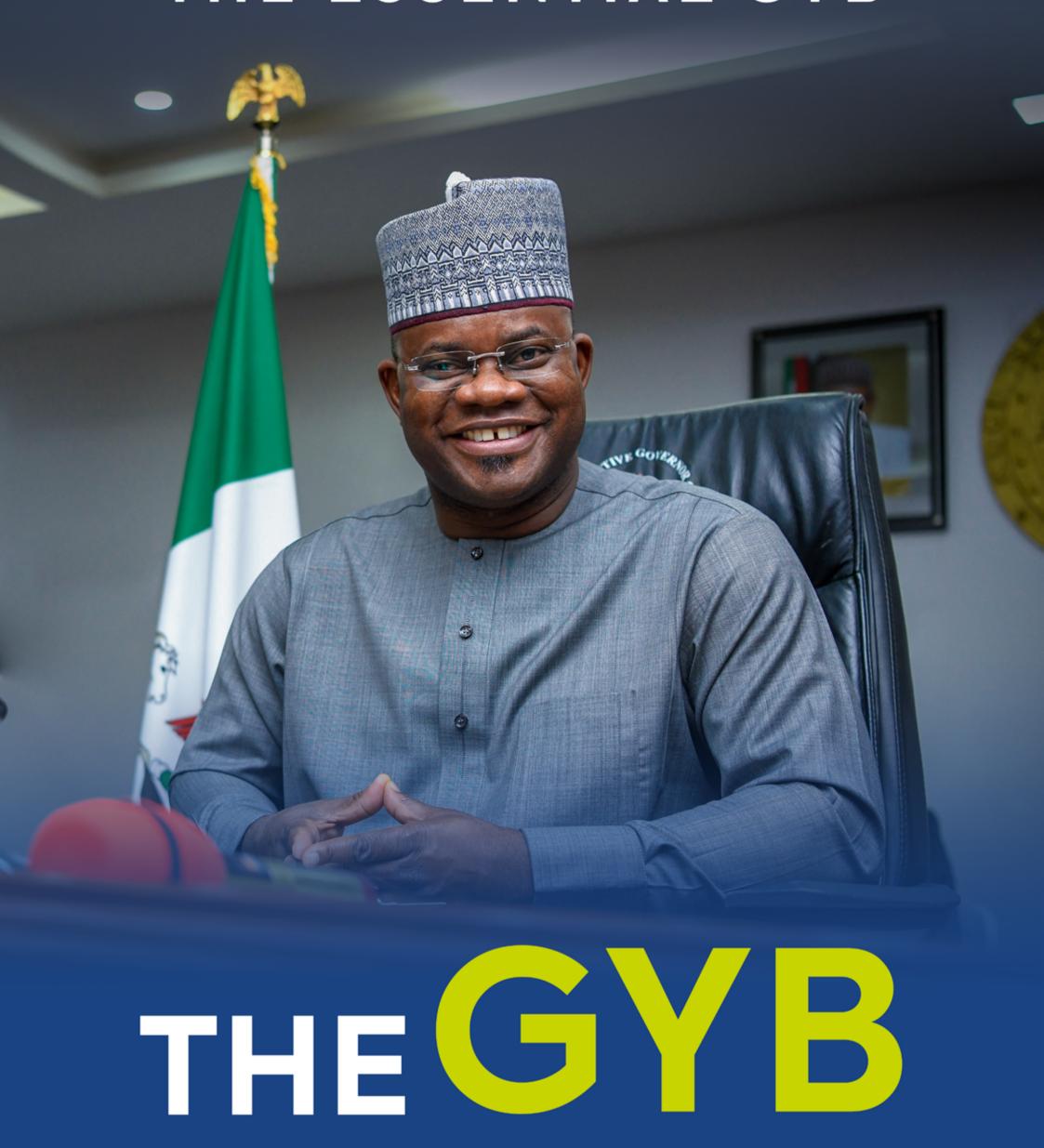
THE ESSENTIAL GYB



NEW DIRECTION ADMINISTRATION IN KOGI STATE AS A SHINING EXAMPLE IN GOOD GOVERNANCE



GOOD **GOVERNANCE**

POLICY THRUST & OUTCOME



The focus of the Administration's policy thrust on Governance over the Blueprint periods is to provide an enabling environment to facilitate economic and social development in the State as well as introduce and implement reform measures to strengthen governance institutions. This includes the civil service, the pension administration and the state health insurance scheme, among others.

