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A Kori Talauci

From day one of the inception of the Uba Sani administration, poverty and how to deal with it has occupied the front banner. Indeed, the *SUSTAIN Agenda*, the main peg of “the administration's democracy dividend is all about leveling the ground of opportunities to enable the vast majority of the people partake in the numerous services that government of the day avail them of without let or hindrance. The Uba Sani administration realized early in its tenure that deliberate efforts must however be made to involve people in its scheme of things and that they could not be involved at the level of their stark poverty. Leveraging on his past experience as a Senator and Chairman of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions, Gov Uba Sani's first act therefore as the state's chief executive was to sign an Executive Order on financial inclusion which would pave the way for the people to have access to

the banking system from which they were hitherto excluded to their detriment. This act opened the way to many opportunities to the poor and the underbanked as they availed themselves of many assistance in form of loans, grants and government's financial incentives that aims to grow their businesses. In Kaduna State in the last one year such financial assistance to the needy has come regularly, the most popular being the N50,000 assistance to the needy tagged *A Kori Talauci*, or vanquishing poverty which by all account has been reaching a vast majority of the people with huge effect. Other forms of palliatives have also been extended to the underserved in Kaduna the recent being the free fertilizer to farmers which has helped to assuage the excruciating economic hardship that has dawned on the country. How Governor Uba Sani has managed his war on poverty is what *Emmanuel Ado* has chronicled in the lead article below:

Uba Sani wages war on poverty

By *Emmanuel Ado*

“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life.”

— *Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa.*

Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani, genuinely worried by the high level of multidimensional poverty had from his very first day in office as governor declared an unconditional war on poverty and has subsequently invested in tailored social investments programmes and interventions designed to significantly sustainably improve the poor and vulnerable households' income and consumption. The Governor deserves huge commendation for employing social protection programmes and investments as the strategy for waging the unrelenting war against poverty in all its ramifications. The war stems from Governor Sani's appreciation of the negative consequences of ignoring the impact of extreme poverty on the people and stability of the State.

But what really are the motivations behind Governor Sani's sustained and unrelenting war on poverty? Are his

motivations due to enlightened self-interest or from a deep belief that everyone deserves a productive life, and because every life has value he has a duty to help bring about the good life? Though the Governor comes from a very comfortable background, his wholehearted commitment towards uplifting the poor from what would seem a never-ending cycle of poverty has a long history that is as old as him. It definitely did not start after his election in 2019 as a senator or as governor in 2023, nor does this date back to his younger years as a pro-democracy activist and social justice crusader. Governor Sani's resolve has no doubt been further reinforced by the success stories of China and India that have successfully lifted more than 500 million and over 100 million people respectively out of poverty.

The empathic Governor Sani clearly understands the implication of children not going to school due to the extricating poverty of their parents, their resort to crime and the huge price that society ultimately pays in increasing crime rates, not to forget rising rates of maternal/infant mortality and malnutrition. The establishment of the Uba Sani Foundation and his determination to use the Office of the Governor as a bigger platform to wage a relentless war against poverty is a testament to the Governors' humanity and commitment to a better life for all.

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Gov Uba Sani showcases Kaduna investment potentials in China



Gov Uba Sani meets Chinese President Xi Jinping (right)

Land, labour and capital, as well as entrepreneurship, are the main factors of production and labour, before the digital age, was the most mobile of them. However, in this day and age, capital has now "grown wings", powered by Information Communication Technology. Millions, within minutes, can now be transferred amongst individuals, within countries and across continents and other far-flung places. Investors, fund managers and business men are looking for safe havens for their money. Likewise, individuals, governments and sundry entities, are striving to attract investors, pitching in their comparative advantages.

Indeed, Governor Uba Sani has been everywhere, from Qatar, to the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, to woo investors and market Kaduna State to the world. Recently, he was in China on a working visit, where he held back-to-back meetings for six days. Specifically, he met with investors, signed several MoUs and attended the China-Nigeria Economic Cooperation and Trade Conference in Beijing.

Significantly, Kaduna State and Huawei Technologies Company, at its corporate headquarters, signed an MoU on the Smart City Project. In part, the project will enhance security, efficiency and transparency in public service when concluded. Similarly, it will engender competitiveness, ensure better city management and attract investors, culminating in a safer milieu. Indeed, a joint committee will work out the details, including implementation, funding arrangements and the right technology to deploy in the project.

Likewise, the Governor met a slew of investors, spanning science and technology, as well as agricultural and other sectors, at the Beijing Trade Conference. In sum, he made case for Kaduna State, citing instances, as an investment destination of choice, where businesses thrive in a conducive environment. Indeed, the Chinese Construction Engineering Company (CCEC), in the last five years, has set shop in the state, building roads and bridges. Besides, the Governor met with CCEC management, led by its global Vice President, Micheal Jiang,

for further strategic engagements. Skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour abound in Kaduna State and CCEC, the Governor reminded them, should recruit from the pool.

Significantly, with abundant mineral resources, a productive workforce and a steady economic growth, Kaduna State is an investor's haven. Indeed, it has an arable land of 46,053 kilometres, approximating 5% of the nation's landmass. Similarly, it is the leading producer of maize and ginger, second in tomatoes, and the third leading producer of Soya in Nigeria.

Rice, Sugar cane and sorghum, including wheat and casava, are also grown in large quantities in the State. In addition, it boasts of 17 grazing reserves, suitable for livestock production. Besides, it has large deposits of gold, gemstones and tantalite, as well as columbite, manganese, lithium and nickel.

Similarly, Kaduna State is investor-friendly as the World Bank, in the year 2018, ranked it the most improved state in its Ease of Doing Business Subnational Report. Likewise, it is the gateway to the northern market and as at 2022, it was the third biggest consumer market in Nigeria, according to surveys. Besides, it is the Fourth most populous state in Nigeria. Indeed, with these natural endowments, a huge market and a large pool of workers, coupled with Governor Uba Sani's business-friendly policies, marketing Kaduna State in China was like preaching to the converted as Chinese companies are already there.

KDSG tackles menace of out-of-school head-on

The Senator Uba Sani Administration has been taking measures to reduce the high incidence of out of school children, by enacting programmes and policies in that direction.

By Abdallah Yunus Abdallah

As at 2023, there were 17.81 million out of school children in Nigeria and 15.23 million were from the North, according to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Out of this figure, the North West geo-political zone took the lion share of 8.04 million. In the last one year, experts said that the number has increased to 18.3 million and 70% of these out of school children are in the North. On September 6, Kaduna State Government took concrete steps to reduce this high number by partnering with UNICEF to support its Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) project. The Deputy Governor, Dr Hadiza Balarabe who stood signed on behalf of the Government, said that ROOSC aims to provide quality education to over 200,000 disadvantaged children in the state. The project is a strategic initiative designed to increase access to learning opportunities, improve enrolment rates, and ensure active participation and completion of quality primary education for all children, particularly those with disabilities, girls, and adolescents. ROOSC's key activities include construction and rehabilitation of schools, provision of inclusive learning environments, improvement of teacher quality and capacity, as well as enhanced school safety and security, including strengthening education management systems. Speaking at the signing ceremony at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Dr Balarabe further amplified the that the ROOSC project marks a crucial step in the shared commitment of the Senator Uba Sani administration, in ensuring that children in Kaduna State have access to quality education,

irrespective of their circumstances. According to her, the project seeks to change the narrative for out-of-school children, particularly girls, children with disabilities, and adolescents, by providing them with a path to education, opportunities, and a brighter future. After conveying Governor Uba Sani's appreciation to the project's partners, Dr Balarabe reiterated that "education is the foundation of a prosperous society, and its importance in shaping the future of our state cannot be overstated." She also commended UNICEF and other partners, including the Islamic Development Bank, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Global Partnership for Education, Education Above All, and Save the Children International, for their support. According to her, the project anticipates reintegrating over 200,000 out-of-school children into the education system, while more than 1.2 million primary school pupils will benefit from improved facilities and learning materials. Additionally, over 36,000 key stakeholders, including teachers, headteachers, and local education authorities, will receive vital training and capacity development. The Deputy Governor pointed out that the ROOSC project aligns with the state's Education Sector Strategic Plan (2019-2029) and Sustainable Development Goal 4, which advocates for inclusive and equitable quality education for all. She reaffirmed Kaduna State's commitment to prioritising education in its budget and its determination to strengthen partnerships with organisations like UNICEF. Indeed, Kaduna State Government proposed to spend N115.4 billion, which translates to 25.19% of the 2024 budget, on education. In the last 16 months,

