

**BRIEF ON THE ACTIVITIES OF YOBE STATE MINISTRY OF HOUSING TO THE
PEER REVIEW TEAM FROM NIGERIAN GOVERNOR'S FORUM SECRETARIAT.**

BRIEF ON THE MINISTRY:

The ministry of Housing was created on the 1st August 2000 and was charged with responsibility of providing Housing Accomodation for the growing size of state civil services, maintains, supervises, on all public building matters across the state. Other services, provided include designs, bill of quantities, project management maintenance, etc.

2. The Ministry of Housing has five directorates and two Parastatals. These directorates are:-

- Public Buildings
- Planning Research and Statistics,
- Personnel Management,
- Electrical and
- Finance and Supplies.

(a) THE DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The Department of public Building is a major arm of the ministry, which provides in conjunction with directorate of Electrical engineering services, the desired technical role expected by the ministry. The Department has 4 units, thus, Architectural, Building, Quantity Surveying and Estate Management.

The Directorates provides among others.

- i. Pre and post contract services i.e. production of design/bill of quantities and project management including maintenance work.
- ii. Initiate and implement Government policies on housing.
- iii. Advise and implement budgetary policies on public building among others.

PROJECTS EXECUTED/SUPERVISED WITHIN THE PERIOD/2007.

Within the period 2007 to date, the ministry has undertaken the following projects.

1. 300 Housing units in Damaturu
2. 170 Housing units for Local Government Areas;
3. 30 Housing for Senatorial Zones at Potiskum and Gashua;
4. 17-Nos Boarding Primary Schools 1 No each in all the Local Governments; (Supervision)
5. 4-Nos Junior Secondary Schools (2 Nos in Potiskum Local government) 1 No in Fika and 1 No in Gashua; (Supervision)
6. Renovation of 16 Nos Houses for 200 bedroom modern hospital; (Supervision)
7. Renovation of School of Nursing, General Hospitals Damaturu and Potiskum; (Supervision)
8. 200 bed modern hospital, Damaturu; (Supervision)
9. Completion of 3-Star Hotel Damaturu;
10. Construction of Yobe Lodge – Maine Soroa – Niger Republic;
11. S.S.S. Training School, Bauchi – 2 blocks of 4 units flats

12. Construction of Yobe College, Mamudo; (Supervision)
13. Renovation of Fire Service office, Damaturu; (Supervision)
14. Construction of 4-man rank and file quarters at Potiskum;
15. Construction of Police station at Potiskum;
16. Renovation of Mobile Force Headquarters at Damaturu;
17. Construction of RUWASA Head Office; (Supervision)
18. Construction of Audit Department Office complex; (Supervision)
19. Completion of cultural centre Damaturu; (Supervision)
20. Construction of SSG/HOS Office complex; (Supervision)
21. Chief judge House;
22. Deputy Governor Office; (Government House)
23. Units of assembly quarters;
24. 256 Bedroom Housing Units.
25. ADC Service quarters – Government House

The ministry has also proposed to construct another phase of 300 Housing Units, within this financial year to provide more accommodation for the citizens.

The design process has already commenced.

OWNER-OCCUPIER SCHEME

The ministry has disposed 1,903 of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom houses to the occupants through the laudable owner-occupier scheme. The term for settlement ranges from 2-10 years for political office holders and civil servant respectively.

Recently His Excellency the *Executive Governor Alh Ibrahim Gaidam* approved the down ward review of the cost of the Houses by 50% of cost price.

YOBE STATE HOUSING AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

The Yobe State Housing and Property Development Corporation is a State Government's owned building and construction agency in charge of construction of low-cost houses, shops, office and management of such structures for the generation of revenues and for disposal of such on owner occupier scheme on behalf of the Government.

2. Like any other Government Ministry or Board, this corporation had achieved a lot in this field of responsibility for the period.
3. In order to reduce acute office accommodation of the corporation government has constructed a new office complex.
4. This Corporation with the approval of the State Executive Council did embark on the Owner-Occupier Scheme where over 2000 Housing Units spread across the State were sold to their respective occupants on owner occupier basis. The occupants comprised of Federal, State and Local Government Civil Servant as well as private individuals and corporate organizations. By introduction of the scheme in the State, Yobe State became the first in the Sub-region to implement such a people oriented programme.

BRIEF ON ACTIVITIES OF YOBE STATE HOUSING AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PRESENTED TO THE PEER REVIEW FROM NIGERIAN GOVERNOR'S FORUM SECRETARIAT.