- 1. The GYB administration has entrenched equity, fairness and accountability amongst its institutions. It has also embedded gender equity by surpassing the United Nations 35% affirmative action for women participation in her system of government. As a result GYB has consciously expanded spaces for women into traditionally male-dominated areas
 - LGA Female Vice Chairwomen of LGAs
 - LGA Female House Leaders
- Over 63 LGA Female Councillors
- The only Female Aide de Camp (ADC) to a serving Governor in the Country
 - 2 terms Female Secretary to the State Government (SSG)
- Female Heads of Service (both terms)
- Female Heads of key agencies founded by the Administration, eg. the Kogi State Pension Commission, the Kogi Enterprise Development Agency (KEDA),
- Female Vice Chancellor, Kogi State University
 - Female Provost School of Health Technology Obangede
- 2. Among only four other States in the federation, and under two years in office, The United Nation declared Kogi State a success story in achieving the Global Goals
- Upon resumption of office, the GYB Administration institutionalized the Bureau of Public Procurement to ensure compliance with the Public Procurement Act, and to guarantee accountability and quality delivery of

- services as well as ensure value for public funds. This decentralized the procurement process and stimulated due diligence practices in MDAs.
- 4. The Kogi State Bureau of information and Communication under the Yahaya Bello led Government has been upgraded into a full-fledged Ministry, thereby strengthening her capacity to act as ombudsman between the government and the people.
- Governor Yahaya Bello has ensured the autonomy of the Local Government Authority in the State, thereby balancing power to the 3rd tier of government in the
- The New Direction Government under the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello has consistently ensured the publication of its yearly financial statements. This has qualified the State to participate in the World Bank's States Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability Programme (SFTAS), emerging 1st amongst the 36 states of the Federation, and carting away the \$1.8million prize.
- The Yahaya Bello Administration built a modern edifice for the State-Owned Graphic Newspaper. This is a multimedia outfit that was repositioned to a level of technical output which is reportedly best in kind amongst similar State entities. The administration also procured the State-of-the -art Outside Broadcasting (OB) Van for Confluence Radio and New Digital Transmitters for the Broadcasting Corporation.
- To further improve the resilience of the people of Kogi State into the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Governor Yahaya Bello Administration initiated the BELLO COVID-19 Action Recovery and Economic Stimulus (BELLO-CARES) as a home-grown programme of palliatives through which the citizens of the State was assisted across the 3 Senatorial Districts with various forms of succour.
- The World Bank Group recognizes Kogi State as a top performer in the World Bank Portfolio. This is due to

- The institutionalizing the bureau of public procurement (BPP) has ensured the accountabilities and participatory democracy in the
- Operating an open Governance system through transparent and up to date information sharing with Labour Unions and other pressure groups in the state
- Periodic publishing of the revenue and expenditure of Government
- Bridging the ethno-religious gaps through the practise and preaching of unity and tolerance.
- Involvement of hitherto marginalized groups in the State i.e. Youths.
- Domestication of the Federal public service rules for efficient public service delivery.
- De-clustering the public sector via thorough but systematic screening exercise.
- Increasing governance funding through increase in the working capacity of Kogi State Internal Revenue Service (KGIRS), leading to over 300% increment in the State's Internal Revenue.
- Kogi State Government won Award of 20 million dollars from the World Bank for State's fiscal transparency, accountability and sustainability (SFTAS) programme.
- a policy of prompt payment of the counterpart funds obligations to the World Bank Group and other development partners by the Governor Bello-led Administration.
- 10. The administration of His Excellency Governor Yahaya Bello has a deliberate policy of fidelity and cooperation with the Federal Government. This has injected about N1.3Bn monthly into the economy of the State through the various Social Safety Net (SSN), formerly Social Intervention, Programmes (SIPs). About 179,156 beneficiaries have benefitted through the various programmes in the State ranging from N-Power, Government Enterprise Empowerment Programme (GEEP), Conditional Cash Transfer (CTT) and Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (HGSFP). These have helped to provide employment, increased intervention in public schools, market women economy and monthly grants to the poor and vulnerable in the State.
- 11. In pursuit of inclusiveness for all citizens, the New Direction administration of His Excellency Governor Yahaya Bello commissioned and built a state-of-the-art Chapel in Government House to complement the existing mosque and to give the Christian populace a sense of belonging after 25 years.





