



Presentation of the Year 2025 Appropriation Bill to the Jigawa State House of Assembly by His Excellency, Malam Umar A. Namadi, FCA, the Executive Governor of Jigawa State

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The Right Honorable Speaker,
Other Principal Officers & Honorable Members of the State House of Assembly
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamu Alaikum, Warahamatullahi Ta'ala Wabarakatuhu.

All praises be to Allah, the Most Beneficent and Most Merciful. May the Peace and Blessings of Allah (SWT) be upon our Noble Prophet, Muhammad (SAW).

It is with immense gratitude to Allah, Malik-ul-Mulk – the Most High and Owner of all Sovereignty - that I stand before you this morning to present the Year 2025 Proposed Budget Estimates of the Jigawa State Government. I am doing this with a high sense of responsibility in consideration of the enormity of the annual planning and budget processes which must necessarily reflect our socioeconomic reform agenda and policy priorities for the budget to effectively serve as the annual plan for discharging our obligations to the over seven million residents in the State. The Appropriation Bill I would be submitting to the Honourable House today is the culmination of a painstaking exercise to ensure that the proposed budget comprehensively represents our unwavering commitment to focus attention on all the building blocks for Greater Jigawa and socioeconomic wellbeing of its people.

2. Honourable Speaker, while our 12-Point Agenda and all the Commitments associated with it as well as the State Comprehensive Development Framework remained our reference points in crafting the budget, as usual, we also conducted extensive stakeholder consultations to ensure that this annual fiscal plan remains

responsive to the yearnings and aspirations of the people in Jigawa State. Also, in addition to high-level review of the draft budget chaired by myself involving extensive deliberations and greater scrutiny, the proposed budget I am about to present was also respectively endorsed and approved by the State Economic Planning Board and the State Executive Council. Accordingly, it is my firm conviction that the 2025 Appropriation Bill, once considered and passed by the Honourable House, would allow us to uninterruptedly sustain the tempo of progress in delivering our commitments to our people.

3. The outgoing 2024 Fiscal Year has really been very eventful for us in Jigawa State for which we are extremely grateful to Allah for all His blessings. Even as the challenge of reforming Nigerian Economy to achieve long term stability and prosperity has continued to have telling effects on people's daily life as a result of inflation and other pains of structural adjustments, it is gratifying to note that the policies and programmes we are pursuing in Jigawa State have been recording positive impact on the socioeconomic wellbeing of the people.

4. We thank Allah, *Ar-Razzaq*, the Provider, for His bountiful generosity in blessing our programs and interventions across all sectors resulting in the alleviation of the socioeconomic living conditions of the people. Our policy initiatives and intervention programs around improvement of food security, agricultural diversification, economic empowerment, provision of means of sustainable livelihoods, regular provision of palliative and welfare support to vulnerable segments of the population, sustained access to improved social services, and development of economic infrastructures have all recorded significant progress, particularly in the last twelve months. Above all these, our policy stance on adherence to the principles of good governance largely characterized by accountability, transparency, rule of law and institutional strengthening have also continued to contribute to the success of our programmes.

5. As I said, the year was really very eventful. Amidst our success stories in the delivery of our sectoral programs and other policy interventions, we would all recall the devastating floods that happened around August which affected more than half of the Local Governments in the State resulting in the death of over 30 people, displacement of more than 14,000 households and destruction of farmlands and other properties worth several billions of Naira. Few months later in October, we also witnessed the unprecedented tragedy of petrol-tanker explosion in Majia resulting in the death of over 200 young people with hundreds sustaining injuries some of whom are still hospitalized. While still commiserating with those affected by these tragedies – directly or indirectly - I would also take this opportunity to express the sincere

appreciation of the Jigawa State Government to all those that empathized with us and generously donated in one way or the other to bring relief and succor to those affected.

6. These tragedies have taught us many lessons for which government is presently institutionalizing measures to mitigate future occurrence of such calamities or at least cushion their severity if they inevitably occur. These include the development of Jigawa State Flood Contingency Plan, Establishment of a Disaster & Emergency Trust Fund and strengthening our multisectoral institutions for Emergency Preparedness and Response. May Allah protect us from ever witnessing calamities of such proportions whether in Jigawa State or anywhere else.

7. Looking back at the last 12 months in terms of the implementation of our Fiscal Plans, I feel fulfilled by the fact that we have attained significant milestones towards the realization of our vision of Greater Jigawa. We are recording success stories virtually across all sectors both in terms of public service delivery and development of social and economic infrastructures necessary for transformative growth and development. I am truly delighted with outputs and outcomes we are seeing which are already having a profound impact on the socioeconomic wellbeing of the people.

8. Mr. Speaker, before I proceed with the details of the 2025 Proposed Estimates, permit me at this stage to briefly highlight on some of the remarkable progress we have accomplished in the implementation of the 2024 Approved Budget.

Review of 2024 Fiscal Year

9. Honorable Members would recall that Law No. 9 of 2023 has appropriated the sum of ~~N~~298.14 billion for the Services of the Government of Jigawa State covering the period of 1st January to 31st December 2024. Subsequently, Law No. 4 of 2024 was enacted to appropriate an additional ~~N~~85.41 billion making the total appropriations for the 2024 Fiscal Year to be ~~N~~383.55 billion. Despite subsequent amendment via Law No. 14 of 2024 involving internal adjustments amounting to ~~N~~16.43 billion, the total amount appropriated for the year remained at ~~N~~383.55 billion.

10. Preliminary assessment of budget implementation built on the Third Quarter Report published in October by the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning to incorporate the fiscal operations in the succeeding months indicated a very satisfactory performance. The review indicated that overall revenue and expenditure outturns for the entire fiscal year would be approximately about ~~N~~429.6 billion and ~~N~~331.0 billion respectively. Compared against the total appropriation for the year – that is inclusive of the Supplementary Appropriations - these represent budget

performance to over 110% with respect to revenue accruals and about 86% on the expenditure side. Further assessment of the two main expenditure components indicated that recurrent expenditure financing would amount to almost ₦121.0 billion representing about 94% performance while up to ₦210 billion equivalent to about 83% performance would be the final capital expenditure outturn during the year. As we would see, the outputs and outcomes associated with these were equally very delightful, confirming that we are on track to deliver our commitments to the people of Jigawa State.

