

**ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, HON. KASHIM SHETTIMA, EXECUTIVE
GOVERNOR OF BORNO STATE, AT THE PRESENTATION OF 2019
APPROPRIATION BILL TO BORNO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY;
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PROTOCOL:

On Thursday, the 29th of December, 2011, I presented before this Hallowed Chamber, my first budget as 19th head of government and sixth elected Governor of Borno State. That address, was for the 2012 fiscal year, as my predecessor had at the end of 2010, presented to this same House, a budget for the 2011 fiscal year.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, after seven appearances at the end of the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, I am finally here in December 2018, to deliver my last budget as the Governor of Borno State.

Right Honourable Speaker, Insha'Allah, the next person you will receive here at the end of 2019, shall be Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, *mni*.

Ladies and gentlemen, for me, this moment shares with all of us, a big lesson about life in itself. That lesson, as everyone here can bear witness, is something I have regularly reminded those of us in positions of authority. Of Allah's destined blessings on earth, elective power is the most transient, and this is even more peculiar to our country, Nigeria. Yes, in some African countries, leaders have wrongly held on to power for more than 30 years on elective positions. But even those African leaders are mostly in their late eighties and this shows that they have spent longer years outside power than being in power. In Nigeria, it is difficult to survive 16 to 20 consecutive years of holding elective offices including the combination of being in the Executive and Legislature.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the transient nature of power should require us being concerned about the legacies of working for our people.

I am happy to say, and with the highest gratitude to Almighty Allah, that we have within our seven and half years in power, tried to justify the fate and confidence the people of Borno State reposed in us. We defied the fears threats of death to work for Borno. In these seven and half years, some of us were killed. Many of us lost families, neighbors, friends and associates to killings, some of which happened because funds meant for procurement of arms were used at the highest level, for other purposes. Within seven and half years, we have given un-quantifiable support in logistics to the military, the police, the DSS and all para-military agencies operating in Borno. We have in these years, inspired, institutionalized, trained, equipped and supported patriotic youth volunteers who have sacrificed their lives in defense of Borno. We have without disclosing our strategies, been engaging hunters in selected communities. The fight against an insurgent group is a complex one that requires sustained change of tactics in order to remain ahead of evil doers. We are confident that no matter how long darkness looms, it must give chance to day light. Insha'Allah, Boko Haram and other criminal challenges will come to an end.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we have in our seven and half years remained bold in defense of Borno. In 2014 we went as far as addressing the press right inside the presidential villa in telling the blunt truth to power with respect to the vulnerability of Borno State, largely because the military was not being equipped. We took that bold decision out of frustration with the Presidency at that time. At some point, the media reported of plot to unconstitutionally remove me from office. I was publicly threatened by President during his media chat. Within seven and half years, our administration came under serious political persecution, all because we kept on speaking in the interest of Borno. You are all witnesses to moments when as a Governor, soldiers were withdrawn from my convoy in the midst of intense campaigns. On the other, our political opponents who were not in positions of authority, had hundreds of soldiers deployed to them. In the midst of all these, Mr Speaker, our administration was somehow able to build more than 30,000 houses in new estates, resettlement communities and rebuilding of homes destroyed by Boko Haram. And we did this by being bold and efficient in the utilization of public resources. We have had to, at a point in time, re-direct almost the entire machinery of Government towards redressing the destructive impact of the insurgency by embarking on a massive programme of reconstruction and rehabilitation of destroyed infrastructural facilities. Government has been able to complete the reconstruction and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure like schools, hospitals, bore-holes and power substations in different communities destroyed by Boko Haram. As a result of these efforts, displaced persons from 14 Local Government Areas have already returned to safe and rebuilt areas. We are determined to ensure that all remaining IDPs are re-integrated in their respective communities as soon as it is practicable. In our re-settlement programmes, we will always maintain that there is no compulsion and return will only be to safe and rebuilt communities.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we are very mindful and concerned about recent attacks by the Boko Haram. We have discussed these concerns with Mr President. As someone in position to know, I can tell this house that President Muhammadu Buhari, his service Chiefs, our security commanders and troops are deploying measured responses in containing the Boko Haram. Mr President has mobilized and re-strategised our regional security cooperation. I am optimistic that the Boko Haram will come to an end, insha'Allah.

Notwithstanding our challenges, we have stood firm in serving the people of Borno State. In our seven and half years, Borno has remained one of the 10 states in Nigeria which have consistently paid the salaries of workers every month. I have met labour leaders across the country who have asked me how are able to sustain payment of salaries despite our challenges and even when almost 27 states couldn't pay salaries in 2015. I will like to recall that in the middle of 2016, there were months when Borno received less than two billion naira as net allocations from the Federation accounts. At that time, our salary bill was then, N2.6 billion naira. Yet, we managed to sustain payment of salaries. At the same time, we focused on sanitizing our salary system. Today, we have brought down the monthly wage bill of Borno State by more than 500 million naira.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, in our seven and half years, and again despite security and humanitarian challenges, we are transforming the face of education in Borno State. We are being basic in our approach to education and this is a product of investigations. We have found out, for instance, that the major problem of public education in the whole of northern Nigeria, has been the absence of quality standard at the primary school level. Most government levels have focused more on tertiary institutions and to some extent, secondary schools. We have decided to drastically focus on primary schools. In this regard, we are at various completion stages of building more than 40 Mega primary schools of world class standards across Borno. More than half of these schools are almost ready for commissioning. We have deliberately sited a good number of the Mega schools within Maiduguri Metropolitan Council and Jere. The reason is because our principally targeted pupils are the more than 50,000 children whose parents were killed by Boko Haram insurgents across the 27 local government areas of Borno. Majority of these children are unaccompanied. They neither have parents nor relatives. I, Kashim Shettima, is the proud father, mother and relative of these orphans. In five months time, insha'Allah, I will bequeath this parenthood to Professor Babagana Umara Zulum.