HE presenting Budget to the House of Assembly





HE receiving award from the National Council for Won















Participants of the BELLO-CARES



World Bank Representatives with HE Governoon Yahaya Bello



Yahaya Bello



HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

POLICY THRUST & OUTCOME

Investment technically describes the process of adding to stocks of productive assets. It can also be described as spending money to improve the quality of existing human resources in an organization through education.

Education is a service sector because it is designed to produce educated men and women who will contribute to the labour market and ultimately the economy. Given that it is responsible for the development of human resources in an economy, investment in education is tantamount to investment in human capital formation. Kogi State Government from inception and especially in the last 6 years has continually invested in the development of her Human Capital which is considered a major developmental tool.



The focus of policy of education is to continue to improve the quality of education at all levels to citizens to produce articulate and skilled manpower necessary for economic transformation of the State. Over the Blueprint period, the learning needs of all segments of society will be met through equitable access to appropriate information, Communication Technology (ICT) skills, learning centres of excellence and life-skills programmes.

- Under The GYB Administration, Kogi State was ranked the 7th top performer among all the States and FCT in Basic Education Funding according to the records of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), this is as a result of construction of over 375 Classroom Blocks and renovation of over 700 in Basic Education Primary School across the State.
- 2. The Secondary schools in Kogi State under the New Direction Administration of Governor Yahaya Bello have also received extensive attention in terms of provision of enhanced learning materials, redistribution of teachers across the Secondary Schools in the State and also development of physical infrastructure. A 50 bed Hostel was constructed at Government Secondary School Obagende, execution of special intervention project in Government Day Secondary School Adankolo, Lokoja and completion of Hostel block at G.S.S.S Icheke in Omala LGA.
- 3. The Governor Yahaya Bello led Administration has ensured timely payment of the yearly N1.5 billion UBEC Counterpart funds for four (4) consecutive years totalling N6 billion. This is evident in the supply of learning aids and ICT centres built for the pupils across the 21 Local Government areas.
- 4. The College of Health Sciences and Technology Obangede was granted full accreditation to four (4) training programs (Medical Laboratory Science (5yrs)

- Community Health Extension (4Yrs), Health Information Management (5Yrs) and Pharmacy Technicians) after meeting the minimum required quality standards.
- 5. The New Direction Administration has dropped the percentage of out-of-school-children to single digits. Kogi now has the second lowest incidence in the North after the FCT. To strengthen these gains Kogi recently passed its indigenous Education Law in Kogi State which prohibits children from hawking during school hours, and ensures quality assurance in education service delivery, amongst others.
- 6. Through rigorous Infrastructural renaissance on the health, utilities, security and structural architecture of the Kogi State Polytechnic, the institution now stands abreast contemporary institutions across the nation. This is made possible by the intervention of the New Direction Administration.
- 7. The Confluence University of Science and Technology (CUSTECH) Osara, is the second State owned University in Kogi State and the 50th State University in Nigeria. This was established in 2020 at the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic and nationwide lock down. Academic activities have commenced. The institution aims at producing graduates in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) that will meet the technological research and manpower needs of the State and the country.



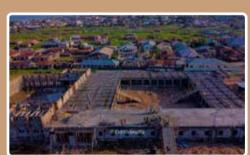
- The Yahaya Bello administration constructed and renovated over 1,000 public schools across the State. <u>INFRASTUCTURE</u>
- 2. Over 1,000 teachers were trained and retrained across the State by the New Direction Administration. <u>HCD</u>
- 3. Procurement and distribution of 48,350 customized school desks and chairs, 14,000 exercise books across schools in the State. LEARNING AIDS
- Distribution of 5 Mercedes (Leyland) Buses to State Tertiary Institutions across the State. LOGISTICS
- 21 computer and Science laboratories constructed and equipped across the 21 Local Government Area. <u>INFRASTUCTURE</u>
- 6. Prompt payment of the yearly #1.5 billion UBEC Counterpart funding for 4 consecutive years. FUNDING
- 7. Sporting facilities and equipment procured for 200 public schools. **SPORT/LOGISTICS**
- 8. Construction of 53 motorise boreholes for public school to aid proper hygiene. <u>INFRASTUC-</u>
- 9. Construction of 30-bed Medical Centre in Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja. *INFRASTUCTURE*
- 8. The Kogi State Government under Governor Yahaya Bello Administration has ratified by law, a 20% of the State annual budget for the rapid development of the education sector.
- The GYB Administration is currently Constructing 3 Model Science Secondary Schools, one in each of the three Senatorial districts of the State, to strengthen the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subject and improve rate of adoption of allied disciplines by youngsters.
- 10. Kogi State now enjoys technical support from UNICEF. Prior to 2019 (according to UNICEF), the State was "hanging" because there was no accountability for her until now that the State has been aligned with UNICEF Enugu zone.
- 11. The GYB Administration has successfully facilitated the approval for the establishment of a Federal Science Technical College in Kogi State.



