

**BEING THE TEXT OF SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY,
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EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF BORNO STATE AT THE
OCCASION OF 2020 BUDGET PRESENTATION TO THE
STATE ASSEMBLY ON THE 2ND DECEMBER 2019**

PROTOCOLS

Mr. Speaker,

Honourable Members,

1. Permit me to begin by expressing my profound gratitude to the Almighty for the opportunity to stand before you today in fulfilment of my constitutional responsibility of the presentation of the **2020 Budget proposal** which we named as **Budget of RECOVERY AND STABILIZATION**. We strongly appreciate the strong bond of relationship and partnership that exists between the Executive arm and its legislative counterpart in the state. This amply demonstrates our common philosophy, vision, and committed towards rendering selfless service to our people. Borno is proud to have a crop of legislators with the experience, knowledge and

focus in the legislative business of ensuring better legal framework for good governance and policies for sustainable socio-economic development.

2. Speaker, Honourable Members, we are here today to present for your consideration the estimates of revenues and expenditures for the 2020 fiscal year. Let me say that a unique feature of this budget is the bottom-top approach we took in canvassing for basic and fundamental input from the grassroots. There was a wide stakeholder consultation under the auspices of a **budget stakeholder workshop** that elicited input from all critical stakeholders. This was followed by thorough defence by Ministries, Departments and Agencies before the appropriate Executive committees. On Thursday, 28th November 2019, the Borno State Executive Council considered the 2020 budget estimates for presentation to the Borno State House of Assembly.

3. Mr Speaker, Honourable members, we came on board at the end of May 2019 when the atmosphere for peace and tranquility had begun descending on the state. My predecessor aptly tagged his 2019 budget as that of 'CONSOLIDATION'. His philosophical outlook was to strengthen on the developmental gains achieved with the dawn of peace through vigorous pursuit of reconstruction and resettlement efforts and effective management of the humanitarian crisis. Fundamental milestone was the successful conduct of the 2019 elections that saw all of us here to be at the helm of governance in the state. We all owe a great indebtedness to wonderful leadership of my predecessor Alhaji Kashim Shettima and indeed, that of Mr. President, Commander in Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. To the electorates from the ward level to state level, I must say a

big thank you for voting us into various elective positions and we promised not to let you down.

4. In line with my solemn pledge enunciated during my inauguration address when I made a categorical statement that this administration will ***build on the solid foundation already laid on a 10-pact transformation agenda to take our beloved state to the NEXT LEVEL. This 10-pact transformation agenda will consolidate on the gains so far achieved and also restore the age old honor, dignity and prosperity of the state. It is an all-inclusive agenda bringing everybody on board to salvage ourselves and build a strong and prosperous state. This philosophy informs the*** direction of our government and approach to work with courage, judgment, integrity and dedication to ensure we make a real difference in the lives of our compatriots, rebuild our infrastructure, revamp our economy, create jobs for the

jobless, provide quality education and health services for our communities and stay in peace and tranquility.

5. Mr. Speaker, Honorable members, let me profoundly appreciate the great legislative work you accomplished of recent that laid the solid foundation for the implementation of the 2020 budget and also for the realization of all our plans this fiscal year for the socio-economic development of our state. These include the Borno State Public Procurement Bill (2019), Sustainable Development and Humanitarian Response Bill, (2019), Geographical Information Service Bill, (2019), education Trust Fund Bill 2019 and Security Trust Fund Bill 2019. The significance of these bills cannot be overemphasized but there is gainsaying the fact that we will succeed in instilling the values of due process, accountability and probity in public expenditure. It is in this regard that I directed for the transfer of the Monitoring and Evaluation

Unit to be under the office of the Executive Governor. We will also emplace better institutional coordination mechanism for all donor supports and interventions to ensure prudent use of resources for positive impacts on the lives of our people.