We sited a number of the Mega schools in Maiduguri and Jere to make them easily accessible to the Governor who is the dual parent of these unaccompanied orphans. That way, there will be direct supervision of their general welfare and education.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, we are not just building and equipping these world class primary schools. We are already recruiting quality teachers under a new system of supervision. We are changing many other existing primary and secondary schools across Borno. We have within the seven and half years of our administration, also recorded significant progress in tertiary education. We are even at a completion stage of establishing Borno's first State University since our state was created more than 42 years ago. In few days time, insha'Allah, I will constitute a committee made of erudite scholars and time tested tertiary school administrators, to give them the immediate task of recruiting key management staff preparatory to the take off of Borno State University. We are building an industrial layout with ten factories already assembled. We are building new roads and fixing existing one. I will like to remind us that five years ago, we reached a point where foreign construction companies blacklisted Borno due to Boko Haram's killings. We were left with the one option of taking our destinies in our hands. We took far reaching measures to acquire all kinds of construction equipment to make it possible for our engineers at the Ministry of Works to champion the remodeling of our dear State. I am proud to note, that Borno State government is now as equipped as any major construction company in northern Nigeria. Using our own equipment, our engineers are building quality roads and bridges in our rural and urban renewal efforts.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, being my last budget presentation, I have taken time to remind us of what we have achieved. We have been aggressive in the rebuilding and remodeling of Borno. However, all that we achieved could never have been possible without the sincere and consistent support of the Borno State House of Assembly.

Ladies and gentlemen, in the last seven and half years, I have, as Governor of Borno State, relied on productive cooperation to succeed. I dare say that of all the various forms of productive cooperation I have either nurtured or enjoyed, none has been as valuable as the permanent support I do get from members of the Borno State House Assembly. I am eternally grateful for the support I have received and will continue to depend on.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, with no intent to violate the sanctity of this exalted assembly, please permit me to direct all members of the Borno State Executive Council, all permanent secretaries, Special Advisers, Senior Special Assistants, Special Assistants, all heads of government agencies and other political appointments here present, to stand up and join me in giving a standing ovation to appreciate the unflinching support we enjoy from members of the Borno State House Assembly.

(Please be seated!)

Mr Speaker, today's budget presentation, like previous ones, is in accordance with section 121 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended.

The 2019 Appropriation Bill, which is tagged "Budget of Consolidation", is a product of extensive consultations, needs and priority assessments of our communities. We are driven by policy thrust as we make efforts to build on the various achievements recorded within the seven and half years of this administration.

We will do whatever we can, insha'Allah, to work for the good people of Borno State until the last second of May 29, 2019. I am optimistic that by Allah's grace, the incoming administration of Professor Baba Gana Umara Zulum would in its chosen wisdom, move from wherever we stop to take Borno to a greater level of prosperity.

Permit me at this point, to **REVIEW THE 2018 BUDGET** for the now ending fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the 2018 Budget which was tagged budget of "Resettlement and Empowerment" was primarily designed to fast track the process of resettling our internally displaced persons through provision of critical infrastructure like homes, healthcare centres, water sources and schools and to create for them, economic means of regaining livelihoods. Added to re-settlement of displaced persons, the budget provided for numerous other infrastructural projects. I will like to crave your indulgence to quickly highlight some of what we achieved on **INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT**.

Before then, Mr. Speaker, I will like to add, that as part of a necessary cost saving step, the choice before us was to carry out a good number of projects through direct labour. I am aware that our measure may not have totally gone down well with some interest groups. I am also aware of instances where some persons have tried to either level wild allegations or make comparison between our mode of projects execution

with that of previous administrations. These observers, I am afraid, may have forgotten to consider the fact that in Borno's history since creation, no administration has had to deal with the quantum of challenges we faced in the last seven and half years. We were making huge interventions on security, dealing with serious humanitarian crisis and at same time paying huge salary bill. Painfully, we build public infrastructure while insurgents destroy them. In most cases, we have had to rebuild what we had previously built. Our administration faced an entirely different and perhaps a desperate situation. We needed to be different in our approach in order to achieve the many good things we have so far recorded, in our progressive works.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, as part of our overall commitment to the development of infrastructure, government has in 2018, carried out the following projects:-

- (i) Constructed roads using our own equipment and engineers, we load bearing inter locking blocks and concrete drainages in several areas within Maiduguri Metropolitan Council and Jere.
- (ii) We have accelerated our ongoing construction of Damboa-Chibok-Mbalala Road.
- (ii) We are into the complete Rehabilitation and remodeling of the newly acquired Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) quarters along Damboa road in the State Capital.
- (iv) Complete installation of 300 ton Marini Asphalt Plant at Auno.
- (v) Construction of perimeter wall-fencing, gate and gate-house at Industrial layout along Kano/Jos road here in the State Capital.
- (vi) Construction and installation of streetlights at various places within MMC and Jere.
- (vii) Production and laying of concrete inter-locking on some of the major walkways within MMC.
- (viii) Procurement of 4-number excavators to ease road rehabilitation in the State.