The Yobe State Housing and Property Development Corporation was established by the Yobe State Government Edict No 6 of 1999. Whose main function includes among other thing to acquire develop, hold manage, sell, lease or let to persons or corporate bodies, land, landed properties residential houses etc as the case may be.

In furtherance of these objectives, the corporation has over the years constructed over three thousand houses of different categories which formed the basis of the present day government policy of owner-occupier scheme. Hence making Yobe State among the first state in the Federation to implement this laudable policy which, is in line with Millennium Development Goal's (MDG) cardinal objectives of houses for all by 2015

In line with these objectives the Yobe State Government through the Corporation ^{has} put immense effort in housing delivery to which invariably provided the civil servant in the state own their houses, which directly impacted on their social well being.

2. From 2007 to date, the Housing and Property Development Corporation has constructed some number of houses:-

A Activities of 2007

a. Construction of 136 – 2Bedroom housing units at *Zanna Zakariya Estate* constructed by Yobe State Housing Property and Development Corporation.

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| i. | Cost of construction | - | ₦1,500,000/per unit |
| ii. | Commencement date | - | 13 th July, 2007 |
| iii. | Work completed | - | 30 th March 2008 |

- b. Construction and fencing of 10 – 3bedroom legislatives quarters
 - i. Cost of construction - ₦3,800,000/per unit
 - ii. Commencement date - 13th July, 2007
 - iii. Work completed - 30th December, 2008

B. Activities of 2008/2009.

- ii. Construction of 100 – 2Bedroom housing *Zanna Zakariya Estate* extension
 - i. Construction cost - ₦3,000,000/per unit
 - ii. Commencement date - 14th August, 2008
 - iii. Work completed - 4th April, 2010
- iii. Construction and fencing of 12 – 3Bedroom housing unit, legislators quarters constructed by Yobe State Housing and Property Development Corporation through direct labour.
 - i. Cost of construction per unit - ₦6,764,563.05
 - ii. Commencement of work - 17th June, 2009
 - iii. Construction work completed - 31st February, 2010

REMARKS: The 100 Housing units were constructed jointly from funds realized from the proceeds of owner occupier and annual budgetary allocation.

It is worthy to note that His Excellency *Alhaji Ibrahim Gaidam* has in his infinite mercy waived 50% of the total cost of all houses sold to civil servants from the date of inception of the owner occupier policy to date, this gesture of his Excellency his received commendation throughout the state and beyond.

Thank you.

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BRIEF ON THE ACTIVITIES OF YOBE SAVINGS AND LOANS
LIMITED PRESENTED TO THE HON. COMMISISONER,
MINISTRY OF HOUSING JUNE, 2010

Yobe Savings and Loans Limited is a limited liability company incorporated in September 28th 1992. In fulfillment of the licencing requirement of the Central Bank of Nigeria the state government paid the mandatory N100million share capital of the Bank in 2000 and further released the sum of N12.83million to furnish and equip the office complex of the Bank preparatory to its take-off.

To ensure smooth take-off of the company a management team was also constituted for the company in September, 2000. After taking over the affairs of the company from the Housing Corporation on September 18th 2000, the efforts of the management were geared towards completion of documentation requirements of the CBN and the FMBN, with a view to obtaining operational licence and accreditation to disburse the National Housing Funds respectively.

Consequent upon the efforts of the management, the company was granted approval to engage in Mortgage Business on October 2nd 2001, by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), and it was accredited by the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria to participate in the disbursement of the National Housing Fund.

Amongst other pre-operational requirement of the Central Bank of Nigeria, the company's Board of Directors was also inaugurated on January 6th, 2002.

The company at the moment has a staff strength of Twenty Six (26), customer deposit of N17,732,361.33 broken into savings accounts deposits of N6,301,161.72 and current account balance of N11,431,199.61 as at 21st June, 2010. The company in addition

to its corporate head office also operates a branch office in Potiskum that is doing quite well. Plans are also under way to operate branches in Gashua and Abuja.

The company's operation since inception had recorded a total customer base of 4155 with a cumulative total turnover of N2,999,340,476.17 broken down into N2,216,624,232.07 and N782,716,244.10 in savings and current account transactions respectively.

Furthermore, the company had extended loan facilities to its customers.