OBJECTIVES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE 2020 BUDGET

6. The policy direction of this administration is to ensure effective and efficient delivery of the 10-pact development agenda. The overarching objective of rejuvenating the economy, restoring dignity of labour and rekindling hope and strengthening resilience informed the decision to name the 2020 Budget as **BUDGET OF RECOVERY AND STABILIZATION.**

It is to this end that the Budget sets out to achieve the following broad based fundamental objectives: -

- Strengthen the Security architecture to safeguard lives and properties of our people
- Boost the agricultural sector and forestall food Security and reduce dependency on food aids.
- Massive investment in education, healthcare and social welfare to reinvigorate the human resources base of the state.
- Rekindle economic growth through job creation and support for SMEs.
- Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Infrastructure in terms of road networks, water and sanitation, electricity, and Housing etc.
- Emplace good governance through a robust and responsive public service build on principles of accountability, transparency, equity and justice in resource utilization and service delivery.

REVIEW OF THE 2019 BUDGET

7. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, during the 2019 fiscal year, the previous administration budgeted the sum of **N144,739,477,375.00** for both recurrent and capital expenditures. Out of this, the sum of **N80,713,304,000** was for capital expenditure whereas recurrent expenditure was **N64,026,173,375.00**.

DETAILS OF THE BUDGET FOR RECOVERY AND STABILIZATION

BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

8. The assumptions are predicated on the stipulations as contained in the Medium Term Expenditure Framework covering 2019-2021: -

- Crude Oil benchmark of US \$57 per barrel;
- Oil production estimate of 2.18 Million barrel per day;
- Exchange rate of N305/US Dollar;
- Inflation rate of 12.57%;
- Increase in Internally Generated Revenue.

THE 2020 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

9. The proposed size of the Budget of RECOVERY AND STABILIZATION is **N134,500,923,000.00** with the Recurrent Expenditure of **N67,540,524,000.00** and Capital Expenditure of **N66,960,399,000.00**. This represents 50.37% Recurrent Expenditure and 49.7% Capital Expenditure. Personnel cost and interventions to manage humanitarian crisis accounts for the slight increase of the recurrent over the capital expenditure. This shows that the 2020 budget is slightly less than that of 2019 by about 7.5% as the proposed crude oil prize benchmark of US\$57 barrels is used as against US\$60 for last year.

1. TOTAL REVENUE N14, 273, 696,000

2. TOTAL RECURRENT REVENUE

N99,236,030,000

3. TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

N67,540,524,000

4. RECURRENT SURPLUS N31,695, 506, 000

5. TOTAL CAPITAL RECEIPTS N66, 960,399,000

6. TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

N66, 960, 399,000

Capital Expenditure Based on Sectors:	
Administrative Sector	8,964,500,000
Economic Sector	40,399,000,000
Law & Justice Sector	1,148,223,000
Social Sector	16,448,676,000
Total Capital Expenditure	66,960,399,000
Total Expenditure (Budget Size)	134,500,923,000

Capital Expenditure Based on Functions:		
1	General Public Service	5,409,223,000
2	Public Order & Safety	5,094,173,000
3	Economic Affairs	9,800,000,000

4	Environmental Protection	17,644,023,000
5	Housing & Community Amenities	13,394,000,000
5	Health	2,168,000,000
6	Recreation, Culture & Religion	1,613,402,000
7	Education	10,174,176,000
8	Social Protection	1,663,402,000
	Total Capital Expenditure	66,960,399,000
	Total Expenditure (Budget Size)	134,500,923,000

Capital Expenditure Based on Programmes		
1	Economic Empowerment Through Agriculture (General)	7,643,000,000
2	Societal Re-orientation (General)	4,880,000,000
3	Poverty Alleviation	2,800,000,000
4	Improvements to Human Health (General)	2,168,000,000
3	Enhancing Skills & Knowledge (General)	7,490,000,000
4	Housing & Urban Development (General)	3,874,000,000
5	Gender (General)	

		2,750,000,000
6	Youth (General)	2,410,197,000
7	Environmental Improvement (General)	3,658,872,000
8	Water Resources & Rural Development	2,513,000,000
9	Information Communication & Technology (General)	5,048,321,000
10	Growing the Private Sector	3,343,050,000
11	Reform of Government & Governance (General)	5,280,550,000
12	Power (General)	3,652,359,000
13	Road (General)	8,580,050,000
	Total Capital Expenditure	66,960,399,000