Similarly, during the year under review, government embarked upon the construction of two (2) shopping complexes at Bulumkutu Yan-Nono and work on these two projects have reached advanced stages of completion. In a related manner, the State Government has constructed 140 shops and 84 shops at Bulumkutu Yan-Nono and another 34 shops for Yam sellers at Bulumkutu Abuja all through direct labour. Also in the year under review, Government accelerated the construction of a New Trailer Park at Njimtilo along Kano road, also through direct labour.

In the Housing and Energy sector, the State Government made bulk purchase of long span Aluminum Roofing sheets of various colours and distributed them to areas of need and procured two million cement blocks for a special intervention on the return of displaced persons to some liberated local government areas through Local Government stake holders Committees. Similarly, Government disbursed the sum of One Hundred Million Naira (N100,000,000.00) for the production of cement blocks by indigenous block manufacturers for the rebuilding of villages destroyed by insurgents. Again, government fabricated thousands of steel doors and windows at the State Mechanical workshop.

RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, during the 2018 fiscal year, Government continued its Rehabilitation and Resettlement programme. In particular, reconstruction of homes and public facilities were carried out in Ngoshe and Pulka in Gwoza Local government Area, Kareto and Damasak in Mobbar, Kwajjafa in Hawul and Gamboru in Ngala Local Government Areas of the State. Government also made intervention at the Dangote Village in Konduga Local Government area to complement the extraordinary support of the Dangote Foundation. Government also made interventions at Nguwom in Mafa amongst other areas in the State.

Government did not only stop in rebuilding homes in communities destroyed by Boko Haram insurgents. Restoration of livelihoods was also given priority in the year under review. Hundreds of displaced persons and farmers in 22 host communities across 10 Local Government Areas were supported to regain means of livelihood. In our continued responses to humanitarian needs, Government has executed collaborative efforts with the National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA and some Non-Governmental Organisations in the State. These partnerships have contributed to the consistent supply of food and non-food items to displaced persons in formal and satellite camps as well as rapid response to emergency humanitarian aides.

Similarly, Government has in the year under review, earned more confidence and support of different donor partners. This gave rise to the establishment of a Multi-Sectoral Crisis Response Project (MCRP) which is being funded by the World Bank. This is in addition to other similar projects being funded by the African Development Bank.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, permit to add, that most of our partnerships for interventions are executed through implementation agencies that are often brought in by donor agencies. As Government, we facilitate and where necessary, insist on setting priorities.

EDUCATION:

In the year under review, Government was able to construct three units of two storey buildings, each made up of 18 classrooms at Ngomari, Bulabulin and Bulumkuttu Junior Secondary Schools. Similarly, four units of two storey blocks of 30 classrooms were constructed each at GGC, Government College, Yerwa GGSS and Zajeri Day Secondary School.

Government also constructed 60 classrooms, Administration Block, Library, Modern toilets, Dining Hall and Mosque at Bolori Mega School and up-graded New GRA Integrated School for Hanagamba (Mbororo) now Aisha Buhari Integrated School. This is in addition to the completion of another Mega School at 303 Estate, construction and commissioning of Dangote Integrated School at Dangote Village and procurement of over 10,000 desks and chairs for the completed schools.

Also in the 2018 fiscal year, Government established two Command Science Secondary Schools one at Auno for boys and the other at Miringa for girls.

At the tertiary level, the State government, in an effort to accelerate completion of the State University, has constructed the Senate building, Five Faculty buildings, three (3) laboratories for Chemistry, Physics and Biology as well as the University Clinic. In the same vein, renovation work is currently underway at various Departments of Mohammed Lawan College of Agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the basic education level is indeed where far more projects were executed. This is due to my earlier explanation, that this level of education has been neglected for far too long whereas it is the foundation of learning. In line with our priority attention on basic education, the following projects are being executed in various parts of the State:

- (1) 47 blocks of 8-classrooms are being built out of which 22 blocks have been completed and 25 are on-going.
- (2) 16 Administrative blocks are being built out of which 13 blocks have been completed while 3 are on-going.
- (3) 16 schools are being provided with Solar power out of which 5 schools have been provided while installations are ongoing in 11 schools.
- (4) 48 schools are being provided with perimeter fence with security barbwire and guard room. Out of this, 29 schools have so been fully completed while work is on-going in 19 schools.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members other on-going projects in this sub-sector include 3 blocks of laboratory buildings, 3 blocks of library, 3 blocks of computer centre, 3 blocks of staff quarters, and 1 block of 5-bedroom guest house. Government has also procured beds and beddings worth One Hundred and fifty Million Naira (N150,000,000.00) and trained 283 teachers and 160 education managers on Quality Assurance. Still in the year under review, 30 teachers were granted in-service benefits so as to undergo training at various institutions of higher learning in and outside the State. The aim was to enhance their capacity for improved productivity and professionalism. Similarly, 270 Principals and Vice Principals were trained through various workshops on post insurgency school management. Furthermore, in order to address the shortage of staff in all post primary schools, the State Government approved the recruitment of 1000 graduate teachers and the recruitment is about being completed.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in the 2018 fiscal year, Health Care delivery service continued to receive our priority attention, the same way we have done in our seven and half years.