The breakdown is as listed below:-

SN	TYPE OF LOAN	TOTAL AMOUNT	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
1.	National Housing Fund	N43,793,645.07	16
2.	Commercial Loan	N17,896,840.00	5
3.	Medium Term Loan	N10,420,000.00	17
4.	Short Term Loan	N129,599,082.00	2512
	TOTAL	N201,709,567.07	

Equally the following represent the current financial position of the company.

(a) Share Capital	N100,000,000.00
Statutory Reserve	N3,069,208.00
Retained Earnings	N2,100,204.56
Deposit for Shares	N23,706,260.00
TOTAL	N128,875,672.56

It is pertinent to note that the state government has awarded for the construction of a new corporate head office for the company at a cost of N59,880,423.75, which is about to 70% completion.

You may wish to note that the operating licence of the Bank was granted by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) subject to among others the under listed conditions:-

- (a) Changes in the shareholding structure of the company that formed the basis upon which the licence was granted cannot be effected without obtaining the prior approval of the Central Bank of Nigeria.
- (b) Changes in the composition of the company's Board of Directors and Management Staff on the basis of which licence was granted cannot be made without obtaining the prior clearance and approval of the Central Bank of Nigeria.
- (c) The organizational structure of the company which formed the basis for the grant of licence cannot be amended or altered without the prior approval of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

SUMMARY REPORT ON THE THREE STAR HOTEL DAMATURU

During an EXCO meeting held on Wednesday 24 October 2007, the Yobe State Executive Council approved the formation of a Six-Member Technical Committee for the completion of the Three Star Hotel Damaturu.

A letter dated 31 October 2007 conveyed the approval to the Members with the following composition:

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| 1) | Arc Shettima M. Saleh
(Hon Commissioner Min of Housing) | Chairman |
| 2) | Engr. Babagoni Machina FNSE mni | Member |
| 3) | Engr. Mohammed Ajiya MNSE | Member |
| 4) | Comrade Bashir A. Sadiq | Member |
| 5) | Arc Ibrahim Kenchi | Member |
| 6. | Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu MNSE | Secretary |

The project was initially given on contract in 2003 with a completion period of Eighteen months. However, the Contract was mutually terminated in 2007; hence, the above Committee comprising professionals in construction and relevant engineering disciplines was formed to complete the project through direct labour.

An estimated Sum of Three hundred and sixty four million, eight hundred and eighty nine thousand two hundred and twenty nine naira only (N364, 889,229.00k) was approved by the State Executive Council to the Committee for the completion of the project.

Therefore, from inception up to 24 December 2008, the committee received funds on installmental basis as follows,

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| A) N50, 000,000:00k | 28 November 2007 |
| B) N100, 000,000:00k | 10 June 2008 |
| C) N45, 000,000:00k | 17 October 2008 |
| D) N45, 000,000:00k | 24 December 2008. |
- E) A monthly standing payment of N21, 600,000:00k from April 2009 to September 2009 amounting to a total of N129, 600,000:00k.

PROJECT APPRAISAL

After inauguration, the Committee immediately assumed work in the first week of December 2007, commencing with Site clearance. However, while appraising the entire project, the Committee discovered some major cracks on both the walls and the concrete floor at the ground floor level, which in its opinion could ultimately affect the whole project structurally.

In view of this development, the Committee decided to invite to Site, SANI MUSTAPHA AND ASSOCIATES, a consultancy firm based in Maiduguri and headed by renowned structural Engineer and former President of Nigerian Society of Engineers Engr. Mustapha Bulama FNSE.

The Committee and the Consultant carried out a detailed appraisal of the structural condition of the entire construction previously done by the Contractor.

In addition to the detailed inspection of the Site and analysis of the materials used in the existing construction, a topographical survey of the entire project premises was also carried out. Similarly, all available drawings used for the construction of the project were also critically studied.

OBSERVATIONS

From the joint field inspection of the project Site, structural defects evident by the manifestations of cracks in several places on both the Walls and the floor (especially at the Banquet hall, Committee Rooms, Reception, Kitchen, indoor games, stage area of the Cock tail Courtyard) were noticed.

These defects were observed to have been caused by structurally inadequate provision of BRC for wide floor areas, improper networking or completely omitted ground beams in certain critical areas, the use of poor quality blocks, and the location of the building at the lowest plane within the project premises.

PROPOSED REMEDIAL WORKS

In view of the above observations, therefore, it was the considered opinion of both the Technical Committee and the Consultant that the following remedial works must be implemented in order to arrest further deterioration of the building and to strengthen it structurally.