Aerial View, of the Confluence University of Science and Technology



GSS Obangede



GYB Model Science Secondary School Adankolo, Lokoja



GYB Primary Schools



ICT Centre In ST Mary LGEA Primary School Lokoja



ICT Centre at St Luke LGEA Primary School



Inner View of the Old Lecture Theatre Kogi Polytechnic Lokoja



Inner view of the New Lecture Theatre Kogi State Polytechnic Lokoja



MAHDI LGEA Primary School Before Renovation



MAHDI LGEA Primary School after Renovation



Old Lecture Theatre Kogi State Polytechnic



New Lecture Theatre Kogi State Polytechnic



GYB HEALTH IMPACT

POLICY THRUST & OUTCOME

This showcases the health industry centred on accessing world class medical care or treatment in Kogi State, with its facilities and services certified at Global standard.

POLICY THRUST

The major thrust of health policy is to improve access to healthcare and improve the efficiency of the healthcare delivery system. Kogi State Government will provide community-oriented primary healthcare services and ensure the improvement of all health indicators in the state.

- The Governor Bello led administration has fully renovated and remodelled about Two hundred and thirty-nine (239) Primary Health Care Centres, at least one in each of the 239 electoral wards of the state, more in some) cutting across the 21 Local Government Areas for proper usage in delivery of health care services to the citizens.
- Under the Bello Health Intervention Initiative, about Eight Hundred and Seventy-Six (876) surgeries and over 50,000 other medical cases were sponsored, some of which were treated abroad through the indigent funds set up under this initiative.
- Through the Governor Yahaya Bello Health Care Plus, Kogi has been rated with the lowest Infant Mortality rates in Nigeria according to a November 2019 study by the National Population Commission (NPC) and the Federal Ministry of Health, sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). This was achieved by His Excellency's home grown policies and collaboration with the Saving One Million Lives Initiatives. This has reduced maternal mortality to less than 100 per 100,000 and infant mortality to less than 10 per 1000 live births by the year 2019.
- Kogi State under the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello now boast of a state-of-the-art Nutrition House for Acceleration Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN), to quicken delivery of nutrition services to malnourished children in the State.
- Kogi State owns an advanced life support ambulances to serve the citizenry. The Ambulance is a first of its kind in the history of the State and it places Kogi among the very few States in country to own such health facility. This is to increase the response time rate and administer immediate treatment during emergencies.
- Kogi State now boasts of a Sustainable Drug Supply System (SDSS), a mega drug distribution system which has eliminated the Out-of-Stock Syndrome which existed in the past. An electronic data tracking system introduced to track drug consumption and utilization at the health facility level across the State.
- The State Ministry of Health now has a Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC), specifically built and equipped for

- the coordination of emergency outbreaks response across the
- Governor Yahaya Bello procured the first hospital based hyperbaric oxygen treatment chamber that will provide services that used to be gotten only abroad. This is a useful equipment that can help in healing people with both internal and external life-threatening injuries as well as in health complications.
- With the Governor Bello health initiative, Kogi State now has a functional Health Insurance Scheme, with benefits ranging from reduction of user fees which constitute a major barrier in accessing healthcare needs at the point of service delivery, to providing financial risk protection and strengthening the general health system of the State.
- 10. The Governor Yahaya Bello led New Direction Administration remodelled the Confluence Advanced Medical Diagnostic and Imaging Centre, Lokoja. His administration has continued to demonstrate unrivalled ambition to ensure that all Kogites have access to quality health care services as obtained in the developed part of the world. The Centre provides services such as MRI, CT scan and Digital Mammography, Digital radiography, Echocardiography, fluoroscopy, 3/4D Sonology with doppler services.
- 11. The Administration of His Excellency Governor Yahaya Bello assented to Law the Bill for the establishment of the 300-bed Reference Hospital Okene which is now 80% completed and will be commissioned by December, 2021. It will be equipped with ultramodern equipment for diagnosis and treatment of most diseases occurring amongst the populace.
- 12. His Excellency is also renovating and remodeling the Specialist Hospital, Lokoja including the construction of a brand new ultramodern administrative block.
- 13. The Administration is also building brand new General Hospitals in Badoko, Ajaokuta LGA and Gegu Beki in Kogi LGA.
- 14. Construction is also at an advanced stage at a new clinical complex in Prince Abubakar Audu University Teaching Hospital, Anyigba.