11. As regards personnel emoluments, throughout the year, we have sustained the tradition of payment as and when due including payment of monthly pensions for the Pay-As-You-Go and Contributory Pension Schemes. We are all aware of the challenges that faced the State's Contributory Pension Scheme leading to delays in the settlement of retirement benefits for newly retired civil servants. To restore normalcy, we have, during the year, injected over ₦5.5 billion into the scheme in addition to the normal 17% monthly Government Contribution for which over ₦1.41 billion was also paid. This was despite the fact that about ₦858 million was added into the monthly salary bill of the State Government through the recruitment of over 5,500 staff under J-Teach, J-Health, J-Agro Programmes, as well as conversion of over 1,000 and 4,500 staff each under both J-Health and J-Teach respectively into Permanent and Pensionable status.

12. Also, as recently announced, the State Government has approved the implementation of the new ₦70,000 National Minimum Wage with consequential adjustments in the general scale to ensure that the impact of the increase permeates through all salary grade levels and steps. This has already become effective 1st of December 2024 as per the agreement signed with the organized labour unions. It is worth mentioning that while most of the lower and middle level cadres will have gross increases above 120%, the average increase across all grade level is as much as 90%. In addition, due to certain peculiarities and in order to address disparities that were causing high staff turnover, the State has adopted a similar salary structure with the Federal Government in respect of health sector and tertiary educational institutions.

13. It is also pleasing to inform Honourable Members that while ensuring sustained release of overhead cost to all Ministries, Departments and Agencies, we have taken some important decisions during the year in line with our commitment for improved public service delivery and the wellbeing of our people. These include among others:

- i. Full implementation of the reviewed domestic and foreign students scholarships for which over ₦6.68 billion was paid during the year.
- ii. Review of rate of institutional feeding in schools, health facilities and social welfare institutions.
- iii. Introduction of several welfare programs including Ramadan Iftar Feeding Program, Workers' Palliative Shop, Workers' Agricultural loan, and other emergency relief initiatives in response to both major and minor disasters that have affected people.

Review of Performance on Capital Investment Programs

14. Total Capital Expenditure Appropriations for the 2024 Fiscal Year was about ₦254.2 billion inclusive of the Supplementary Budget Estimates. As earlier mentioned, the total outturn by the end of the year is expected to reach up to ₦210 billion. This represents almost 83% performance, which is adjudged to be very satisfactory, especially when compared against last years' corresponding performance of about 63%.

15. Members would recall that the primary policy objectives and priorities sought to be achieved were generally centered around inclusive and human-centered economic growth covering areas such as agriculture, critical infrastructure, human development services, targeted youths and women empowerment, social Protection interventions, environmental sustainability, and governance/institutional reforms. We are confident that the achievements recorded in all these areas have not only facilitated the consolidation of previous interventions but have also firmly placed a development trajectory that would deliver our vision of Greater Jigawa. This is consistent with the thrust of budget which was tagged "**... the Budget for a Greater Jigawa...**". Permit me to briefly elucidate to you further on some of the achievements that were recorded during the year in terms of specific key outputs and outcomes.

- i. **Agricultural Transformation** –Agriculture plays crucial role in all our interventions to inclusively and sustainably develop the economy of Jigawa State. While supporting the attainment of food security and promoting economic diversification, the forward and backward linkage provided by the sector strongly facilitates most of our economic empowerment interventions and the growth of small and medium scale enterprises in the State. Our sustained support and initiatives in the implementation of our Agricultural Transformation Agenda has firmly placed Jigawa State as a leading producer of some major crops in Nigeria including wheat, rice, sesame and hibiscus.

From our subsidized supplies of critical agricultural inputs to the massive agricultural support provided to farmers under our J-CARES Program, to our participation in the National Wheat Production Program and implementation of the Rice Millionaires Initiative, hundreds of thousands of farmers in the State were supported and empowered making Jigawa State proud as a leading crop producer in Nigeria. This has also significantly contributed to the National quest for food security and economic diversification. Some of the key milestones achieved during the year included:

- a) Sustained support for the Wheat and Rice production Programs involving the provision of highly subsidised quality inputs and high-quality extension services for which over 1,500 additional extension agents were recruited and trained. This has ensured full coverage of the 55,000 ha that was cultivated during the last wheat season flagged up in November last year. Government's support included the de-risking of wheat program in partnership with Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) through the provision of guarantee for the farmers.
- b) Successful launch of the Civil Servants' Agricultural Support Program designed to support government workers to achieve household food security and diversify their source of income. About 6,600 civil servants and other Government officials participated in the maiden program launched in July with over ₦2.36 billion disbursed in form of direct supply of subsidized inputs and soft loans targeting the cultivation of rice, sorghum, millet and sesame.
- c) Establishment of Jigawa Farm Mechanisation Company and procurement of 300 tractors, 60 combine harvesters and other implements including planters and thrashers. This is in line with our commitment to promote agricultural mechanization and drastically reduce farm drudgery. This we believe will make it possible to bring more of our arable lands under cultivation, attract more people into the agricultural sector and drastically boost agricultural production. This will also further enhance the State's competitive advantage to complements our existing comparative advantage. In addition, by its design, the Farm Mechanisation Company will produce direct and indirect jobs to hundreds of our youth. Already, thirty qualified young men, selected through painstaking nomination process, one from each of the 30 State Constituencies, are in China receiving rigorous training as Master Tractor Technicians.

d) Worthy of mention as one of the major milestones achieved during the year is the recruitment of about 1,500 Extension under the J-AGRO Extension Worker Scheme, and 300 Community Animal Health Extension Agents under the Jigawa Mobile Veterinary Clinics. This is part of our commitment to improve access to quality extension service to our teeming famers and herdsmen in the State.

- ii. **Critical Infrastructure** – Committed to advancing critical infrastructure, particularly roads development, our progress has been very spectacular over the last one year. As it was, Jigawa State is one of the highly rated states in Nigeria in terms of the extent of road networks traversing all parts of the State, thanks to the performance of previous administrations in the State. It would be recalled that our administration inherited over 26 ongoing road projects covering a distance of about 340 kilometres awarded at the cost of ₦91 billion at various stages of completion. Total outstanding liabilities and contractual commitments on these projects amounted to about ₦60 billion at the time we took over. To date, 23 of these projects have been completed and settled leaving only three still ongoing, and at advanced completion stage. Major among those completed include Sule Tankarkar-Amanga-Mai Tsamiya- Garin Alko; Kwanar Kuka-Gansanya-Akurya-Tafa, Girimbo-Gantsa-Sara and the complete rehabilitation of failed sections of several roads affected by Flood Erosion.

