OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT



MRS. FOLASHADE ARIKE AYOADE (Ph.D)





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the last 6 years, I have conscientiously and meticulously functioned in my appointed position in the New Direction Government in line with your Administration's Policies with unrelenting competencies. It is with this mindset that my stewardship report, your Excellency, is premised.

This report sets out to provide details of number of procedural as well as other official correspondences processed in the last 6 years. They include Executive Council Meetings and Executive Council Memos presented, State Security Council
Meetings and my duty in coordinating Ministerial and Extra-Ministerial activities,
Liaison with Secretary to the Government of the Federation & Secretaries to the
State Governments in addition to other important duties.

Matters on prerogative of Mercy processed was reported together with the summary analysis of Political appointments, this also captured appointments to Statutory Bodies, Agencies, Boards of Parastatals, Government-Owned Companies and Companies in which Government has vested interest.

My Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and core deliverables were presented in an empirical and statistical manner, also a part of this report shows details of unused funds returned to the State Treasury.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With the divine privilege and opportunity given me to serve under your New Direction Administration, which did afford me the chance to touch-base with the people in my constituency, I have been able to organize both political and philanthropic activities that further projected Your Excellency as highlighted in this Stewardship report.

Having served by the Grace of God, I employ this means to appreciate you for the trust bestowed on me,

Thank you.

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PROFILE

NAME:

DR. MRS AYOADE FOLASHADE ARIKE

DATE OF BIRTH:

AUGUST 27, 1965

PLACE OF BIRTH:

IBADAN

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICA-TION LEVEL:

PHD

POSITIONS HELD:

SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT HEAD OF THE SUPER POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) ON PUBLIC SECTOR AND PENSION REFORM.

PERIOD OF POSITION HELD:

2016-2020

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIA-

TION:

FIRST FELLOW OF THE NIGERI-AN INSTITUTE OF MICRO TOXI-COLOGY.

NICK NAME:

MARGARET THATCHER OF KOGI STATE.

INTRODUCTION

In February 2016, the Executive Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello, appointed Dr. Mrs. Folashade Arike Ayoade as the Secretary to the State Government in which by December 2019, she was returned to the same position for the second term of His excellency's Administration. On assumption of Office, she swung into action delivering on the assignment she was appointed for, bringing enough energy and expertise to her role throughout the first term of the New Direction Administration and till now which she has not deviated from. She has shown adequate supervision of the Cabinet Office in serving the State and the Executive Council and have ensured orderliness in the business of governance.

Through the executive mandate on her office, she also placed a premium on the institutionalization of the repository needs of Government: and as such, have made available sources of veritable information on all the New Direction Administration achievements, through timely publication of an annual referral compendium.

This expository work looks at an account on operational activities under the Office of the Secretary to the State Government over the past six years





1. SECRETARY TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND SUPERVISION OF THE CABINET OFFICE AND SERVICING STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The office of the SSG under the watch of Dr. Mrs. Ayoade Folashade has processed over 337 Memos in the past six years. She diligently and effectively supervises the other important duties as writing minutes of the state Executive Council and the State Security council Meetings.

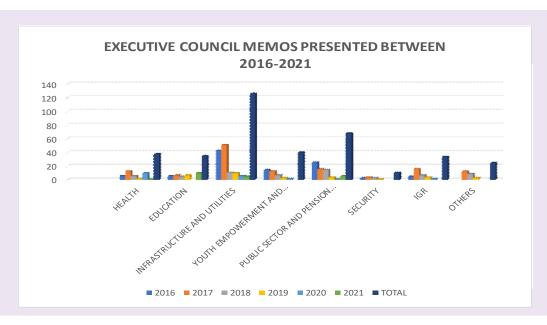
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMOS PRESENTED BETWEEEN 2016 - 2021							
YEARS	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
HEALTH	6	13	6	2	10	1	38
EDUCATION	6	7	5	7		10	35
INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES	43	51	11	10	6	5	126
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND JOB CREATION	15	13	7	3	2		40
PUBLIC SECTOR AND PENSION REFORMS	26	16	15	4	1	6	68
SECURITY	3	4	3	1			11
IGR	5	16	7	4	2		34
OTHERS		13	9	3			25
TOTAL	104	133	63	34	21	22	377

The above table is a summary of the direction to which Executive Meetings were conducted during the period under review. All Council members were actively involved in presenting various proposal in line with delivering on their Policy Thrusts, Outcomes and Targets. Find below an interpretation of the data above.



