and Wamakko, while branches will be established in each 23 local government Areas in the state as soon as the zonal ones take off.

Plans are equally on to provide the Audio-Visual sections of the libraries with modern equipment so as to increase people's access to non-conventional media in those libraries.

Following a community profiling conducted by the state library, it was found that some vital institutions were excluded from accessing the library services. Consequently, the library has put modalities in place to establish partnership with such institutions via Book Box services. The institutions included, the state orphanage, Remand Home (under the Ministry of Social Welfare) the central Prison, nomads and the physically challenges school (A.A Raji school for the Handicapped).

The libraries in the state are also working in partnership with NGO's in the area of information dissemination through extension services. Advocacy visit will soon be embarked upon in the state to meet with stakeholders and fine-tune ways of promoting reading culture in the state.

It is worthy of note that the library services being provided in the state are for people at all levels of education and other persons in the society, be they literate or semi literate.

For improved service delivery in this all-important sector, the present administration solicits the support of al and sundry.

DEPARTMENT FOR RURAL WATER SUPPLY

The Sokoto state government considers provision of portable water as one of its paramount obligations. In rural areas where most our people live, efforts have been made to improve and expand the services with a view to alleviate suffering of the people in getting portable drinking water and reduce if not eliminate the wide spread of water born diseases within our rural communities.

The department for rural water supply being the government agency responsible for conceptualizing, planning and execution of rural water schemes in liaison with the 23 local government council in the state, is fully committed to ensure standard infrastructural schemes which includes motorized, solar water schemes and hand pumps.

During the year under review, the department has awarded contract for the completion of 89 NO motorized water schemes statement. Under the contract Generator house, generator empowerment and overhead tanks will be provided. At most the project reached 90% of completion, and it cost about 112 million naira.

Similarly contract for the construction of 50 overhead tanks and 50 No boreholes have been awarded state-wide in different communities, 30 out of the 50 tanks have been completed while the boreholes appreciable no of them are in advance stage of completion. The project will gulf the sum of N272,500,000. While 46 Nos hand pumps are in advance stage of reactivation state-wide at the cost of 9.5 million naira, and another 9.5 million was used in the purchase of sundry drilling chemicals.

Another achievement recorded during the period under review by the department of rural water supply was the provision of rural water supply was the provision of 3 Nos Solar Power Water Schemes at Tangaza, Rabah and Kebbe local government councils as well as construction and erection of 50Nos 10,000 gallons

capacity water tanks at the cost of 106 million naira. In a similar vein, extension and rehabilitation of water scheme to Salame, Tungar Malam Rashidu and Binga all in Gwadabawa Local government and another one at Yaka and Karfen Chana in Gudu local government have been carried out during the period under review.