Specifically, government has constructed new maternal and amenity ward at General Hospital Molai and three (3) new Health Clinics at Premier Cinema, Makera Area and Bolori Ward, all in the State capital.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will like to again clarify that, we are deliberately increasing and expanding public infrastructure in Maiduguri because of population increase. It is public knowledge that many families from different local government areas of Borno State have settled in Maiduguri. Government has no powers to send out any resident who chooses to live in any part of the State. As we should expect, migration to Maiduguri means more families in need of healthcare, schools and more traffic on existing road infrastructure. Expansion therefore became necessary.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members Government has in the year under review, constructed and fully equipped a modern diagnostic centre at the State Specialist Hospital Maiduguri. This is in addition to the construction of pediatrics ward at the same Hospital. New General Hospitals were also built at Kaga, Bargu, Ngaranam, Azare, Ngamdu, Gongulong and Gajiram towns. In the same vein, we have up-graded Maimusari Health clinic to a modern Primary Health Centre by providing additional maternity and labour wards, a theatre and an out-patient unit to accommodate the increasing population of the ward.

AGRICULTURE:

In this sector, Government in the year under review, procured 650 metric tons of NPK fertilizer for the 2018 cropping season. The fertilizer was distributed to farmers in Biu, Bayo, Hawul, Shani, Kwaya-Kusar, Damboa, Chibok, Askira/Uba, Kaga, Magumeri and Gubio Local Government Areas of the State. Government also procured and distributed improved seeds such as Maize, Cassava stems, millet, groundnut as well as cowpea to all the 27 Local Government Areas. Government equally received assorted seeds from Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and distributed them to farmers across the State free of charge. The State Government in collaboration with the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization, Ilorin, Kwara state, has installed combined Rice Milling Machine and a borehole component at Zabarmari in Jere Local Government area to boost the production and processing of rice. Furthermore, in an effort to ease mobility of farm inputs and produce, Government has concluded modalities for payment of counterpart fund to enable the state access a package from Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMD).

ENVIRONMENT:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in the environment sector, several projects were executed by Government, and these include:-

- (1) Payment of one Billion (N1Billion) as counterpart funding for the take-off of the Nigeria Erosion and Water Shade Management project. The World Bank on its

part released the sum of \$2 Million US Dollars to the project and it has since commenced operation.

- (2) Establishment and maintenance of road median plantings within Maiduguri Township.
- (3) Establishment of plastic Waste re-cycling plant.
- (4) Complete renovation of Sanda Kyarimi Park.
- (5) The raising of one Million (1,000,000) tree seedlings for free distribution to citizens especially those in the areas affected by the insurgency.

WATER RESOURCES:

During the year under review, Government has sustained the supply of six trucks of diesel monthly to power equipment at Alau Water Pumping Station, the Maiduguri Water Treatment Plant and several boreholes within MMC and Jere. In the same vein, Government procured 3,285 drums of calcium Hypochlorite, 1,824 metric tones of Aluminum Sulphate, 136.9 metric tones of Hydrated lime and 9.1 metric tones of Ammonium chemicals for the Maiduguri Water Treatment Plant to function optimally. Two generators were also procured to boost the supply of water through the Maiduguri Water Treatment Plant during the 2018 fiscal year. These efforts have resulted in the daily provision of 38 million liters of drinking water to residents and public institutions in MMC, Jere and its environs. Similarly, 83 million liters of water is distributed daily through government constructed bore-holes across the State.

WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

In the year 2018, which is under review, more than 10,000 women benefited from allocation of start-up capitals, materials and skill acquisition trainings. Adolescent girls were trained on skills acquisition through our collaboration with Education Crisis Response, in learning centres located in MMC, Hawul and Biu Local Government Areas. In the same vein, Government has continued to spend huge sums of money on the purchase of foodstuff and other necessities for the upkeep of orphans and vulnerable children at the Bulumkuttu Rehabilitation Centre.

Other efforts of Government in social development include the provision of Medicare and psychosocial support to widows, orphans and other internally displaced persons in the State, through specialized centres.

TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TOURISM:

In our bold drive towards re-industrialization of Borno State, government has accelerated the construction of a New Industrial layout with the following factories:

- 1 Bottled Water Production Company
- 2 Corn Chip Production Industry
- 3 Tomato and Pepper Production Company
- 4 Onion and Garlic Dehydration Processing Company
- 5 Drip Irrigation production Plant
- 6 Solar Plant Production Company.

All the machines and equipment required for these factories have been procured, some already installed and others being installed. On tourism, Government has embarked on renovation and construction of additional chalets, Conference hall and other facilities at the Lake Tilla Holiday Resort. Government has also constructed New Recreational Centre at Bulumkutu within Metropolis.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, the year 2018 can be described as a year which renewed hope for fellow citizens displaced by the unfortunate insurgency in parts of our dear State. The year witnessed the successful return of citizens to rebuilt communities in 14 Local Government Areas. We are optimistic that before the end of this administration, we will insha'Allah, regain peace and our displaced brothers and sisters will voluntarily return to safe and rebuilt communities.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, in the year 2018, we sustained our record of consistency on prompt payment of salaries to workers at civil service and political offices. Government has also been consistent in reducing arrears of gratuities to retired Civil Servants.