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KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND CORE DELIVERABLE ACCOMPLISHED

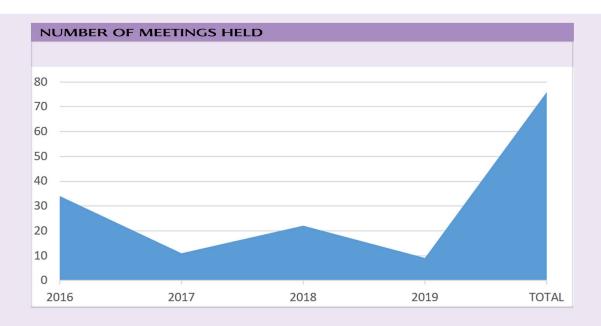


This graph shows the total number of memoranda presented throughout the New Direction Administration which cuts across all the thematic areas. For the period under review, the administration clearly focused more on Infrastructure and Utility, Public Sector and Pension Reforms showing that more emphasis were placed on Infrastructural development and the affairs of the Public Sector, without under-mining the importance of other thematic areas.

MANAGEMENT MEETINGS						
YEARS	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL	
NUMBERS OF MEETINGS	34	11	22	9	76	
HELD						







The above graph shows the number of Management meeting held between the periods of 2016 - 2019. The administration places premium on planning, hence the organization of more than 76 management meetings all through the period under review.

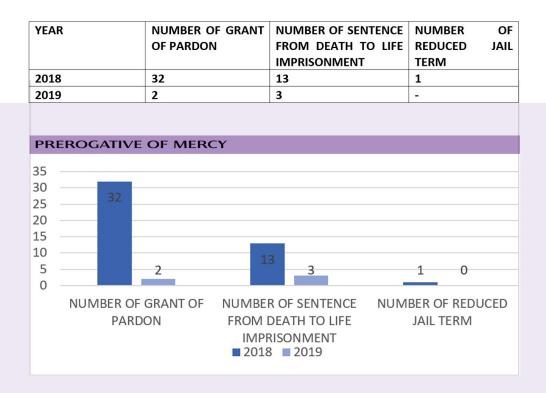
2. PROCESSING MATTERS ON PREROGATIVE OF MERCY

Over the past six years of the New Direction Administration, the office of the Secretary to the State Government has been supportive/instrumental to processing matters on prerogative of mercy. Below are the reports of some of the cases considered by His Excellency Governor Yahaya Bello as administered through the office of the SSG during the period under review.



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KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND CORE DELIVERABLE ACCOMPLISHED



The above is a chart showing the number of Prerogative of Mercy cases considered by His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello, on the Independence Day of 2018 and 2019. As a result of the report of improved behavior from the Correctional Center Administrators, some convicts were granted pardon, jail terms were reduced and the sentences of some who have been condemned to death were commuted to life imprisonment. The diagram shows that more convicts were granted pardon (freed) compared to those whose sentences were reduced, therefore reflecting the positive influence of the New Direction Administration on the overall objective of rehabilitation, reintegration and social re-absorption.

3. CO-ORDINATION OF ALL MINISTERIAL AND EX-TRA-MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES

I have effectively coordinated all Ministerial and Extra-ministerial activities in the state, during the New Direction Administration. As one of my supervisory roles, my office has been fully involved in the issuance of letters of appointments, swearing in ceremonies and payment of salaries and allowances to all political appointees. As a technocrat, my office has consistently consulted the New Direction Blueprint Team for most of the trainings and seminars requirements such as; MoU Performance Evaluation, induction and On-boarding Training of Political Appointees.