16. In an unprecedented move, we have also, during the year, awarded contracts for 45 road projects covering over 830 kilometres to be executed at the total cost of about ₦300 billion over a period of about two years. This is in consideration of the importance of a niche of good road networks in accelerating socioeconomic growth and development and in response to the yearnings of the citizens for whom provision of roads has continued to be a topmost priority. Scope of work includes construction of completely new regional, township and feeder roads as well as rehabilitation and asphalt overlay of some existing roads. Presently, all the 45 awarded road project contracts are ongoing with almost all the contractors already paid mobilization advance totalling about ₦30 billion. Let me assure Honourable Members, and indeed citizens of Jigawa State and the Contractors executing these projects, that we are determined to see the completion of the projects within the agreed timelines for which adequate arrangements have been put in place to ensure effective supervision and prompt settlements of all payments certificates once duly raised by the State Due Process and Project Monitoring Bureau.

- iii. **Power and Renewable Energy** - Our focus on Critical Infrastructure includes the implementation of power and renewable energy projects for improved access to power supply in the State. In addition to the sustained implementation of conventional rural electrification projects, we are also making concerted efforts to provide an enabling policy environment to achieve our objectives in the sector. In this regard, following the establishment of the Ministry of Power and Energy, I have recently accented the State Electricity Bill passed by this Honourable House to provide for a Law establishing an Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State. This was in a bid to promote access to electricity through increased private sector investments in the sector as well as to regulate the generation and transmission of electricity. With an already existing off-grid power policy and the deregulation of the power sector, we now have an opportunity to explore the prospects of public private sector partnerships in grid, mini-grid and other off-grid electricity options using renewable and non-renewable fuel sources to boost power supply in the State. It is worthy of note that in pursuit of our vision for the power sector, we have already signed a Memorandum of Understanding with KEDCO in which Jigawa State has about 7.5% stake which we are working to increase to 10% in the next fiscal year.

In terms of commitment to improving access to power supply to our communities, I am pleased to inform Honourable Members that in addition to procurement and installation of transformers to replace dysfunctional ones in various location, we also completed some ongoing projects including restoration of Auyo-Kafin Hausa Line and electrification projects at Dundubus, Yankwashi, GarunGabas Tsohuwa, Balangu, Ona Fandun, and Unguwar Zango Quarters in Kafin Hausa. In addition, contracts were also awarded for restoration of Gagarawa – Majia - Taura and Ringim power transmission lines. Also, in a bid to reduce the cost of energy consumption, I am pleased to inform the Honourable House that just yesterday, Government has awarded a multi-million Naira contract for the establishment of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Conversion Center. The cost-benefit analysis of the project has clearly indicated that besides being more eco-friendly, the project will result in huge financial savings for the Government.

- iv. **Information & Communication Technology** - As a component of critical infrastructure, one of the overarching commitments in our 12-point agenda is the pursuit of an ICT revolution to support the development of a digital

economy, and the implementation of the State's e-governance master plan. We believe, investment in these areas will reposition the State to be a major player in the Fourth Industrial Revolution which comes with limitless opportunities for our youths in terms of job opportunities as well as opportunities for transformation of the State's economy and improvement of public service delivery. To lead the implementation of this vision, the Honourable House has, earlier this year, passed an executive bill on the establishment of Jigawa State ICT & Digital Economy Agency which is presently at take-off stage. We believe by investing in the ICT sector, this would facilitate an accelerated growth of the State Economy in a very inclusive manner. Some of key milestones achieved in the pursuit of our commitments in the ICT Sector include:

- a) Commencement of several interventions and specialised training programs to leverage on the power of ICT to improve service delivery. These include the launch of an Educational Management Information System and J-COMPETE initiative meant to create opportunity for mastery, proficiency, excellence and technological empowerment for teachers and students in Jigawa State.
 - b) Launch of ICT and Digital Economy Training for State Civil Servants to facilitate the implementation of the State's e-Governance Policy.
 - c) Launch of an ICT Outsourcing Initiative in collaboration with GLUWA focusing on Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain Technology with a view to reposition Jigawa State as a hub for global outsourcing services. We believe this is an opportunity for our teeming youth to venture into the Digital World of ICT Outsourcing and reap all the benefits that it offers particularly in terms of job creation and opportunities to contribute to the growth of our economy.
 - d) Launch of a tender process for the renovation and remodeling of Ibrahim Saminu Turaki Tower which will serve as Headquarters of the State ICT and Digital Economy Agency.
- v. **Youth Empowerment and Employment Initiatives** – As I once observed, with preponderance of youth in our population, high dependency ratio, and high rate of youth unemployment, we considered it obligatory to rededicate efforts in the pursuit of innovative and well-targeted empowerment programs that would massively generate jobs & employment opportunities for our youth, economically empower the general population and support the promotion of entrepreneurship and skill development. This informed the decision to

establish the Economic Empowerment and Youth Employment Agency at the dawn of our administration last year. It is deeply satisfying to report that the Agency has recorded remarkable progress in meeting the objectives for which it was established through its numerous and diverse programs and interventions. Since its establishment, the Agency has mounted more than 50 programmes with over 291,000 individuals, mostly the youths, benefiting from the various economic empowerment, skills development and youth employment programmes. In particular, the Agency has provided economic empowerment of over 205,000 people largely youths & women, generated jobs and employment opportunities for about 26,000 youths and conducted various skills acquisition programs covering up to 60,000 beneficiaries.

17. These accomplishments were largely delivered through the various programmes of Agency including among others, Business and Empowerment Grants disbursement for Women, People With Disabilities and NANO Businesses, Water Equipment and Rice Millionaires Initiatives, Hand Pump Repairs and Modern Solar Installation Training Programs, Distribution of Mobile Food Vendor Machines, Retail Shops and Tricycle Machines, as well as Digital Skills Acquisition Training Program for Young Talents. In a bid to expand the coverage of our empowerment initiatives, we have concluded arrangements to install six industrial-scale modern embroidery machines in Dutse, Gumel and Hadejia which is in addition to 10 small machines provided in each of the Centers. This, we believe, will not only enhance vocational training and skills development but will also help generate jobs and create employment opportunities for our youths.