SECTORAL ALLOCATION

10. This administration **will not shrink** from its responsibility of protecting the lives and properties of its people. I strongly uphold the provisions of Section 14 (I) b of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) which states that ***“The Security and welfare of the people shall be***

the primary purpose of Government". We will do whatever it takes to ensure peace and tranquility is permanently restored in the state. The strategy we adopted is yielding positive results as amply demonstrated by my visits to all the hitherto enclaves of the insurgents. **We will not relent our commitment in this undertaking until the crisis is completely over.**

11. We will not tolerate another mass displacement, embarrassing humanitarian situation and joblessness of our energetic youths, food insecurity, massive school dropouts and hopelessness of the vulnerable groups as caused by the insurgency. It is for this reason that Public Order and Safety function is budgeted the sum of **N5,094,173,000.00** in the 2020 fiscal year.

12. The honour and dignity of our people and state is inextricably linked to agriculture and food security. We

are an agrarian state because close to 90% of the populace are engaged in farming, livestock and fishing. Agriculture is the mainstay of the economy and with the negative impact of the insurgency on this sector, our salvation lies fundamentally on how we resuscitate it to ensure food security, reduce dependency and create jobs. Our preoccupation since assumption of office has been to vigorously pursue the programme of ***quick return to farm***. In spite of the time limitation, we were able to bring under cultivation about 10,000 hectares of land and mobilized farmers for the firgi farming. We intend to expand the outreach to all the local Government areas, mobilize interventions from financial institutions and other organizations and provide all necessary incentives to our farmers for a bumper harvest. It is for this reason that in the 2020 budget the sum of **N4,179,904,000.00** is allocated to the Ministry of

Agriculture for its recurrent and capital expenditures. In shaa Allah, we are willing to cultivate 100,000 of hectare of Land in the year 2020.

13. This administration gives high premium to Education because no genuine social transformation and economic development will take place without Education. For us to find solutions to the root causes of insurgency we must revamp the education sector to cater for the teeming population, the school dropouts and out of school children. We must improve on the school infrastructure, ensure accessibility to quality education and build the capacity of the teachers. Teaching and learning environment must not only be conducive but the teaching staff must be well motivated to work.

14. We made frantic efforts to construct more schools from my assumption of office and also continued with the total rehabilitation and renovation of school infrastructures that was started by the previous administration. We have carried out major rehabilitation works in 20 primary and post-primary schools throughout the state and constructed three new mega schools.

15. In the coming financial year, we will construct new mega schools in Wuyo and Chibok, and technical schools in Mbalala and Bulabulin (Maiduguri). We will also construct new Higher Islamic Secondary schools in Dikwa, Monguno and Biu Local Government Areas. We will continue the rehabilitation drive, provision of furniture, infrastructure and learning materials and capacity building for teachers. These and many we can do for our schools and children. Therefore, for the 2020

fiscal year the Ministry of Education is allocated the sum of **N6,941,414,000.00** for both recurrent and capital expenditures. In the year 2020, we shall ensure rehabilitation and reopening of secondary schools in Monguno, Damasak, Gajiram, Gubio, Dikwa, Ngala, Konduga, Bama and Gwoza

16. The Borno State Universal Education Board has the statutory responsibility of ensuring basic quality education as well as creating a conducive atmosphere for teaching and learning to take place. It planned to embark on construction of 72 classrooms across the State and rehabilitation of 27 blocks of 2-classrooms. In addition, it will also procure furniture and instructional materials to all the renovated schools. It will also carry on with the routine school feeding programme across the states. In view of these and other functions, the Board is allocated a total sum of **N2,218,500,000.00** for

its capital and recurrent expenditures for the fiscal year 2020.

17. The Borno State Teaching Service Board was established in 2000 to provide higher and quality education for all post primary schools in the State. In the year 2020 fiscal year, the Board has proposed to construct additional offices at its permanent site to accommodate all staff of the Board. It also intends to carry out the training and re-training of teachers and staff of the Board for optimal performance in addition to the recruitment additional teachers to make up for shortages in some critical disciplines. Therefore, in order for the Board to carry out its functions effectively, a total sum of **N4,767,000,000.00** is earmarked for its recurrent and capital expenditures for the fiscal year 2020. We shall ensure recruitment of 1000 teachers to fill the gaps especially the science subjects.

18. Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, as you are aware the Borno State University has commenced full academic activities this financial year. After my assumption of office, I ensured the provision of basic infrastructures to facilitate the take off. We will ensure physical development of the University through expansion of faculties and departments to meet the aspirations of the state. We planned to start the construction a Teaching Hospital in January 2020 to enable the faculty of Medical sciences to take off during the 2021 financial year. We also earmarked interventions in all our tertiary institutions to improve the teaching and learning environment. Government will continue to honour all obligations for sponsorship to Borno State indigenes within and outside the country including payment of professional examinations. To this end, the Ministry for Higher Education is allocated the

sum of **N9,136,525,000.00** for its recurrent and capital expenditures in the 2020 fiscal year.

19. A strong pillar in the 10-pact transformation agenda is job creation component. As part of our policy thrust, we created the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, empowered the Ministries of Poverty Alleviation, Youths and Sports, Agriculture as well as Women Affairs to address the issue of youth unemployment holistically. Since my assumption of office, I have been relentless in exploring windows for intervention through collaboration with Federal Government Agencies, Central Bank and other financial institutions and Development Partners to ameliorate the social menace. We devised economic empowerment packages to strengthen the capital base of SMEs in Gamboru Custom markets, GSM Village traders and former ECOMOG youths. As part of the long term

strategy, we are currently constructing a modern Vocation and Technical (VTC) skills acquisition centre in Maiduguri with carrying capacity of 1000 students and shall complete it early next year. In the 2020 fiscal year we earmarked to construct 4 new VTCs in Maiduguri (for Women), Mafa, Kwaya-Kusar and Mobbar.

20. It is in this regard that for the 2020 fiscal year, the Ministry of Poverty alleviation is allocation the sum of **N2,148,200,000.00** for both its Recurrent and Capital expenditures, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation is allocated the sum of **N2,852,010,000.00** for its recurrent and capital expenditures, Ministry of Youths and Sports is allocated the sum of sum of **N1,210,000,000.00** for the recurrent and Capital expenditures, while the Women Affairs gets the sum of **N699,900,000.00** for its capital and recurrent expenditures. The state government will soon sign a

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bank of Industry (BOI) to provide One Billion Naira counter-part funding. The Borno State government will provide support to our SME's in the state amounting to Two Billion Naira in the year 2020. These monies shall be disbursed to marketers in Monday market, Gamboru, Muna, Budum, Baga, Ngomari, Bulumkutu, Moduganmari, Tashan Kano, Bolori, Abbaganaram markets amongst others in Maiduguri, Jere and all the 27 local LGA's in the state. Modalities are under way to provide the marching counter-part funding of one Billion Naira to the Bank of Industry (BOI) in January 2020

21. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the policy thrust of this administration is to provide an integrated, comprehensive and decentralized delivery of basic health services to both rural and urban areas. Since my assumption of office I continued with the rehabilitation

and expansion of health facilities, human capacity building for medical and health workers as well as provision of free maternal and healthcare services in the state We have completely rehabilitated Primary Health Care Clinics in Chibok, Chomgum (Bayo), Ngulde (A/Uba), Hawul, Walama (Shani) and Pulka (Gwoza). We have rehabilitated the General Hospital in Biu and constructed a new maternity clinic in 777 Estate, Maiduguri.

22. In the 2020 financial year we earmarked to renovate/rehabilitate all destroyed General Hospitals across the State, the Psychiatric Hospital and staff quarters at College of Nursing and Midwifery. We will upgrade the General Hospitals of Biu and Monguno to the status of Specialist Hospitals. To improve outreach and make health services available to all, we will construct Primary Health Centres in each of the

accessible wards of the Local Government Areas. Therefore, in the 2020 fiscal year the sum of **N11,666,873,000.00** is allocated to the Ministry of Health and Human Services.