LIST OF POLITICAL OFFICE HOLDERS ISSUED APPOINT MENT LETTERS THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT

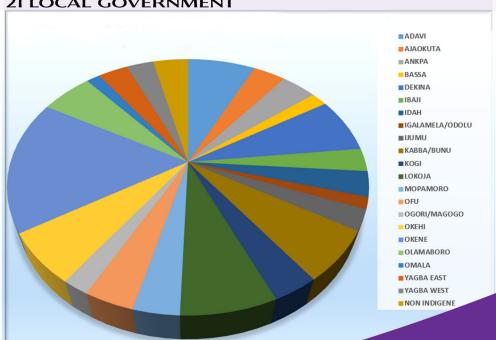
Local Government	Number of	
	Appointees	
ADAVI	25	28
AJAOKUTA	12	13
ANKPA	13	14
BASSA	6	6
DEKINA	24	25
IBAJI	10	10

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KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND CORE DELIVERABLE ACCOMPLISHED

IDAH	11	12
IGALAMELA/ODOLU	5	5
IJUMU	9	9
KABBA/BUNU	22	23
KOGI	12	13
LOKOJA	25	26
MOPAMORO	12	13
OFU	13	14
OGORI/MAGOGO	7	7
OKEHI	22	2
OKENE	58	61
OLAMABORO	19	20
OMALA	5	5
YAGBA EAST	11	12
YAGBA WEST	10	10
NON INDIGENE	13	14
TOTAL	344	360

NUMBER OF POLITICAL APPOINTEES ACROSS THE 21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT



The pie chart shows the number of Political appointees employed through the office of the SSG across the 21 local Government and non-indigenes the state. It reflects the even distribution of political appointments during the New Direction Administration across the State.

4. LIAISON WITH SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION AND SECRETARIES TO THE STATE GOV-ERNMENTS

I have made it a point duty to attend meetings of secretary of state governments (SSGs Forum) regularly in order to foster co-operation, and rub minds with other SSGs as well as learn from their various experiences and apply the knowledge were it is applicable in the state. The following are the SSG's meetings controlled by the All Progressive Congress (APC) attended by the Secretary to the Government of Kogi State;

- 1. 4th Quarterly meeting of APC SSG's forum held at Government House, Akure Ondo State from 30th November-1st December, 2017.
- 2. 2017 Retreat of Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) with Secretaries to the State Government (SSG's) held on 19th December, 2017 at Banquet Hall, State House, Abuja.

3.5th Quarterly meeting of APC SSG's held at Government House, Benin Edo State from 8th - 9th March, 2018.

4. 6th Quarterly meeting of APC controlled States held in Government House, Lokoja from 10th - 11th May, 2018.

5.1st Quarterly meeting 2018 Forum of Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) with Secretaries to the State Government (SSGs) held from 25th - 26th March, 2018 at Banquet Hall, Government House, Yola, Adamawa State.

- 6. 7th Quarterly meeting of the APC SSGs held at Government House, Abeokuta, Ogun State from 2nd 3rd August, 2018.
- 7. 8th Quarterly meeting of APC SSGs held at Government House, Yobe, Jigawa State from 10th 11th October, 2019.

5. PUBLIC COMPLAINTS AND PUBLIC ORDER

In the New Direction Administration the md office of the SSG has been very instrumental to resolving conflicts in the state and below are some of the conflicts she resolved.

- Kogi State Polytechnic Student rampage 27th September 2017
- Federal University Lokoja Protest
- Abuja Electricity Distribution Company Protest
- Conflict between Association of Motorcyclist and FRSC
- Chaired Committee of Inquiry on the Iyano Crisis

6. ADVICE OF POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES, AGENCIES, BOARDS OF PARASTATALS, GOVERN-MENT-OWNED COMPANIES AND COMPANIES IN WHICH GOVERNMENT HAS INTEREST

As the Secretary to the State Government, I have organized Sensitization Seminars for all categories of Political Office Holders and Permanent Secretary across the various MDAs and retreats for Management, Senior and Other Staff of the office of the SSG.