18. In addition, we have, through this Agency, entered into partnerships with several institutions to facilitate the implementation of various interventions programmes by the State Government. These include:

- a) Fund Management and Matching Fund Arrangements with Jai'z Bank and Bank of Industry for loan disbursement to Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises in the State through which over ~~N4~~ billion has been ring-fenced with the Banks specifically for this purpose. So far about 45 business enterprises from the State have been able to access ~~N800~~ million through this window.
- b) Partnership Agreement and Collaborations with Industrial Training Fund on skills development programs, National Information Technology Development Agency on ICT & Digital Skills Acquisition for our youth, as well as the **National Agency for the Great Green Wall** on the participation of our

youth in initiatives related to environmental conservation and sustainable development.

- c) Legislator's Empowerment Program involving the disbursement of SME Loans to 1,000 per Beneficiaries Constituency with 30,000 Beneficiaries accessing a total ₦900 million.

19. Human Development Services – Ensuring access to functional and qualitative education at all levels and qualitative and affordable healthcare services are topmost among our priority objectives aimed at improving the State's human development index. As pledged, our targets include addressing key challenges such as the phenomenon of out-of-school children, human resources deficits in both the education and health sectors, the dearth for infrastructure and facilities, and ensuring general improvements in the quality-of-service delivery. I am happy that much has been accomplished in the last one year in addressing these challenges and implementing new interventions resulting in the expansion of access with improved quality of public service.

20. For the Education Sector as a whole, based on the third Quarter Budget Implementation Report, it is extrapolated that total outturn across all expenditure components including contractual commitments in the sector would amount to around ₦84 billion representing almost a quarter of the total actual expenditure for the year. This underscores the consistency between our expressed commitment to total revitalization of the education sector and our expenditure commitments. Our accomplishments in the sector include:

- i. Massive rehabilitation of structures across both the basic and post-basic levels.
- ii. Significant improvement in teacher-student ratio through recruitment of 4,500 teachers on Permanent & Pensionable basis as well as additional 3,000 as J-Teach.
- iii. Procurement of school furniture and instructional materials including the supply of ICT Equipment such as Tabs, Kyan Machines and other gadgets for the implementation of our new policy on ICT for Schools.
- iv. Sustained teacher development programmes.

21. At the post-basic level, we have reviewed the concept of the so-called Centers of Excellence for which we have selected 8 Senior Secondary Schools, presently being upgraded consistent with the name and status of a Center of Excellence.

Further to this and consistent with our vision for the sector, we have also established two new Agencies and reviewed the administrative structures and functions of two other existing ones. These comprised of the State Tsangaya Education Board, Senior Secondary Education Management Board, State Educational Quality Assurance Agency hitherto known as State Educational Inspectorate & Monitoring Unit, and Educational Resources Directorate, hitherto a Department.

22. For the tertiary education level, much is also being done to expand and improve on their capacity and performance. This was what informed some of the changes that were injected in the management structure of some of the institutions. It is pleasing to report that most of the Institutions were able to reposition themselves and get more course accreditations.

23. In an unprecedented move, State Government is presently in the process of acquiring the first private university in State located in Majia, Taura Local Government known as Khadija University. On complete takeover, the State Government intends to transform the University into a Specialized Institution to be run on a basis of Public-Private Partnership. We have also recently reviewed the contract for the construction of the faculty of medicine at Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa which was awarded at the twilight of the last administration. The review was found to be necessary to take care of grave omissions in the initial design including the construction of specialized departments, laboratories, heavy duty electrical installations, and other administrative structures. As a result, the contract was reviewed from over ₦2.74 billion to about ₦6.5 billion Naira. The review also affected the ongoing construction two 480 capacity Female Students' Hostel Blocks.

24. Honourable Speaker, let me emphasise that we remain ever-committed to our pledge of improvements in the quality of education through sustained investment in infrastructure, human resource development and improving staff and students' welfare conditions at all levels of the educational strata.

25. For the Health Sector, much has also been accomplished in line with our objective for improved access to qualitative and affordable services. Highlights of achievements in the Sector include:

- a. Review of Primary Healthcare Development Agency Law and Jigawa State Contributory Health Insurance Management Agency Law. These reviews have made it possible to streamline the functions, funding and human resources management of our Primary Healthcare Facilities allowing for full implementation of the policy of Primary Health Care Under One Roof and the introduction of

Health Equity Fund which enables us to expand the coverage of community health insurance through the enrolment of 143,000 poor and vulnerable population into social health insurance scheme. It is worthy of note that with the review of the PHCDA Law, the State Government has now assumed 40% responsibility of the personnel emoluments of all LGA Primary Healthcare Staff, thereby reducing the financial burden on the Local Government Councils which allows the PHCDA to fully take charge of the development and management of human resources for health at that level.

- b. Recruitment of 1,200 health workers on permanent and pensionable basis, 900 JHEALTH Staff and absorption 250 midwives engaged under GAVI as well as additional 1,000 J-Health. These recruitments have significantly contributed to the narrowing of the human resource deficit in the health sector.
- c. Revitalization of 37 apex Primary Healthcare Centers across the State which involved provision of additional structures and facilities including perimeter wall fencing to provide security, solar power electricity, complete solar-powered water scheme, and staff quarters for midwives to ensure the provision of 24-hour service in the facilities.
- d. Improvement in access to secondary healthcare services through the completion of Gantsa, Guri, Gwaram and Gwiwa General Hospitals, establishment of Dialysis Center with free dialysis services at Gumel and Hadejia General Hospitals, provision of a new accident and emergency unit at Gumel General Hospital, and installation of complete solar power system at Dutse, Gumel and Kafin Hausa General Hospitals. Related to this was the commencement of two new General Hospitals at Kafin-Hausa and Ringim.
- e. For the inherited ongoing Hadejia and Kazaure Specialist Hospitals, and Orthopedic Hospital Gumel, we have made significant progress towards the completion of construction works, and equipping/installation of hospital and medical equipment. The contracts for these projects had to be reviewed upward during the year largely due to revised scope of work to cater for omissions in the initial designs.
- f. Sustained implementation of the Free Maternal and Child Healthcare Services complimented with a upward review of maternal cash transfer of pregnant and lactating mothers now expanded to cover 30 women per ward with the benefit package reviewed to ₦5,000 monthly.

g. Commencement of a state-of-the-art Diagnostic and Cardiac Centre in Dutse.

26. Honourable Speaker and Members, permit me at this stage to give you brief rundown of some of the other accomplishments achieved in the implementation of the 2024 budget.