- Over 2.1m free LLIN distributed + additional 300,000 MNCHW/ante natal clinics to indigenes and residents of Kogi State one LLIN per two persons. MEDICAL FACILITIES
- Recruitment of 2,424 health professionals across the state to fill the manpower gap in the health sector. **HCD**
- Procurement and distribution of 5000 Kiwi Vacuums devices for 60 Secondary Health Centres in Kogi State. LOGISTICS
- Construction of (3) Referral Hospital Okene, New Ultra-Modern General Hospitals in Eganyi, Ajaokuta Local Governmnet Area and Gegu-Beki, Kogi Local Government Area. INFRA-**STRUCTURE**
- Free medical and surgical treatment for 50,000 citizens of Kogi State through a medical outreach program under the Bello Health intervention. <u>HCD</u>
- 28 indigent citizens sponsored for surgery outside the country including separation of Siamese twins in India. HCD
- 7. Provision of three (3) academic blocks, ultramodern clinic, Renovation/Supply of Laboratory Equipment at the college of Health Science & Technology Idah. INFRASTRUCTURE
- Revitalization of 239 Primary Health Care Centers (1 PHC Per ward). INFRASTRUCTURE
- Procurement and distribution of essential drugs for treatment of common childhood the State. *LOGISTICS*
- 10. Bello Health Care Plus has attended to over 2000 indigent pregnant women in the Health Care facilities across the state. **HCD**
- 15. Also ongoing is the construction of an advanced clinical complex in the General Hospital, Isanlu simultaneously with serious overhauls of Zonal Hospital Idah and Adavi Eba Cottage Hospital.
- 16. In order to ease transportation of pregnant women from the rural Areas to the designated hospitals, Kogi State government launched the Emergency Transport Scheme (ETS) for pregnant women and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) Lokoja Branch as technical partners.











Kogi State Ambulance inner view







Primary Health Clinic











Primary Health Clinic





Prine Abubakar Audu Ultramodern hospital



zonal hospital Idah









Kogi State Ambulance





Susutainable Drug Supply System



INFRASTRUCTURAL **RENAISSANCE**

POLICY THRUST & OUTCOME

With due consideration to the environment and deploying emerging technologies and innovative strategies for infrastructural renewal and tourism development, concerted efforts have been invested in infrastructural renewal and maintenance towards converting the State into the Nation's foremost inter-state commercial hub.



The main thrust of the policy on infrastructure is to improve the road network in the State through continued construction of new roads and bridges and rehabilitation of existing ones as well as to ensure the availability of adequate and stable power supply in urban and rural areas for residential, commercial and industrial use and to ensure fire safety for residential, commercial and industrial premises.

- 1. As part of the resolve of the Yahaya Bello Administration to make all parts of the State accessible by good roads as enshrined under the infrastructural development pillar of the cardinal points of his administration, roads across the three senatorial districts have experienced massive reconstruction and rehabilitation of roads in Kogi state.
- 2. The Yahaya Bello Administration have embarked on major electrification projects in Agassa, Ogori, Lokoja/Banda/Koto and other parts of the State to boost economic activities. Worthy to Note that the Project light Up Kogi East (PLUKE) connecting over 200 communities to the national grid is on-going in the Eastern part of the State, ensuring 24 hours economy.
- 100 high profile administrative structures alongside perimeter fencing have been constructed and renovated across the State. Notable amongst them is the uplifting of the Kogi State House of Assembly Complex (KGHA), construction of a new office complex for Kogi State Internal Revenue Service (KGIRS) and the Graphics News-

- paper Corporation, Debt Management office. Etc. across the State.
- 4. The commitment to the Urban/Rural Development, has through the Ministry of Works and Housing expended over N26.5bn for the construction of 30 major roads across the State.
- In order to put an end to the long outstanding issue of lack of portable water in Okene, the GYB administration embarked on reticulation of the Okene Mega Water Works to serve the water needs of the people.
- 6. The New Direction Administration of His Excellency Governor Yahaya Bello have embarked on construction of a Grade Separation Intersection (Flyover Bridge) at Ganaja Junction. The N2.7bn project is an ongoing project which will be completed and delivered by December. Upon completion, it will reduce the burden of hardship on road users.