7. ADVISING GOVERNMENT ON THE REMUNERATION OF THE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF PARASTATALS

Dr. Mrs. Folashade Arike Ayoade, through the mandate on the office of the Secretary to the State Government, I have been the Chairperson of some Boards in the state, therefore putting me in the perfect position to advise government on the remuneration of the boards of parastatals.

Below are the list of some of the boards set up through the office of the Secretary to the State Government.

- 1. Interim management Board, Kogi saving and loan.
- 2. Security trust fund.
- Governing council, College of Education Technical, Kabba.
- 4. Governing council, Kogi Polytechnic
- 5. Christian pilgrims' commission.
- 6. Civil service commission.
- Governing council, School of Nursing, Obangede.

- 8. Local government service commission
- 9. Kogi State Universal Basic Education
- 10. Governing council, College of Education, Ankpa.
- 11. Governing council, College of Education, Kabba.
- 12. Kogi state pension Board
- 13. Kogi State House of Assembly Commission.
- 14. Hajj commission
- 15. Governing council, Kogi State University.

LIST OF COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE SSG.

- 1. Fiscal responsibility Ad-hoc Committee
- 2. Kogi state investment and Economic team
- 3.Committee to appoint officials of the Local Government council in the state
- 4. Committee on Kogi State at 25
- 5. State fiscal policies monitoring and implementation team
- 6. Committee to initiate facilitate and host the first ever Kogi State economic and investment summit
- 7. Visitation panel to kogi state University Ayingba.
- 8. Committee Responsible for recommendations of members of various academic councils in kogi state.
- 9. Kogi state Agricultural implementation committee.
- 10. Staff screening and verification exercise.
- 11. Screening appeal committee.
- 12. Committee on repositioning of kogi state fire service agency.
- 13. State steering committee of the APPEALS Project.

- 14. Kogi State Mineral Resources and Environmental Management Committee (MIREMCO)
- 15. Implementation committee on the Report of Kogi State Judicial Commission of Inquiry Into The conduct of officers in the public service, ministers, departments, agencies and local institution in Kogi state between 29th May, 2003 and 27th January, 2016.
- 16. Implementation committee on Nigerian Institute of Architects to commemorate the world Architect Day in lokoja in the first week of October, 2017.
- 17. Sub-Committee for On-the-spot Assessment of the status of all projects Awarded by this Administration.
- 18. Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the Civil Disturbance in Ogane-nigwu, Ojuwo-Ajimadi and Agbenema-Ife communities.
- 19. White Paper Committee on the Report of the Visitation panel to Kogi state University, Anyingba.
- 20. Monitoring Committee on the sale of premium Motor Spirit (PMS) in Kogi State.
- 21. Kogi Natural Resources Optimization Scheme Committee.
- 22. State Law Review Committee
- 23. Official Vehicle Recovery committee.
- 24. Kogi State Enterprises Development Agency (KEDA) implementation Committee.

- 25. Committee on Accelerated Electrification of Communities in Kogi Eastern Senatorial District (Project Light Up Kogi East).
- 26. White Paper Visitation Panel to Kogi State University, Anyigba.
- 27. Chairman WGRS KGSIRS

8. NATIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1. senior advocate of NEW DIRECTION AWARD 2017(SAND) presented by Street coordinator (GYB Support Group) 30TH, January 2018
- 2.CGC NIG. LTD Congratulate the SSG on her appointment as the new secretary to kogi state government.
- 3.Award of Excellency as Okun youth most outstanding Woman and a Pace-setter by OKUN YOUTH FOR CHANGE.
- 4. Award of special recognition by Nigerian Christian Youths political platform (NICHYPP) for your commitment in nation building and fostering peace across our boarders 25th march 2017.
- 5.Award of Excellency on youth development by the office of the senior special assistance to governor on youth empowerment December 2017.
- 6. The New Nigeria Television channels present National Award of excellence performance as the most outstanding SSG in the federation 1st of October 2018.