Governor Uba Sani has made giant strides in the education sector since he assumed office, in his efforts to reduce the high numbers of out-of-school children and improve literacy in Kaduna State. For instance, one of the first policy he enacted was the reduction of tuition fees in all state-owned tertiary institutions, making education more accessible. In addition, his administration has constructed over 2,326 new classrooms, providing conducive learning atmosphere for more than 93,040 pupils. In addition, 707 classrooms have been renovated to enhance learning. Besides, Kaduna State Government has provided 30,742 two-seater desks which accommodates 61,484 pupils. Likewise, schools now have hygienic toilets and hand pumps for clean drinking water, ensuring better health and sanitation for students. In addition, Kaduna State Universal Basic Education (SUBEB) has been training teachers to upscale their knowledge of Reading and Numeracy Activities (RANA), a three-year project funded by DFID through UNICEF as part of the Girls Education Programme Phase 3. The programme is aimed at improving literacy and numeracy instruction in grades one to three in both public schools and integrated Quranic schools, with the ultimate goal of increasing literacy outcomes for learners, especially girls. To achieve these goals, RANA has developed Hausa-language teaching and learning materials, built teacher capacity, mobilised communities, and engaged Local Governments to improve early grade reading policies. No doubt, these measures, policies and programmes are reducing the number of out of school children as well as widening access to education in Kaduna State.

Ten positive impacts of Kaduna General Hospitals revival

By Nasir Dambatta

In a groundbreaking move, Governor Uba Sani of Kaduna State has embarked on the bold revival of nine General Hospitals abandoned for two decades. This initiative marks a pivotal moment in Kaduna's transformation, cementing the governor's legacy as a champion of the people. For 20 years, these hospitals stood as stark reminders of systemic neglect, depriving millions of citizens of access to adequate healthcare. However, under Governor Sani's leadership, this dark chapter is being rewritten. Here are the gains of this policy:

1. Revitalized Healthcare Infrastructure: Nine General Hospitals are being remodeled, providing modern medical technology, well-trained healthcare professionals, and essential resources.
2. Addressing Healthcare Disparities: Citizens from both urban centers and rural areas will

have access to quality medical services, regardless of socioeconomic status.

3. Job Creation: The revamping of these hospitals has great potentials of generating employment opportunities for doctors, nurses, and support staff, providing critical jobs in the health sector.
4. Improved Health Outcomes: Healthcare professionals will deliver more personalized care to patients, ultimately improving health outcomes.
5. Reduced Need for Out-of-State Treatment: New diagnostic tools, surgical wards, and maternity units will drastically reduce the need for patients to travel out of state for specialized treatments.
6. Boost to State Economy: Reduced financial burden on privileged families who spent heavily on travel and healthcare outside the region will boost the state's economy.
7. Model for Other States: Kaduna's healthcare sector is being transformed into a beacon of hope and progress, standing as a model for

other states to follow.

8. Lasting Legacy of Progress: Governor Sani's dedication to healthcare reform will not only save lives but also empower Kaduna's citizens to thrive in a healthier, more vibrant society.
9. Equitable Access to Healthcare: The remodeling of these nine General Hospitals is just the start of a larger movement to strengthen healthcare infrastructure, address inequities, and provide every resident with the care they deserve.
10. New Standard for Leadership: It is glaring therefore, that Governor Uba Sani's strategem sets a new standard for leadership and governance, demonstrating his commitment to delivering real, tangible benefits to the people. With Senator Uba Sani at the helm, Kaduna State is taking bold strides toward ensuring that healthcare is no longer a privilege for the few, but a right for all. This is truly just the beginning of a brighter, healthier future for the state.

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Once Governor Sani made the connection that a drastic reduction in poverty would improve the overall health of every man and woman and that ignoring it would cost the society very dearly, he has never looked back in his determination to pull the poor out of their excruciating poverty. Hear Governor Sani: "It makes socio-economic sense to fundamentally tackle poverty because the society stands to positively reap the benefits in more ways than one, both in the short and long run; in improved income, better healthcare and in overall security of the society etc. Scientists have also made our work easier by proving that there is a correlation between the socioeconomic status of an individual and the quality of their health."

But why is the financial inclusion so important and key to Governor Sani's economic programme? No doubt there are economic opportunities, but a sizable portion of Nigeria's population is unfortunately excluded and they would continue to be excluded from the established financial system unless other state governments take decisive actions like Governor Sani has.

Clearly the lack of access by most Nigerians to financial services inhibits economic growth, rather than being a catalyst for economic growth. It's also a fact that the cost of poverty is unquantifiable and goes beyond impressive Gross Domestic Products (GDP). Governor Sani as a Senator and Chairman of the powerful Senate Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions and his exposure to the freighting

stark facts on the extreme poverty in the North cleared whatever lingering doubts that he might have had. Financial inclusion is also a prerequisite for economic stability and one of the core objectives of the Nigerian Financial System Strategy 2020.

Last week the Kaduna State Government organized a summit on "Rethinking Social Protection Systems: Building Integrated Systems for Comprehensiveness and Financial Inclusion" in furtherance of the governor's relentless efforts to change the material wealth of the people. The summit wasn't just to showcase to the world what the Kaduna State is doing in the area of Social Protection programmes or sharing its wealth of experiences with other states on how it has vigorously implemented its various social intervention programmes, but to fashion out more effective strategies for fighting poverty.

The strong rationale behind the sustained war and for the various social intervention programmes is because over 70% of Kaduna State population are truly already multidimensionally poor. The poverty rate amongst children which has been further compounded by a high dependency rate is equally alarming. And sadly many communities have been displaced thus leaving the elderly more vulnerable.

The various initiatives by the Governor Sani administration includes Financial Inclusion to address the exclusion of the poor, under-served and vulnerable from financial services which denies them access to social intervention programmes

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Kaduna scores high in national health sector ranking

A leading Data Collation Company collaborates Kaduna State's giant stride in the Health Sector

By Nabillah Hassan

Last week, Kaduna State was in the news for the right reasons but only a few media outlets celebrated the good news. On September 17, 2024, StatiSense revealed that the state ranks second in terms of functional health facilities in the country on its X handle. Lagos State topped the list with 2,171, followed by Kaduna State with 1,556, out of the 12 top states in the country. As a leading data gathering company, StatiSense surveyed not just the number of structures in the 12 states but the quality of their medical personnel and whether or not the facilities are being patronised, before making its findings public.

Kaduna State's ranking is a testimony of the enormous human and financial resources that the Senator Uba Sani administration has put into the health sector in the last 15 months. Indeed, Kaduna State is the first sub national, in the entire country to achieve 100% Healthcare facility Coverage. In addition, the administration has distributed state-of-the-art medical equipment to 290 Primary Health Centres across the 23 local governments of the state. Similarly, nine General Hospitals are being renovated, remodelled and equipped in all the senatorial districts. A Neonatal and an Oxygen gas plants have been commissioned at the Yusuf Danstoho Memorial Hospital. Block of hostels have been renovated at the College of Nursing, Kafanchan.

