



ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF KANO STATE ALH. ABBA KABIR YUSUF ON THE OCCASION OF PRESENTATION OF THE YEAR 2025 BUDGET TO KANO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER, 2024.

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The Right Honourable Speaker,

Principal Officers of the Kano State House of Assembly

Honourable Members of the Kano State House of Assembly

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamu Alaikum

It is with immense delight and gratitude to Allah (SWT) that I present before the Honorable House, the budget estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year 2025.

2. Rt. Honorable Speaker, Members of this esteemed House, Ladies and Gentlemen, as tradition demands, I would like to commence by commiserating with various families in Kano State. It could be remembered that in Kano an incident had happened in Imawa Town, along Zaria Road, Kura Local Government where a truck rammed into worshippers and killed many people shortly after observing Friday prayer. Similar incidence of recent happened in our neighboring State, Jigawa State where relatives fell victims of tragic tanker explosion that led to the deaths of over 170 people and left several injured in Majia Town of Taura Local Government Area. In fact, many of such occurrences have been witnessed this year, including victims of floods in Maiduguri, Borno State to

mention but a few. We therefore, pray Allah SWT to forgive the dead ones and grant them **Jannatul-firdaus** and also pray for the quick recovery of those injured.

3. Mr. Speaker, 2024 has been a difficult year for many Nigerians. On the 1st August, 2024, we witnessed a very violent protest believed to be triggered by the economic hardship and hunger that became very prevalent among Nigerians, owing to implementation of some economic reforms, particularly the removal of petrol subsidies and depreciation of the value of Naira, occasioned by removal of its peg to the US Dollar. It is unfortunate that during such protests, particularly in Kano, some agitators were able to infiltrate into the original organizers whose intent was to present their grievances to Government in a very peaceful manner for consideration, but had their good mission hijacked resulting in loss of lives and massive valuables belonging to both government and individuals.

4. Mr. Speaker, the August 2024 protest, which we pray to be the last in the State and the nation at large, had been a disaster, although came along with a big reminder to us on the helm of affairs that we should hasten actions to build a good future for our youths, whose future at present, is seemingly bleak. However, our administration in Kano is not oblivious to this fact or in a clearer term, what these irate youths could do if pushed to the wall. Cognizance of that, since we came on board, we embarked on implementing policies contained in our blueprint, which are geared towards ameliorating their conditions. The foreign scholarship program for youth, the Auren Zawarawa, the N50,000.00 capital given to women on monthly basis, the resuscitation of 26 Vocational Institutes are good instances signaling our commitment to address the challenges being faced by women and youth, whose presence was conspicuously witnessed during the protest.

5. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the House, it is on record that under these difficult times, our administration had had several ups and doings to ensure that the unleashed hardship on its people is to some extent neutralized. This explains the reason why, among other things, we re-introduced busses for transporting girls to and from schools under the popular Girl Child Education Initiative and provided food items as palliative to people. Alhamdulillah! These have drastically eased the burden of transportation and other living costs on parents following the removal of fuel subsidy.

6. Mr. Speaker, before I proceed with the presentation, I would like to briefly take time to acknowledge the good contribution and guide our administration enjoys from our leader (**Jagora**), **Senator, Dr. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso** whose patriotism and love for our dear State is indisputable. We pray **Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala (SWT)** to grant him wisdom, insight and longevity to continue to offer us guide onto the right path to be able to make sound choices and informed decisions for the good of our people, amin.

7. I also want to use this opportunity to appreciate the good people of Kano State for their continuing support & prayer for the success of this administration, especially during our trying times when some self-centered politicians attempted to rob the mandate of Kano people through unwarranted litigations. We assure you that we will not let you down, the trust you have in us will not be abused. We will be steadfast in fulfilling the pledges we made to you and do the best we can to advance your aspirations. I must also reiterate that under our leadership, there is no second-class citizen, our administration is determined to treat any person and any part of the state fairly; no one or any part will be left behind in the distribution of resources, by Allah's Grace.

8. Mr. Speaker, I find it apt at this juncture to state that we have been employing some fiscal measures since our assumption of office in the last one and a half year that include:

- Establishment of Central Billing System Policy as well as maintaining Single Revenue Account Platform to ensure capturing of all internally generated revenue monthly.
- Identification of new sources of revenue in order to enhance Revenue Base and generation.
- Elimination/cleaning of ghost and redundant workers in some MDAs
- Continuous institutional Reforms in the State Internal Revenue Service.

9. Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen; those are some of the fiscal measures we introduced in addition to strengthening the anti-corruption Agency in the state to ensure probity and public accountability.

THE YEAR 2024 APPROVED BUDGET PERFORMANCE

10. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen; it could be recalled that, the 2024 budget was presented before this honorable house in October last year, containing a budgetary size of ~~N437.3~~**37.3** billion and tagged as "Budget of Restoration and Transformation" with recurrent allocation of ~~N157.5~~**157.5** billion and capital allocation of ~~N279.8~~**279.8** billion. The general performance of the 2024 Approved Budget stood at 77% percent in terms of Recurrent Revenue, while the Expenditure has a performance of 65% from January to August 2024 respectively. However, this performance has been affected by the current realities in the country and impact of post petroleum

subsidy removal, unification of exchange rates and other insecurity challenges on the economy of the country.

