

**SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE:**  
**SENATOR (DR.) ALI MODU SHERIFF'S LEADERSHIP**  
**IN BORNO STATE**

Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff a man of vision, initiative, courage and zeal has within just over four years in office put in place laudable people oriented programme and projects which has touched the lives of every citizen in Borno State . These include Healthcare delivery, Housing, Roads constructions and drainages, Agricultural development, Poverty reduction and Youth Empowerment as well as revamping of the information sector among others.

**HEALTH**

The Health Sector was almost paralyzed when Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff came to power in Borno on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2003 with all Health workers on strike for over six months due to non-payment of their allowances as well as poor state of facilities in hospitals across the State. The Government/Labour relations was immediately resolved and work resumed in all hospitals.

Since then, so many achievements have been recorded in the Health sector which include:

- 1) Renovation of hospitals across the State at N6.6 million.
- 2) Provision of water supply, standby generator, repair of mortuary and provision of theatre and maternity equipment at the State Specialist Hospital Maiduguri at a total cost of N4,29,000.
- 3) Drilling of boreholes at the Schools of Nursing, Health Technology and Midwifery at the cost of N2.6 million.
- 4) The sum of N30 million was also expended on the provision of drugs in our hospitals and were sold to patients on affordable prices.
- 5) Government also undertook the renovation and extension of the VVF Ward at the State Specialist Hospital where a counterpart funding of N45 million from the Health System Development Fund was released.
- 6) Government also undertook the construction of 5 new General Hospitals across the State. They are the General Hospitals at:
  - a. Chibok General Hospital at N40 million.
  - b. 100 Bed Askira General Hospital at N153 million.
  - c. Gudumbali in Guzamala Local Government General Hospital at N114 million.
  - d. Rann in Kala-Balge Local Government at the cost of N114 million.
  - e. 300 Bed space at Bulumkutu General Hospital at the cost of N321 million.
  - f. Briyel General Hospital in Bayo Local Government at N176 million.

The State Government also released the sum of N10 million as counterpart funding to BOSACA to curb the scourge of HIV/AIDS in the State.

Also this administration has sponsored free medical treatment and operations of over one hundred and eleven NOMA patients in Sokoto NOMA Hospital .

This administration under the Health System Development Fund with the release of N55 million counterpart funding for primary Health care centres at Borno Yesu, Ngitra, Duste, Yale, Chul, Malari, Badu, Washele, Malamaja, Izge, Leje, Jara Dali and Ngurno.

Government also paid the sum of N3 million as counterpart funding for the control of River Blindness (onchorchiasis) in twelve Local Government areas.

Completed the abandoned comprehensive Health Centres in:-

- a) Kekeno in Kukawa Local Government Area at the cost of N10.79 million.
- b) Ngulde in Askira/Uba Local Government Area at the cost of N10.790 million.
- c) Wulgo in Ngala Local Government Area at the cost of N10.819 million.
- d) Gunda in Biu Local Government Area at the cost of N8.044 million.
- e) Fikahyel in Bayo Local Government Area AT THE COST OF N20.399 million.
- f) KWAJAFFA IN Hawul Local Government Area at the cost of N11 million.
- g) Ladi Bida in Monguno Local Government Area at the cost of N7.3 million.
- h) Kubo in Shani Local Government Area at the cost of N10.8 million.
- i) Jabulam in Abadam Local Government Area at the cost of N8.5 million.