Significantly, Kaduna State Government's intervention did not stop at structures and equipment but extended to the professionals in the health sector. Governor Uba Sani has addressed a lingering problem on September 3, 2023. Kaduna

State doctors who work at the Ministry of Health, had been on strike over the disparity of their emolument with their counterparts at Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital. In August 2023, the Governor set up a committee led by the Head of Service, Hajiya Habiba Shekarau, to negotiate with the doctors. The committee revealed that the doctors who were on strike, were receiving 75% of the 2014 Consolidated Medical Salary. Structure (CONMESS), while their counterparts working at Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital were receiving 100% of CONMESS. Consequently, Governor Uba Sani approved a salary upgrade for the protesting doctors, commencing from September 2023. In addition, the Governor approved the continuation of the recruitment of 89 medical doctors to address the staffing gap identified in 2017, as recommended by the committee.

Likewise, the abandoned 300-bed Specialist Hospital is being resuscitated, in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Federal Ministry of Finance. Last February, stakeholders discussed strategies for its completion and utilization, underscoring the facility's potential to enhance healthcare accessibility. Thereafter, a delegation conducted an on-site inspection, affirming progress and quality standards, reflecting the commitment to improved healthcare services in the state. The Specialist Hospital which was abandoned by previous administrations, will stem the tide of medical tourism because of it will have state of the art facilities and medical experts of diverse fields.

With the equipping of 290 Primary Healthcare Centres in all the 23 local government areas and the remodelling of nine General Hospitals across the three senatorial districts, Statisense ranking of Kaduna State as the second subnational with the most functional health facilities makes a lot of sense.

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of the state and the Federal Government. Findings have shown that there are indeed economic opportunities, but that a sizable portion of Nigeria's population is excluded from the financial system and unless other state governments take decisive actions like Governor Sani they will be unable to access formal financial services like credit, or benefit from the improvement in the payment processes.

In the 21st century not having a bank account can be likened to a financial death sentence of some sorts as the individual cannot participate in the formal financial system, nor benefit from improved access to credit. The end result would be the continued endemic poverty of the poor.

The target for the first phase is the opening of 2.5 million bank accounts for the poor, vulnerable and underserved citizens of Kaduna State. And this has been successfully accomplished. So far over 2 million bank accounts have been opened and the state government is working assiduously to ensure that the remaining 500,000 less privileged citizens are captured.

Governor Sani has also signed into law the State Social

Security Bill and the Kaduna State Social Investment Programmes Bill which created an agency to coordinate all national and sub-national social protection interventions in the State. This would no doubt help in the coordination of the various programmes aimed at bringing succor to the poor, vulnerable and the underserved. The state has also developed a Social Register for the Social Intervention Programmes which is critical to the effective implementation of the Executive Order and Financial Inclusion that is credible.

Governor Sani deserves credit for refusing to rest on his oars despite the impressive impact recorded so far in the lives of Kaduna State citizens through the various social protection programmes, for recognizing that challenges remain and for pushing his officials to refine the processes and come up with creative and innovative strategies that would help pull out more Kaduna State citizens out of poverty.

As a mark of his commitment Governor Sani has given approval for the design of 3 Flagship Social Protection Programmes; the Kaduna State Universal Child Grant

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Gov Uba Sani

Synergy among security forces effective in war on banditry, insurgency - Uba Sani

Governor Uba Sani was a guest on Channels Television recently and fielded a lot of questions mostly on the security situation in Kaduna state, state police and how to make the state police operate within the bounds of the law. **Usman Yakasai** of the Government House Press Unit found Governor Uba's responses to the television interaction quite worthwhile for sharing with readers of **Kaduna Outlook** who might have missed out on the broadcast.

Find some **Excerpts of the interview below:**

On military's success in war on bandits

I think I've said this many times that we need to always commend the security

agencies, the military, the police, the DSS, and and other security agencies in Nigeria, because, they have been doing extremely well.

If you recall, the last time I had an interview with you, I made it clear that we politicians, need to give the military community, as well as the police and other security agencies all the necessary support so that they succeed in the operations they have undertaken; of course you know in the last three months a lot of military personnel have lost their lives in their effort to ensure the safety of lives of our people particularly in the northwestern part of Nigeria. Today I'm happy they are achieving results. In the last few weeks, we've seen the level of success achieved by our gallant military personnel.

On synergy among the security forces.

Some of us as governors know the level of sacrifice they have made, the number of lives lost. And today they are recording a lot of success. This is an opportunity to commend the Chief of Defense Staff, General Christopher Musa, he has done extremely well. He has been able to put the military, not only the military, all the security agencies together, from the police to the DSS to the civil defense together.

And that is why they are now achieving success. Because for me, the most important is the synergy. They must work together. And that is the only way they can succeed.

On the security situation in Kaduna

And here in Kaduna, we are working closely with them. In the last six, seven months, we have been having a lot of success.

A few days ago, or precisely a few weeks ago, I was in Birnin-Gwari where the Emir told all of us that in the last six months, they have not had any problem of kidnappings or banditry between Kaduna and Birnin-Gwari. For me, it's unprecedented. We've never had something like that. The Emir made it clear to all of us that in the past, they always had problem of kidnappings and banditry on a daily basis.

But in the last six months, there was no attack, kidnappings or banditry from Kaduna to beyond Birnin Gwari.

On efforts to improve local intelligence

Of course, about three months ago, at our State Council meeting, we were able to enhance the level of intelligence gathering as much as possible to work closely with not only the security agencies in Kaduna State, but also ensuring that the traditional institutions, the religious leaders, the community leaders, the youth groups, as well as civil society organizations formed part of our intelligence gathering, are part of our network. If you recall, I distributed about 150 patrol vehicles to the military, the Air Force and the Army, as well as the Navy, the Police, the DSS, and our vigilance service. We did that because we believe we need to create synergy, not only between the security agencies and our local Kaduna State vigilant service but also to key-in major stakeholders particularly religious leaders, traditional leaders as well as the community leaders into the fight against insecurity and that is why we have been achieving the result. Without the support of our local vigilante, without their cooperation, their knowledge of the environment, we would not have been able to get adequate and accurate intelligence reports and sharing it at the same time. And that's the reason why in the last few months we've been succeeding in our fight against banditry, kidnaping and insurgency.

On State Police

Recall when I was in the Senate, I sponsored the bill on the creation of state police in Nigeria. And to do that, you need to be able to sponsor at least four bills to put together because you have to also amend it and create the State Police Service Commission, create the State Police Bill. So putting the four bills together was a very tedious exercise. But I'm happy today, the current National Assembly, particularly the House of Representatives, under the leadership of Right Honourable Tajuddeen Abbas, has taken the lead.

The last time I was in the National Assembly to visit them, they told me that they are now working toward the establishment of state police in Nigeria. Look, state police is a necessity. Community policing is just a stop-gap, which of course is very useful at this critical time without the state police. But state police is simply an idea whose time has come. Even the military will agree with me and the police.