To recharge the Civil Service, Government embarked on the recruitment of workers in categories of medical Doctors, Nurses, Midwives, Engineers and Administrative staff.

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS:

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, Borno has been a convergence of religious faiths and scholarship. Government is well aware that citizens attach priority to religious needs. In that regard, Government has in 2018, constructed and rehabilitated several places of worship, cemeteries and graveyards across the state. Government continued its tradition of interventions on spiritual pilgrimages to Hajj and Jerusalem.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT:

In the year 2018 under review, Government procured sporting equipment worth Two Hundred and Seventy Five Million Naira (~~N~~275,000,000.00) . This is in addition to the payment of home and away match bonuses to players and the complete rehabilitation of a camp for players of El-Kanemi Warriors Football Club at the cost of One Hundred and forty- four Million (~~N~~144,000,000.00).

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, the activities of government rely on resources. We have as Government deployed means of increasing means of generating internal revenue. Government introduced Bank Payments on all Government.

In the same vein, Government has automated the tax administration system of the State Board of Internal Revenue in line with the Joint Tax Board (JTB) law applicable Nationwide.

Mr Speaker, I will like to summarise the 2018 Budget review by once again emphasizing, that what we achieved was because of immense support from members of the Borno State House Assembly. We will remain grateful and hopeful that we will consolidate on these achievements in the remaining five months of our administration.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019 BUDGET:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, having enumerated some of our modest achievements during the 2018 fiscal year, permit me to now present details of our proposals for the 2019 fiscal year. The executive is proposing a budget sum of **₦125,828,310,000** for both recurrent and capital expenditures. This budget shall be financed from Internally Generated Revenue of **₦17,498,355,000**, Federation Account Allocation of **₦86,759,118,000** and Capital Receipt of **₦21,570,837,000**. The total capital expenditure is **₦61,998,304,000** while the recurrent expenditure is **₦63,830,006,000**.

Mr. Speaker, you may have noticed that unlike our previous budget proposals in which allocation for capital expenditures was consistently higher than recurrent, this time around, allocation for recurrent is slightly higher than that of capital expenditures. The reasons are because most capital projects are at various stages of completion while comparatively fewer capital projects will be started in the 2019 fiscal year. In addition, Government intends to increase releases for payment of gratuities to retirees. The 2019 budget size is less than that of last year by **₦56,000,204,000** representing about **30.80%**. This in view of our desire to have a realistic budget.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, I will with once again need your patience, to now present sectoral allocations proposed for the 2019 fiscal year.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

Education has remained our topmost priority. For a state that has suffered setbacks from an ideology which seeks to destroy education, the best response is to continually invest heavily in education. The Ministry of education in Borno State, is statutorily responsible for formulating, planning and execution of educational policies and programmes of the State Government.

In the 2019 fiscal year, Government, through this Ministry, intends to complete all on-going projects in the school system and embark on construction of new projects at Galadima area; a two storey building of 30 classrooms at Dikwa Road and complete rehabilitation of Government Secondary School, Sakwa, among other projects.

To enable the Ministry undertake these projects, the total sum of **₦9,297,538,000** has been allocated for its capital and recurrent expenditures for 2019 fiscal year.

BORNO STATE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD:

The Universal Basic Education Board is charged with the responsibility of providing basic education to our children across the state. Therefore in the 2019 fiscal year, the Board will continue with its mandate of construction and rehabilitation of school infrastructure destroyed by the Boko Haram insurgents. Furthermore, office furniture,

computers, photocopying machines, teaching and learning equipment as well as vehicles for the day to day activities of the Board will be provided.

To execute its functions effectively, the sum of **₦2,227,300,000** has been allocated to the Board as capital and recurrent expenditures.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, in my earlier remarks, I had explained our strategy of changing primary schools in order to lay solid foundation of learning for children.

Our measures became more necessary in view of the emasculating effect of the Boko Haram insurgency, particularly on basic education which even in ordinary times, was faced with considerable deterioration and appalling lack of professional standard. In response to these, we are constructing, so far, 44 mega schools in different parts of the state. 24 of these are to be formally commissioned in February next year. Each of these schools will have in it, modern technology and educational resources that include computer tablets and interactive whiteboards that aim to move Borno's basic learning to a whole new level.

In pursuance of this objective, government, in the coming year, intends to establish an agency to be known as BORNO STATE MEGA SCHOOLS MANAGEMENT BOARD. The primary objective of this agency is to, among other things, set standard, design and operate a credible and result - oriented sustainability framework through the creation of a formidable and effective system of monitoring and evaluation, introduce an efficient management and administrative framework which could guarantee the sustained functionality of the schools

Teacher quality and effectiveness is a major challenge, which must be dealt with, as this has a significant effect on learning outcomes. In view of this, Government will engage specially trained and professionally capable teachers to teach in an academically conducive and socially convenient environment. The recruitment, promotion and disciplining processes of the relevant crop both teaching and non-teaching staff will be also be re-engineered to ensure good teacher quality in the schools.

These are part of government's policy decisions to transform our basic school system and bridge the huge gap created by the insurgency in the education sector. Government strongly believes that it is better to produce 1000 qualitative graduates who can hold their head high anywhere in the world than produce 30,000 virtually semi illiterate graduates who cannot add any value to governance or the society and instead become liabilities to the government.