- i. Provision of mass housing projects across some of the major urban centres in the State including Dutse, Hadejia, Ringim, Kazaure, Gumel, Kafin Hausa, and Babura. We hope to soon commission completion of Phase I comprising of 500 houses across these locations. We are presently planning for the uptake of the houses through the Federal Mortgage Bank to enable civil servants to take ownership of the houses at subsidised rate based on owner-occupier arrangements. Arrangements have also reached an advanced stage to commence Phase II of the Mass Housing Program.
- ii. Progress in the implementation of Environmental Development and Protection Programs were generally in the area of Flood and Erosion Control, Forest Nurseries Development and Production of Seedlings for the development of our Forests Reserve & Shelterbelts, and other Nature Conservation and Climate-change related activities. Through both the World Bank assisted Agro-Climate Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscape Project (ACReSAL) and other conventional projects we have been able, during the year, to accomplish a lot in these respects. As would be recalled, we have in July this year flagged-off the distribution of 5.5 Million Tree Seedlings produced as part of our crusade against desertification, deforestation and other forms of environmental degradation. We have also, during the year, constructed over 34 kilometers of drainages and reclaim 105 kilometers of eroded areas in 44 affected communities across the 27 Local Government Areas of the State. Only few days ago, we have also commenced a mega Gully Erosion and Flood Mitigation Project at Danmasara and Kargo/Yalwawa which would involve the construction of about seven 7 kilometers of drainage structures and reclaim over 400 hectares of land along the gully corridor. This multi-billion Naira Project is meant to ensure environmental protection and restoration of sustainable means of livelihoods for the thousands of households that leave within the affected communities.
- iii. One of our priorities for development of Jigawa State is providing an enabling environment for the growth of small and medium scale enterprises and mobilization of private sector investments in growing the state's economy. Actions taken in this direction include collaboration with the Manufacturers

Association of Nigeria to make the Gagarawa Industrial Cluster operational. Already five industries are in the process of establishing their factories. We have also developed comprehensive master plans for the development of three modern markets in Dutse, Hadejia and Maigatari which we hope to develop through a Public-Private Sector Partnership. As earlier mentioned, we have started implementing an MoU with the BoI which created a ~~₦~~6 billion revolving fund facility to support SMEs and large enterprises to access the necessary capital that would support their growth and contributions to the development of our State's economy. It is also worth noting that most of our economic empowerment grants are targeted towards the support of small and micro entrepreneurs to achieve the same objective.

- iv. To achieve our target of universal access to Water Supply and Sanitation Services, Government has continued to invest massively in the sector with over ~~₦~~8.66 billion expended during the year. Over 46% of this, amounting to over ~~₦~~4.01 billion, was expended on the procurement of diesel and lubricants for all the urban and small-town water schemes across the State. The balance of almost ~~₦~~4.7 billion was invested on the rehabilitation and improvement of 53 Water Schemes, Conversion of 221 Motorized Water Schemes to Solar-powered, Construction of 541 Hand Pump and 77 Simple Solar Water Schemes and Procurement of Pumps, Boosters and other Working Equipments for routine maintenance.
- v. On Women & Social Development, our commitment is to continuously evolve and implement policies and programs on the socioeconomic empowerment of women as well as promotes the protection, survival and development of vulnerable populations. In this regard, we have during the year implemented several women empowerment interventions and expanded the social protections space to cover the entire life cycle and capture more beneficiaries. In particular about ~~₦~~750 million was expended various on women economic empowerment programs including micro business cash grants, a 3-months long women skills acquisition program conducted in Dutse Women Development Center, and provision of business start-up package. These programs have significantly contributed to financial inclusion and entrepreneurship for over 13,600 women across the State. Furthermore, even as we are presently reviewing Social Security Law to enable the State Government to take greater responsibilities in the payment of monthly Social Security Allowance to People with Disability, we have already approved an upward review of the benefit package from ~~₦~~7,000 to ~~₦~~10,000 and the enrolment of more beneficiaries to take care of the attrition

that has affected the scheme over the years. Equally, we have approved the introduction of new social protection interventions which would include cash grants, health insurance coverage and social care for the vulnerable population aged sixty-five and above for which enrolment will commence in the coming weeks.

27. With these highlights Mr. Speaker, it is our conviction that we are firmly on track to deliver our commitments to the people of Jigawa State and achieve our vision for Greater Jigawa State. In virtually all sectors, we hope to leave lasting legacies that would stand the test of time in contributing to the socioeconomic wellbeing of our people in a very sustainable manner. Let me at this stage present the high points of the Year 2025 Budget.

The 2025 Proposed Budget

28. As we aim to sustain the current tempo and development trajectory in the delivery of our development priorities and the attainment of our vision for Greater Jigawa, the specific objectives that informed the preparation of the 2025 budget were largely adopted from our 2024 – 2026 Medium Term Expenditure Framework. These were generally informed by our 12-Point Agenda, the State Comprehensive Development Framework and other extant sectoral policy documents. Accordingly, the policy thrust which provided the context for the 2025 Proposed Budget include among others:

- i. Inclusive and human-centered economic growth particularly agriculture, small & medium scale enterprises, and critical infrastructure.
- ii. Access to effective and efficient human development services with lasting impact on the State's human development indices.
- iii. Targeted youths and women empowerment programmes for job and employment creation.
- iv. Social Protection interventions aimed at reducing vulnerabilities and extreme poverty.
- v. Expanded role of the private sector in growing the state's economy.
- vi. Environmental Sustainability and effective Land Administration.
- vii. Institutional and governance reforms aimed at improving the effectiveness of public institutions.

Highlights of the 2025 Proposed Estimates

29. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege at this stage, to present to you the Year 2025 Budget tagged **"The Budget of Innovation & Transformation For Greater Jigawa"**, which as I said, is meant to sustain the momentum of progress along the same development trajectory we have charted for the State through the implementation of the 2024 Budget. Based on the Consolidated Revenue and Expenditure Estimates derived from the 2025 – 2027 Medium term Expenditure Framework, I would be presenting to the Honourable House a Bill to appropriate the sum of **Six Hundred and Ninety-Eight Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira (₦698,300,000,000)** for the services of the Jigawa State Government during the 2025 Fiscal year. This is about 82% higher than the total appropriations in the 2024 Fiscal Year which was ₦383.55 billion. While this may be seen as ambitious, especially when considered relative to the 2024 Appropriation, we are optimistic and confident that it is as realistic as it is policy-based and well-conceived to deliver the strategic development objectives of the State.