23. The crucial role of reconstruction, rehabilitation and resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and communities cannot be overemphasized given the experiences of massive dislocation and displacement witnessed during the insurgency. The management of the humanitarian crisis and resettlement of communities are very key responsibilities of this administration. With the improvements in peace and security as well as the clamour of the displaced communities to return to their original homes necessitates more reconstruction and rehabilitation drives in the next financial year. We have made a lot of headway since we came on board by

completing works initiated by my predecessor in Kawuri and Gajiram

24. These efforts will be intensified in the financial year 2020. In addition, we earmarked in collaboration with the UNDP to construct 500 houses in Banki Town, 500 in Damboa, 500 in Monguno and 500 in Ngarannam. We intend to complete the ongoing reconstruction works in Ngoshe, Ajiri and Mairari villages of Gwoza, Mafa and Guzamala Local Government Areas of the State in the 2020. Government will commence the reconstruction, rehabilitation and resettlement of the following communities in s the 20202, Marte, Kukawa, Cross-Kauwa, Baga, Malamfatori, Gudumbali, Ngoshe, Warabe, Dalwa, Gajibo, Banki, Koibe, Ajiri, Monguno amongst others. Government is also working to ensure that all IDP camps within MMC and Jere are closed in the year 2020 in accordance with the Kampala

convention. For these and other activities, the sum of **N9,213,418,000.00** is allocated for its recurrent and capital expenditures.

25. Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, as you are aware the insurgency hindered the development of road networks in the state with serious economic consequences. With the much improved security situation now, our policy focus in the 2020 fiscal year will be to renew the commitment to rebuild and expand the road network system in order for the state to prosper, and trade and commerce to thrive. A transportation network is the backbone of the economic, security and competitiveness, as well as our quality of life. It facilitates the movement of people and goods and links our communities to each other and to the rest of the country and neighboring countries. My preoccupation since we came on board is to exert all pressures on the

Federal Government to work on the Maiduguri-Gamboru and Maiduguri-Banki roads. We have succeeded in making important headways in collaboration with Aliko Dangote Foundation. Our success in this direction will completely overturn our economy for the better.

26. While we pursue this, Government in the 2020 financial year will focus more on the construction of road networks in Jiddari Polo, Goni Kachallari, Mala Kyariri-Zannari, London-ciki, Umarari, Bolori, Polo-Giwa Barracks of MMC and Jere LGAs of Borno State. We shall also undertake road networks in Monguno, Biu, Ngala, Benishikh and Askira Towns of the State. We shall in shaa Allah complete the Damboa-Chibok road and will also construct road networks between Pulka and Ngoshe and Muna-Dusuman-Jabamari-Gongulong road. There is also the construction of Custom area fly-over bridge to be carried out in the 2020 fiscal year. To

this end the Ministry of Works is allocated the total sum of **N7,086,000,000.00** for its recurrent and capital expenditures.

27. Water is one of the most essential natural resources for livelihood, food security and economic growth. Factors hindering progress in access to safe drinking water include insecurity, the increasing number of refugees and growing population, thus putting pressure on the available resources. We need to invest in the sustainable development of our vast water resources, to protect against the impact of climate change, develop a comprehensive Water Management and Utilization Programme. Government will construct mega water works in Pulka and Chibok. During the 2020 financial year the sum the total sum of **N3,527,900,000.00** is earmarked for the Ministry of Water Resources for its recurrent and capital expenditures,

28. The critical role infrastructure plays in human development, poverty reduction, and the attainment of the sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cannot be overemphasized. It is a key driver for progress and a critical enabler for productivity and sustainable economic growth. The need for adequate infrastructure- secure energy, efficient transport system, reliable communication systems, resilient sanitation, and affordable housing is paramount. We need to develop adequate and efficient infrastructure to create more jobs, open up trade and investment opportunities, and make way for efficient use of natural resources.

29. In 2020 fiscal year we will ensure sustainable urban development through legislation that will encompass policy coordination, removing inappropriate building regulations, encouraging innovation, maintenance and upgrades of existing housing properties and informal

settlements, and provide services that target the marginalized groups including the poor, youth, women and the elderly people. 500 Housing units shall be constructed in Maiduguri in the year 2020, plans are also underway to construct about 7000 urban houses in collaboration with the ministry, family homes and ANDP. The Ministry of Housing and Energy is allocated the sum of **N4,478812,000.00** for its capital and recurrent expenditures.