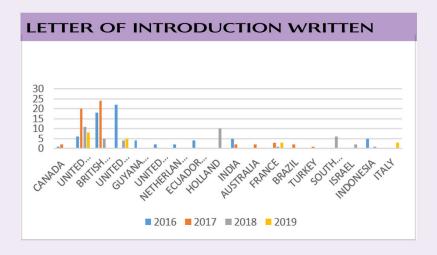
7.Kogi forum for good governance (KFGG) Present kogi leadership Annual Awards as Mother Of Good Governance in New Direction 23th December 2016

- 8. Army Command Record Brigg Gen. H.E Ayamasaowai (DSS, PSC (+) Fndu Bsc (Hons) MIAD FIQAN)
- 9. Association of Business managers and administrators of Nigeria conferred on SSG. At the investiture programme held at Reverton Hotel Lokoja in Recognition of your contribution to human and economic development in the country 15th June, 2019
- 10. African waves magazine as Best Administrator of the year2017 by the waves publishers limited.
- 11. IYAODO (mother of the youth) of Ife Olukotun by IFE -OLUKOTUN YOUTH FORUM 26th December 2016.
- 12. VERA Magazine presents Honorary Award (2019)
- 13. UFEDOJO N/P School ANKPA, for feeding six indigent orphans every term .
- 14. Ife- Olukotun students union government, Ife-Olukotun Yagba East LGA, Award of excellence as an Icon of integrity and due process.
- 15. Kogi leadership News Magazine presents 2017 kogi leadership award as Best Performed Female Appointee of the year 2nd February 2017.
- 16. Army command records. WASA 2016 Brig Gen. H E Ayamasaowei DSS PSC(+) fndu Bsc (Hons) MIAD FIQAN.Acting commander command Army Record on the occasion of the end-of-year West African Social Activities (WASA) for year 2016 4th Feb 2017.

- 17. Army command records, Acting Commander, Command Army Records Brig. Gen.H E Ayamasaowei DSS, PSC(+) Fndu Bsc(Hons) MIAD FIQAN on the occasion of the Command Army Records training day for the first QUARTER 9th February 2017.
- 18. Command Army Record training day for the third QUAR-TER Army Records Brig. Gen.H E Ayamasaowei DSS, PSC(+) Fndu Bsc(Hons) MIAD FIQAN September 28TH 2017.
- 19. Nigerian Army College of logistics compliment of Maj.Gen.
 RC DURU DSS PSC(++)FDC MNIN MSC Commandant Nigerian
 Army College of Logistics.
- 20. APAPO OKUN CULTURAL FESTIVAL as special recognition.
- 21. Association of Business Managers Administrators of Nigeria.



LETTER OF INTRODUCTION WRITTEN				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
CANADA	1	2	-	-
UNITED KINGDOM	6	20	11	8
BRITISH EMBASSY	18	24	5	-
UNITED STATE OF AMERICA	22	-	4	5
GUYANA EMBASSY	4	-	-	-
UNITED ARAB EMIRATE	2	-	-	-
NETHERLANS EMBASSY	2	-	-	-
ECUADOR EMBASSY	4	-	-	-
HOLLAND	•	-	10	-
INDIA	5	2	-	-
AUSTRALIA	-	2	-	-
FRANCE	-	3	1	3
BRAZIL	-	2	-	-
TURKEY		1	-	-
SOUTH KOREA	-	-	6	-
ISRAEL	.=	o =	2	-
INDONESIA	5	-	1	-
ITALY	-	12	-	3
TOTAL	69	56	40	19



The chart shows the number of letter written to the various countries. There was high numbers of letters sent to the British embassy in 2017, and Australia had the lowest number of letter.

10. ANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED

My office also engages in carrying out some specific assignments given by His Excellency Governor Yahaya Bello. Such assignments includes representing His Excellency in Meetings, Occasions, Flag off events, inspections of projects and inauguration ceremonies. Some of these events are presented with pictorial evidences below.



Flag off of ijewa aoye road to omi damp, at ejiba efe-olukotun road



At the Police Award as the Best Security Conscious Governor In 2017.



At the Police Award as the Best Security Conscious Governor In 2017.