Roof over all heads: KDSG tackles state's shelter crisis

By Nasir Dambatta

The launch of a 200-hectare housing project in Kaduna State under Governor Uba Sani's leadership is more than just a construction endeavour—it's a transformative initiative aimed at addressing the pressing shelter crisis in the region. In a state where urbanisation is on the rise and the demand for affordable housing is escalating, this project signals a forward-thinking approach to tackling homelessness and overcrowding. Governor Sani's vision aligns with the broader goals of economic empowerment and social stability. By committing to such an expansive development, the administration is not only providing homes but also fostering community development and job creation. The project promises to inject vitality into the local economy

through the construction phase and beyond, with potential for businesses, services, and infrastructure development that will spring up around the new residential areas. Moreover, the initiative is poised to alleviate the housing deficit in Kaduna, which has been a longstanding challenge. The provision of affordable and decent housing will directly benefit thousands of families, enhancing their quality of life and contributing to the state's overall socio-economic progress. Governor Uba Sani's housing project is a crystal-clear statement of intent, reflecting his administration's commitment to sustainable development and improving the lives of Kaduna's citizens. By focusing on shelter—a fundamental human need—this project is set to become a cornerstone of Kaduna's future, demonstrating how strategic leadership can translate vision into tangible impact.

KSDPC bags international award



Arc Abubakar Rabiou MD/CEO KSDPC

The Kaduna State Development and Property Company (KSDPC) has been awarded Africa's Most Innovative Real Estate Solutions Company of the year 2024. The State company bagged the award at the Africa's Most Innovative Brands Awards, held in Lagos, in July, 2024.

A statement from the KSDPC said the award was a confirmation of KSDPC's brand value and growth, under its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Abubakar Rabiou Abubakar. It was also a celebration of the company's commitment to innovation, operational excellence, market acceleration, customer base penetration, product expansion, and sales optimization, which marked a milestone in the company's journey to delivering real estate solutions and elevating industry standards.

Receiving the award, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company, Arc Abubakar Rabiou Abubakar said the award was a testimony of the commitment of both management and staff to uplifting standards at the company. He assured that the honour will ginger the staff to be more dedicated to the cause of the company.



A typical middle class housing unit

The underprivileged now at centre-stage in govt schemes – Uba Sani

The Kaduna State social protection scheme has appraised its performance so far in the drive to tackle poverty in all its ramifications with a verdict that the underprivileged has successfully assumed centre-stage in the government's scheme of things.

A social protection summit held in the state capital provided ample opportunity for the chief executive of the state, Senator Uba Sani to reel out the steps taken to actualize benefits to the less privileged under the various programmes of the government. The summit which held at Yar'Adua Conference Hall, Murtala Square, Kaduna showcased to the world what Kaduna State was doing in the area of Social Protection.

It also devoted to sharing experiences in the implementation of social intervention programmes and fashioning effective strategies for fighting poverty and addressing food insecurity. The summit aptly has the theme: Rethinking **Social Protection Systems**

Governor Uba Sani in an address on the occasion stated that since the inception of the administration in May 2023, it engaged in building integrated systems for comprehensiveness and financial inclusion and had placed high premium on bringing succor to the poor, vulnerable and the undeserved in Kaduna State.

"We have been carrying out pro-poor measures to bring needed relief to our citizens. Few days after I took the oath of office, I signed an Executive Order on Financial Inclusion to address the exclusion of the poor, under-served and vulnerable from financial services and ensure that they benefit from social intervention programs of Kaduna State and the Federal Government," he said stating that the aim was to empower people with tools like savings accounts, credit, insurance, and digital payment

options, enabling them to participate in the formal financial system, manage their finances, and build economic resilience.

The Governor said the administration had set a target of facilitating the opening of 2.5 million bank accounts for poor, vulnerable and underserved citizens of Kaduna State which efforts had resulted in 2 million bank accounts opened.

"We are working assiduously to ensure that bank accounts are opened for the remaining 500,000 less privileged citizens of Kaduna State." He further said adding: "I also signed into law the State Social Security Bill and the Kaduna State Social Investment Programmes Bill which created an agency to coordinate all national and sub-national social protection interventions in the State."

Governor Sani told the summit that the administration had developed a credible Social Register for Social Intervention Programs and that because of the effective implementation of the Executive Order on Financial Inclusion, especially the opening of bank accounts and development of a credible Social Register, citizens previously excluded are now able to benefit from the State and Federal Government's social intervention programs.

He disclosed that government had approved the design of 3 Flagship Social Protection Programmes for which he would seek the collaboration of national and international development agencies to effectively implement them. The programmes include: (i) Kaduna State Universal Child Grant Programme (ii) Ultra-Poor Graduation Programme for Women in Rural Areas, and (iii) Kaduna State Old-Age Social Pension Scheme for the Informal Sector.

"Although we have impacted on the lives of our citizens through our social



Gov Uba Sani

protection programmes, challenges remain. We must continue to refine our processes and come up with creative and innovative strategies to pull our citizens out of poverty. We require support and cooperation of national and international development agencies to improve the delivery of basic services for the poor with focus on health, education and social protection." Governor Sani said further. He canvassed for support to implement programmes on financial inclusion and literacy for the poor and vulnerable, humanitarian response focussing on internally displaced persons (IDPs), improving peace, safety and security, and improving fiscal sustainability and integrity of public finance/expenditure. "I would like to acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of the following partners to the progress so far made in bringing succor to the poor, vulnerable and undeserve in Kaduna State: the World Bank, Save the Children International, GAIN, and UNICEF. I also appreciate the efforts of our indigenous Kaduna Social Protection Accountability Coalition for co-organizing the Social Protection Summit with the Kaduna State Government, and for their dedication to the well-being of all residents of the State," the Governor added.

KDSG higher institutions have N1.3bn unclaimed funds at CBN – House Committee

By Peter Ibrahim

House of Representatives Committee on Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) and related services has signalled its intention to engage with the management of tertiary institutions in Kaduna state to tackle the challenges they faced in accessing vital intervention funds.

Committee chairperson Honourable Marriam Odinaka Onuoha brought to light a pressing issue that over N500 billion in unassessed funds was held at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) earmarked for the nation's tertiary institutions.

She expressed concern at a meeting with the Deputy Governor Dr Hadiza

Balarabe at the Government House Kaduna over the stringent conditions that hinder access to these funds and announced the committee's plan to embark on a nationwide tour to interact with educational institutions and identify specific barriers that impede their access to funding.

Hon Odinaka highlighted that institutions in Kaduna, including Kaduna State University, Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic, and the College of Education Gidan Waya, collectively had N1.3 billion in unclaimed funds, expressing commitment of the committee to ensure that these funds are disbursed to them.

She commended Senator Uba Sani's administration for prioritizing education and the welfare of the populace and expressed the

committee's eagerness to collaborate with these institutions to ensure the timely disbursement and effective utilization of available funds.

In response, Deputy Governor Balarabe expressed her appreciation to the committee for their dedication to resolving the challenges that hinder higher education institutions from accessing federal intervention funds. She encouraged the heads of the state's tertiary institutions present at the meeting to share their challenges openly with the House of Representatives, fostering a collaborative approach to finding viable solutions.

The meeting was also attended by leaders from various federal educational institutions in the state.

CIPDM honours Justice Commissioner

By Hadiza Oyiza Ismail

The Chartered Institute of Public Diplomacy and Management (CIPDM) held its induction ceremony in Kaduna September 7, 2024, under the theme "Adopting Diplomacy as a Guide to Conflict Resolution, Leadership & Management."

The event where the Commissioner for Justice Sule Suaibu SAN was also honoured with a fellowship of the institute drew Government Officials, Business Leaders, and Experts from various sectors eager to explore diplomacy as a tool for fostering sustainable solutions.

The Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Sule Shu'aibu SAN, chaired the event and delivered the keynote address in which he emphasized the crucial role

diplomacy played in leadership, management, and conflict resolution.

"Attending events organized by this Institute is worth every sacrifice, time, and attention," Shu'aibu stated. He praised the Institute's mission of developing global-minded leaders with strong diplomatic skills and ethical governance.

