



Options Underpinning States Competitiveness

(Kaduna State Experience)

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INTRODUCTION

- According to NBS 2013 projections, the state has a population of about 7,474,369 (seven million, four hundred and seventy four thousand ,three hundred and sixty nine) which qualifies it as the 3rd most populous state in the country.



COMPETITIVENESS

- Competitiveness can be defined as the set of institutions, policies and factors that determine the level of productivity of a country. Consequently the importance of competitiveness in the regional and international market cannot be over emphasized.



- With the inception of the present democratic dispensation, both Federal and State Governments of Nigeria have created enabling environment to mobilize resources internally for accelerated Inflow of foreign investment into the economy Kaduna state is no exception to the rule.



- The state has on its own part consistently initiated programmes and strategies geared towards providing solutions to its state's economic problems not undermining the contributions of the federal government .
- The state has a draft vision 20:20 being its long term plan and a Development plan 2014-2018.



- Suffice it to say, Agriculture is the main stay of the economy of Kaduna state with 80% of the people actively engaged in farming. The state is naturally endowed with fertile land and good climate for both livestock and crop production. As a deliberate competitive strategy, the state has been encouraging Public Private Partnership (PPP) in all sectors some of which are:



I. Agriculture

- The state is suitable for and indeed widely known for the production of livestock and the following crops;
- ✓ Maize: The state has competitive advantage in maize production being the largest producer in the country. Average yield per hectare is between 2.5- 6.5 metric tons.



- ✓ Soyabeans: The average yield per hectare ranges from 2.0-3.0mt depending on cropping pattern and use of improved seeds.
- ✓ Cassava: Average yield is 9.5mt/hectare.
- ✓ Ginger: The state is the highest producer of this crop in the country .Average yield is 9.5mt . The state has competitive advantage on this crop .



- ✓ Cotton: The state has competitive advantage being the leading producer in the country.
- ✓ Tomatoes: The crop is grown in all parts of the state as rained and irrigated crop. The yield/hectare ranges from 8.0- 25.0mt depending on the agronomic practices. The state has a tomato processing plant at Ikara which is the centre of irrigated tomato production.



- The state government allocated N3,000,000,000 on Growth Enhancement Support Scheme ,60% subsidy on tractors and farm inputs ,50% subsidy on fertilizer to farmers and provision of loans to farmers
- Other crops produced in Kaduna are depicted in attached table



- Equally the state is endowed with potential for expanding its forest plantation and horticultural farming to meet any industrial demands. Trees species of great potentials include Teak, malina, pines etc with unlimited scope for commercial exploitation.



II. Health Care

In the coming years the state has as its goal ensuring that all its citizens have quick and easy access to improved and affordable curative, preventive, rehabilitative and promotive health services . The state strives to provide many pro-poor programmes such as “Free Medical Care for Pregnant Women and Children under the age of Five”



Though there are several federal health institutions within the state, government realizing the hassles and strain sick people go through to obtain standard medical care sometimes even going out of the country to access this care, the state government has began the construction of a 300 bed specialist hospital to make health care more accessible to the common man .



- The state provided N17.41 billion for health care in the 2014 budget, and equally embarked on the conversion of Barau Dikko Specialist Hospital to a teaching hospital to produce competent medical doctors.



III. Water and Sanitation

- ✓ It is common knowledge that within the recent years the state has experienced large population which led to insufficient water supply .However, the state government has been able to build five dams for domestic and industrial water supply and agricultural activities in the dry season these dams are:
- ✓ Kangimi Dam of 85.5million cubic meters (mcm) for Kaduna town
- ✓ Shika dam of 3.95 mcm for Zaria water supply



- ✓ Bagoma Dam of 3.95 mcm for Birnin Gwari town
- ✓ Saminaka Dam of 0.5 mcm
- In addition ,the State has sunk boreholes through the semi-urban water supply scheme.
- Equally, there is a multi-billion naira Zaria Regional Water Supply Project which hopefully when completed, about 2.2million people in seven local governments will be provided with portable water.



In the area of sanitation, the state government spends N1,618,785.000 annually for refuse evacuation which has curbed the menace of refuse within the metropolis and environs.