30. We cannot tackle the problem of unemployment or achieve the standards we want in our social services unless we do something about industrial development. So government policies on the revitalization of our industry, trade and commerce will be given top priority. Government is also formulating positive policies aimed at formulating and promoting trade and creating conducive business environment for small, medium and

large scale businesses by providing opportunity for low interest micro credit to traders/entrepreneurs through partnership with the State Micro Finance Banking and disbursement of grants and revolving loans as part of the economic empowerment strategy. Government will also recapitalize the Borno Investment company to perform its functions and resuscitate all the dormant industries i.e. Borno wire Industry, Neital Shoe Factory and all the Cottage Industries. Tourism shall also be reinvigorated through completion of work at the Lake Tilla Holiday Resort, reconstruction of Maiduguri International Hotel, upgrading of Borno State Hotels, upgrading of the Family recreation and Amusement Park. The sum of **N3,265,218,000.00** is therefore earmarked for the Ministry of Trade, investment and Tourism in the 2020 budget.

31. For the 2020 fiscal year, we earmarked the procurement of new fleet of buses for both intra and inter-state Mass Transit services and introduce state owned taxi cabs and trucks and pickups for goods transportation and works. We will ensure urban transportation conform to standard practices, create additional motor and trailer parks and bus stops in designated areas in the State Capital and major towns. Weight bridges will also be installed at entry point to Maiduguri and major towns to discourage over loading to prolong life span of roads. These activities and many others will be done. Therefore, for the 2020 financial year the total sum of **N1,500,000,000.00** has been earmarked for the Ministry of Transport recurrent and capital expenditures.

32. The Ministry of Justice is responsible for drafting and vetting of laws as well as prosecution of criminal

and civil cases on behalf of Government. It also provides legal advises to Ministries, Boards and Agencies and the general public. To carry out these functions effectively the total sum of **N1,133,874,000.00** to the Ministry for its Recurrent and Capital expenditures in the 2020 fiscal year.

33. The Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Development is the engine room for prudent management of public funds and responsible for formulation and implementing sound financial and economic policies aimed at achieving successful and effective management of Government resources. The Ministry shall in the 2020 fiscal year, purchase vehicles to augment utility fleet of the Government House and the Security outfits in the State, training and retraining of staff, offer all necessary assistance to State Internal Revenue Services to improve Internally Generated

revenue amongst other statutory functions and to this end the sum of **N19,166,201,000.00** is therefore allocated to the Ministry to carry out its functions smoothly in the 2020 fiscal year.

34. The Ministry of Animal Resources and Fisheries Development is responsible for improvement of livestock, fisheries and poultry production in the State. It is the plan of Government to implement the RUGA policy projects in the 2020 fiscal year. The project will commence in Gombole Cattle Range, Jauro Yaya Reserve in Magumeri, Kimba Ratawa Grazing Reserve in Biu and two others in Mafa and Shani. In addition, Government in collaboration with the World Bank under the livestock productivity and resilience Project (L-pres) will embark upon livestock production and support project in the State. During the 2020 fiscal year routine vaccination programmes will be intensified zonal and

area offices will be renovated and construction of satellite abattoirs in Maiduguri and other Local Governments will be carried out. The Galtimari Fish hatchery complexes and other poultry activities will be revamped in the state. Therefore, for the 2020 financial year the sum of **N1,124,969,000.00** is earmarked for the Ministry for its Recurrent and Capital expenditures.

35. The Ministry of Environment statutorily responsible for proper environmental sanitation and life conservation, combating desertification, erosion and flood control amongst other functions. It is in this line that government of recent introduced the monthly sanitation exercise in the state. In the 2020 financial year Government plans for massive programme for erosion and flood control, construction and maintenance of sewage and drainages, dredging of river Ngada and Ngadabul, desilting of drainages across the State and

procurement of earth moving equipment. It also planned the establishment of an integrated plastic interlocking as part of waste to wealth project to create jobs. To this end, the Ministry is allocated the total sum of **N2,051,120,000.00** for its recurrent and capital expenditures for the 2020 fiscal year.