1. Removing all the Walls at the Ground Floor level and reconstructing with specially molded blocks.
2. Recasting the entire Ground Floor using purpose made BRC reinforcement of 8mm rods embedded in 175mm thick slab.
3. Providing Ground Beams at all necessary areas where not originally provided.
4. Providing adequate support for all the Staircases
5. Eliminating expansion joints where not necessary.
6. Providing effective and functional drainage network around the Main Hotel building before setting in of the rainy season

With the commencement of release of funds, the Committee fully mobilized to Site and work commenced based on a prepared work schedule at the various segments of the Project.

From the beginning, efforts were focused on procuring enough materials to Site. Thereafter, work was prioritized according to building construction sequence though initially focusing on the remedial work. Thus, the greater part of the two initial installmental payments released to the Committee amounting to a total of One hundred and fifty million naira (N150,000,000:00k) was put in to the remedial work which hitherto was not envisaged and thus not highlighted in the initial BOQ prepared for the completion. These were done to first salvage the rather defective structure and further enhance its structural integrity.

Over the period of the activities of the Committee to this stage, works carried out relative to condition at inception and considering the import of the remedial work is therefore analyzed as follows,

A) MASONRY

At the inception of the Committee, the structural framework of the main Hotel Complex was about 80% complete. Block work was also done in some areas especially the ground floor and the external walls of the first floor.

However in view of the manifestation of the aforementioned defects, all the block work earlier done at the ground floor put at 40% were all demolished and completely reconstructed with specially moulded sandcrete blocks.

The entire ground floor was similarly recast with 175mm thick over site concrete embedding a purpose made BRC reinforcement of 8mm rods.

The general masonry work comprising Concrete, block, plastering, and rendering works for the Main Hotel, the ancillaries, Mosque, the Gatehouse, and fence have now been completed 100%

B) ELECTRICAL WORK

Occasioned by the remedial work, the entire electrical work comprising piping and wiring were redone by the Committee and completed.

PLUMBING WORK

Plumbing works for solid and liquid wastes previously done exhibited defects at several places hence coupled with the necessity of the remedial work, the entire plumbing work was redesigned and redone.

D) INTERNET, SATELLITE, CCTV, TELEPHONE ETC

The piping and cabling for Internet, Satellite, close circuit TV, Telephone/PABX, fire alarm, public address system, and TV networking have been done.

E) ROOFING WORK

The first rainy season after the commencement of work by the Committee, all the roofing works earlier done by the Contractor were blown off by windstorm. The entire roof rafters of the first floor were removed and redone with well-seasoned timber and reroofed. Similarly, the wooden rafters earlier done at the admin block and the loading dock area at the ground floor were replaced with steel rafters. Areas newly constructed like the Cyber café/ Business center, and the Mosque were provided with steel rafters and roofed as well.

F) CEILING WORKS

Three types of ceiling finish were used and applied as follows,

- 1) POP ceiling for all the rooms, corridors and the dome area at the first floor. The reception, main lobbies, Bar, Indoor games, VIP lounge, the restaurant at the ground floor, and the mosque and Gatehouse.
- 2) Suspended ceiling was used for most of the ground floor of the main Hotel complex.
- 3) Plastic ceiling was used for externally exposed ceiling areas, and the ancillary buildings.

All ceiling works have been done 100%

G) FLOOR FINISH

Both granite and tiles were used for the floor finish. Granite was used for the selected public areas of Banquet hall, Main Lobbies, Reception, Dome area, Staircases, Vestibule, approach Verandas, corridors, the presidential suites, the Bar, and the Committee rooms. Tiles were used in all the remaining areas.

H) DOORS AND WINDOWS

All doors and window works have been completed including the installation of burglar proofs. Panel doors for all the door openings have been fixed including the purpose made toilet and Duct doors.

Electronic card locks have been installed in all the rooms entrance doors though yet to be programmed.

I) DOME SHAPE ROOF SKYLIGHT

Following a decision by the Technical committee to reduce super imposed load on the main Hotel structure, there was a discussion between the Technical Committee and ABUMET Nigeria Ltd, for the supply and installation of a special dome shape Roof skylight in place of the Concrete Shell. The roof skylight weighing 7 tons as against the 57 tons concrete shell has been 100% installed. It has 4No motorized open able windows.

