

## **ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS; JANUARY, 2020 – AUGUST, 2021**

### **PREAMBLE:**

The Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs came into existence following the upgrading of the defunct Department of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs to a full-fledged Ministry with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2007.

The Ministry is statutorily responsible for monitoring the affairs of the twenty one (21) Local Government Councils in the State and also coordinating the activities of the State Traditional Councils.

### **DEPARTMENTS OF THE MINISTRY**

- \* Administration and Finance
- \* Local Government Affairs
- \* Monitoring, Evaluation and Inspectorate
- \* Chieftaincy Affairs
- \* Planning, Research, and Statistics

### **FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY**

- \* It serves as a secretariat to the State Local Government Joint Account Allocation Committee;
- \* It coordinates reforms of Local Government by initiating and issuing administrative guidelines to Local Governments;
- \* It assists the Local Government on capacity building for Local Government functionaries through seminars and workshops;
- \* It handles industrial relations for Local Governments;
- \* It attends to public complaints and petitions arising from intra and inter Local Government boundaries and disputes;
- \* It coordinates Monitors Local Government projects in order to achieve value for money and co-ordinate development at the grassroots;
- \* It ensures high level of accountability;

### **FUNCTIONS CONTINUE**

- \* It provides technical assistance and guidance to Local Government on budgetary matters and record keeping;
- \* Assists Local Government on strategy to generate internal revenue;
- \* It generates empirical Data from the Local Governments for National Revenue mobilization, CBN, etc;
- \* It undertakes annual inspection of capital projects and other activities of Local Governments;
- \* It screens Local Government Annual Estimates;
- \* It organizes workshop and in-house training for Local Government staff in the area of financial implementation of budget, internal revenue generation.

## FUNCTIONS CONTINUE

- \* It advises the State Government on the grading, upgrading, discipline and welfare of the Tradition Rulers. The Department acts as the secretariat of the Kogi State Council of Chiefs which is composed of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Traditional Rulers in the State.
- \* It advises the State Government on all matters relating to customary laws, cultural affairs and inter communal affairs;
- \* It advises the State on security matters in the Local Governments

## LEADERSHIP

The Ministry is currently under the leadership of Honorable Commissioner, **Barr. Salami Momodu Ozigi (Deedat)**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

- \* Coordinated the procurement and distribution of 100 Tractors, spare parts and accessories to 21 Local Government Areas.



- \* Coordinated the implementation of the Project Light Up Kogi East (PLUKE) which included the following:
  - i. Upgrading of armoured cable across the Itobe Bridge from 90mm<sup>2</sup> with a capacity of 14 megawatts to 300mm<sup>2</sup>, a capacity of 45 Megawatts;
  - ii. Rehabilitation of the distribution lines across the 9 LGAs in Kogi State;
  - iii. Extension of distribution lines with additional 24 numbers of 300 KVA Transformers.



- \* Organizing a successful inauguration of Elected Local Government Councils.



- \* Appointment, installation and presentation of staff of office to the Agbana of Isanlu, Yagba East Local Government Area



- \* Coordinated the procurement and distribution of malaria and cholera drugs to the 21 Local Government Areas.