11. Mr. Speaker, please permit me to give a brief account of the sectoral achievements recorded by our administration in the outgoing 2024 fiscal year.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS (2024)

12. The highlights of the programs and projects executed in year 2024, sector by sector are as follows:

Finance & Economic Development

13. Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members, Government was able to achieve so much in the outgoing year largely because we have ensured some well-articulated fiscal policies in complete departure from the previous administration. In the process, so many leakages were blocked, provided enough fund for effective implementation of the state budget and ensured smooth working relationship with foreign, federal and all other financial institutions. Our state-owned Micro-Finance Banks have been revived and we have introduced the Treasury Single Account across MDAs in the state as mentioned earlier.

14. Mr. Speaker, Government has kept faith with the timely payment of monthly salaries of workers; pensions and gratuities. Government has an effective debt management mechanism which ensured that over deduction of debt services has been eliminated from the FAAC Revenue.

15. Mr. Speaker, training and retraining of personnel is very crucial in such financial endeavor. Therefore, financial officers in all categories and departments have been exposed through training the application of modern financial practice, these include accountants; store officers; internal auditors and treasurers, etc.

16. In another development, our revenue generation has been boosted, anomalies associated with payment of salary have been reduced and auditing procedure enhanced. Ghost workers in the state payroll and unreported deaths in our pensions; unreported abscondments from service and dual appointments are partly eliminated, saving a lot of funds for the government.

Education

17. Mr. Speaker, Education has been the cornerstone of this administration, and all efforts are being made to deliver as we promised during our campaigns. After noting the level of decadence and neglect by the previous administration for eight years, we understand the level of decay and how much is needed in terms of resources and manpower to revamp the sector.

18. To this end, Government has taken a deliberate step in ensuring that the sector is firmly rooted in appropriate policies and law. In this regard, government has received relevant policies for consideration and appropriate treatment. Six drafts have been forwarded by the Ministry of Education as follows: **Kano Education Law, 2024; Kano Teacher Development Policy; Kano Non- State Actor Policy; Kano State Gender Policy; Kano State Early Child Care & Development (ECCD) and Kano State Girl-Child Education Policy.**

19. Beside the huge budget allocation, we declared a state of emergency in the sector and followed it up with budgetary allocation of 29.95%, including holding an Education Recovery Conference where seasoned educationists and relevant stakeholders were gathered to articulate a viable roadmap for implementation. Presently, Government is expecting the last lap of the process of receiving the action plan including Monitoring & Evaluation Framework.

20. **State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB):** In the area of workforce, government has reinstated the newly recruited 3,866 SUBEB staff and converted the appointments of 5,634 BESDA facilitators to permanent and pensionable while engaging additional staff on casual basis as BESDA Facilitators. Government has also accessed BESDA fund to the tune of eight billion naira in 2024 alone and we are determined to keep our counterpart fund with UBEC. In view of this, we are able to renovate and construct new classrooms and provide furniture in many schools across the forty-four LGAs in the state.

21. **Kano State Qur'anic & Islamiyah Schools Management Board (KSQISMB):** Mr. Speaker, not only the Western Education that receives the attention of Government, but also the Islamic Education is accorded the consideration it deserves. In this regard, government has sponsored the training of 200 *Alarammas* (Islamic Clerics) on issues pertaining to proper safeguarding of Tsangaya Pupils and integrating processes of Tsangaya School.

22. **Kano State Private & Voluntary Institutes Board (KSPVIB):** Mr. Speaker, it is a common knowledge that for a long time, numerous Private Schools in Kano State have been operating in aberration of our state laws. Having noted this anomaly, we endeavored to strengthen the state institution to remedy the situation. I am glad to report that, the board has generated and

remitted the sum of **N216,573,314:00** as at July 2024 higher than the target of **N201,583,000:00** set aside in 2024 fiscal year for the Private Institution Board. We have also enjoined the School Proprietors to establish and manage their schools within the ambit of the law because government understands and appreciates the contribution of such schools to the state.

23. Kano Senior Secondary School Management Board & Science and Technical Schools Board (KSSSMB/STSB): Mr. Speaker, Government is keen on the issue of boarding secondary schools which we inherited in a bad situation. Notwithstanding the debts incurred in the feeding of boarding students which were settled and also embarked on massive renovation and construction in some of the schools closed for perceived security threats. Government is determined to fully reopen the schools after the renovation works completed.

24. Similarly, in our effort to restore the lost glory of science education in the State, a capacity building workshop on practical aspect of teaching was conducted for over 600 Science and Technical Teachers.

25. State Agency for Mass Education (SAME): Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members, Kano State has secured a collaboration with an NGO **PLAN International** to establish 240 classes in five (5) LGAs of Gwale; Nassarawa; Kumbotso; Rimin Gado and Tudun Wada, with a projected enrolment of 12,000 learners. 240 facilitators were engaged for the program which solely targeted out-of-school-children. In addition, Government has established 15 catch up clubs in Makoda and Ajingi LGAs for accelerated learning in collaboration with **Save the Children Project** with learner enrolment of 6,000 school age children, all geared towards reducing out-of-school-children in the State. The Agency has further established **88 literacy classes by radio** in collaboration with Community Aid-Connect with **3,520** learner enrolments for 2023/2024 academic year.