The Commissioner highlighted the importance of diplomacy in managing human resources and promoting public diplomacy across government and private sectors.

On the theme, Shu'aibu SAN stressed the need for diplomatic solutions to conflicts arising from economic uncertainties and societal challenges, warning that unresolved conflicts can lead to chaos with severe human and economic consequences.

He also acknowledged CIPDM's National President, Amb. Prof. Mike Ikupolati, FCIPDM, and other key



Comm. for Justice Sule Shuaibu SAN (left) with an official of CIPDM at the induction

figures for their contributions to the event, particularly Mr. Wilfred Obiliku, who played a significant role in involving Kaduna State.

The Commissioner urged participants to engage deeply with the workshop and adopt diplomacy as a key tool in conflict management and leadership within their respective sectors.

Governor Uba Sani who was in China as part of the entourage of president Bola Ahmed Tinubu seized the opportunity of the visit to court investors to Kaduna State. In Beijing, China, he met with the top management of the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), one of the strategic partners handling various projects in Kaduna State. The team was led by its Global Vice President, Michael Jiang.

While commending CCECC for returning to site to complete some of the ongoing projects in Kaduna State, he urged them to utilize skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour from Kaduna State.

The Governor said such category of labour was in abundance in Kaduna State and can be tapped by the company.

The CCECC Management Team assured the Governor of their commitment to the delivery of quality work and strengthening of the existing relationship with the Kaduna State Government.

Other issues discussed include the company's plan for the construction of the Hebei Industrial Park in Kaduna.

One of the major engagements of Governor Uba Sani in China was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Huawei Technologies Company, Nigeria Limited at Huawei's office in Beijing, China. Chris Lu, CEO of Huawei Technologies Nigeria Limited, signed on behalf of the company.

The ceremony was witnessed by the President of Nigeria, H.E. Bola Ahmed Tinubu, other state governors, ministers, and senior government officials. The MOU aims to support the SMART CITY PROJECT in Kaduna State, focusing on

Utilize local labour in projects Uba Sani urges Chinese firm, Sings MoU on Smart City

improving security, efficiency, and transparency in public service, as well as enhancing city management and attracting talents and investments. Its ultimate goal is to establish a safer and smarter Kaduna State.

As a strategic partner of the Kaduna State Government, Huawei will provide comprehensive solutions and technical support in the following areas: State-Level Unified Command Center, Enhanced Security, Intelligent Traffic System, E-Government and Office Automation, Smart Education, Smart Healthcare, ICT Talent, Renewable Energy, and Public Transportation.

The Kaduna State Government and Huawei will establish a joint committee to work on the details of the Implementation Plan, Funding Arrangement, and the Technology to be Deployed to ensure the project is deliverable, sustainable, and valuable.

Governor Uba Sani also joined President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, during bilateral talks with the Chinese President, Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People, Beijing, China.

The bilateral talks culminated in the signing of five Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in various areas of mutual interest. The two leaders agreed to build a high-level Nigeria-China community with a shared future.

The bilateral talks and agreements have created openings for sub-nationals like Kaduna State to forge new partnerships and explore new areas of cooperation with Chinese companies and provincial governments. Governor Uba Sani is committed to revitalizing the economy of Kaduna State by leveraging on advanced technologies.



Gov Uba Sani with CCECC Global VP Michael Jiang (4th and 5th from left respectively) with other officials



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Photo



PPS to Governor Uba Sani Prof. Bello Ayuba (right) putting heads together with Permanent Secretary Planning & Budget Comm. Alh Bashir Muhammad at the opening of the strategic dialogue between KDSG and foreign Common Wealth Development office FCDO Below the Head of Service Hajjia Habiba Shekarau (4th from right) who represented Gov Uba Sani at the occasion and Cynthia Rowe Country Director FCDO (5th right) with other officials at the event



Sympathizers at the edge of a road washed away by flood in Kaduna. Below the Chief of Staff to the Gov of Kaduna State Alh Sani Liman Kila (center) leading a committee on assessment of the deluge in many parts of the state



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Gov Uba Sani and Minister of State for the Interior, Mr. Abba Kyari



Relief materials provided by the Kaduna State Government for victims of the Saminaka Eid-el-Maulud Day vehicular accident which claimed over 40 lives and a greater number of people injured

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Alhaji Muhtar Ahmed Monrivia (left) Commissioner for Planning and Budget, presenting an International Award on good governance earned by Gov Uba Sani in the UAE. Below Fauziyya Buhari Ado (right) and a student presenting the Gov with students' award for his commitment to school feeding despite budgetary constraints



Reference Alh Badaru Abubakar in China on official visit recently



Deputy Gov Dr Hadiza Balarabe (right) presenting a donation of N100m to the Borno State Gov Prof. Umara Zulum on behalf of KDSG to help in mitigating the flood that devastated Maiduguri city recently.



Gov Uba Sani on a condolence visit to the Emir of Zazzau Ahmad Nuhu Bamalli on the death of one of the wives of the late Emir Alh. Shehu Idris. The Gov (right) on a Similar visit to Alh Munir Jafaru Madakin Zazzau on the loss of his wife



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Synergy among security forces....

The Federal Police population as we are speak is about 370,000 or there-about, in the whole of this country. And of course, when we look at the number of military personnel in the whole of Nigeria, there are not more than 250,000. We are a country of over 200 million. Community policing will continue even after the creation of state police.

The reason we're advocating for the creation of state police is simply because of the constraint in terms of our own constitution. We are talking about the vigilance service we have as of today. There are powers and the limitations are there by our constitution they cannot bear such weapon as AK-47.

Most of these bandits are holding weapons and arms that are even more sophisticated than AK-47 and that's why we're only telling our local vigilance service to work with the military, to guide them to lend support. We will need legitimate constitutional rights to hold firearms and that's the only way we can address the problem of kidnappings in this country and that's why we're talking about the creation of state police. Community policing is good, our local vigilante service is just a stop-gap arrangement but to address the problem completely you must agree with me we must establish state policing.

On the possible misuse of state police

A lot of people are worried that state governors will mismanage state police to their own advantage politically but you see most of the people talking have not been opportune to be in the National Assembly to know the process of constitutional amendment or the establishment of any law or maybe the amendment of a law. If they have ever sponsored a bill or tried to amend a constitution, they will understand the powers of the state police can only be established by the National Assembly. So you can spread the police and give them limitation. Where there's a kind of dispute at the state level, the federal police force can override.

It happens in all the countries around the world. So in Nigeria, we must move forward. Fear will not solve the problem. For me, for those who don't know, you can only be powerful or the state police can do whatever they like if the National Assembly decides to give them that opportunity in the creation of the law. And you cannot create state police without going to various stakeholders, both at the zonal level, state level, and get security experts to make their input.

So no governor can have powers over state police. If you sit down critically and come up with a law, that will deny the

governor's opportunity to use it for their own advantage. They can make it clear that state police should not get involved in politics. They should only get involved in security issues.

The issue of state police is vital in addressing Nigeria's insecurity. We must stop politicizing every issue. I advocated for state police even before becoming a governor, emphasizing that it's not possible for governors to misuse it. As members of the National Assembly, we propose and debated the bill, taking input from stakeholders nationwide before proceeding with constitutional amendments.

This process requires education and enlightenment. Many people misunderstand or misrepresent the concept of state police for political gain. True federalism, where more power is given to states and local governments, is essential for Nigeria's democracy. I recall advocating for the 13% derivation for states in the Niger Delta, despite being from the North.

In the past, the state police bill failed to pass due to a 19-21 vote in the Senate. However, I believe that if we reintroduce the bill today, it will pass, given the increased awareness and education on the issue. Over 30 governors have submitted memoranda supporting the creation of state police, a significant shift from four years ago.