FACTS AND FIGURES

- Construction of about 30 major road projects across the State.
- Renovation and expansion of Youth/Women Training Centre in Lokoja.
- Construction of a 2 (two) storey building for the State's Ministry of Justice.
- Construction of Kogi State Revenue House.
- Operation Light up Kogi East.
- Supply and Installation of electrification facilities for several communities.
- Installation of solar powered street lights in the State capital.
- Over 2.2bn expenditure on rehabilitation of about 25 roads across the State by KOGROMA.
- 9. Over N26.5bn expenditure for the construction of 30 major roads construction going on in the
- The Lokoja Bus Terminal was completed and equipped to provide a conducive boarding and dispatching environment for transport business owners cum commuters within the State. Confluence Express Transport Services has also taken a full flight in its operation.
- The New Direction Administration created the Land and Housing Servicing Bureau and also introduced the Kogi State Geographical Information System (KOGIS) to ensure efficient and transparent land administration as well as accessible and affordable housing.
- The New Direction Administration also constructed an office complex for the Ministry of Transportation. The Government also acquired new buses for the rebranded Confluence Express Transport Services.



9.2km Lokoja Road





Kogi State House of Assembly Complex





Completed Lokoja Bus Termina



HE. commissioning Electricity Project in Banda-Koto



Kogi State Revenue House



Project Light Up Kogi East Electrification supplies



Confluence Express Transport Services







Project Light Up Kogi East Electrification supplies (2)



Electrification Project Okene

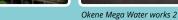






Okpo Road Kogi East





Electrification Project Okene



FOOD SECURITY AND HARNESSING HUMAN CAPITAL

POLICY THRUST & OUTCOME

Engaging the youth and women in Agriculture is a key component of the GYB's youth engagement and job creation thematic Blueprint. To do so successfully deploying modern technology is imperative. ICT especially is invaluable in all spheres of the developmental agenda today. With regards to agricultural production in developing societies like Kogi State, it is thought that stemming youth migration is key to developing the manpower to grow food production. This assumption is flawed since most of the youth do not engage in food production prior to their migration. Making agriculture and its related jobs competitive and attractive with innovation is the way forward. The future for agriculture is not necessarily labor-intensive but more of capital-intensive through mechanization as highlighted by the SDG 2. Modernisation is the best way forward for sustainable food production and ensuring food security.

Kogi State focus has expanded to becoming a sustainable agro-allied and food production economy, with emphasis on mechanization of rural farming. The aim is to create a platform for the teeming youth demographic to take the initiative and become fully engaged and entrepreneurial. This should in turn improve the agricultural value-chain ensure food security and growing the State's GDP.

POLICY THRUST

The thrust of policy on agriculture is to produce food and ensure food security for the people of Kogi state, create employment including youth employment and provide the enabling environment to generate a high proportion of the GDP of the State from agriculture. In pursuit of this policy objective, Kogi state Government will promote private sector participation in the sector which will be anchored on sound policy framework and arrangements. The development of the agriculture value chain will cover farming, processing, storage and helping to re-launch the State's economic base.

- Yahaya Bello designed a policy framework called the Agricultural Rebirth Programme. This is a clear-cut policy designed for the development of modern techniques to transform the agricultural potentials of the State. The positives have been tremendous in the past six years.
- The New Direction Administration under the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello constructed the second largest rice milling factory in Northern Nigeria, at Ejiba, Yagba West Local Government Area with the capacity to produce 50 tons of 50kg rice daily and engage 5,000 direct and indirect labour. The rice mill is also supported with about 800 hectares of rice paddy farm cultivated to continually feed the Mill.
- The New Direction Administration procured and distributed 1,400 power tillers to farmers across the 21 Local Government Areas in the State. These power tillers are a means of substituting the primitive method of farming for a mechanized system.
- 1. In an attempt to revamp the Agricultural Sector, Governor | 4. The collaboration with the Central Bank on the Anchor Borrowers Scheme for Wet Season in 2017 was a huge success. Anchor Borrower Scheme was an initiative of the Federal Government through the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in an attempt to boost rice farming and production in the Country. Through the New Direction Administration, the programme empowered about 4,944 farmers and by the end of 2018, results from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) shows Kogi State as the second highest producer of Rice in Nigeria.
 - Nursery Farms at Kabba, Lokoja and Ochaja have all been established for raising cocoa, cashew and oil-palm seedlings for farmers in the State.
 - 6. The State FADAMA project empowered 1500 youths in various agricultural ventures that created employment opportunities.
 - 7. Over 600 youths were engaged in pruning of 6,510 stands of oil palm trees at Aloma and slashing of 40 hectares of land with N3m investment in Agro-allied Companies.