26. Furthermore, in our effort to reduce the numerical size of out-of-school-children, Government has also established **29 Girl Child Classes** for hawkers and vulnerable girls, with enrollment 867 learners in the current year.

27. **Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education (SRCOE), KUMBOTSO:** It could also be recalled that within the period under review, we reversed the hitherto **Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education** to its former status as Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education, SRCOE. Despite this reversal, the College will continue to offer Degree Courses in affiliation with Bayero University Kano. Recently, Government had approved the sum of **N118,400,000.00** to finance the accreditation of **30 NCE Academic Programs** to be conducted by the **National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE)**, and **Seven-degree programs** in the College.

28. **Foreign Scholarships.** Mr. Speaker, with regards to foreign scholarship, we have continued to provide upkeep allowances for our students studying at various universities overseas, including settling their academic expenses. I am happy to report that **500Nos.** students have completed their studies and returned to Nigeria with flying colors.

Science, Technology and Innovation

29. Mr. Speaker, in line with our desire to reposition Kano State in all aspect of development, we are working tirelessly to develop our **Digital Economy Policy and Strategy** spearheaded by the **Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation**. The objective is for the policy to drive economic growth, enhance

competitiveness, foster innovations and address the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital world.

30. Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members, it may interest you to note that in the year 2024, we have provided start-up capital for a number of unemployed young men and women who were trained on modern method of fishery, poultry, snails and mushroom farming. We have also procured essential IT related equipment to various MDAs in the State, also plans are underway to procure over 70 HP Desktop Computers and 20KVA Solar Power System for Kano State Institute for Information Technology, Kura. Government has approved the sum of over N300million for the establishment of Computer Based Test (CBT) and Information & Communication Technology (ICT) centers to serve as pivotal hubs for conducting computer training and examinations.

Health

31. Mr. Speaker, attaining a good standard of health for all citizenry of the State is another major priority of this administration. **N51.4billion** was the budgetary allocation earmarked for the healthcare delivery in the state in the outgoing fiscal year, which paved the way for various interventions.

32. To this end, Government has established a Diphtheria Treatment Centre at Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital and Infectious Disease Hospital, IDH, France Road, Sabon Gari. We have also rehabilitated and upgraded several health facilities across the State while rehabilitation and renovation of some secondary health facilities is ongoing.

33. Mr. Speaker, already, over **629** medical and paramedical personnel, including security guards have been recruited to man the renovated/upgraded hospitals across the State. Those recruited include: 265 Medical Officers, 55 Midwives, 24 Nursing Officers, 37 other health related personnel and 250 Security Guards who will effectively offer protection to patients and workers in the facilities and guard the properties against vandalization.

34. In another development, Phase One and Two of Diphtheria Mass Vaccination Campaigns have been successfully completed.

Agriculture

35. Mr. Speaker, Agriculture is always a priority in our stride to achieve food sufficiency and ensure good living for our people. In this respect, Government has taken into account the necessary steps towards attaining such lofty goals. We have improved access to agricultural farmlands whereby the Ministry of Agriculture has allocated 2,609 acres of farmlands at Kadawa; Jarman Baka; Bunkure; Dangora; Dansoshiya and Dambatta for the cultivation of Maize, Rice, Sorghum, Millet etc.

36. **Agricultural Inputs:** Government has provided 210 trucks of fertilizer, assorted seeds, agro-chemicals and extension services to **5,400** small holder commercial farmers under the KSADP-SSA value chain cooperation. The Ministry has also vaccinated **912,079** cattle and small ruminants against contagious Bovine Pleura Pneumonia (CBPP) and Pest di Pestis Ruminants (PPR)

37. **Irrigation:** In irrigation, government has provided **445** hectares of irrigable land up and down stream of the Watari Irrigation Project in Bagwai Local Government Area and an additional 555 hectares at Kafinchiri Dam in Garko Local Government Area under the Kano State Agro-pastoral Development Project (KSADP).

38. In addition, government has constructed 7.8km of concrete irrigation and canal network, 12km field drains, intake and various hydraulic structures at Jarman Baka Irrigation Scheme and 3.25 of concrete irrigation canal network, 7km field drain, intake and various hydraulic structures at Bunkure Irrigation Scheme under the Agricultural Transformation Agenda Support Program (ATASP) Phase 1. Also in progress, is the reconstruction of 2.0million cubic litre capacity Gafan earth dam in Bunkure LIBC under ATASP-1.

39. Livestock has also been given a deserved attention by government. 20 Animal Slaughterhouses have been upgraded at 20 locations in 20 LGAs with provisions of facilities like solar power; boreholes; reticulations; meat cooling freezers; animal isolation pen and perimeter fencing.

