

Kwara State



Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) Strategy/Development Agenda Experience Sharing

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Introduction

The Medium-Term Development Strategy (MTDS) represents a set of development stimulating actions to be undertaken by Kwara State Government towards the attainment of its Medium term goals. Within such a framework, the state will strive to become a leading economy among other states in Nigeria, guided by the vision of “creating a productive and efficient economy that generates, high, sustainable and inclusive growth through a deliberate reform agenda, that is growth and private sector driven” where there is equal opportunity for all.

Goals

- Promote exploitation of available mineral resource
- Achieving food security through agriculture
- Rebuilding infrastructure and human capital development
- Build a state that is at cutting edge of innovation in science and technology
- Provide enabling environment for investment, wealth creation and accelerated employment generation

Policy Priorities:

- Renewing infrastructure and enhancement of human capacity development through upgrading and rehabilitation of school facilities in the state. Providing a conducive learning environment with competitive facilities across public schools in the state.
- Driving industrialization through the promotion of Small and Medium Scale Enterprises
- Strengthening Public-Private-Partnership arrangements in a view to promoting investment and growth-driven economic activities
- Creation of sustainable jobs through intensive commitment to integrated agribusiness and vocational skills development
- Engendering a safe and secure environment for inclusive socio-economic growth and development of the State



Medium Term Strategies

- Improving Potentials for Internally Generated Revenue.
- Sustained inclusive economic growth through conducive environment for private sector investment
- Poverty alleviation and food security through agriculture and agribusiness.
- Improved access to quality social services, including education and health.
- Good governance and public order



Sectoral Outlook


- **Economic and finance sector:** Economic stability is a necessary condition for growth. Improvements are needed in financial management, and accountability. This will create a more robust economic environment to stimulate growth and investment in the state.
- **Agricultural sector:** Development of this sector is a key driver of economic growth. It provides for and sustains 85 per cent of the rural population through food crops, cash crops and livestock for their daily livelihoods, food and social security.
- **Real sector:** the SME sector in the state is relatively small with overall employment generation potentials of about 38% cutting across different sectors including trading, transport sectors, light manufacturing industries and other services

- **Sectoral Outlook ...continued**

- **Health Sector** :The overall goal is to continually improve good health coverage for the state. This means that all people can access use of the preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services they need and which the state can afford without imposing financial hardship on the people.

Achievements:

- Improved voluntary tax compliance by kwarans
- Already, considerable aspects of the Ministry's financial transactions are electronically driven, paving the way for eventual general e-driven transactions.
- Improving of youths on modern agricultural practice
- Social support to aged and vulnerable
- Recruitment of Medical Doctors including Consultants, and other Health professionals such as Pharmacists, Laboratory Technologists, Nurses etc.
- Robust Covid-19 containment system
- Training of the youths on modern agricultural practice

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- Capacity building through routine training of health workers
 - Resuscitation of Essential Drug Project, which ensures ready availability of drug in all State Health facilities.
 - Re-construction and rehabilitation of classrooms for primary and post primary educational facilities.
 - Establishment of infectious disease Hospital at Sobi
 - Massive expansion of rural water scheme
 - Increase support to micro and small businesses
 - Malaria-Free Kwara Programme, which is the State domesticated version of Roll-back Malaria, is conducting free malaria treatment for pregnant women and Under 5 years of age children across the State and distribution of mosquito treated net to all Kwarans.
 - Upgrade of some Urban and Rural Roads

Challenges

- Overdependence on allocation from the Federation Account for revenue hence the need to sustain current aggressive internal revenue generation efforts.
- Overdependence on rain fed agricultural production
- Inadequate level of critical infrastructure such as unstable power supply, poor rural road connectivity in the state.
- Inability to fully explore the benefits of mineral resources in the state.

- **Way forward**

- In articulating the National Medium Term Development Plan Strategy the following issues need to be critically re-examined and consider for integration into the document .
- The issue of unemployment need to be properly re-addressed
- Nigeria as a country need to harmonize the wage policy across both public and private sector of the economy
- Government need to intensify more effort on deversification of the economy
- The proposed plan should as much as possible attempt to rejig our public schools both at National and sub-national levels
- Engendering a safe and secured environment for inclusive socio-economic growth and development
- The security challenges facing the country must be addressed to put an end to closure of schools in some states as a result of banditry. According to figures compiled and published by Daily Trust (March 16th , 2021) About 16 schools were closed in Sokoto State, 10 Katsina, 46 Yobe, 17 Kano and 1 in Kaduna State respectfully.



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