Courtesy visit of the commandant of the Nigeria

11. MONEY RETURNED TO TREASURY

As a sign of my prudence and integrity to the oat of my office as the Secretary to the State Government, an amount of unused funds worth of one million and one hunderd thousand naira (N1,100,000), allocated for Gala night and cultural display during the Chief of Army Staff visit and commissioning of operational base at Achoze Okene, was returned to the state treasury as at 15th august 2017.

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EXECUTIVE MANDATE

- 1. Presented letter of appointment, swearing in ceremony, payment of salaries and allowances to all political office holder
- 2. Wrote minutes of the state executive council and State Security meeting.
- 3.Official Assignment at the Banquet hall government house



Overseeing committee on staff screening meetings.



Signing of MOU



The SSG with the commissioner for Transport.



Official Assignment at the Banquet hall

PROGRAMS



At The World Sickle-Cell Day with Her Excellency.



The SSG with the S.A on Health during walk-to-Health program



SSG with Her Excellency



The SSG with the commissioner for Transport.



A Visit to the International Market with Her Excellency



CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS & PHILANTHROPY

- 1. Two bore holes in Panyan and kabba Yagba East respectively.
- 2.Medical out-reach yearly.
- 3.UFEDOJO N/P School ANKPA, for feeding six indigent orphans every term.
- 4. Yearly Empowerment for Widows, less privileged, aged.

Folashade Ayoade initiative for widows and orphans.

VISION

The folashade Ayoade initiative for widows and orphans (FAIWO) has the vision to build the capacity of Widows and orphans to stand together for their right to actively contribute to civil society, governance and leadership in Nigeria and Africa.

MISSION

The initiative is to harness the potentials of Widows and Orphans to become productive entities in the society through advocacy, capacity building, economic empowerment and human right program.







DEFINING P.O.T. OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES

The focus of the thrust of policy on governance over the blueprint period is to provide an enabling environment to facilitate economic and social development in the state as well as introduce and implement reforms measures to strengthening governance institution i.e. the civil service, the pension and NHIS health insurance scheme. Under the current development blueprint the civil service shall evolve the platform and processes to effectively implement and manage the policies of the State toward the achievement of the desired outcomes for Kogi state NEW DIRECTION Blueprint, understanding governance reforms by applying improved and best practice systems and processes in governance including procurement, policy and strategy development, better planning processes, improved budgeting and overall public financial management, public service management reforms, M&E. a stable and well-coordinated service with clear and common goal has been positioned to lead the effective and efficient implementation of government policies and programmes. The civil service shall be the essential force that shall drive service delivery and development in all its ramifications in the State and of the NEW DIRECTION Blueprint in the next four years. The legislature and the Judiciary shall be supported to effectively and efficiently discharge their roles in the governance process.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1. Organized sensitization seminars for all categories of political office holders and permanent secretaries across MDAs and retreats for management, senior and other staff of the office of the secretary to the State Government.
- 2.Monitored the activities of political office holder and their corresponding MDAs.
- 3. Remittance of funds to the state treasury.
- Successful management of and oversight function on all anniversaries, programs and special events in the state
- 5.Management of the development of the state annual referral compendium.
- 6. Proper documentation of all memos that passed through the state executive council.
- 7. Sanitization of the state civil service.

SOME INAUGURATIONS, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS

- 1 SSG with chairman and members of local government service commission
- 2 SSG with all political office holders
- 3 Signing of MOU for supply of sanitary waste receptacles of various sizes
- 4 SSG with SA's
- 5 SSG with commissioners
- 6 Governor's parley with political office holders
- 7 SSG with the Nigerian institute of Architects
- 8 Meeting with organised labour (TUC, NLC &CSO) in the screening committee
- 9 Members of NMA Kogi State
- 10 The Committee on Dangote Cement Company/Kogi State Government Ownership
- 11 Business Connection of Digital Register/Payroll
- 12 Medical School Accreditation Committee
- 13 JAC, Tertiary Institutions in Kogi State
- 14 21 local government chairmen in Kogi State
- 15 Members of Kogi State planning and implementation committee under Ministry of Commerce and Industry (SME)
- 16 Okun Advocacy Forum (OAF)
- 17 SSG with WAEC Team
- 18 Representatives of Dangote Cement PLC and Kogi State Government Officials
- 19 Technical committee on geographic and information services
- 20 Officials of U.S Embassy Abuja on Education trip to Kogi State with the SSG