40. Government has given attention to the development of 3,000 hectares at Dansoshiya Grazing Reserve. Through the Kano Agricultural and Development Authority, KNARDA, government was able to plant 3,000-hectare fodders for communal and individual grazing; 25km perimeter fencing; construction of earth dam; construction of nomadic school, market, vet clinic and construction of boreholes.

Infrastructural Development

41. Mr. Speaker, it is also our plan to decongest the city and ease transportation problems for our people across the State. In this regard, government has embarked on road construction in rural and urban settlements some of which include:

- ✓ Continuation of overhead steel pedestrian bridge at Kurna Babban Layi; Kurna Makaranta and Kandahar at the cost of **N117,415,957:66.**

- ✓ Continuation of the construction of Panshekara roundabout (Dualization of Sani Abacha Youth Centre) Madobi bridge road at a cost of **N1,510,602,797:18**
- ✓ Expansion of Zaria Road at a cost of **N5,396,914,643:82**
- ✓ Construction of access roads at Kano State Ultra-Modern Specialist Hospital, Giginyu at cost of **N91,164,805:91**
- ✓ Continuation/completion of 5km roads across the State.
- ✓ Construction of Panda-Hamdullahi-Albasu-Sakurayan Dutse at the cost of **N6,904,210,744.73**
- ✓ Construction of Rogo-Bari-Mahangi Road in Rogo Local Government at the sum of **N13,350,209,134.89**
- ✓ Counterpart funding in respect of maintenance and rural road upgrade and agro logistic centers interventions under Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAM) at the sum of **N3,220, 164, 284.26**

42. Furthermore, Government is committed to the construction of Tal'udu interchange (Clover Leaf Flyover) which will cost the sum of **N12,883,467,350:00** while the construction of Dan'agundi Interchange (Flyover and Underpass) will engulf the sum of **N15,974,357,203:00**

Commerce and Industry

43. Mr. Speaker, Commerce and Industry remain the economic identity of Kano, and Government will not relent its effort in supporting Commercial activities and industrial development. This informed our decision to allocate the huge sum of **N3,470,250,556 billion** to the sector within the year under review, as a result of which various projects and program have been undertaken.

44. Presently, Government has reinvigorated five (5) of the previously abandoned Garment Cluster Industries across the forty-four Local Government Areas of Kibiya, Madobi, Kura and Dambatta. And, in order to prevent chaos that might arise in the course of elections of leadership positions in various markets in the state, Government has deployed all necessary mechanisms that resulted to maintaining peaceful and harmonious elections and general operations of markets across the state.

45. Government is also set to construct a modern abattoir through a Public-Private Partnership arrangement in selected locations in the state. I wish to assure you that government has put in place a robust plan to secure a Small and Medium Enterprise Loan for our teeming businessmen and industrialists.

46. Mr. Speaker, in a move to sanitize and secure the business environment in the State being a major center of commerce, culture and industry in the whole country, we have launched a comprehensive verification and registration exercise, targeting all expatriates and their businesses operating within the State. The exercise will facilitate acquiring a data on expatriate businesses, identifying regulatory gaps, enhancing coordination between the government and the expatriates.

Tourism and Culture

47. Mr. Speaker, tourism sector has been classified as one of the paramount sources of internally generated revenue. Government will therefore continue to undertake programs and activities aimed at boosting tourism and enhancing the cultural aspirations of our people. In doing so, our administration has in the outgoing fiscal year, reviewed the Edict of History and Culture Bureau which has been in use for over thirty-five years. This is to reposition the Bureau to

meet international best practices and give room for inclusion of many current realities.

48. Government has also embarked on total renovation and upgrade of the Bureau to an International standard to give a befitting outlook that the history and culture of Kano is known. It is the target of Government to make the Bureau a functional place for historical research and documentation, cultural preservation and promotion of norms and values.

49. Mr. Speaker, relevant stakeholders have been engaged in the restructuring process of the Bureau in terms of research and Scholarship in general. The Department of History, Bayero University, Kano; Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Kano; Kano State Censorship Board; KNUPDA; Cultural Groups; Kaduna National Archives etc. have already been engaged. Specifically, the upgrade and renovation has largely been carried out including Kano State Hall of Fame; Gidan Dan-Hausa Monument and Museum; Reference Library; Archive; Admin Block and Botanical Garden. There are plans to revive other important Historical sites in the State like Dala Hill; Gwauron Dutse; Santolo Hill; Gidan Bi-Minista etc. In the same vein, renovation of Kofar Mata Dye Pits, Zage Dye Pits and Kofar Mata Tannery is receiving government attention.

50. Mr. Speaker, Government has constructed an Ultra-Modern Hausa Indigenous Crafts Shops; Traditional Cuisine restaurants; public relaxation area; Children play ground and additional monuments that portray the rich history and cultural heritage of the good people of Kano State.

51. I will not fail to mention the revival of many cultural groups and associations that reflect the diverse Nigerian Ethnic Groups residing in Kano through registrations and invitations to participate in our festivals and cultural activities.

Environment and Sanitation

52. Mr. Speaker, in an effort to safeguard our environment against erosion and degradation of land, Government has planted over **two million trees** across the state and we urged everyone to plant at least one or more in his or her area of domicile. We are determined to ensure the planted trees are properly taken care of and nursed while we continue to plant more.