30. The breakdown of the major revenue sources for funding the budget are as follows:

(i)	Statutory Allocation from the Federation Account	₦ 34,000,000,000
(ii)	State Share of Value Added Tax	₦ 80,000,000,000
(iii)	Other Federal Transfers including Forex Equalization, Exchange Gain, Share of Solid & Non-Mineral Revenue Receipts, EMT & Signature Bonus	₦ 134,100,000,000
(iv)	Internally Generated Revenues	₦ 130,682,500,000
(v)	2025 Opening Balance	₦ 100,000,000,000
(vi)	Other Capital Receipts comprising Grants, SUKUK Bonds and Expected Loan drawdowns from the World Bank& ISDB	₦ 219,517,500,000

31. For the major expenditure components, breakdown of the proposed ₦698.3 billion consolidated expenditure estimates is as follows:

(i)	Personnel Cost for Ministries, Departments and Agencies	₦ 66,230,485,000
(ii)	Personnel Cost (Local Education Authorities	₦ 24,500,000,000
(iii)	Overhead Costs & Other Non Salary Recurrent Expenditure	₦ 59,019,515,000
(iv)	Provisions for Contingency and Stabilization Funds	₦ 7,000,000,000
(v)	Public Debt Charges	₦ 4,800,000,000
(vi)	Capital Expenditure Investment Programs	₦ 536,750,000,000

32. Mr. Speaker, from the foregoing expenditure breakdown, it would be observed that the total Recurrent Expenditure amounts to about ₦149.75 billion representing slightly over 21.4% of the total proposed estimates. In an unprecedented move, almost 77% of the proposed budget, equivalent to ₦536.75 billion, is earmarked for capital projects and programmes. The balance of ₦11.8 billion representing about 1.7% of the budget is set aside for Contingency & Stabilization Funds and Public Debt Charges. Even though the total recurrent expenditure is only about 21% of the budget, compared against 2024, this represents an increase of almost 40% largely due to the approved New ₦70,000 Minimum Wage used in the computation of Salaries and Allowances in the 2025 Proposed Budget.

33. Further to the foregoing, I am pleased to inform the Honourable House, looking at the overall budget, the highest provision goes to the education sector with an overall allocation of over ₦184 billion representing about 26.4% of the budget. This is even slightly above the Education For All recommended benchmark of 26% minimum provision for the education sector.

34. Honourable Speaker and Members, let me seek for your indulgence to present further highlights of key expenditure components of the proposed estimates.

- i. **Personnel Cost** – This is earmarked over ₦90.76 billion. While this represents only about 13% of the total proposed budget, surpassed the 2024 Approved Estimates by almost 40%. The proposed estimates, which include staff of all MDAs and the LEA Staff under SUBEB, have taken into account the recently approved ₦70,000 New Minimum Wage and have made provision for the significant recruitment of critical personnel as per the staff-gap analysis conducted by the Office of the Head of the State Civil Service. Equally, provisions have been made to recruit additional JHEALTH and JTEACH Staff to further

bridge the human resource gaps in these two critical human development sectors.

- ii. **Overheads and Other Recurrent Expenditure** – For these, the sum of almost ₦63.69 billion was earmarked representing slightly over 9% of the total budget. The proposed estimates would cover the cost of routine operations of Ministries, Departments and Agencies and other major recurrent expenditure such as:

- a. Internal & External Scholarships,
- b. Public Debt and Other Consolidated Revenue Charges,
- c. Operational Expenses of other Arms of Government – that is the Legislative and Judicial Arms.
- d. Institutional Feeding for Schools, Hospitals and Social Welfare Institutions,
- e. Payments for internal and external student examinations including WAEC, NECO and NBAIS;
- f. Operations and Maintenance of Utility Services particularly Water Supply Schemes and Urban Street Lights across the State;
- g. Provisions of motor vehicle loans to civil servants; and
- h. Payment of utilities consumed by Government Institutions.

- iii. **Capital Investment Programs** - As earlier mentioned, total financing proposed for the capital projects and programs during the 2025 Fiscal Year is ₦534.76 billion equivalent to over 76% of the entire budget. While this is unprecedented, it also well-aligned with our focus, especially considering that the proposed Capital Investments constitute the primary medium for delivering our major commitments to the people of Jigawa State. As would be seen, the proposed capital budget has been structured and well-articulated to reflect our policy thrust and priorities for Greater Jigawa. This would involve the continued implementation of all our well-conceived projects, programs and initiatives aimed at building an inclusive, dynamic, resilient, self-sustaining and diversified economy – an economy that guarantees food security for all, provides means of livelihoods and sustainably safe-guard socioeconomic wellbeing of the citizens. With almost ₦320 billion representing about 60% of the capital budget, earmarked for projects and programmes within the Economic Sector alone, I feel confident that the budget, as conceived, has inbuilt realism and cogency to deliver the targeted outputs and outcomes. We are optimistic that over the

medium term, our vision of Greater Jigawa will firmly take root with legacies that would stand the test of time.

35. The Social Service Sector, which comprises of investment programmes aimed at achieving sustainable improvements in our Human Development Index, is allocated almost 30% of the proposed Capital Expenditure which amounts to about ₦185.6 billion. From the perspective of the entire budget, the education and health sectors, over ₦250 billion would be expended in the Education and Health Sector which is equivalent to almost 36% of the Budget. This not only buttressed the priority consideration we are according to human capital development but also the consistency between expressed Government's policy commitments and its fiscal plans. Let me, once more, seek the indulgence of the House to expatiate on some of key projects, programmes and interventions we intend to pursue in the 2025 Fiscal Year as per the proposed budget estimates.

- i. **Agricultural Transformation** – In line with our resolve to sustain the ongoing transformations in the Agriculture Sector, over ₦136 billion is allotted to the Agricultural Sector to sustain the implementation of ongoing projects and programmes. This is more than one-quarter of the total proposed investment programmes. This, we believe, will not only sustain the tempo of current interventions aimed at ensuring sustainable food security and economic diversification, but would accelerate the delivery of our commitments across other sector particularly socioeconomic empowerment, job and employment creation and overall poverty reduction among the population. The allocation would cover among others:
 - a. Ongoing Agricultural Mechanization Program and Procurement of Agriculture Plants and Implements to ensure that the established Jigawa Agricultural Mechanization Company become fully operational – this is allocated with the sum of ₦13.0 billion.
 - b. Support to Jigawa State Agricultural Research Institute - ₦1.859 billion.
 - c. Crop Rehabilitation Program including among others, the establishment of Foundation Seed Bank and Purchase of Breeders and Certified Seeds for Rice and Wheat Development Programmes - ₦26.0 billion.
 - d. Livestock Development and Development of Farm Settlements & Grazing Reserves – ₦2.05 billion. In this regard, I am happy to inform Honourable Members that the proposed budget has made provision for planned

establishment of a new Ministry for Livestock Development. Its mandate would include the formulation and implementation of livestock policies and programmes to optimize the contribution of the Livestock Sector to our quest for food security and economic diversification. This would also ensure that maximum attention is accorded to key components of the sector particularly the development of livestock infrastructure and productivity enhancement.

