

**STATE-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Scorecard for Taraba State**

Taraba State’s IGR rose from N1.3 billion in 2010 to N3.8 billion in 2014, recording an impressive 31% growth rate over the period. However, the State’s IGR component is only 7% of its total recurrent expenditure. Monthly generation was just over N300 million.

**IGR SNAPSHOT IN THE NORTH EAST ZONE (2014)**

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| S/N | STATE | MONTHLY IGR (N) | ANNUAL IGR (N) | 5 YR GROWTH RATE | IGR/RECURRENT REVENUE (%) | IGR PER CAPITA (N) |
| 1 | GOMBE | 433,038,365.16 | 5,196,460,381.93 | 15.2% | 9.8% | 1,707.78 |
| 2 | ADAMAWA | 416,206,823.40 | 4,994,481,880.78 | 4.4% | 8.9% | 1,249.93 |
| 3 | BAUCHI | 404,454,432.07 | 4,853,453,184.87 | 9.3% | 7.4% | 798.27 |
| 4 | TARABA | 316,586,739.46 | 3,799,040,873.48 | 31.1% | 7.2% | 1,317.06 |
| 5 | YOBE | 256,148,346.74 | 3,073,780,160.87 | -15.3% | 5.8% | 1,005.57 |
| 6 | BORNO | 230,064,481.58 | 2,760,773,778.99 | 7.0% | 4.2% | 506.54 |

**Commendable Practices:**

1. 16 outreach offices across the State
2. An efficient assessment and almost complete capture of tax payers in the State.
3. The use of a tax audit system.
4. Significant elimination of multiple taxation

**Major Challenges:**

1. Insufficient funding of the IRS
2. Inadequate information on property tax owners due to black market trading of lands and property.
3. No control over finance and administrative duties. The boards need autonomy.
4. Lack of facilities that will enable electronic means of tax payments.
5. Lack of implementation laws for the revenue board.
6. Leakages in the tax system.

**STATE’S ACTION PLAN**

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| **S/N** | **Identified Goals** | **Action Required** | **Timeline** | **Responsibility** |
| 1 | Enhancement of financial and administrative autonomy for the BIR | * Increase the monthly cost of collection to 10%. * Engage, train, and retrain staff of BIR. * Expand the scope of activities of the BIR | Jan-March 2016 (1st Quarter, 2016) | State EXCO |
| 2 | Collaboration with the local government | * Advocacy to EXCO, JAAC and critical stakeholders. * Create joint State and local government revenue committee. * Training of committee and revenue officers. | January-March 2016 (1ST Quarter, 2016) | Chairman BIR and Permanent Secretary BLG&CA |
| 3 | Strengthen the legal framework of the board of internal revenue | * Create a standing revenue code. * Establish an enforcement committee of security agent and staff of BIR * Review revenue rates (legal) | January-June 2016 (1st and 2nd Quarter, 2016) | Chairman Board of Internal Revenue |