53. Kano as a densely populated city, we are mindful of the heap of refuse that may litter our streets if left unchecked. However, we have continued and instituted the last Saturday of every month to be a **Sanitation Day** when we remain at home to ensure the cleanliness of our environment before proceeding for the business of the day. REMASAB has collected and disposed over 60,000 tons of solid waste in the metropolis. The repair of 23 refuse collection tippers; 6 bucket lifters; three tractors and two tricycles have been invaluable in cleaning the environment.

54. Mr. Speaker, may I at this juncture call on every one of us to have a positive change of attitude in how we dump our refuse and solid waste, that is the sure way we can free ourselves from the hazards posed by it.

Justice

55. Mr. Speaker, this administration is not oblivious to the contribution given by the Judiciary in ensuring justice and sanity in the State, including its fierce fight against corrupt practices. Cognizance of these critical roles, we will continue to be committed to protecting its independence and promoting its prestige.

56. Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members, you may recall that in line with our reform agenda, a number of bills were prepared by the Ministry of Justice and sent to this esteemed House for passage into Laws. Alhamdulillah, one of those bills was the Public Health Security Bill, which was passed in the current fiscal year, and as a result of that, Kano became the first State in the whole country

to adopt such comprehensive subnational health security legislation. This crucial legislation is designed to fortify the State's capabilities in preventing, detecting, responding to, recovering from, and preparing for epidemic.

Security

57. Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members, recognizing the importance of security as enabler for attaining our development objectives, our administration has continued to provide logistic support to security agencies operating in the State, with a view to guaranteeing the safety of our people. The rising wave of kidnapping, banditry and phone snatching nowadays points the need to scale up efforts in that regard.

58. It may interest the Honorable House to note that, owing to some measures we have been taking since we assumed office, Kano State is now enjoying an enviable position of peace and safety and this we hope to be sustained through all possible means so that our commercial activities will be restored and the State can remain a destination of choice for investors to come in and invest. We believe, this will lead to employment generation, poverty reduction and wealth creation among our people, especially youth, which are the major desires of our Administration.

59. Mr. Speaker, I emphasize that, this is not just a mere political utterance, it is something that is being implemented. We have already started reaping its fruits of success and will continue to do more. We will continue to tackle any act of insecurity in the State by working closely with the security agencies to protect the lives and properties of our people. To this end, we created a new Ministry of Internal Security and Special Services and appointed a competent person, a retired army General to head the ministry. It is interesting to mention

that the ministry is working so diligently to ensure security and safety of the citizens of the State in line with the present administration's policy objective.

Water Supply and Rural Development

60. Mr. Speaker, to improve coverage, quality and efficiency of water supply in the State, our administration has endeavored to supply more than 60% of water needs for its people, as against the only 20% attained during the immediate past administration. Government spends no fewer than N1.2 billion on monthly basis, to provide portable drinking water in the state. The expenditure breakdown is, N400 million on diesel, N387 million on chemicals, while N280 million is spent on settling electricity bills.

61. Other undertakings in the sector include:

- ✓ Pipeline reticulation at Yanshana and Unguwar Rimi at the cost of **N116 million**
- ✓ Repair of water supply project at Government House at the sum of **N126,987,787:07**
- ✓ Rehabilitation of Bagauda Dam, in Bebeji LGA carried out at the cost of **N21,000,000:00**
- ✓ Completion of rehabilitation of Hydrological office complex at Challawa WTP at a cost of **N54,000,000:00**
- ✓ Procurement of 5no Dump Trucks at WRECA at the cost of **N455,000,000: 00.**

Transport Development

62. Mr. Speaker, transportation sector is an enabler for boosting economic growth, with potentials for sustaining the State's economy, facilitating jobs opportunities and cost of mobility, as well as eliminating delay in the movement of goods and services. Conscious of this, we allocated the sum of ~~N~~ 4.8billion to the sector in the outgoing fiscal year and that enabled us to purchase and

repairs vehicles and undertook the constructions of ultra-modern terminus as well as provision of parking lots at strategic places.

63. Mr. Speaker, as part of the ongoing transport reforms, the state is in touch with many development partners in and outside the country for collaboration. The state has also established some new agencies responsible for urban transport reforms in line with global best practices.

64. Mr. Speaker, our commitment to repositioning the state for maximum productivity and the drive to create an enabling environment for private sector participation into the state transport space remains critical for the overall economic growth of the state. We therefore remain resolute to ensure that Kano State's transportation sector is a symbol of economic prosperity of the state as it is assuming the status of a mega city.

65. Mr. Speaker, climate change is real. The state government is committed to the provision of public transportation which are environmentally friendly. We are ever ready to key into the Presidential Initiative on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) by the Federal Government. In the area of water transportation, the state government is intensifying efforts in the provision of all safety measures to protect the lives and property of the populace, particularly those that rely on water transportation.