J) SANITARY FITTINGS

All sanitary fittings (comprising WC, shower cubicles, wash hand basins, towel rack, soap dish, mirrors etc have been installed for all the conveniences at the Rooms and at Ground floor. Reticulation work for the supply of cold water is being done to test these facilities.

K) ELECTRICAL FITTINGS

All electrical fittings for the main Hotel complex have been procured and fixing is in progress.

L) SCREEDING/PAINTING WORK

Screed work for the walls has been 100% completed. Painting for the main Hotel complex plus the ancillaries, and Mosque have been completed.

M) BOREHOLE

Six liters per second (6l/s) borehole has already been drilled for the Hotel. All necessary reticulation connecting the Borehole to the surface and overhead reservoirs have also been done. Reticulation work for the supply of water to the main building is in progress.

N) FELTING WORK

The felting work for the entire felt areas has been done. SCUDOPLAST mineral felt was used.

O) ACCESS ROAD/CULVERT/DRAINAGE

A single lane access road with a box culvert at the approach of the entrance gate has been constructed. Similarly, an effective drainage has been provided around the perimeter of the main Hotel complex and the ancillary buildings. Additional protection has been given to the building by the construction of 150m retaining wall at the rear thus preventing surface run-off waters from directly encroaching into the building.

PROJECT VARIATION

The fluctuating cost of building materials, the increased activities of the Committee occasioned by the remedial work, the replacement of the concrete shell dome with the Dome shape aluminum profile skylight, and above all, the desire of the Technical Committee to provide a standard facility that can stand the test of time were the major factors that will lead to the need for a review in the total cost for the completion of the project.

Analysis of the variation occasioned by the aforementioned factors is therefore given in the following table,

	Description of activity	Initial estimated cost	Actual executed cost	Cost variation
1	Replacement of concrete shell Dome with a Dome shape skylight	N5, 000,000	N47,797,327:87k	N42,797,327:87
2	Remedial work comprising; a) Demolishing and removal, b) Recasting of entire ground floor with 175mm over site concrete embedding 8mm rods mesh, & ground beams c) Rebuilding of entire ground floor (with specially moulded blocks) including lintels d) Redoing all plumbing and electrical works, e) provision of Access road/culvert and a functional Drainage f) Reroofing with steel trusses f) provision of supports for staircases and some cantilevers etc	N/A	N89,172,717:74k	N89,172,717:74
7	Variation cost of Aluminum doors and Windows	N15,000,000	N25, 750,000	N10, 750,000
8	Other variations in cost related to replacement of Tiles with Granite, use of tiles in place of terrazzo, increase in POP ceiling areas, screed works, Refelting works, sanitary and electrical fittings, Balustrade and burglar proofs, provision of Borehole and accessories, etc	sum	sum	N29, 200,000
Total Difference			N171,920,045:61k	

OUTSTANDING WORKS

A) Works necessary to complete the Main structure

1.	Screen wall	N1, 550, 000:00K
2.	Septic tanks and Soak-away pits	N5, 350,000:00k
3.	Fabrication/installation of sun breakers and external duct doors	N1, 700,000:00k
4.	Electrical load cables	N4, 693,200:00k
5.	Equipment for INTERNET, PABX, Telephone, CCTV, Satellite, Fire alarm, and Public Address system	N14, 500,000:00k
6.	Fittings and fixtures comprising Bar Counter, Reception Counter, Kitchen Servery, Kitchen worktop, Bar worktop, Wardrobes and shelves, Open shelves, lock-up units, Ticket counter etc	<u>N15, 950,000:00K</u>
	Total	<u>N43, 743,200:00k</u>
	Add 10% contingency	<u>N4, 374,320:00k</u>
	Total	<u>N48, 117,520:00k</u>

(Forty eight million, one hundred and seventeen thousand, five hundred and twenty naira only)

B) Outstanding External Works

1.	Internal demarcating wall (including rendering and Painting)	N3, 500,000:00k
2.	Generators/Machine room facilities	N54, 554,832:00k
3.	External Electrification	N16, 800,000:00k
4.	Remaining Drainages	N7, 000,000:00k
9.	Generator Room	N2, 000,000:00k

14. Painting works for fence and Gatehouse	N3, 800,000:00k
Total	<u>N122, 354,832:00k</u>
Add 10% contingency	<u>N12, 234,483:20k</u>
	<u>N134, 589,315:20k</u>