- Fertilizers and sold at a subsidized rate to farmers across the state. LOGISTICS
- Lease of 4,560 hectares of land to farmers across the state. LOGISTICS
- Training of 1,700 youths for APPEALS programme. HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT
- Procurement of 140 units of brand-new Massey Ferguson tractors with full complimentary imple-Areas. *LOGISTICS*
- Omi. *LOGISTICS*
- Clearing of 1000 hectares of land across the state. **LOGISTICS**
- which were distributed to small scale farmers in 2017. *LOGISTICS*
- Kogites. HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT
- 8. With Kogi State Agricultural Mechanization initiative for increased output under the Governor Yahaya Bello's Administration, agriculture was solely considered as a thematic area of priority and this has led to the procurement and distribution of about 140 Massey Ferguson tractors to farmers across the 21 Local Government
- The Kogi State Government in partnership with the World Bank trained and empowered about 2,000 persons in the Agro-Processing, Productivity Enhancement and Livelihood Improvement Support (APPEALS) project to enhance agricultural productivity of Small and Medium Scale farmers and to improve value chain. This is targeted towards improving agriculture in Kogi State and empowering women and youths.
- 10. The Kogi State Government signed two years deal with the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) valued at \$62,000,000 and \$10,000,000 respectively to boost over 500 kilometres of rural road and agricultural development to fight food insecurity in the State.





Confluence Rice Mill Eiiba















Beneficiary of APPEALS Project



Cross Section of the participants of the APPEALS Training



Inner view of the Confluence Rice Mill Eiiba





Inputs distributed for the Anchor Borrower Scheme



Beneficiary of the Anchor Borrower Schem



SAFETY OF HUMAN LIVES, INVESTMENTS AND PROPERTIES

POLICY THRUST & OUTCOME

The Kogi State Government has over time ensured that the Security sector in the State established accountable security institutions which transparently supply security as a public good via innovative policies and practices. It has deployed a security sector strategy which deems the principles of good governance as equally applicable to provision of public security and safety through comprehensive oversight, communications, intelligence gathering and forceful enforcement. The management of the security sector is necessary to democratic and economic development.

This has led to Kogi State enjoying a peaceful atmosphere as a result of the presence and synergy between all the military paraphernalia deployed to the State. Their synergy has rid the State of previously endemic crimes such as kidnappings, banditry, arm robbery and similar social vices. This result is evident as Kogi State has been rated the most peaceful and secure State in Nigeria for several years now.



To maintain and enhance sufficient measures that will guarantee safety of lives and properties in the State.

vans to the vigilante groups

4. Technology- 10,000 Phones to citizens for VIGI-SCOPE Quick Emergency Reportage

5. Infrastructure- Over N200million in construc-

between 2016/17

and trained.

tion cost on the Forward Operation Base for the Nigerian Army.

6. Mobilization- over N31m to support 545

personnel from Nigerian Navy, Nigeria Police,

Custom and the Department of State Security.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Logistics - 410 operational Vehicles purchased

HCD - 3,000 vigilante Corps Members recruited

Infrastructure – 260 motorcycles and 10 hilux

- 7. HCD- 44 instructors recruited for training the Kogi State Vigilante Services for (8) weeks
- 8. Youth Engagement- Recruitment and training of 441 Police Constabulary into the Nigerian Police Force.