66. The state government is intensifying effort in the area of rehabilitation and upgrading of motor parks. It is also worthy to mention here that the Federal Ministry of Transportation has selected Kano State for the construction of Modern Bus Terminal MBT, in the whole Northwest Geo-Political Zone. The state would make the maximum use of this infrastructure for multi-modal transport system. The provision of Kano - Maradi rail-line would avail the state with the opportunity to key into this project for maximum utilization for the movement of goods and passengers.

67. Mr. Speaker, Honorable members, it is worthy to mention here that our aspiration in the transportation sector is to promote economic integration not only in Northern Nigeria but the Sahel and ECOWAS region.

Women, Youth & People with Special Needs

68. Mr. Speaker, the spirit of entrepreneurship runs in every citizen of Kano. Our administration will therefore continue to encourage this spirit, and will empower this important segment of our population, that is, women, youths, and those with Special needs with affordable capital to help their businesses thrive and become successful entrepreneurs.

69. **General Empowerment:** Government provides N260,000,000:00 million every month to 5,200 women, with each beneficiary receiving N50,000 as capital. And, we are determined to continue with the empowerment initiative until the last day of our administration. Similarly, we have recently empowered 465 street hawkers with capital of N50,000 each, which amounts to a total sum of N23,250,000:00. This program is also going to be sustained as more hawkers from across all the 44 Local Government Areas of the State will continue to be selected to benefit from the program.

70. Other significant undertakings achieved in the sector, include Domestication of National Alternative Care Guidelines for Children. The ultimate goal is to improve the wellbeing of children that are placed under alternative care (Orphans, neglected, abandoned, deserted) and children in institutional care among others.

Information

71. In a bid to keep our people abreast of our developmental strides, the Ministry of Information has continued with its statutory role of information dissemination and public enlightenment in respect of policies, actions and programs emanating from Government. To sustain this, the State Government

had expended huge amount in its quest to achieve maximum media coverage to reach out to all nooks and crannies of the State.

72. Mr. Speaker, Government has also concluded all arrangements to reconstruct the recently vandalized Government Printing Press, which suffered colossal destruction at the hands of some miscreants during the End Bad Governance Protest. Plans have been made after completing the reconstruction works to furnish the destroyed Printing Press Office, with the state-of-the-art equipment, along with other state-owned media agencies for optimum operation.

Religious Affairs and Special Duties

73. Hisbah has been doing a wonderful job. After successfully conducting the best organized ceremony of mass wedding last year sponsored by the state government, it didn't rest on its oars but went ahead to ensure those marriages and any other one facing challenges are reconciled. Therefore, marriage reconciliations among couples have continued to yield fruitful results. 1,115 cases were treated including marriage disputes; rape cases; theft and other frictions some of which were referred to courts or law enforcement agencies for appropriate action. Special operations have also continued to be carried out on regular basis.

74. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Kano State has been known for its commitments, and always in the forefronts to discharge our religious obligations. As a government, we have done what it takes to meet the expectations of our people in that regard. Government has committed the sum of N 45,500,000:00 to produce the Islamic Calendar 1446AH. The Hijrah calendar is a vital instrument in the eyes of Muslims, that help them determine proper days of Islamic holidays and rituals, such as annual fasting and the annual season for the pilgrimage.

75. Mr. Speaker, in order to effectively control and coordinate the operations of *Tsangaya Schools* in the State, a comprehensive database tagged **Tsangaya Management Information System (TSAMIS)** has been developed and domiciled at the Ministry of Religious Affairs. The system enables Government to acquire credible statistical data of all *Almajiris*, *Tsangayu* and *Alarammas*, that include their full addresses, states of origin and duration of stay in a particular location in the State.

76. Mr. Speaker, Government has also been supporting various religious organizations, through extending financial assistance, building and renovation of Islamiyya and Tsangaya schools, including purchase of land for building a new or expanding an extant school. This is in addition to granting financial gestures to individuals or foundations during religious festivities like Mauluds, Sallah and Musabaqah.

Youth and Sports

77. Mr. Speaker, this administration has always aligned itself with the cause of the youths. In fact, they largely formed its campaign base. Knowing fully well that Sports is central to their day-to-day engagements, we embarked on massive renovation of Sani Abacha Stadium at Kofar Mata.

78. We have also distributed varieties of sports kits to over six hundred (600) Youth Clubs across the State. Similarly, in our effort to encourage self-employment among Youths, we selected two thousand (2000) young men with flair for entrepreneurship and offered them training on POS business.

79. Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, we will continue to hold the Youths in high esteem in this administration because it is their government, and it is also for this and many other reasons that we relax the multiple tax imposed on them by the previous administration, especially the Tricycle operators, (**Adaidaita Sahu**).

80. Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, let me at this juncture gladly inform our teeming youth that, the much-awaited Youth Bill 2024 has been developed and with the usual kind support of this Honorable House, it is going to be realized in not-too-distant future. Insha Allah.

Service Delivery

81. Mr. Speaker, this Administration recognizes the contribution given by the workers in the State; hence it holds them in high esteem and will continue to ensure prompt payment of their salaries, pensions and gratuities, as well as provide recognition for high productivity. We have deliberately taken steps to avoid the lapses and maladministration witnessed in the eight years of the Government we inherited. Therefore, we intend to make the public service efficient and effective to meet the challenges of good governance, as well as boost the morale of the workers.