SOME INAUGURATIONS, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS (CONTD)

- 21 Secretaries to the State Government of G-7 Joint Security Summit
- 22 Steering Committee on the Management of Nigeria
 -Korea Friendship Institute
- 23 Open Government Partnership (OGP) and the SSG towards signing up in the OGP anti-corruption programmes
- 24 SSG with UBA, KIRS Management and Finance Team (commissioner of Finance, Auditor General, Accountant General)
- 25 World Bank on FADAMA and APPEAL State Government
- 26 Kogi State Big Fuel Refinery
- 27 KOICA Team with SSG on NKFI (Nigerian Korea Friendship Institute)
- 28 National Association of Kogi State Student (NAKOS)
- 29 SSG with Head of MDA on the draft Budget Review (2020)
- 30 Inauguration of Education Super PAC
- 31 Inauguration of members of desk officers of the UN habitat
- 32 The inauguration of the committee on chieftaincy matters in Kogi state

SOME INAUGURATIONS, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS (CONTD)

- 33 Inauguration of members of domestic debt arrears committee by SSG
- 34 Inauguration of Kogi State Transport Management Committee tagged Confluence Express
- 35 Inauguration of Kogi State Public Sector and Pension Reform Thematic Super PAC
- 36 Inauguration of members of the Advisory of council on Prerogative of Mercy
- 37 Inauguration of members of Kogi State Christian Pilgrim Commission
- 38 Inauguration of Kogi State Agricultural Implementation Committee
- 39 Inauguration of job creation and youth engagement Super PAC
- 40 Inauguration of infrastructures and utilities thematic Super PAC
- 41 Inauguration of special IGR/Funding Super PAC

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POLITICAL MILEAGE

The SSG during the Gubernatorial grand finale campaign







AGENCIES UNDER SSG

1. MDG / SDG

Social Development Goals is a programme designed to bridge the existing gaps in the health and education sectors. Supporting sectors as Water, Sanitation and Agriculture.

The programme is to be funded in a tAripartite arrangement of Federal Government 50%, State Government 30% and the benefiting Local Government 20%

ACHIEVEMENT

- 1. Smooth Implementation of the Conditional Grant Scheme (CGS) to Local Government as well as adherence to service Standards and laid down guideline
- 2. Support for capacity building in the State
- 3. Building of Hospitals, Schools and provision of water across the State
- 4. Provision of technical support to Agricultural Development in the State

CHALLENGES

- 1. Some projects were unable to be identified, whether there are SDGs projects or developing partners because contractors did not communicate with communities before commencing work.
- 2. Bad roads to project site
- 3. Logistic problem
- 4. Some contractors did not hand over project to the communities.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CSDA)

It is an important instrument for mobilizing resources, Indigenous knowledge, Skill and Capacities to address the challenges of poverty and improved welfare for the poor. It helps in poverty reduction by promoting the principal of sustainability, Community Ownership, popular participation, efficiency and value for Money. All these have led to accelerated Socio-economic development of the poor, inclusive and responsive growth and development, empowerment of the poor, strengthened governance in poor communities, improved accountability, transparency and educe cases of abandoned projects.

ACHIEVEMENT

- 1. Reduced poverty, disease and unemployment among communities and vulnerable groups in Kogi State
- 2. Improve the standard of living of the majority of poor people in Kogi State
- 3. Lay emphasis in the use of Community based resources and leverage on Local Knowledge, Local Skill and Entrepreneurship to build, maintain and sustain common public goods and empower the poor masses.
- 4. Expanded, maintain and improved community infrastructure and public goods such as roads, market stalls, electricity, water and storage facilities to produce service and reduce poverty and unemployment
- 5. Utilized the economies resources of the poor communities across the State and built a Solid foundation for Security, Socio-Cultural, Political and Economic growth.