On relationship with the past Governors of Kaduna state

I think at the state level, I have not even done any probe. I can tell you that since I came as a governor, I have visited Governor Makarfi who was a governor between 1999 to 2007. I have visited Namadi Sambo, visited Ramalan Yero, and I have also visited, sat down with my friend and brother, Mallam Nasir El-Rufai. So all the governors, I visited all of them. And I'm talking to all of them as I'm speaking.

For me, each and every one of them have done his best. I can tell you, but government is about everyone coming with an idea, building from what they've done. Sitting here, I can tell you that Makarfi has done his best, Namadi Sambo has done his best, Ramalan Yero has done his best, Mallam Nasir El-Rufai has done his best.

But Uba Sani is sitting here as the governor by Grace of God. We must not have the same ideas, but certainly, I will continue to consult everyone for the benefit of the good people of Kaduna State.

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Uba Sani wages war on poverty

Programme, Ultra-Poor Graduation Programme for Women in Rural Areas, and the Kaduna State Old-Age Social Pension Scheme for the Informal Sector. To ensure effective implementation he has indicated his intention to seek the collaboration of national and international development agencies.

The government moving forward requires the support and cooperation of national and international development agencies to improve the delivery of basic services for the poor

with focus on health, education and social protection.

It's gladdening that every perspective is being considered to ensure no one is left behind in the must win war on poverty. Governor Sani, by factoring the plight of the internally displaced persons (IDPs), has shown himself as truly a champion of the poor. Concluded

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Empowering Women: A strategy to break poverty's vicious cycle

By Mariam Bukola Oyewo

Dr. Bello Jamoh, the Executive Secretary of the Kaduna State Primary Health Care Board, was among national and international health policy formulators who converged at an integral workshop organized by Bayer Foundation, Advantage Health Africa and other critical stakeholders, at Transcorp Hilton in Abuja to brainstorm the role of women in development.

The event, which focused on the "Impact of Women Empowerment", brought together leaders of thought, policymakers, and advocates to discuss how empowering women can transform socio-economic landscapes.

In a keynote address, Dr. Jamoh representing Kaduna State stated that Kaduna State Primary Health Care Board was committed to supporting initiatives that prioritize women's empowerment. He emphasized that empowering women was not merely a moral obligation but a key strategy for overcoming pressing socio-economic challenges.

Dr. Jamoh highlighted that strengthening women's roles at the individual, family, and community levels is a powerful tool that can help to break the poverty-illiteracy-disease vicious loop, a cycle that has long held back many communities in the state and the nation at large.

"Women are at the heart of families and communities, when we empower them, we empower the entire society. Financial inclusion of women can drastically improve their living conditions, promote literacy, and enhance access to healthcare, thus breaking the barriers that keep generations trapped in poverty". Dr. Jamoh said.

The workshop provided a platform for stakeholders to share innovative solutions that not only promote women's financial independence but also elevate their roles in decision-making processes, particularly in areas concerning health and education.

The Executive Secretary reinforced that Kaduna State Primary Health Care Board fully supports this agenda, recognizing that women's empowerment is essential for achieving sustainable community development.

As Kaduna State continues to champion reforms in health care and education, the Board remains committed to collaborating with partners like Bayer Foundation and Advantage Health Africa to foster programs that uplift women, thereby ensuring a future where poverty, illiteracy, and disease are no longer formidable obstacles in our society" he said.

The workshop served as a significant milestone in the broader efforts to enhance the socio-economic status of women and their communities in Kaduna State, paving the way for a healthier and more prosperous future.

KDSG, UNICEF launch out-of-school project

By Peter Ibrahim

Kaduna State Government in partnership with the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) has launched a project tagged Reaching-Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) aimed at tackling the out of school syndrome among the school-age children population in the state

The State Government and UNICEF signed a Contribution Agreement at Government House, towards that end witnessed by the Deputy Governor Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe with the UNICEF Country Representative Christian Mutuande in attendance.

Speaking after the signing ceremony, Dr. Balarabe emphasized that the ROOSC Project aligns with the Kaduna State Education Sector Strategic Plan (2019-2029) and aims to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4, which promotes inclusive and equitable quality education for all children.

The initiative she said seeks to register



From left commissioner of Education Professor Muhammad Sani Bello, Deputy Governor Dr Hadiza Balarabe UNICEF Rep Christian Mutuande and an official at the signing ceremony at the Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Kaduna

over 200,000 out-of-school children and enhance the educational experience for more than 1.2 million primary school pupils through improved facilities and learning materials.

Key objectives of the project include ensuring equitable access to education, enhancing teaching quality, creating conducive learning environments and strengthening the efficiency of the

education system.

The Deputy Governor expressed the gratitude of the state government to its partners, including the Islamic Development Bank and Save the Children International and reaffirmed the commitment of the government to providing quality education for all children in Kaduna State.

KDSG reviews impact of health partnerships for effect

By Peter Ibrahim

The Kaduna State Government has held a significant Endline Technical review meeting to assess the outcomes of its collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Aliko Dangote Foundation, aimed at enhancing primary healthcare services in the region.

This partnership was initiated in 2016 with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Routine Immunization services, which has since evolved to include an Integrated Primary Healthcare (PHC) MoU, significantly improving healthcare access for pregnant women and children.

Deputy Governor Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, who was at the review meeting, highlighted the profound impact the partnership has had on the state's healthcare system. She commended the involved partners for their unwavering support, stating, "This MoU has transformed our healthcare landscape, resulting in improved health outcomes and enhanced well-being for our women and children."

Dr. Balarabe emphasized the importance of the meeting as a

platform for honest assessment of the MoU's progress, adding that the initiative aimed to ensure the viability of the state's primary healthcare system and provide quality immunization services to boost immunity against vaccine-preventable diseases.

"Since the inception of this MoU, we have made substantial gains, achieving over 60% of our established milestones," she stated adding: "Our state has recorded significant improvements in immunization coverage, ensuring that essential healthcare services are accessible to pregnant women and children under five."

According to the National Primary Health Care Development Agency's 6th Score Card released in December 2022, Kaduna State surpassed the national target of 90% immunization coverage, achieving an impressive 98%.

Dr. Balarabe expressed pride in this accomplishment, highlighting the state's remarkable journey from ranking 15th out of 37 sub-national entities in 2015 to becoming a leader in the Northwest region.

While celebrating these successes, the Deputy Governor acknowledged the existing gaps in the healthcare system,

such as financial constraints, supply chain disruptions, and workforce limitations, which pose ongoing challenges. She also referenced the significant disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and security issues affecting the region.

Dr. Balarabe reaffirmed the Kaduna State Government's commitment to improving healthcare access, particularly for children. "Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see," she quoted Neil Postman, urging continued efforts to provide the best for future generations. The Deputy Governor noted that the health sector received the second-largest budgetary allocation after education, with over 15% dedicated to healthcare. She revealed plans to equip and improve 290 Primary Health Centres while working to upgrade an additional 255 facilities, emphasizing the government's commitment to bringing healthcare closer to communities.

"While our commitment to improving health outcomes remains unwavering, we must strengthen our partnerships and embrace innovative solutions to overcome the challenges we face," Dr. Balarabe concluded, inspiring optimism for the future of healthcare in Kaduna State."



Bill Gates, first left, Alhaji Aliko Dangote far left at the meeting with Deputy Governor Dr Hadiza Balarabe, extreme right in Abuja

Panbegua campus of College of Nursing, Midwifery for commissioning

By Hussaina Yakubu

The Kaduna State Government has announced plans to commission the Panbegua campus of the Kaduna State College of Nursing and Midwifery, which is seen as significant in the effort toward enhancing health education in the state. Provost of the College, Dr Yusuf Bello who said the institution consisted of three campuses highlighted that the Panbegua campus recently secured accreditation from the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, a feat made possible by the current administration's commitment to completing critical infrastructure within the campus.