In order to achieve these objectives government has allocated the sum of N2 billion in the 2019 budget proposal for the formal take off of mega schools across the state.

MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

The Ministry of Higher Education is charged with the responsibilities of planning and execution of educational policies and programmes of higher institutions in the State.

The Ministry coordinates, supervises and monitors the activities of all tertiary institutions in the State.

To enable the Ministry carryout its functions, Government has allocated the total sum of **₦8,958,640,000** for its capital and recurrent expenditures.

I will like to clarify that in summary, about 22.4 billion naira is allocated to primary, secondary and tertiary education in Borno State for the 2019 fiscal year.

MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT:

The Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement was created 2015 to carry out post conflict reconstruction of the areas destroyed by Boko Haram insurgents across the State.

In the 2019 fiscal year therefore, the Ministry will continue with its reconstruction and resettlement of destroyed communities until all our IDPs are resettled back home. It will also continue to collaborate with and coordinate the activities of our development partners with a view to achieving the desired objectives of not only resettlement but also economic revitalization.

For the Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement to effectively perform its critical functions in the 2019 fiscal year, the total sum of **₦4,737,861,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and capital expenditures.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH:

The Ministry of Health and Human Services has the statutory function of formulating and implementing health policies and programmes in the State. It also oversees health institutions, such as College of Nursing and Midwifery and College of Health Technology. With the Health challenges created by the insurgency, which necessitated the opening up of Health Centers in IDP Camps and general demand for health services as a result of increased population, Government has given approval for the recruitment of more Doctors, Nurses and Midwives as well as Para medicals.

In view of these, Government has allocated the total sum of **₦15,062,251,000** to the Ministry for its capital and recurrent expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources is allocated the sum of **₦3,911,582,000** to enable it continue to sustain the already established plantations in Tomsu Kawu and Mainok. It will also create more awareness among our farmers on production of crops such as Irish and Sweet Potatoes, Ginger and Oil Palm in areas that are suitable for these crops.

Other activities to be carried out include the establishment of pivot irrigation facilities across the State, procurement of farm inputs, seeds, fertilizer and agro chemicals for distribution to farmers.

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT:

The Ministry of Works and Transport has been allocated the sum of **₦7,482,500,000** to enable it consolidate on its achievements during the 2018 fiscal year. Specifically, it will complete all on-going projects like the construction of Damboa - Chibok - Mbalala road, production and laying of concrete interlocking blocks within MMC and Jere; among others.

BORNO STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGENCY:

The Agency is charged with construction and rehabilitation of rural roads and urban ones. For the 2019 fiscal year, the following ongoing projects will be completed; these include Damboa Road dualization, Mairi phase I, Mashamari, Maimusari, Ngomari phase I and II and Old Airport phase I and II. In the same vein, Ngala-Ran Road, Gadan Mallam-Balbaya-Fikahyel-Wade Road, Miringa-Gunda, Marghi Highway, Damasak-Mallam Fatori, Biu-Kwafa, Askira-Ngohi-Ngulde-Mandaragirau, among others would also be undertaken. To enable the Agency complete these road projects, the total sum of **₦3,184,659,000** has been allocated for the 2019 fiscal year.

MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES:

The Ministry of Water Resources is charged with the responsibility of providing portable water for both human and animal consumption. Consequently, Government intends to give greater attention to this sector in the 2019 fiscal year to meet the increasing demand of the population.

In this regard, Government will continue to drill additional Boreholes and procure facilities and accessories for the turnaround maintenance of the Maiduguri Water Treatment Plant, Alau Raw Water Pumping Station all existing and upcoming boreholes.

To enable the Ministry of Water Resources perform its functions effectively in the 2019 fiscal year, the total sum of **₦5,364,492,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and capital Expenditures.

MINISTRY OF ANIMAL RESOURCES AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT:

The Ministry of Animal resources and Fisheries Development is responsible for implementation of policies and Programmes on livestock, Fisheries and Poultry Production and control in the State. It is also charged with ensuring public adherence to Veterinary laws.

In the 2019 fiscal year, the Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries Development intends to widen its scope of operation to include areas that are hitherto inaccessible due to the security challenges to ensure adequate and quality Livestock, Fish and Poultry production. It will also engage in meat inspection and sales of supplementary Holding Centres and Issuance of Grazing Reserve permit as well as Hide and Skin trade licenses among others.

For the Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries Development to perform its functions effectively, the sum of **₦2,001,900,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and capital expenditures.

MINISTRY OF LAND AND SURVEY:

The Ministry of Land and Survey is charged with the responsibility of the overall administration and management of Land in the State. Its activities include physical planning of urban and rural areas, as well as survey and mapping of new layouts in the State.

To enable the Ministry undertake its statutory function, Government has allocated the total sum of **₦1,335,772,000** for its capital and recurrent expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT:

The Ministry of Environment is charged with the responsibility of combating desertification, control of flood and erosion as well as handling wildlife conservation in the State. The Ministry also ensures enforcement of Wild Life Laws and those against indiscriminate felling of trees.

To enable the Ministry continue undertaking its responsibility, the total sum of **₦3,433,400,000** has been allocated for both capital and recurrent expenditures for the fiscal year 2019.

MINISTRY OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TOURISM:

The Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism is charged with the responsibilities of initiating, facilitating and implementing State Government policies and programmes in respect of the promotion and development of Trade, Investment and Tourism in the State.