82. In view of the foregoing, Seventy-One Thousand naira (N71,000.00) has been approved for implementation across the State as minimum wage effective from November, 2024. As a result of the salary increase, the sum of N6billion will be added onto the State payroll. Similarly, Government is determined to continue providing appropriate training and retraining for workers, in line with our policy of human capacity development.

THE YEAR 2025 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Members of the Press, Ladies and Gentlemen. The size of the proposed 2025 Budget is N549,160,417,663.00. The Capital Expenditure component is N312,634,912,672.18, while the recurrent expenditure was set at N236,525,504,990.82. The 2025 Budget, when approved, is projected to have a ratio of capital to recurrent 57:43 percent respectively. The Budget is tagged 'Budget of Hope, Human Capital and Economic Development' to further consolidate the policies that our administration have started implementing.

RECURRENT REVENUE

Members of the Press, the total Recurrent Revenue to be collected for the fiscal year 2025 is estimated to be *Four Hundred and Forty Nine Billion Ninety Two Million Six Hundred And Eighty Thousand One Hundred And Fourty Two Naira Only (N449,092,680,142.00)* which consists of Seventy Five Billion Seven Hundred and Eighteen Million Seven Hundred And Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Naira Only (N75,718,779,890.00) as Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) and Three Hundred And Seventy Three Billion Three Hundred And Seventy Three Million Nine Hundred Thousand and Two Hundred and Fifty Two Naira (N373,373,900,252.00) as Revenue from Federal Account Allocation committee (FAAC) that consists of Value Added Tax (VAT), Electronic Transfer (EMTL) and other FAAC Revenues.

The total recurrent revenue is higher than 2024 by Sixty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred And Thirty Three Million, Three hundred and Ninety Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty Seven Naira (N69,330,390,567.00) representing 18 % increase.

CAPITAL RECEIPTS

The total expected Capital receipts for the year 2025 is Seventy-Six Billion, Sixty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred And Thirty Seven Thousands, Five Hundred And Twenty One Naira Only. (N76,067,737,521.00) which is higher than the 2024 by Thirty-Four Billion, Three Hundred And Two Million, Seven Hundred Thousand, Two Hundred And Ninety Eight Naira. (N34,302,700,298.00) representing 82% increase. The Capital receipt component of financing the 2025 budget consist of Aids and Grants which stood at Twenty Nine Billion, Three Hundred And Thirty Million, Eight Hundred And Seventy Thousand, Seven Hundred And Ten Naira Sixty Six Kobo (N29,330,870,710.66), loan both internal and external is estimated to be Fourty Six Billion, Seven Hundred And Thirty Six Million, Eight Hundred And Ten Naira, Thirty Four Kobo (N46,736,866,810.34) while our expected opening balance for the year 2025 is Twenty Four Billion Naira (N24,000,000,000)

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

Gentlemen of the Press, the total Recurrent Expenditure for the incoming fiscal year 2025 is estimated Two Hundred Thirty-Six Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty Five Million, Five Hundred And Four Thousand, Nine Hundred And Ninety Naira, Eighty Two Kobo (N236,525,504,990,.82) representing 43% of the total budged size. Out of this, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Billion, Nine Hundred And Ninty Six Million, Three Hundred And Fifty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred And Ninety Naira Eighty Kobo (N150,996,352,990.82) is dedicated for the payment of Monthly Salaries and Allowances to the Civil Servants and Political Office holders in the state, based on the approval of the new Minimum Policy by His Excellency the Governor Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf. While the sum of Eighty Five Billion, Five Hundred And Twenty Nine Million One Hundred And Fifty Two Thousand Naira Only (N85,529,152,000) is earmarked to cater for the payment of Overhead and other recurrent Cost components, Where Overhead cost is to the sum of Seventy Five Billion, Five Hundred And Sixty Seven Million, Three Hundred And Forty Seven Thousand Naira Only (N75,567,346,000) for MDAs Running Cost, critical priority payments based on Standing Order approved by His Excellency to MDAs. While the payment of Debt Service is to the sum of Nine Billion, Nine Hundred Sixty One Million, Eight Hundred And Five Thousand Naira Only (N9,961,805,000) for the fiscal year 2025.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Members of the Press, having laid down the foundation for the implementation of policies and programs since our inception to date, the present administration intends to maintain its commitment in using our available resources in the pursuance of major programs and projects and in the 2025 fiscal year.

Pursuant to the above, the sum of Three Hundred and Twelve Billion Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Million Nine Hundred and Twelve Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Two Naira Eighteen kobo (N312,634,912,672.18) is dedicated for capital expenditure, representing 57 % of the total budget size, to finance projects and programs across the state.