- 1. The New Direction Administration has successfully established a Forward Operating Base in Okene Local Government Area for the Nigerian Army. This facility consists of prefabricated buildings for officers/men, items of furniture, cafeteria, prefabricated perimeter fencing, sentry towers, armoury, 22kw solar system, water storage tank, landscaping and other ancillary.
- 2. Governor Yahaya Bello's policy on demolition of properties that serve as hideouts for criminals, acquired from proceeds of crimes such as kidnapping et al, and the continuous synergy between the various security outfits in the State has led to the demolition of about 38 houses. This policy is in tandem with the proverbial killing of two birds with one stone; curbing insecurity and deterring criminals.
- 3. The New Direction Administration under the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello distributed about 410 utility vehicles for all the security agencies (Military, Police, CDSC, and Local Vigilante) in the State for security operations. This has helped to facilitate timely intervention to crime scenes and foil various crime activities.
- 4. The New Direction Administration conducts regular security meetings and summits to update stakeholders on the current security scenarios in the State to develop and adopt new strategies to stem any resurgence or hint of insecurity in the State.
- 5. Kogi State Government under the leadership of Governor Yahaya Bello recently re-structured the Kogi State Security Trust Fund by making it functional, making available necessary mechanism, personnel and funding, requires to deliver on its mandate of providing the conducive environment and tools for all security agencies operating in the State.
- 6. Kogi State Government recently commissioned the new 441 Special Constabulary Police Personnel who will assist law enforcement agencies in community policing, intelligence gathering and maintenance of law and order in their localities.
- 7. VIGISCOPE; is an application deployed by the New Direction Administration with a surveillance camera transmitting to Android Phone and , emergency reporting and response system of crime at any location in Kogi State.



Commissioning of the Police Constabulary



Demolition of Criminal Hideouts



Demolition of Criminal Hideouts



Forward Operation Base Okene



HE. with local vigilante officers



HE. launching the VIGISCOPE



HE. inspecting the commissioned Police Consatbulary



HE. examining the workings of the VGS



Inner view of the Forward Operating Base Okene



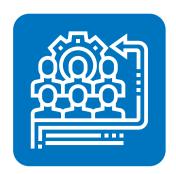
Units in the Forward Operation Base



Utility Vehicles purchased for Vigilantes



Vehicles purchased for the the restructed Kogi State Security Trust



INTEGRITY OF KOGI STATE CIVIL SERVICE

THE POSITIVES

The reforms which Governor Yahaya Bello pursued in Kogi State were designed to readjust and reposition the Kogi State Civil Service for effective and efficient performance. The Governor needed a civil service that will meet the aspirations of his New Direction Agenda and he was determined to get it. Reform is always a difficult task to embark upon as it involves the displacement of entrenched misconduct and vested interests but Governor Yahaya Bello is not one to balk at challenges. He quickly deployed a series of strategies to change the persistent and pervasive poor output by the workforce to better performance while eliminating wastage and punishing fraud. The Kogi State Government's bold steps on the Civil Service Reforms recalibrated the engines of a near moribund service and continues to drive a level of productivity that is unprecedented. The results have been evident in the social, economic, political and environmental sectors of the State.

It is a measure of the versatility brought to government-labour relations by Governor Yahaya Bello that organised Labour proved itself a worthy partner rather than an antagonist in the Kogi State Staff Screening and Verification Exercise.

It is no news that the State's civil service was bedevilled by decay and malpractices before the reforms, reducing performance and efficiency. By implication the bulk of the state's scarce finances was used to pay salaries to a bloated civil service which could not be justified by her dismal turnover rate in terms of productivity.

The adverse effect was little or no development in the State. Today, after Hurricane GYB, the Kogi State civil service, as the Government machinery for formulating policies and implementing services, performs much more efficiently than at any other time in the experience of Kogi State.

THE IMPACT OF CIVIL SERVICE REFORMS IN KOGI STATE.

- 1. The remodeling of the Kogi State Internal Revenue Service and the implementation of the Single Treasury Account (STA) has brought about improvement and increase in revenue drive and prudent use of funds in MDAs.
- 2. The restructuring of Ministries, Departments and Agencies through Screening, merger, upgrading and scrapping as the case may be has brought about reduced cost of running Government.
- 3. Sustainability of Reforms and the gains at any level requires synergy between Political Office Holders and the Bureaucrats. As such, political interference in the daily operations of the State Civil Service needs to be minimized, in order to restore
- confidence in the service. It is worthy of note that this Kogi State is showing a good example in this regard. This is reflected in the Super Political Action Committee (SUPERPAC) that was formed to establish a cordial work relationship between the Political Office Holder and Bureaucrats.
- 4. As part of the efforts of Governor Yahaya Bello to develop the capacity of its Civil Service for optimum productivity, a total of 5,363 Staff have been trained in different capacities across the Ministries, Departments and Agencies.
- 5. About 6,000 youths have also been trained on different skills acquisition programmes and enabled to pursue private enterprise.

