

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF SOKOTO STATE RT. HON. AMINU WAZIRI TAMBUIWAL, CRF (MUTAWALLEN SOKOTO) ON THE OCCASION OF PRESENTATION OF THE YEAR 2020 BUDGET TO THE SOKOTO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2019

PROTOCOL;

ASSALAMU ALAIKUM

1. All Praises are due to Allah (S.W.T), the Lord of the Worlds, the Most Beneficent and the Most Merciful. Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon our Noble Prophet Muhammad.
2. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members and fellow citizens of Sokoto State, it is indeed a great honour and privilege to present the 2020 Budget for the consideration and deliberation of this Honourable House. Happily, this year is the beginning of our renewed mandate and it is therefore imperative on our part to consolidate on all major achievements, and to as well strive to provide more on the development and general security and welfare of the good people of Sokoto State. As a people with full faith in Allah we will continue to pray for more guidance and protection.
3. In the preceding year, the State has been faced with security challenges as a result of banditry activities in some Local Governments areas and with the co-operation and understanding of the Security Agencies, the situation has been brought under control and our people are going on with their normal businesses. The enormous contributions of His Eminence the Sultan, members of the Honourable House and other stakeholders to the achievement of this success is indeed worthy of appreciation and commendation.
4. It is indeed, a turning point in the history of governance in Sokoto State, that a legislature, constituted by a majority of members of the party not in government closes ranks across partisan divides to work for the purpose of serving our people and advancing our State. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I commend you for this exhibition of statesmanship and patriotism over and above partisan considerations.
5. This milestone development holds great promise as we poise to take our State to higher levels of development in all sectors.

6. I wish to assure the people of Sokoto State that we have laid a solid foundation in our first tenure for greater socio-economic development through a commitment to policies and programs that have had relevance to the needs and aspirations of our people. Our scorecard is, by the special grace of Allah (SWT), attested to by local, national and international groups and agencies.

## **1.0 REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2020 BUDGET**

1.1 Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, fellow citizens permit me to mention to this Honourable House that the 2020 budget process is a product of collective efforts and synergy amongst all MDAs and various stakeholder groups as an indication of our commitment to ensure transparency and inclusiveness. These are the demands for the International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS), the global index for performance in fiscal policy that Sokoto State has migrated to from this year. It could be recalled that in the 2019 Budget as passed by this Honourable House the sum of N170,802,771,486.00 was earmarked for both Recurrent and Capital Expenditure.

1.2 Despite the economic predicament in the country which also affects the State in recent time, remarkable achievements have been recorded and we are prepared and determined to achieve more in the subsequent years, God willing.

## **2.0 YEAR 2020 BUDGET OUTLAY**

2.1. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, in consonance with the existing budgetary standing and prevailing fiscal projection, the 2020 Budget stands at N202,444,458,429.00.

### **a. REVENUE BREAKDOWN:-**

a.	OPENING BALANCE	-	₦ 1,492,302,000.00
b.	STATUTORY ALLOCATION	-	₦ 43,758,249,540.00
c.	VALUE ADDED TAX – VAT	-	₦ 19,856,829,804.00
d.	INDEPENDENT REVENUE	-	₦ 33,305,768,269.00
e.	AIDS AND GRANTS	-	₦ 14,584,832,082.62
f.	DIRECT RECEIPTS	-	₦ 20,902,000,000.00
g.	DIRECT CAPITAL RECEIPTS	-	₦ 1,140,000,000.00



h.	PROCEEDS FROM LOAN AND OTHER		
	BORROWING RECEIPTS	-	N 32,234,476,733.40
i.	EXTERNAL LOAN AND OTHER		
	BORROWING	-	<u>N 35,170,000,000.00</u>
	<b>BUDGET TOTAL:-</b>	<b>=</b>	<b><u>N202,444,458,429.02</u></b>

b. **EXPENDITURE DISTRIBUTION**

In line with the projected revenue, the 2020 proposed Expenditure will be as follows:-

i.	Personnel Cost	-	N 32,720,626,765.80
ii.	Overhead Cost	-	N 46,894,279,455.14
iii.	Capital Expenditure	-	<u>N122,829,552,208.08</u>
	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>=</b>	<b><u>N202,444,458,429.02</u></b>

2.2 The sectoral Allocation for the year 2020 shows that 24% share of the Budget goes to Education with N47,880,096,366.25 of the Budget sum followed by Health with N21,979,9189,998.02 representing 11% and Agriculture with N12,429,285,871.07 representing 6.14%. The Budget will amongst others focus on completion of the projects started in the preceding year and ensure prompt execution of new ones in line with the development policy agenda of the present administration. This Budget is carefully formulated in tandem with our strong desire and commitment to address the fundamental needs of our people in all the urban and rural areas of Sokoto State. The year 2020 Budget is therefore tagged **“BUDGET OF SUSTAINED SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSIVENESS”**.