84. Most of the capital spending will be in the Social and Economic Sectors to the tune of 461,447,963,240.86. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, permit me

to present the breakdown of both recurrent and capital allocations based on sectors:

SN	SECTOR	ALLOCATIONS	PERCENT.
1.	Education	168,350,802,346.19	31.00%
2.	Health	90,600,835,766.48	16.50%
3.	Agriculture	21,038,199,190.76	3.80%
4.	Infrastructure Development	70,682,843,744.15	12.80%
5.	Manufacturing, Commerce, Industry and Tourism	3,887,338,871.45	1.22%
6.	Environment and Sanitation	15,523,154,078.47	2.80%
7.	Governance Institutions	98,242,089,019.58	17.50%
8.	Security, Justice and Emergency Services	23,457,527,026.06	4.00%
9.	Water Supply and Rural Development	27,235,112,601.05	4.90%
10.	Transport Development	12,805,155,000	2.33%
11.	Women, Youth and People with Special Needs	17,337,360,000	3.15%
	TOTAL	549,160,417,663	100%

85. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the breakdown above clearly indicates that the priorities of our administration in 2025 are human capital and infrastructural development. However, we have pledged to increase access to quality education despite the meager resources.

86. In line with this, I want to inform this respected chamber that we are considering the resuscitation of Kano Education Development Support, KEDS, under the Ministry of Education. It is our plan to develop it into a functional agency that will support the funding of education specifically for Basic; Upper Basic and Post-Basic Education. On the other hand, trying to draw from TEFUND Counter funding by keeping to the terms for our tertiary institutions. Therefore, I believe the legislature will give the necessary legal teeth in fine tuning its edict for full implementation.

Proposed Legislations and Amendments in 2025

88. Mr. Speaker, you are fully aware that a number of policies and reforms we are implementing require legislations, or amendments to extant laws. Therefore, in the next fiscal year, we intend to bring before this Honourable House an array of bills for passage into law. The proposed bills include:

- a. An Education Trust Bill
- b. Security Trust Bill
- c. Marriage Control
- d. Civil Service Bill
- e. Kano State Motor Vehicle Administration Agency Bill
- f. Social Protection Bill
- g. Kano State Equity and Social Inclusion Bill
- h. Kano Censorship Board Bill
- i. State Emergency Management Agency Bill
- j. Kano State Information Technology Development Agency Bill
- k. Kano State Digital and e-Governance Bill

- l. Small and Medium Enterprises Bill
- m. Public Complaint and Anti-Corruption Commission Bill
- n. Kano State Will Bill
- o. Water Users Association (WUA) Bill
- p. Gari College of Education Bill
- q. Audu Bako Polytechnic Bill
- r. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso College of Arts, Science and Remedial Studies Bill
- s. Aminu Kano College of Education and Legal Studies Bill
- t. Pension Law
- u. KHETFUND Bill
- v. Proceeds of Crime Bill
- w. Creation of Deputy Managing Directors at 10 MDAs Bill

89. Mr. Speaker, it is our belief that implementing these reforms and policies would improve the governance of the State, thereby facilitating achieving the developmental agenda we put forward in the forthcoming fiscal year.

Conclusion

90. Mr. Speaker and Honourable members, I thank you very much for your time. This Budget is intended to help all of us realize our collective dreams and aspirations for our dear State. It is our belief that the full and proper implementation of the Budget's provisions would result to high economic prosperity and reduce dependency on grants coming from the federation account.

91. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, these brave steps taken to invest in human capital and infrastructural development would set stage for faster and

sustained economic growth and development in the State. The 2025 Budget goes further to support areas that will deliver inclusive growth especially in Commerce, Manufacturing as well as Agriculture and its value chain, as this is the anchor for our quest to reviving our moribund industries and consequent prosperity

92. The achievements so far recorded despite our lean resources could not have been possible without the help of the Almighty Allah. It is by His grace that we have attained this level of excellent performance. We thank Him for His Blessings upon us and also pray that He would help us to achieve our singular goal of making Kano greater and taking it to more enviable heights.

93. I therefore, crave your kind approval of these estimates and your support for its implementation. We promise to faithfully implement the provisions of this Budget for the general good and well-being of our people. We will not relent in our resolve to alleviate poverty and restore hope, create wealth, generate employment, stimulate agriculture, improve electricity and maximize the overall well-being of our people. I beseech you therefore to hastily consider and approve the 2025 Budget Proposals.

94. Let me also commend the good people of Kano State for the cooperation and support they accorded that led to the conduct of the most peaceful Local Government Elections ever in the history of the State, which was held on Saturday, 26th October, 2024. This was achieved despite an insignificant number of security personnel deployed during the elections. To me, it is testimony to the fact that the people of Kano State are in full support of this administration and we hope that the elected officials will work assiduously to meet the expectations of their electorates. At the State Level, we are

determined to work together for the collective good of our people at the grassroots.

95. Moreover, a word of appreciation to the staff of the Ministry of Planning and Budget and the Directorate of Research and Documentation who have tirelessly worked long hours to ensure that this budget and supporting documents are in tandem with the policy thrust of this administration.

96. Once again, I salute the State House of Assembly and the good people of Kano State for their incredible support and goodwill to my Administration since I assumed office. I remain committed to serving you. May God help us, amin.

97. It is, therefore, with great pleasure and a deep sense of responsibility that I lay before this Honourable House, the 2025 Budget of Kano State, which I tagged the **"Budget of Hope, Human Capital and Economic Development"**

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