## **AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture is the mainstay of the people of Borno State as almost 80% of the population are engaged in agricultural activities. Since Agriculture play a very crucial role in the socio-economic development of the State, this sector has been given its priority attention by the Senator Ali Modu Sheriff Administration and the following achievements were recorded:

### **1. Agriculture**

- i) Fertilizer procurement and distribution: About 8000 metric tones of assorted fertilizers was received and distributed to the farmers of the State at subsidized rate. This was done through direct sales during market days to enable farmers increase their yields.
- ii) Procurement of pest control Agro chemicals: In order to contain the menace of pest in the State, Agro chemicals and equipments of assorted types were procured and used for the control of pest in many parts fo the State. A sum of N50 million was expended for this activity.
- iii) Farm Development Centre: Renovation of Zonal Agricultural offices were carried out at Biu, Monguno, Bama and Maiduguri to enhance staff service delivery and performance within the Ministry. The sum of twenty-five million Naira (N25m) was used in the procurement and distribution of seeds and seedlings to the teaming farmers of the State.
- iv) Seed Multiplication: To increase the living standard of farmers of the State, they needed high yielding and early maturing seeds and seedlings of both vegetables and fruits tree crops. In view of this, the sum of ten million (N10m) was used in the procurement and distribution of seeds and seedlings to the teaming farmers of the State.

v) Agricultural Extension – (Extension Service): An advocacy programme was conducted to sensitize and create awareness among farmers to embrace the use of industrial crop (cotton, groundnut and cowpea) production to reduce poverty among farmers. Five million (N5m) Naira was used for this project.

## **2. Veterinary Service:**

i) One ultra modern veterinary hospital was renovated and supplied with enough vaccines and drugs as well as laboratory equipments to the tune of twenty-five (N25m) Naira and has since completed.

ii) Suspected bird flue cases in four areas in the State was effectively controlled in the poultry farms in Maiduguri . Adequate measures was also taken to prevent the spread of such disease to other parts of the State.

iii) It has successfully carried out anti-rabies campaign programme and also vaccinated a lot of dogs brought by the farmers statewide which cost the sum of N2m) Naira only.

## **3. Animal Husbandry Management Services**

i) The department has taken a giant stride in the management of livestock in the State by purchasing de-wormer drugs and other consumables for livestock development in the State. The sum of (20.12m) Twenty million, one hundred and twenty thousand Naira was utilized for the project.

ii) Provision of water point the Ministry through the livestock department was able to provide water for livestock use through the construction of earth dams in all the 27 Local Government areas at the cost of thirty million (N30m) Naira only.

iii) The sum of twenty (N20m) Naira was expended for the purchase of improved grass seeds and seedling equipments for livestock seeds production and has been distributed to livestock farmers across the State.

iv) Livestock genetic improvement services were provided and Artificial Insemination programme at Gambole cattle Ranch in the State.

v) The renovation of Poultry Production Unit (PPU) and poultry Demonstration Holding Centre both in Maiduguri and were supplied with birds. Drugs and equipments as well as feeds were purchased to the tune of thirty (N30m) million Naira.

## **4. Provision of fisheries development**

i) To create high level of awareness amongst the fish farmers about the economic importance of the fisheries sub-sector a sum of eight million (N8m) Naira was expended on the project.

ii) We procured and stocked finger-links in some ponds around the State, e.g. Biu, Marama and Monguno Fish Ponds. A sum of twenty million (N20m) Naira was expended on this project. This was intended to enhance fish production in the State.

iii) A sum of twenty (N20m) million Naira was also expended for the construction, disilting and procurement of assorted fishing inputs and distributed to fishermen all over the State.

## **5. Irrigation Development Services**

- i) The Yau, Abadam and Daya Irrigation Schemes were resuscitated and put to use for the cultivation of rice and wheat in the area. In view of this provision of fuel, lubricants and overhauling of engines and generators was also carried out. The sum of ten million (N10m) Naira was utilized for this project.
- ii) The Ministry expended thirty-four million, nine hundred and ten thousand naira (N34.91m) for the rehabilitation and expansion of Damasak Irrigation scheme for enhanced production of rice and dry season crop production activities. This has since completed.