(One hundred and thirty four million, five hundred and eighty nine thousand, three hundred and fifteen naira, twenty kobo)

C) OTHER EXTERNAL WORKS

1. Soft and Landscaping for courtyards, entrance Canopy, drainage areas and walkways
2. Remaining Drainage works
3. Roads/Culverts/parking lots and Kerbs
4. Games pitches
5. Horticultural landscaping

BRIEFS ON THE 256 UNITS HOUSING PROJECT

The 256 Units Housing Project is located along the Maiduguri – Gashua inner ring road and was commenced in November, 2009 as a continuation of the vigorous housing development programme of this administration. The programme in its entirety is driven by the Government's quest of meeting the millennium development goals. The project consist of one hundred and twenty eight duplexes of two bedrooms each with each house located on an area of 60x25metres, giving enough room for future expansion.

The cost of the project stood at the sum of ₦1,024,160,558.08 with each duplex costing the sum of ₦8,001,254.36. It was completed in ^{March} ~~May~~, 2010 and is now being provided with utility services such as roads, drainage and electricity before being allocated to its eventual beneficiaries. It was designed for low and middle income earners who are expected to offset the highly subsidised price of ₦2,000,000.00 per house gradually over a period of about fifteen years.

When eventually allocated, the houses would go along way in providing the much required shelter to a lot of families with its attendant positive impact on their qualities of life and poverty alleviation. The opening up of this segment of the ring road would equally encourage the private sector to join in the development trail by building more private apartments. All these would eventually stimulate the local economy and create more employment to our teeming youth.

EXECUTIVE BRIEF ON 200 BED ULTRA – MODERN HOSPITAL, DAMATURU

In line with its desire to provide improved Health Services to the generality of the people of this young state, the Yobe State Executive Council at its sitting of 19th September, 2007 approved the award of contract for the construction/equipping of Ultra-Modern 200Bed Hospital in Damaturu to Design and Build (D&B) Limited, Asokoro Abuja at the cost of (one billion, six hundred and seven million, five hundred and seventy eight thousand and thirty two Naira) ₦1,607,578,032.00 with a completion period of sixteen months. Similarly, 150Bed Ultra Modern Hospitals were approved to be constructed at Gashua and Potiskum.

The project commenced on the 25th September, 2007 with a down payment of 40% paid to the contractor after submitting bond from a recognised Commercial Bank.

The contract was supposed to have been completed by February, 2009, however, due to some changes from the original design concept, the programme of completion was adjusted to June, 2010.

The Client has met all its contractual obligations in this regard and the contractor has fully mobilised to site to meet-up with the new completion schedule of June, 2010.

The present stage of work based on physical assessment carried-out was as follows:-

1.1 GROUND FLOOR

- Internal Plastering completed.
- Fixing of doors and windows in progress.
- Fixing of suspended/PVC Ceiling in both offices and the verandah in progress.

- Fixing of external/internal handrails in progress.
- External rendering and painting were going on concurrently.
- Preparations for laying of floor tiles at main Entrance and step granites were also in progress.

1.2 FIRST FLOOR

- Internal rendering in progress.
- Fixing of suspended/PVC Ceiling in progress.
- Fixing of doors and windows in progress.
- Steel trusses in roof completed.

The project has reached 65% completion and materials valued at 15% are on site.

**BREIF ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE COMPLEX FOR THE
SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND HEAD OF SERVICE.**

The need for provision of adequate office accommodation in the office of the Secretary to the State Government and the Office of the Head of service cannot be over emphasized. In consideration of the fact that the office complex housing the SSG and Head of Service looked a bit dilapidated, there was a dire to provide decent and fitting accommodation for the office of the Secretary to the State Government and Head of Service.

In this regard a contract was awarded to *Yusufana Nig. Limited* in July 2009 at the contract sum of **₦531,534,650.00** for the construction of Head of Service/Secretary to the State Government office complex.

The contractor mobilized and commenced work at site in July, 2009 after being paid 40% of the contract sum on submission of advance performance Bond from a reputable Bank as stated in the contract agreement.

Contractor made significant progress and has reached finishing stage.

The complex is meant to handled the office of the Head of Service and the Secretary to the State Government in addition to this they are offices for 12 No of Permanent Secretary, 17 offices for Directors, 63 other offices for supporting staff and 3-No conference halls, making a total of 97 offices apart from conveniences.

The project is expected to be completed in July, 2010.