IV. Trade and Industry

- To reverse the trend of industrial stagnation in the state, government signed a memorandum of understanding with the Bank of Industry (BOI) to provide N1billion loanable funds to woo investors to the state. The state contributed N500million and the bank N500million. All being well, these schemes will continue and expand. With this intervention, in no distant ,the state will regain its lost glory and even excel.



v. Education

With the attendant challenges of unsatisfactory quality of education, poor enrolment, retention, completion and transition rates and poor quality of the management of the educational system, the state has ensured the formulation of quality assurance board to ensure quality of teachers employed and maintain competitive standard in the educational system. The state is known as the center of learning, it boasts of 7 federal institutions and 5 state higher institutions.



VI. Tourism

- Kaduna state has numerous tourists attractions which include the Nok cultural site at Kwoi in Jema'a local Government Area, the Matsirga water falls (Wonderful) in Kafanchan, the legendary Lord Lugard bridge in Kaduna town, the Kufena hills in Zaria, Kamuku National park, the palace of the Emir of Zaria and the legendary Queen Amina of Zaria tomb at Turunku.



VII. Solid Minerals

- The state is endowed with varied solid minerals and a good number have been exploited. These include the following (Metalic Minerals)
 - Columbite
 - Manganese
 - Iron Ore
 - Tantalite
 - Tin Ore



- Non- Metallic Minerals

Graphite

Kaolin

Brick clay

Gold

Silver

Platinuim



- Lastly, in order to improve service delivery to the good people of the state through the civil service, the government ensured the following:
 - ✓ Functional Bureau for Public Service Reforms(BPSR)
 - ✓ Upgraded staff training center into an institute(KAPSI)
 - ✓ Strengthened staff capacity through trainings(PSGRDP)
 - ✓ Collaborates with development partners to meet international standards
 - ✓ Implementation of IPSAS



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ESTIMATES OF SOME ANNUAL CROPS PRODUCTION IN KADUNA STATE

s/no	Crop	Areas of High Production (Annual)	Production	Estimated Production
1	Maize	Lere,Soba,Giwa,B/Gwari	318,071.68	944,671.11
2	Rice	Kaura,Lere,Ikara,B/Gwari,Makarfi,Sanga,Kubau,Kajuru	203,043.91	325,000.46
3	Sorghum	Giwa,Makarfi,Ikara,Kudan	311,100.63	578,647.17
4	Millet	Giwa,Makarfi,Ikara,Kudan	325,260.39	509,051.74
5	Cassava	Igabi,Jemaa,Kagarko,Jaba,Kaura,kauru,Z/kataf	212,168.67	1,980,896.11

s/no	Crop	Areas of High Production (Annual)	Production	Estimated Production
6	Soya Beans	Jema'a, Z/Kataf, Kachia, Giwa, Makarfi, Kudan, Soba, Ikara, Kaura, Kubau	74,447.50	105,715.53
7	Ginger	Jema'a, Z/Kataf, Kachia, Giwa, Kagarko	233,561.60	23,356.16
8	Cotton	Giwa, Makarfi, Kudan, Soba, Ikara, Kaura, Kubau	263,286.75	257,997.15



s/no	Crop	Areas of High Production (Annual)	Production	Estimated Production
9	Sugarcane	Makarfi, Kudan, Soba, Ikara, Kaura, Kubau	232,461.68	4,184,246.24
10	Tomatoes	Makarfi, Kudan, Soba, Ikara, Kaura, Kubau, Igabi	64,778.80	421,062.20
11	Mango	Z/kataf, Zaria, Soba, Kaura, Sanga, Kaduna, Chikun, Kagarko, Jema'a	28,000.00	62,000.00



s/no	Crop	Areas of High Production (Annual)	Production	Estimated Production
12	Chillies	Giwa, Makarfi	115,598.00	109,818.00
13	Cashew	All over the state	5,000.00	5,500.00
14	Honey	Z/kataf, Zaria, Soba, Kaura, Sanga, Kaduna, Chikun, Kagarko, Jema'a, Kachia	21,820.00	100 Metric tonne due to low technology but has potential to increase if fully utilised