SOME OF THE PROJECT EXECUTED IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE ARE:

- 1. Ire Abara Adavi LGA, Erosion Control + culvert maintenance
- 2. Igbaruku, Yagba West, Culvert Reconstruction + Erosion Control
- 3. Zango Daji, Adavi, Water Reticulation
- 4. Ojochegbe Widows, Dekina, Hostel + Water
- 5. Inike, Okene, Erosion control + Solar Street Light
- 6. Ife-Olukotun, Yagba East, Town Hall + Public Toilet

CHALLENGES

- 1. Lack of Monitoring and maintenance of executed projects by Communities
- 2. Small communities not able to afford counterpart fund
- 3. Lack of awareness by many communities about the laudable provisions of CSDA.

KOGI STATE CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS COMMISSION

The Kogi State Christian Pilgrim Commission was established in 2013. The pilgrim Commission is assigned with the responsibility of preparing and leading Christian pilgrims to the Holy land of pilgrimage.

The Commission is made up of Chairman, Permanent members and part time members who are appointed by the Government on tenurable basis.

Some of the functions of the Commission are:

1. Organize and arrange, Holy Pilgrimage to and from Isreal for the people of the State

Collect fund for the purpose of pilgrimage on behalf of Pilgrims and remit to the appropriate Authority both in Nigeria and Isreal

Ensure the establishment of Camp and management of the facilities

Conduct enlightenment campaign on pilgrimage in all Senatorial Districts of the State.

KOGI STATE HAJJ COMMISSION

Kogi State Hajj Commission was established in 2013. The Hajj Commission is assigned with the responsibility of preparing and leading pilgrims to the Holy Lands of pilgrimage i.e. Saudi Arabia.

The Chairman is the head of the organization, with three (3) full-time members and there (3) part-time members appointed by the Governor on tenurable basis.

Some of the functions of the Commission are:

Organize and arrange, Hajj and Umrah for the people of the State

Collect fund for the purpose of Hajj and Umrah on behalf of pilgrims and remit to the appropriate authorities both in Nigeria and Saudi Arabia

Ensure the establishment of Camp and management of the facilities

Conduct enlightenment Campaign on Hajj and Umrah in all Senatorial Districts of the State Secure good accommodation, transportation and other related services to the performance of Hajj and Umrah on behalf of the State.

KOGI STATE HIV/AIDS CONTROL AGENCY (KOSACA)

Kogi State HIV/AIDS CONTROL AGENCY (KOSACA) was established by law in 2008 as a Board to be known as Kogi State HIV/AIDs Control Board which membership shall comprise of the Chairman of the Board and the executive Secretary with other members appointed by the Government.

Each members shall hold Office for four (4) years and subject to renewable if the Government wish KOSACA has achieved a lot in performance of her responsibility in the State . some of these achievement are:

- 1. Provision of free prevention of mother to child transmission (PMICI)
- 2. Protecting the rights of persons living with HIV and also promoting their welfare due to the effect on the reduction of stigma and discrimination
- 3. Basic Healthcare provision fund
- 4. Equitable care and support for Adolescents and young persons living with HIV
- 5. Provision of Drug resistance.

CHALLENGES

- i people restrain themselves from been screen
- ii reduction of the age consent from 18 years to 14 years
- iii Programming for the adolescent and young population between age 15-45 years

in view of the above with the State intervention on the prevention of incidence of HIV infection through the provision of affordable HIV testing and free treatment to achieve zero level infection.



The Kogi State Inter-Religious Council (KOSIREC) was established for the purpose of peaceful coexistence among the various Religious group in the Kogi State.

The bellow stated points are their major functions

- 1. To ensure that peace and unity is maintained in the State
- **2.** Believed in what is righteous and stand by the truth
- **3.** Restoring unity among Kogi State Indigenous
- 4. Settling of dispute among various interest group in the State

ACHIEVEMENT

- i Peace and unity was maintain in the past election
- ii Ensuring that Political Appointment cut across the three Senatorial District Resolutions to
- iii Idah Imam Crisis
- iv Intervention in the Crisis between the striking judiciary staff and the State Government.