For the Ministry to perform its functions effectively in 2019, the total sum of **₦1,926,517,000** has been allocated for its capital and recurrent expenditures.

MINISTRY OF SPORTS AFFAIRS:

The Ministry of Sports Affairs is responsible for the development of sports and sporting activities as well as the provision of basic sporting infrastructure in the State. Sporting activities have been a unifying factor among peoples with different cultures, background and religious affiliations.

In the 2019 fiscal year therefore, Government intends to concentrate on the reinvigoration of the various sporting activities so as to develop young talents since relative peace has been attained in the State.

Accordingly, the total sum of **₦586,062,000** has been allocated to the Ministry for its capital and recurrent expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year.

MINISTRY OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT:

The Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Youth Empowerment is charged with the responsibility of empowering the youth, the unemployed and for a special reason, the victims of insurgency in Borno State. Over the years Government has executed several programmes that have touched the lives of the people especially the rural dwellers and urban poor in the areas of skills acquisition, distribution of assorted poverty alleviation

materials and creation of enabling environment for local markets to thrive. These programmes will be intensified in the coming year to cater for more youths and communities.

For the Ministry to continue its laudable programmes, Government has allocated the total sum of **₦1,888,622,000** for its capital and recurrent expenditures.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

The Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development is responsible for the provision of a wide range of Social Services, Women Empowerment and Child Development and a host of others.

For the 2019 fiscal year, additional facilities for orphans and Vulnerable Children and reconstruction of Remand Home Maiduguri will be undertaken. Other activities to be carried out in the 2019 fiscal year include construction of workshop for the Handicap, renovation of Blind and Inmates Hostel, women mobilization, re-orientation and empowerment as well as provision of social security support for the needy, destitute and physically challenged in the State.

To enable the Ministry undertake these activities, the total sum of **₦691,428,000** has been allocated for the 2019 fiscal year.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE:

The Ministry of Justice has the statutory role of protecting the fundamental human rights of citizens and enhancing their civil liberties. This is in addition to providing legal advice to the Government and its MDAs, the Police as well as drafting of Laws, Contract Agreements, MoUs and other legal instruments.

For a hitch-free administration of Justice, the sum of **₦1,452,244,000** has been allocated to the Ministry for recurrent and capital expenditures.

JUDICIARY:

For the Judiciary to undertake its activities especially rehabilitation and construction of High Court Halls and working equipment, the total sum of **₦2,105,909,000** has been allocated for both recurrent and capital expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year.

MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS:

The Ministry of Religious Affairs is charged with the responsibility of formulating and implementing of Government policies on religious matters as well as monitoring and evaluation of religious programmes in the State.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs intends to, undertake the establishment of three satellite offices at the three Senatorial Zones for the integration of Tsangaya pupils into the Universal Basic Education Scheme. Similarly Islamic Vocational Training Centres will also be constructed with a view to curtailing unemployment among the Tsangaya students. The take-off and implementation of the Zakkat committee will also be undertaken in 2019.

For the Ministry of Religious Affairs to perform these functions effectively, the Sum of **₦1,706,256,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and capital expenditures.

BORNO STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION:

The Borno State Independent Electoral Commission has the responsibility of organizing and conducting elections into Local government Councils in the State. The State electoral body is billed to conduct Local Government Elections in the fourth quarter of 2019 and undertake other capital projects. For the State electoral body to conduct a hitch free elections and execute other capital projects, the sum of **₦469,188,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and capital expenditures.

TEACHING SERVICE BOARD (TSB):

The Teaching Service Board is statutorily responsible for recruitment, supervision, training, promotion and discipline of Post-Primary School teachers. For the Teaching Service Board to effectively carry out its responsibilities, the sum of **₦4,942,234,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and Capital expenditures.

MINISTRY OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL DUTIES:

The Ministry of Inter-Governmental Affairs and Special Duties was established in 2011 to coordinate and harness the potentials of inter-governmental activities between the State and Federal Governments and to a large extent, International organizations. It also handles boundary matters.

To enable the Ministry discharge these functions effectively, the sum of **₦540,228,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and capital expenditures for the fiscal year 2019.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BUDGET & ECONOMIC PLANNING:

The Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning has the statutory responsibility of ensuring prudent management of public funds, effective collection of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) and monitoring Government expenditures to ensure compliance with laid down financial rules and regulations.

In order to undertake its statutory duties effectively, Government has allocated the total sum of **₦9,034,733,000** for its capital and recurrent expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND ENERGY:

The Ministry of Housing and Energy is charged with the responsibility of providing housing and electrification in the State.

In order to undertake its statutory duties effectively, Government has allocated the total sum of **₦3,988,129,000** for its capital and recurrent expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE:

The Government House being the seat of the Government, comprises the Office of the Executive Governor and his Deputy and controls activities of the Government through the Governor's Office. It handles issues of State Executive Council meetings, Security matters and takes care of all Government lodges among others. In the 2019 fiscal year, the Government House intends to procure security equipment, office accommodation, furniture and fittings, computers and accessories among others, to enable it perform its statutory functions more effectively.

For the Government House to undertake these functions in the 2019 fiscal year, the total sum of **₦1,495,480,000** has been allocated to it for both recurrent and capital expenditures.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, INFORMATION AND CULTURE:

The Ministry is the image maker of the Government which it carries out through information dissemination and public enlightenment on Government policies, actions and programmes. The Ministry also oversees the Borno Radio Television (BRTV) and Council for Arts and Culture.

