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Foreword

One of the governance reform components included in the revised edition of the Jigawa State Comprehensive Development Work (CDF II) is Mass Mobilization for Societal Reorientation and Community Development considered very pertinent for inclusive and participatory governance. Accordingly, stakeholder engagement and consultations have gradually been instituted as part of the annual budget and planning processes in the State. Space has been created to allow the citizens – as represented by such Civil Society Groups like the Project Monitoring Partners (PMP) – not only to make inputs into the annual budgets, but also to monitor implementation and provide feed backs to ensure effective delivery of public services to the citizenry. This positively influences both the demand and supply sides of good governance, thus, promoting more transparency, accountability and responsiveness in the symbiotic relation between the government and governed.

This publication is part of the effort to keep the citizens informed by providing an overview and major highlights of the 2018 approved estimates. It is the second edition of the Fiscal Transparency Initiative (FTI) of the Jigawa State Government. This is in addition to the one-hour programme in the State Radio during which the Honourable Commissioner for Finance and Economic Planning provided major highlights of the approved estimates in the local vernacular (Hausa language). Both these serve as Information, Education and Communication tools aimed at keeping the citizens and other interest groups, informed of Government's fiscal plans. It is believed that by being better informed, citizens would be more empowered to meaningfully participate and positively contribute to the development process of the State.

So help us God.

Adamu Muhammad GarunGabas, OON
Permanent Secretary,
Budget and Economic Planning

Acronyms

BEPD	Budget and Economic Planning Directorate
BPS	Budget Policy Statement
CDF	Comprehensive Development Framework
CRFC	Consolidated Revenue Fund Charges
EFU	Economic and Fiscal Update
ExCo	Executive Council
EPB	Economic Planning Board
FSP	Fiscal Strategy Paper
FTI	Fiscal Transparency Initiative
FY	Fiscal Year
IGR	Internally Generated Revenue
MDAs	Ministry, Department and Agencies
MTBF	Medium Term Budget Framework
MTEF	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
MTFF	Medium Term Fiscal Framework
MTSS	Medium Term Sector Strategy
PFM	Public Financial Management
PMP	Project Monitoring Partners
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
VAT	Value Added Tax

"... as a continuation of the 2017 Budget of Economic Diversification and Self-Sufficiency, the objectives of the 2018 budget include ... promoting rapid growth of the real sectors of the state's economy... development of Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises ... ensuring access, efficiency and quality in the provision of Human Development Services ... youths and women empowerment ... gender and social inclusion... and sustaining on-going governance reforms..."

His Excellency, Muhammad Badaru Abubakar, MON, mni
Presenting the 2018 Appropriation Bill

Section 1 - Introduction – Purpose and Scope

THE Year 2018 Budget Information Sheets is the second edition of the Fiscal Transparency Initiative (FTI) of the Jigawa State Government which aims to keep its citizens and other interest groups, informed of its fiscal plans. As usual therefore, the main purpose of the publication is to communicate the major highlights of the annual appropriations particularly in terms of the major policy thrust of the approved budget, key constituents of the revenue and expenditure components with some infographics that provide easy at-a-glance comprehension budget. It would also make some comparative analysis with the approved estimates of the preceding fiscal year so as to have a sense of the budgetary trend over the medium. It is hoped that through FTI, citizens would be better informed and equipped to constructively participate and contribute to governance process in the State. The initiative is also in line with policy stance under section 14.5 of CDF II which seeks to promote and nurture the development of vibrant CSOs that positively contribute to the process of local governance, mass mobilization and community development. As indicated, the primary objectives are:

- To encourage public participation in governance;
- To promote effective, efficient and responsive service delivery;
- To promote transparency and accountability in governance;
- To partner with relevant stakeholders for sustainable development;

Section 2 –Process and Context of the Annual Budget

THE annual planning and budgeting process follows the generic Budget Calendar of the State which specified key activities and milestones culminating with passage of the Appropriation Law. Key among these include:

- EFU-FSP-BPS Process and MTEF Development
- Issuance of MTSS Call Circular with Sector Envelops
- MTSS Development by all Sectors concerned
- Issuance of Budget Call Circular with Budget Ceilings
- MDAs Budget Defence and Production of First Budget Draft
- High-Level Review of Proposed Budget with MDAs
- Respective Endorsement and Approval by the EPB & ExCo
- Presentation of the Appropriation Bill for Legislative Approval

The trio of EFU, FSP and BPS contextualised the annual planning and budget process. They provide the basis and contents of medium-term fiscal framework as well as the link between one-year plan and the State Development Framework¹. This ensures that sectoral resources allocation is strategically done and aligns consistently with Government policy objectives and priorities – thus encompassing the principles of zero-based and programme budgeting along the way. The process also reconciles a “bottom-up” expenditure demand from the Sectors with a “top-down” aggregate resource constraints derived from the MTEF.

¹ At the moment, the State Development Framework is the CDF II. It clearly defined the Vision, Mission, Overall Strategic Priorities and Policy Objectives of the State. It provides the medium-term sectoral policy objectives, targets and strategies the underlying strategies for their attainment.