## **6. Rural Transformation Services**

- i) New brand tractors and wheel loader of 191 in No. were procured and assembled for the farming populace of the State. The procurement and assembly cost the sum of more than (N600m) Six hundred million Naira.
- ii) A workshop was conducted for the training of fifty-four (54) farmers across the State on the intermediate technology of Animal traction at the cost of ten million (N10m) Naira only.
- iii) Also the construction/renovation of office blocks and tractor sheds was completed at the farm centre to the tune of twenty (N20m) Naira and has since completed.

## **HOUSING**

Considering the Housing problems that existed in the State most especially the State capital, Governor Ali Modu Sheriff through prudent management and saving of scarce resources was able to construct 777 Housing Estate along Jos Road with full infrastructural facilities like Police Post, Mosque, Shopping Mall and Parking lots at a total cost of N3 billion. A similar Housing Estate, the 500 Abba Gana Terab Housing Estate along Gamboru/Ngala Road was also constructed at the cost of N1.4 billion.

At the Local Government Areas, twenty (20) Housing Units have been built in each Local Government Headquarters.

In fact, these housing projects along with all other projects in the State were executed without recourse to taking any loan.

## **ROAD AND DRAINAGES**

Before the advent of the Administration of His Excellency, Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff most of the roads and drainages within Maiduguri metropolis and the Local Government Headquarters were in a state of total disrepair especially during the rainy seasons. The conditions of the roads and drainage systems were so bad that most inhabitants of these areas abandoned their homes due to storm water flooding of the

entire areas during rainy seasons. In view of those deplorable conditions, His Excellency came up with a blue print to tackle these problems. In the last four years, the following township roads were constructed:-

- ⇒ Goni Adam street which links Dikwa Road With Bama Road through London Ciki
- ⇒ Maimusari, Agaja, Circular and Gambole roads in the G.R.A.
- ⇒ NGOMARI/Bulumkutu Wards road networks cover 15.57km and 28.820km drainage.
- ⇒ Bolori Ward covering 3.335km road and 6.670km drainage.
- ⇒ Umarari/Zajeri Wards covering 28.8km road and 13.13km drainage.
- ⇒ London Chiki/Costain covering 9.860km road and 4.930km drainage, Pompomari/Federal Low-Cost bypass covering 18.45km and 8.825km road.
- ⇒ Shettima Ali Monguno Road and drainage.
- ⇒ Mairamri 777 Housing estate covering 14.8km road.
- ⇒ Government House road and drainage.
- ⇒ Gwange Ward roads and drainage at a total cost of N9.49 million.

Government also rehabilitated the Gamboru/Ngala road though a Federal Road at the cost of N10 million due to its un-motorable condition during the rainy seasons.

As part of the dividends of Democracy, construction of township road networks have been embarked upon in Local Government Headquarters of Biu, Bama, Gwoza and Ngala. Already that of Biu has been completed at the cost of N1.9 billion with solar street lighting in progress. The sum of N30 million was paid as compensation.

To ensure hitch-free hajj operation, Government released the sum of N360 million for the renovation of Maiduguri International Airport runway along with electrical works. The renovation has since been completed.

Government has also constructed dual carriageway from Jimtilo to Airport junction a distance of over 10kms and another one from Bulumkutu through Pompomari Bypass to Baga Road a distance of 15km. Another dual carriage way of about 5km has been constructed along Polo Road in Old G.R.A., Maiduguri . Similarly, another dual carriage way from Maiduguri to Adamari the Headquarters of Jere Local Government is being constructed.

To link up rural areas with their Local Government Headquarters, construction of feeder roads were embarked upon where Gwoza – Izge road has been completed while that of Yiminishkir Sakwa – Marama – Kidang road is in progress.

### **WATER SUPPLY**

Water supply generally has been a problem in most urban settlements of which Maiduguri was not an exception. Governor Ali Modu Sheriff in his characteristic manner of listening to his electorate swung into action to make a difference. In the last four years, therefore, the issue of water scarcity was tackled headlong in both urban and rural areas of the State.

First and foremost, the facilities at the Alau Dam and Water Treatment Plant were rehabilitated leading to the improvement of water supply from less than 1 million to over 10 million gallons daily.