Government has allocated the total sum of **₦1,664,200,000** to the Ministry for its 2019 capital and recurrent expenditures.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE COMMISSION:

The Local Government Service Commission is empowered to appoint, promote, transfer and discipline Local Government staff on GL 07 and above. In addition, the Commission is responsible for the training of all cadres of staff of the Local Government System.

To enable the Commission execute its functions, Government has allocated the total sum of **₦110,350,000** for its capital and recurrent expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year.

BOARD OF INTERNAL REVENUE:

The Statutory functions of the Borno State Internal Revenue Service include the generation of internal revenue from all sources available to the State. It also coordinates the collection of revenue by Ministries, Boards and Parastatals in the State. Government will in the 2019 fiscal year, also explore other sources of revenue to enhance the revenue profile of the State.

To enable the Board successfully execute its statutory functions therefore, the sum of **₦265,255,000** has been allocated to it for 2019 fiscal year.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:

The Governor's Office coordinates and oversees the activities of all the Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government. It comprises the Office of the Secretary to the State Government and that of the Head of Service. It is also responsible for general administration, establishment and pension matters.

In the 2019 fiscal year, Government intends to complete work on the Borno House in Abuja which is at **90%** completion stage.

For the Governor's Office to effectively perform its statutory role, the total sum of **₦18,981,453,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and capital expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year.

Allocation to the Governor's Office encompasses the Office of the Head of Service which statutorily handles Establishment Matters including pension and gratuity of retired public servants. For the payment of the entitlements of pensions which is domiciled in the office of the Head of Service, the sum of **₦11 billion** has been allocated.

Government intends to ensure the full take-off of the Mega Schools in the State and the establishment of the Borno State Mega Schools Management Board in 2019 which are to be handled by the Governor's Office. The sum of **₦2 billion** is allocated to the mega schools and the take-off of the Management Board for the purchase of instructional materials, recruitment and payment of the emoluments of teaching and non-teaching staff, the feeding of pupils of the mega schools as well as purchase of boarding facilities among others. The sum of **₦1.5 billion** is being allocated for the completion of the Borno House, in Abuja which also falls under the purview of the Governor's Office.

In addition, a total of **₦1.8 billion** has been allocated to the Governor's Office for SEMA and the purchase of security equipment and other logistics for our security Agencies as part of Governments efforts in assisting them in their continuous fight against the remnants of the insurgency and other criminal activities.

The Governor's Office has also been allocated the sum of **₦500 million** for the remuneration of political office holders and another **₦100 million** for the allowances of NYSC members.

BORNO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The legislature is an independent arm of the government charged with the responsibility of making Laws for the good governance of the state. The legislature also oversees the executive.

In the 2019 fiscal year, Government intends to construct House of Assembly Village in Maiduguri as obtained in other States of the Federation and settle all its commitments to the House. Government will also undertake the training and retraining of all Honourable members and staff, provide utility vehicles and look into the implementation of the consolidated legislative salary structure for staff of the Assembly.

For the House of Assembly to perform its functions effectively in the year 2019 the total sum of **₦3,350,176,000** has been allocated for its recurrent and capital expenditure.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

The Civil Service Commission is responsible for the appointment, promotion and discipline of civil servants in the State. The Commission will therefore be fully

empowered to undertake these responsibilities especially the on-going recruitment of staff to meet the shortfall of manpower in Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

For the Civil Service Commission to perform its functions effectively in the 2019 fiscal year, the total sum of **₦189,000,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and capital expenditures.

MINISTRY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND EMIRATE AFFAIRS:

The Ministry for Local Government and Emirate Affairs is responsible for coordinating and supervising the activities of Local Government Councils in the State. It also handles Joint Account of Local Governments as well as handle issues of Emirate Councils for peaceful and harmonious coexistence.

For the Ministry for Local Government and Emirate Affairs to effectively perform its functions in 2019, the total sum of **₦2,664,175,000** has been allocated to it for its recurrent and capital expenditures.

CONCLUSION:

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I wish to once again extend my sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to all members of the Borno State House of Assembly, the State Executives of our dear Party, the APC and other Executives in the Party hierarchy as well as Party members, for their continues support and cooperation, over the years, which enabled to record remarkable achievements in various fields in the State. I urge you to continue in similar vein and not to relent in your determination to assist us in overcoming the formidable security and institutional challenges facing the State.

Mr Speaker, Honourable members and distinguished guests, as I said from beginning, this will be my last budget presentation as Governor of Borno State.

In the course of working with this house and all other components of our society, I might have inadvertently stepped on some toes either in my personal capacity or in the implementation of certain policy decisions which could not have been in the interest of certain individuals. To err is human and as human, I might have erred. I seek the forgiveness of everyone. On my part, I have lived with a policy of forgiving those who err against me before going to bed every night. I have wholeheartedly forgiven all those who might have erred against me.

Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, I will like to once again express my gratitude to this house. It is now my honour and eternally cherished privilege to lay before the house my last budget as Governor of Borno State. It is the 2019 **“Budget of Consolidation”** which we pray, hope and intend to implement for the good people of Borno State and for humanity.

Thank you for your attention and may Allah grant us lasting peace and prosperity in Borno State and rest of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.