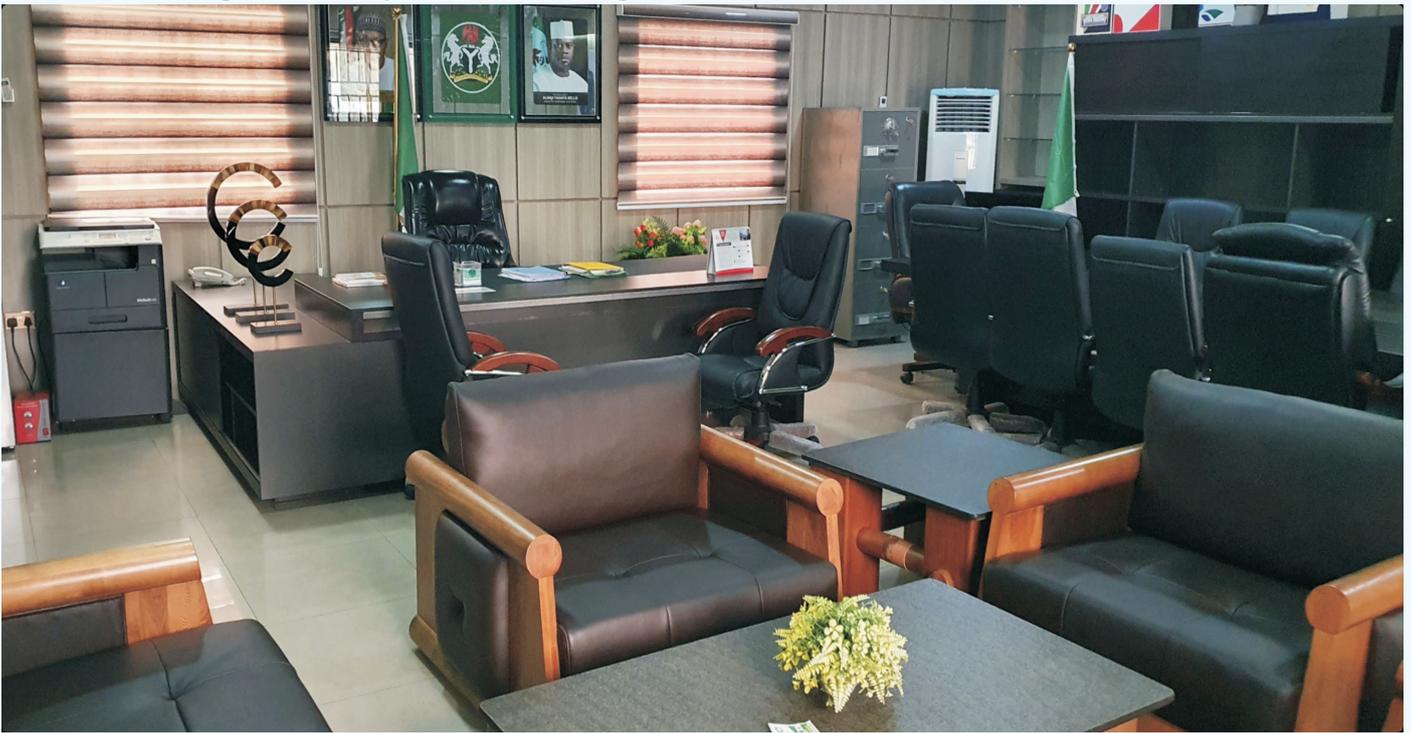
- \* Coordinated the distribution of fertilizers to the 21 Local Government Areas



- \* Renovation of the office complex for the Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs.



- \* Remodeling and complete furnishing of the office of the Hon. Commissioner.



- \* Coordinated the distribution of relief materials and medical outreach to victims of year 2020 flood the Nine (9) affected Local Government Areas.



- \* Designing, Supervising and Coordinating the Construction of an Ultramodern Palace Complex for the Ohinoyi of Egbira Land at Okene - on going.



- \* Establishment of a Management Audit Committee which has helped to sanitize the accounting system of the 21 Local Government Areas.
- \* Facilitated the procurement and distribution of Educational and Instructional materials including learning and teaching aids to primary schools across the 21 Local Government Areas.
- \* Coordinated the successful preparation of 2021 Local Government Budget duly passed by the legislature and assented to by the executive governor.
- \* Processing and securing approval for the installation/turbaning of the following chiefs;
  - Appointment of Acting President, Kogi State Council of Chief
  - Appointment of Acting Chairman Igala Area Traditional Council
  - Ejeh Ugwolawo
  - Achadu Atta-Igala
  - Onu Itobe
  - Obobanyi Ohiogwa of Ihima
  - Odovidi of Okengwe
  - Onomu of Ohiaga
  - Obanegbe of Anese
- \* Automated Local Government Administration; salary and other payments in the Local Governments have been fully computerized and are made through epayments platform.
- \* Successful resolution of the following Chieftaincy/Clan disputes;
  - Bagana/Otutubatu in Omala Local Government Area;
  - Oworo in Lokoja Local Government Area;
  - Ohionwa Clan in Okehi Local Government Area;
  - Edimose and Gande Land dispute in Kogi and Bassa Local Government Areas respectively