This milestone will allow the campus to admit students for the 2024/2025 academic session, offering National Diploma (ND) and Higher National Diploma (HND) programs in Nursing, he further said.

According to the Provost, 120 students will be admitted to the Panbegua campus, for the ND and HND programs adding that the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) has given approval to run general nursing and basic midwifery programs across all three campuses.

"The classrooms, science laboratories, library, and other facilities are now fully completed," he said stating that the staff were ready, and that the institution awaited final approval from the state

government to commence academic activities.

Dr Bello said the central administration for the three campuses is based in Kaduna, and graduates of the ND program will have a direct pathway to the HND, culminating in their participation in the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC). According to him, graduates will be awarded three certifications: Registered Nurse (RN), Registered Midwife (RM), and Registered Public Health Nurse (RPHN).

The provost emphasized that all campuses were now fully accredited and prepared to deliver quality healthcare education. He commended the community which has also played a vital role in bringing the project to fruition.

Also speaking, Alhaji Safiyau Umar Usman, District Head of Panbegua, thanked the state government and the people of the district for their contributions to the campus's development. He explained that the community assisted with infrastructure improvements, including partitioning and roofing, and provided off-campus housing for students while awaiting hostel renovations.

Alhaji Haruna Ahmad, Chairman of the Committee for the College of Nursing and Midwifery in Panbegua, also acknowledged the community's contributions, including renovations and the purchase of equipment to ensure smooth operations at the institution.

He commended the government for realizing the long-awaited campus project and ensuring that rural communities benefit from the administration's efforts

Kaduna State Accountant General Suleiman Zuntu, a former chairman of the area, also lauded the government's achievements and expressed hope for more successful projects in Panbegua.



Some facilities at the Panpegua campus (above and below)awaiting commissioning

Literacy Day Summit identifies continuous learning as key to peoples survival

By *Hauwa Mohammed*

The 2024 International literacy Day, organised jointly by the Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board (KADSUBEB) and Partnership for Learning for All in Nigeria (PLANE) has identified continuous learning, as the key to the survival of the people in the face of universal challenges of global warming, population growth, and digitalisation.

Speakers at the event also noted that Nigeria cannot meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) without paying proper attention to learning, especially of children.

One of the keynote speakers and Commissioner of Education, Professor Muhammad Sani Bello, represented by the Director of Public Schools, Malam Mukhtar Maude said a population without a minimum level of literacy proficiency would miss out on a range of opportunities in their lives.

He said: "Having a literate population

enables us to share ideas, preserve information and explore different ways of life. It improves lives by expanding capabilities which in turn reduces poverty, increases participation in the labour market and has positive effects on health and social development.

He observed that sustainable development cannot be achieved without continuous learning which in itself is impossible without mastering basic competencies such as literacy and numeracy, which are necessary to develop other high-demand skills, including effective communication, problem-solving, and critical information analysis.

"Those without a minimum level of literacy proficiency are potentially excluded from a range of life opportunities. In addition to being a key component of lifelong learning, literacy is a fundamental human right.

"In a context of rapid change, which includes such factors as population growth, global warming, and

digitalization, continuous learning becomes essential for the survival of people and the planet," the Commissioner further said.

Also speaking, at the event, the Kaduna State Team Lead for PLANE, Mrs Diana Agabi said, PLANE considered it very important to mark World Literacy Day, "because, the ability of a child to read and write is very key to general learning."

Mrs Agabi said PLANE supported pupils from primary 1 to 6 in Kaduna State to enable them to read and write.

"We believe that the tendency of a child dropping out of school becomes very low after learning how to read and write."

Permanent Member KADSUBEB, Dr. Jamilu Haruna, encouraged the pupils to focus on their learning, as education was key to their personal development in life.

The event was also marked by competitions among public primary school pupils in debate, poetry and quiz.

CSC conducts promotion exams for 4,000 civil servants

By *Munsir Isa*

The Kaduna State Civil Service Commission CSC has announced the commencement of the 2023/2024 promotion exercise.

The commission's chairman Alh Sule Shehu Allah bamu lafiya stated this during a press briefing with journalists at the commission.

He said the main objective of the press conference was to highlight one of the important jobs of the commission which is promotion activities for civil servants across the state. He said the commission has been given instruction to carry out the activities and were given all the necessary support by the government of Senator

Uba Sani.

He added that all the MDAs have been informed of the schedule where he said about 4,000 civil servants will seat for the promotion exercise and was expected to round up by October.

The chairman added that consultants have been engaged for the conduct of the annual exercise and that the introduction of 50% as pass mark before qualification for oral interview and an extermination and upward review of overall pass marks in both written and oral from 60% to 70% for directorate level officers had been effected.

The test is houses being deferred till next year due to time factor, he added. He further named some tertiary institutions in the state that are to be

used for the exercise including Kaduna State University, Federal Polytechnic Kaduna, Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic and Federal College of Education Gidan Waya.

On the issue of recruitment, the chairman emphasized that it's usually based on merit after which other factors are taken into consideration like the quota system and gender equality.

On the issue of discipline, the chairman says nine staff have been dismissed and two others placed on compulsory retirement due to various offences in the last two years. Also, five staff were demoted while ten received warning letters for different offences, he further said.

KADIRS alerts public of prowling fraudsters

The Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service (KADIRS) which recently announced it has gone online in its services payment through the **PayKaduna** platform for security and efficiency, has alerted the public of the activities of some unscrupulous individuals and groups operating in various strategic locations across the state, falsely claiming to be empowered by the Service to collect levies.

These individuals according to a statement by the Service can best be described as “criminals,” who have formed a coordinated cartel, deceiving unsuspecting members of the public and engaging in activities that undermine the integrity of the state’s revenue collection process.

“We wish to categorically state that these individuals are not affiliated with KADIRS, and we have not authorized any person or group outside of our official channels to collect any form of levies or taxes on behalf of the Service. We strongly advise all residents to be vigilant and refrain from engaging with these impostors,” the statement by the Executive Chairman of the Service Comrade Jerry Adams said. It said KADIRS is fully committed to ending this menace and has already begun apprehending some of those involved adding that it was committed to fish out the rest and their sponsors.

“We urge the public to report any suspicious activities or persons claiming to represent KADIRS without proper identification and authorization. It is crucial to note that all payments are made through the official KADIRS channels to avoid falling victim to these fraudsters,” the statement added.

According to the Chairman fake Tax Clearance Certificates, vehicle licenses and number plates are also being floated across the State. “This criminal activity not only defrauds the state but also undermines the trust placed in our institution by the good people of Kaduna State. We are taking stringent measures to identify and deal with anyone involved in these illegal activities and their cohorts,” he further said.

“We assure the public that any staff or any other persons for that matter, who are found aiding these criminals or participating in fraudulent practices will face the full weight of the law” the Chairman added and urged taxpayers to ensure that all tax clearance applications and payments were done through proper channels. Under no circumstances should payments be made to any private accounts or individuals.”

He reassured all Kaduna residents that KADIRS was dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of transparency, integrity, and accountability in all our operations.

“Together, we can end this criminality and ensure that the revenue collection process in Kaduna State remains fair, transparent, and effective,” the statement

Staff of the Month award at KADPPA goes to Rukayya Shehu



Rukayya Shehu of the department of review and certification received the Good Character Award for August, 2024, at **KadPPA** in recognition of her outstanding dedication and hardwork. She expressed her sincere appreciation to the Director General, the committee members and her colleagues at the award ceremony.