- e. Implementation of Jigawa State Comprehensive Agricultural Transformation Program to be spearheaded by a new Jigawa State Agricultural Transformation Agency. This is allocated about ₦13.16 billion for the implementation of Agricultural Production and Productivity Enhancement Initiatives, Agribusiness and Markets Intervention Projects, Dairy & Livestock Competitiveness Initiative, State Agricultural Trade and Export Development Programme, Commercial Irrigation Expansion Projects and other Agricultural Transformation Infrastructures.
 - f. Sustenance of ongoing Fadama Development Programs for which over ₦11.5 billion is earmarked. This would cover Agric. Extension Activities for Cluster Farming, Procurement of TVS Motorcycles for Extension Workers, Implementation of World-bank and Islamic Development Bank Assisted Projects, as well as African Development Bank Assisted Agricultural Transformation Support Project.
- ii. **Critical Infrastructure** – In line with our commitment to sustain the provision of critical infrastructure in the State, particularly Roads, and Electricity, the sum of almost ₦148.1 billion and about ₦39.4 billion were allocated to the Roads and Power Sectors Respectively. For the Roads Sector, the provision is largely for the continuation and or completion of over 46 Road Projects mostly awarded last year all of which are presently ongoing in earnest. These include construction and or rehabilitation of regional and township tarred roads and asphalt overlay, feeder roads, and routine maintenance of existing roads. The amount earmarked for the Power Sector is principally for the completion of ongoing Rural Electrification Projects / commencement of new ones, provision for State Equity Investment towards the establishment of a 100 megawatts solar-based Independent Power Plants, Establishment of a Solar-Panel Manufacturing Plant, Solarization of Government Institutions, Conversion of Streetlights to Solar-powered and pursuit of other renewable energy initiatives.

- iii. **Commerce, Investments, Empowerment and Employment** – These very important components of the Capital Development Programmes have a combined allocation of over ₦20.5 billion. This is earmarked for projects and program meant to deliver our commitments around the development of commerce & industry, mobilization of private sector investment, and pursuit of economic empowerment and employment generation initiatives. In particular the Commerce Sector has an allocation of almost ₦13.2 billion for the Development of three Modern Markets at Dutse, Hadejia and Maigatari, Development of a recently retrieved plot of Land in Farm Center Kano, and Sustained Revitalization of Maigatari Export Processing Zone. The first two would be partly funded from proceeds of a SUKUK Bonds to be floated by the State Government. Slightly over N7.0 billion is proposed to be expended on ongoing Economic Empowerment and Employment Generation Initiatives including the Development and Support to Business Cooperatives for Economic Empowerment; Development and Maintenance of Skills Acquisition Centers; Micro Credit and Business Start-ups Support; Agro-Processing Equipment Leasing; and Women and Youths Artisans and Skills Development Initiatives. We believe all these would continue to have a profound effect on our commitment to develop an inclusive and self-sustaining economy for the State – an economy that would support the socioeconomic development and wellbeing of the citizens of Jigawa State.
- iv. **Education Sector** – Our focus in the Education Sector is ensuring sustained provision of qualitative and functional education at all levels, better learning outcomes, and addressing the phenomenon of out-of-schoolchildren through improved access. The Proposed Capital Expenditure Allocation to the whole sector amounted to over ₦120 billion which is more than one-fifth of the total capital expenditure outlay. While Basic Education is earmarked about ₦43.3 billion, the Post Basic level has a slightly higher allocation of ₦44.6 billion. Our eight Tertiary Educational Institutions, including the newly acquired Private University in Majia, have a total allocation of about ₦18.7 billion to be partly funded from envisaged Tertiary Education Development Fund. The provision also includes the sum of about ₦19.7 billion for the commencement of a Partner Assisted New Globe Education Digital Learning Project.

36. As mentioned, our commitment is to ensure the provision of qualitative and functional educational services at all levels. Accordingly, the major focus is to continuously address the infrastructural and human resources deficits bedeviling the

sector, provide adequate instructional materials and facilities, and continuously improve the teaching and learning environments. To address the critical challenge of ensuring the provision of functional education, the proposed budget has made substantial provision to upgrade eight schools to real Centers of Excellence with specific focus on Technical and Vocational Education. While instituting measures to drastically reduce the number of out-of-school children in the State, we have recently established the Tsangaya Education Agency with a mandate to initiate and implement innovative programs that would also help address this challenge.

37. Accordingly, significant provision has been made in the proposed budget for this Agency to ensure all the Model Tsangaya Schools established by the State Government and those taken over from the Federal Government are effectively put to use with full enrolment. The Agency will also initiate educational and empowerment programmes that would be implemented in collaboration with Head Qur'anic Teachers of Local Tsangaya Schools throughout the State. We also plan to upgrade the Remedial College in Babura to Specialized Tertiary Institute with primary focus on Technical and Vocational Education. In the same vein, as I hinted earlier, our plan for the University in Majia is to transform it to a Specialized Degree awarding institution in Medical, Engineering Technology and other related fields based a PPP arrangement for which the State has already received proposals from prospective Partners.

- v. **Health and Human Development Services** – Our commitment in this sector is the sustained provision of qualitative and affordable preventive and curative healthcare services to the population. The proposed Capital Expenditure provision for the Sector is almost ~~N~~40.1 billion meant for the implementation of various projects and programmes that would ultimately deliver our commitments. One of the new major projects planned to be established is a Medical Village to comprise of a Diagnostic and Cardiac Centre and an Oxygen Plant. Though contract has already been awarded for the commencement of these projects, some aspects of the project would be partly funded through a PPP arrangement. The proposed allocation for these is ~~N~~6.0 billion. Other projects to be covered include the following:
 - a. Improvement of General Hospitals and provision of other Secondary Healthcare Services is earmarked almost ~~N~~18.6 billion. This provision would cater for the completion or continuation of ongoing projects for new General Hospitals, the new Orthopedic Hospital in Gumel, Procurement of additional

equipment for Dialysis & Oncology Operational Units in selected General Hospitals and implementation of Maternal & Child Healthcare Initiative.