2.3 I, therefore humbly seek the kind collaboration of the Honourable Members as I briefly and summarily highlight some of the provisions and proposals for the incoming year i.e. 2020.

2.4 Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, our commitment to meeting the needs and aspirations of the electorate remains unshaken. Accordingly, we have proposed the following projects among several others:-

- i. Dualisation of Tashar Illela Road to More

- ii. Dualisation of Road from Welcome to Sokoto Gate – Shuni town
- iii. Dualisation of Maituta Road

The sum of N4,384,601,188.50 is to be expended on the three projects. Construction and expansion of the following roads is also going to be carried out at the cost of N3,945,529,145.00:-

- i. CSC Round-about to Western Bye-Pass
- ii. Unguwar Rogo – Eastern Bye-Pass
- iii. Ahmadu Rufa'i Road
- iv. New SRRBDA Road to Airport Bye-pass

We equally intend to construct four (4) Hospitals:

- i. Brand new Sokoto Specialist Hospital with 850 Beds Capacity
- ii. Premier Hospital Sabon Birni with 150 Beds Capacity
- iii. Premier Hospital Tambuwal with 150 Beds Capacity
- iv. Premier Hospital Binji with 150 Beds Capacity

The cost of the projects is N7,995,527,126.80.

Similarly, we have included in our proposals the construction of three (3) Secondary Schools:

- i. Sheikh Abubakar Gumi Secondary School Sokoto (similar to Boarding Secondary School Balle)
- ii. Secondary School at Goronyo with 2 Classrooms Blocks, One Hostel and Administration Blocks.
- iii. Abdullahi Bara'u Secondary School Dogondaji with 2 Classrooms Blocks, One Hostel and Administration Blocks.

The sum of N6,461,064,491.89 is to be expended on the projects.

2.4 Among the major projects earmarked for the transformation of agriculture are the construction of Irrigation Schemes at Rabah, Kebbe and Silame, while the proposed Dam Project at Wurno will be carried out in partnership with NEWMAP.



2.5 In addition to these, we also remind Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members of the exploits so far made by this Administration in its efforts to improve the socio-economic well-being of the citizenry. These include; Public Private Partnership with OCP Africa and COPAG from Morocco in the development of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Mining and Energy. The immediate outcome of this effort is the establishment of a Phosphate Fertilizer Plant in Kalambaina the preparations for which has begun in earnest.

2.6 In the same spirit, our subscription to Private Sector engagement has attracted investment in the economy. A typical example of the dividend of this initiative is the ongoing Dangote Rice Mill Project in Kware.

2.7 A similar positive development in this regard, is the ongoing expansion of the BUA Group Cement Company of Northern Nigeria.

2.8 Our socio-economic ties with Indonesia will bring to our State initiatives for the advancement in our economy through the strengthening of the Zakat and Waqf Commission, education, healthcare delivery, dairy production, tourism and culture among others. The socio-economic similarities of our State and Indonesia have made these models of development very much feasible in our environment with substantial possibility of bearing fruits.

### **3.0 CONCLUSION**

3.1 Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, it is pertinent to note that both urban and rural areas of the State remain the focus of our administration. This cannot however be achieved without collective and individual sacrifices and hard work on the part of all and sundry. As elected leaders of the people of Sokoto State, I wish to assure that all hands will be on deck to develop our State. Therefore, I am appealing to the good people of Sokoto State to continue to support and pray for the success of the 2020 Budget as it contains numerous development projects and programmes in the urban and rural areas of the State. I have a strong belief that by Allah's guidance and your prayers a lot can be achieved in this regard.

3.2 I wish to at this juncture, express appreciation for our people and development partners for your unflinching support for our strides in transforming our dear State.

3.3 Finally, I wish to formally and respectfully lay before the Honourable House, the year 2020 Sokoto State Appropriation Bill. I hope this Honourable House will accord it special attention for our collective benefit.

3.4 I pray to Allah (SWT) to bestow upon you wisdom and energy to give this proposed 2020 Budget necessary attention and consideration for the overall socio-economic development of our dear State.

3.5 Thank you and Wassalamu Alaikum.