Rukayya, seen above is collecting her portrait symbolising the award from the DG, **Engr Sanusi Aminu Yero**.

Imbibe the message of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)



- Uba Sani urges Muslims

Gov Uba Sani in a message on Eid-El-Maulud to the Muslim Ummah. urges for reflection on the Prophet's life of compassion, kindness, selflessness, which transcends boundaries and unites people across cultures and generations. He said that the day came at a time of severe economic stress in many households. “Our nation is grappling with economic difficulties occasioned by years of mismanagement. President Bola Ahmed Tinubu led Federal Government has taken bold social and economic measures whose immediate impact is expectedly painful and stressful” he said. adding that with patience and sustained support for the Federal Government, our economy would bounce back and the socio-economic conditions of our people would improve. “As you reflect on the Prophet’s teachings and legacy at this Maulud, please join me as I lead the charge in rural transformation and rebuilding of trust and care in our communities, irrespective of religion and ethnicity,” the Gov added.



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KADUNA STATE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

NOTICE OF REVOCATION/WITHDRAWAL



KADGIS
KADUNA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICE



The need for additional land for the successful completion of the ongoing AJAOKUTA-KADUNA-KANO (AKK) GAS PIPELINE PROJECT following appeals from the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) has necessitated the move by Government to take certain measures on grounds of overriding public interest.

Therefore, Kaduna State Government through the Kaduna Geographic Information Service (KADGIS) has pursuant to Section 28. 1, 2 (b), 3 (a) of the Land Use Act, 1978, hereby issues a NOTICE OF REVOCATION/WITHDRAWAL of tiles to Lands located in communities around Chikun, Igabi, Zaria, Makarfi and Ikara Local Government Areas all located along the Kaduna State Axis of the AKK Project. The additional land required is for right of way and associated station works in connection with the AKK Gas Pipeline Project for overriding Public Interest. The proposed stations necessitating these measures are:

(a). 7 No. of Block Valve Station (BVS);

(b). 1 No. of Zaria Pigging Station (PS);

(c). 3 No. of Ground – Beds location; and

(d). 7Km Right –of- Way (RoW).

The affected areas are hereby declared as AKK Gas Pipeline Area hence, no developments or human activities are allowed within those areas for safety of human lives and gas facilities. The size of the areas, communities, individuals affected, and the coordinates of the areas gazetted are herewith under listed.

The above information is for the individuals, communities affected and the general public to take note and adhere strictly. The effective date is the date on which this gazette is signed. Meanwhile, modalities for the compensation of individual title holders (both statutory and customary) have been worked out as required by law to ensure a hitch-free acquisition. Any observation or objection is to be addressed to the Director General, Kaduna Geographic Information Service No. 31 Ali Akilu Road, Ungwan Sarki Kaduna, Kaduna State.

LIST OF PERSONS AFFECTED BY REVOCATION FOR ADDITIONAL LAND AREA (ACQUISITION) FOR AKK GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

S/N	NAMES OF AFFECTED PERSONS	COMMUNITY	LGA	LOCATION	TITLE	CONTACT
1.	LI JA'AFAR MUDI DAKALI	ANGWAN FULANI DAKHU ZARIA	ZARIA	ZARIA IPS	C of O	08037037942
2.	SAIDU MUAZU	ANGUWAN FULANI DAKHAR	ZARIA	ZARIA IPS		
3.	ADAMU GONI	KASAMARI	CHIKUN	BVS14		
4.	SULEIMAN KABIRU	KASAMARI	CHIKUN	BVS14		
5.	JAMU KASAMARI	KASAMARI	CHIKUN	BVS14		
6.	SULEIMAN KADIRI	KAKAU	CHIKUN	BVS15		08035310301
7.	HABEEB SANI	KAKAU	CHIKUN	BVS15		
8.	ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI	KAKAU	CHIKUN	BVS15		
9.	LAWAL IBRAHIM	RIGASA	IGABI	BVS16		08037001334
10.	SANI IBRAHIM	RIGASA	IGABI	BVS16		
11.	ATTAH FARM (FIFTH CHUKKER)	KANGIMI	IGABI	BVS17	C of O	08034295400
12.	IBRAHIM MAGNET (RUFASHEHU)	KWARANZAN	IGABI	BVS18	C of O	08034173707
13.	KABIRU NASIRU	KWARANZAN	IGABI	BVS18		
14.	SAHAD SULE	KWARANZAN	IGABI	BVS18		
15.	YAU YUSUF	ANGUWAN BAKI RAHAMA	MAKARFI	BVS19		080958664553
16.	IBRAHIM DABO ALIYU	ANGUWAN BAKI RAHAMA	MAKARFI	BVS19		09050444836
17.	MUSA NASIRU	ANGUWAN BAKI RAHAMA	MAKARFI	BVS19		
18.	YUSUF QUADRI	ANGUWAN BAKI RAHAMA	MAKARFI	BVS19		
19.	KABIRU SANI	ANGUWAN BAKI RAHAMA	MAKARFI	BVS19		
20.	MUSTAPHA YUSUF ILIYA	ANGUWAN BAKI RAHAMA	MAKARFI	BVS19 Ground bed		07081712110
21.	ALHAJI AUDU ABUBAKAR	ANGUWAN BAKI RAHAMA	MAKARFI	BVS19 Ground bed		08025443793
22.	IBRAHIM DOGO C/O IBRAHIM ALIYU	ANGUWAN BAKI RAHAMA	MAKARFI	BVS19 Ground bed		08025443793
23.	LAWAL HALLADU	TASHAR ANGO	IKARA	BVS		08168662974
24.	LAMI SHUIBU	TASHAR ANGO	IKARA	BVS		
25.	UWALE YAHAYA	TASHAR ANGO	IKARA	BVS		08133659061
26.	MUSTAPHA AUDU	TASHAR ANGO	IKARA	BVS		
27.	RABIU USMAN	TASHAR ANGO	IKARA	BVS		0802873541
28.	SULEIMAN KABIRU	TASHAR ANGO	IKARA	BVS		
29.	BASHIR SANUSI	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
30.	IBRAHIM DAWONDO IDRIS	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		

31.	YAHAYA UMAR	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
32.	SANUSI MAIKATIFA	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
33.	BASHIR UBA	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
34.	ALHAJI YA'U MOHAMMED	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
35.	IBRAHIM IDRIS	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
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37.	RABIU BUHARI	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
38.	RABIU KASIM	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
39.	ALH. SANI ALARAMA	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
40.	ALH. SAMAILA	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
41.	UMAR MUHAMMADU	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
42.	SAMAILA LAWAL	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
43.	RUFAI ABDULMALIK	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
44.	YUNUSA AHMED	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
45.	ALH. MUSA KUNCHI	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
46.	ALH. ABDULLAHI MUSA	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
47.	BITRUS FADASON	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
48.	IBRAHIM USMAN	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
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50.	HASSAN DIKO	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
51.	SALISU SANI	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
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53.	HALADU HAMZA	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
54.	WADA ABUBAKAR	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
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63.	ADAMU SANI	KWATE	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
64.	HARUNA MUHAMMED	KWATE	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
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72.	AUWAL ABDULLAHI	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
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80.	RABIU BUHARI	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
81.	RABIU KASIM	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
82.	ALH. SANI ALARAMA	KAKURA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		
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179.	ABUBAKAR BELLO	MAIGIGINYA	RIGASA	5KM ROW		

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Gov Uba Sani, (4th from right), President Bola Ahmed Tinubu (5th from right) at the head of the delegation Nigerian at bilateral talks with the Chinese govt officials left.



Gov Uba Sani signing an agreement with Huawei Technologies on the development of Kaduna Smart City in China during his visit to the country.

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