- b. Completion and Commissioning of Hadejia and Kazaure Specialist Hospitals including the supply and installation of outstanding Hospital and Medical Equipment - ₦1.4 billion.
- c. Implementation of Primary Healthcare Programmes including among others the Upgrading Of Primary Health Centres, Immunization & Food and Nutrition Interventions, Free Maternal and Child Health Programme in Primary Healthcare Centres, and Development of Ward-level Facilities for Basic Healthcare Provision. The proposed allocation in this respect is ₦7.4 billion.
- d. Implementation of World Bank Assisted IMPACT Project meant to accelerate coverage of immunization and malaria programmes and improvement of health systems delivery. It is envisaged the sum of ₦13. Billion would be drawn for the Programme.
- e. The sum of 2.2 billion has also been earmarked for our Health Training Institutions, which will largely cover ongoing projects including the permanent site of School of Nursing and Midwifery in Hadejia and some additional facilities in Birnin Kudu, Jahun and Babura in line with accreditation requirements.

38. A rundown of other projects and programmes to be covered under the proposed capital expenditure allocation include:

- i. Women Development, Social Welfare and Social Protection Activities including the implementation of Nigeria for Women Project to be supported by the World Bank ₦6.85 billion
- ii. Information, Youths, Sports and Culture including the upgrade of Dutse Township Stadium to facilitate hosting of National League games in the State Capital ₦1.86 billion
- iii. Land Administration, Urban and Regional Development including Land & Property Compensation, Commencement of Phase II of Mass Housing Program with 600 Units and Provision of Utilities and Internal Roads in the Completed Phase I of 500 Houses. ₦10.72 billion

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| iv. | Water Supply and Sanitation in Urban, Small Towns and Rural Areas including the commencement of World Bank Assisted Sustainable Power and Irrigation Projects. | ₦11.03 billion |
| v. | Environmental Development and Protection largely comprising of Flood and Erosion Control Projects, Nature Conservation, and the implementation of the Agro-Climate Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscape (ACReSAL) Project. The provision includes the completion of recently commenced Gully Erosion and Flood Mitigation Project at Danmasara and Kargo/Yalwawa. | ₦16.8 billion |
| vi. | Law and Justice Administration which involves the rehabilitation of Judicial structures across the State. | ₦3.36 billion |
| vii. | General Administration which includes the implementation of constituency projects, general renovation of State Secretariate Complex and commencement of a New Wing, Procurement of Official and Utility Vehicles for MDAs and Security Agencies, Emergency Response & Preparedness Interventions. | ₦26.1 billion |
| viii. | Implementation of Digital Economy and ICT Projects and Commencement of Jigawa State Residents Identity Management Agency Operations. | ₦2.0 billion |

39. Mr. Speaker, that was the Proposed Budget of the State Government for the 2025 Fiscal Year for which I submit the Appropriation Bill for consideration and passage into Law. Though seemingly ambitious, I believe it is realistic and very consistent with our vision for Greater Jigawa and in accordance with the yearning and aspiration of the citizens of Jigawa State.

40. As usual Right Honourable Speaker, I will now give you the synopsis of the proposed budgets of the 27 Local Government Councils for the consideration and approval of the House. This follows both the considerations of the respective Local

Government Councils and subsequent endorsement and approval of the State Economic Planning Board and the State Executive Council respectively.

41. Mr. Speaker, the consolidated income and expenditure position of all the 27 Local Government Councils indicated that ₦173,508,633,062 is expected to accrue into their Consolidated Revenue Fund to finance all the various expenditure components in their respective budgets. The sources of funds generally include statutory transfers from the State and Federal Governments, Internally Generated Revenues, Opening Balances for the 202 Fiscal Year and some Capital Receipts. The proposed expenditure breakdown is as follows:

(i)	Personnel Cost (including of transfer for LEA and PHC Staff Salaries	-	₦60,149,810,448
(ii)	Overhead Cost	-	₦36,969,994,990
(iii)	Contingency Provision	-	₦5,400,000,000
(iii)	Capital Expenditure	-	₦70,988,880,624

Conclusion

42. In conclusion, Honorable Members, as always, the 2025 proposed budget is a product of careful planning, extensive stakeholder consultations. Also as mentioned, its planning process included the development of a medium term, expenditure framework which ensures strategic prioritization in resources allocation in line with the policy thrust and development priorities of the State. We therefore have firm conviction in its cogency to sustain the current momentum of progress in the realization of the vision we desired for our dear State. I therefore urge you to consider and approve this budget as a matter of urgency to ensure that it becomes effective first day of the new Fiscal Year.

43. As I end my address, I would like to reiterate that ensuring good governance, in all its ramifications, remains an overarching philosophy of our administration. We will continue to imbibe the principles of accountability, transparency, open government, inclusion, and the participation of all stakeholders in the governance process of the State. We shall always be ever conscious of the fact that every citizen of Jigawa State has an obligation to make our State function for the better for both the present and future generations. Our vision of Greater Jigawa requires all hands to be on deck. We should know that as leaders at every level, our actions or inactions would always have positive or negative implications on citizens of our dear State, including those yet unborn. Whatever position we occupy, in whatever capacity, we should be always remember the famous hadith... ***"Kullukum Ra'in Wa Kullukum Mas'ulun An***

Ra'iiyyatihi". Whether as Governor or as a Legislator, Local Government Chairperson, or Councilor, whether a Traditional Leader or an Imam, whether as a Headmaster, Principal, a Teacher or Health Worker, Class Monitor or School Head Boy, whether Head of the Family, or a housewife or even an ordinary citizen, we all have our respective duties and obligations to make things work for the better for the present and future generations and we will all account for our deeds. **Whoso doeth good an atom's weight will see it ... and whoso doeth evil an atom's weight will see it.**

44. Finally, I would, once more, most sincerely appreciate the Leadership of the House and all Honorable Members for your commitment and dedication to serving the people of Jigawa State. As I said during my previous presentation, I am truly delighted with your support towards the realization of our vision for Greater Jigawa. I would take this opportunity to assure the Honourable Members and the People of Jigawa State that we would ever remain committed to a faithful implementation of the budget based on the principles of efficiency, effectiveness and economy as well the principles of transparency, and accountability.

45. While solemnly glorifying Allah (SWT), the Most Beneficent and the Most Merciful for His continued support, blessings and protections, we should also continue to pray for lasting peace, unity and prosperity for our State and Country. Thank you very much. Long Live Jigawa State; Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

46. Wa'assalam Alaikum.