36. The Ministry of Inter-Governmental Affairs and Special Duties is responsible for coordination of activities and programmes of United Nations, NGOs, Federal Ministries and Agencies and settlement of boundary matters within and between the States. To carry out its functions effectively, the Ministry is allocated the sum of **N487,100,000.00** both for its recurrent and capital in the 2020 fiscal year.

37. The Borno State House of Assembly is an independent arm of Government that has the statutory

function of enacting laws, bills and motions that are constitutional necessary for the socio-economic and sustainable development of the State. It also undertakes other activities such as the training and retraining of Hon. Members and staff, creating an effective and efficient legislation environment, implementation of the consolidated Legislative Salary Structure (CONLESS) for staff, purchase of utility vehicles and buses, and settlement of annual subscription to commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), Society of Clerks, Northern Speakers Forum of Presiding Officers of Nigerian Legislative as well as other legislative bodies. In order to carry out these and other function the total sum of **N5,381,061,000.00** is earmarked for its recurrent and capital expenditures for the 2020 fiscal year.

39. The Local Government Service Commission was established and charged with the responsibility of

appointing, promoting, transferring, training and disciplining of Local Government staff from grade level 07 and above in the State. During the 2020 financial year, the Local Government Service Commission has planned to construct auditorium in the office complex, renovate and furnish their office and provide utility vehicles for its day to day operations. To this end the Commission is allocated the sum of **N127,200,000.00** for the 2020 fiscal year.

40. The Borno State Independent Electoral Commission is statutorily responsible for organizing, undertaking and supervision of all elections into the Local Government Councils in the State. The Commission is expected to organize elections into the Local Government councils in the second quarter of 2020. The Commission is allocated the sum of **N293,334,000.00** to conduct

elections into the Local Government Councils in the 2020 fiscal year.

41. The statutory function of the Borno State Board of Internal revenue Service is to generate Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) from all sources available to the State and to further coordinate and supervise the collection of revenue collected by Ministries, Departments and Agencies in the State.

During the 2020 fiscal year, the Board therefore proposes to embark on an aggressive public enlightenment and tax payer education to enlighten the public on the new tax reform. It proposed the development of application for central motor registry (CMR) and National vehicle identification scheme (NVIS) server of the Federal Road Safety Corps and other innovations. In order for the Board to carry out

these activities, the sum of **N254,929,000.00** is allocated for its recurrent and capital expenditures for the 2020 fiscal year.

42. The Civil Service Commission is saddled with the responsibility of recruiting, promoting, discipline and retirement of civil servants in the State. It also advises Government on issues affecting the appointment of Permanent Secretaries and other key appointments. The Commission also serves as appellate body for all petitions from MDAs staff discipline. To enable the Commission to carry out its function judiciously and effectively, Government has allocated the total sum of **N197,500,000.00** for its capital and recurrent expenditures for the 2020 fiscal year.

43. In the year 2020 the Governor's intend to complete the construction of Borno House in Abuja and continue

with the repairs of the Musa Usman Secretariat and purchase of utility vehicles for the routine duties of the office. There are plans for capacity building and human resources development to enhance productivity. For the Governor's Office and the Office of the Head of Service to carry out the numerous statutory functions effectively and efficiently, the Governor's Office is allocated the total sum of **N4,996,270.00** for its capital and recurrent expenditures for the 2020 fiscal year.

44. Mr. Speaker, Honourable members kindly permit me to conclude this budget presentation address by re-echoing the fact that this budget is indeed a budget of Recovery and stabilization. The import of the budget is to rejuvenate the decapitated economy, inject hope and strengthen resilience in our people in the fight against the insurgents, restore hope and confidence in the

Governance and bestow the dividend of democracy to better the lives of our people.

45. Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, this budget is in accord with our policy direction consolidating the achievements so far recorded and laying a solid foundation for sustained development. Mr. Speaker, Honourable members I therefore crave your indulgence to critically examine this budget while taking into cognizance the needs and aspirations of the people.

46. Let me therefore extend my sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to the Speaker and Honourable Members for their support and cooperation in all our efforts to uplift the living standards of our people.

47. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members may I, therefore with your permission lay before you the proposal for 2020 Budget for your consideration and approval. I

therefore hope and pray that this budget will be accorded the desired consideration and speedy passage.

48. Thank you and May Allah bless us all.