To further enhance and sustain the water supply requirement for the entire people of Borno State, Government embarked on positive measures such as:-

<b>S/N</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT (₦)</b>
1	Procurement of 5 Nos of Borehole Drilling Rigs along with 4 Nos Water Tankers & 3 Nos 25 Bar Lorry Mounted Compressors	747,000,000.00
2	Procurement of Aluminium Sulphate (Alum)	208,420,000.00
3	10 units of Senior Staff Quarters	45,000,000.00
4	Procurement of 2 Nos Ten Tyre truck mounted crane – 10 tons capacity	27,428,571.42
5	Repair of 2 Nos Rigs and accessories	5,482,000.00
6	Procurement of submersible pumps	20,000,000.00
7	Drilling of 107 Nos boreholes within the State	53,528,400.00
8	Procurement of 15 trucks of AGO	46,992,000.00
9	Supply of 200 Nos of Generator sets various sizes	411,830,000.00
10	Supply of Electric Motor and accessories for rehabilitation of Alau Raw Water Pumping Station and Treatment Plant	299,643,875.00
11	Procurement of Water Chemicals 3500 metric tones of Aluminium sulphate	360,500,000.00
12	Procurement of 7700 45kg Calcium hypochlorite (HTH)	269,500.00
13	Supply of 2 Nos 1000 KVA Cummins Generator sets	120,800,000.00
14	Supply and installation of 1 No. 1500KVA (Cummins) Generator sets.	94,600,000.00

**POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**

Borno State under Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff is the first to create a Ministry dedicated to curb the menace of youth un-employment, child abuse, street gangsterism, begging and other related vices, by providing poverty alleviation materials and micro-credit finance scheme which are aimed at improving the lots and economic status of the common man. It also partakes in skills acquisition training schemes in various trades with a view to empowering the youth economically to be self-reliant and responsible citizens.

Despite the numerous financial demands on the Government, some modest achievements were recorded in the area of purchases and distributions of poverty alleviation materials and disbursement of micro-credit finance scheme to over 70,000 beneficiaries across the State. Some of the items include:-

- 5000 motorcycles
- 5,000 tricycles
- 1000 5KVA generators
- 57 Hiace buses
- 1000 grinding machines
- 1000 water pumps
- 50 grinding machines
- 750 GLO GSM lines

Others include de-husking machines, coolers, plastic chairs, barbing clippers, vegetable oil and portable generators.

Similarly, over N100 million was distributed to petty traders and market women under the micro-credit loan scheme.

### **SPORTS**

The administration since inception has continued to finance and support all sporting activities with the aim of developing youth in the State.

As a result of this, His Excellency renovated the El-Kanemi Sports Centre where over N63.7 million was expended, which made it possible for Borno State to host the Premier Football league.

The El-Kanemi Warriors Football Club sign on fees are paid regularly to ensure their participation in their annual league championships.

Similar achievements recorded under this Ministry include

- 1) The sum of five million Naira (N5,000,000.00) was released for the purchase of sporting equipments to the 21 Armoured Brigade and 204 Wing Nigerian Air Force Station Maiduguri .
- 2) The Borno State Volley Ball Team represented the country at the Common Wealth Games in Volley Ball Championship held in India in August, 2007. Which a total sum of N7,500,000.00 was released to the contingent for the sponsorship.
- 3) In continuation for the support of sport development, the sum of (N2,000,000.00) two million Naira was released to sponsor the permanent

- secretary and the executive director, Sports Council as the State representative on the Nigerian delegation at the All African Games held in Algiers in July, 2007.
- 4) The Cycling Team was also at Corte Devoir to participate at the cycling Championship, and performed very well.
  - 5) In facilitating sports development, the Ministry is undergoing the construction of sporting facilities at the Government House Maiduguri, which include, Basket Ball, Tennis and Badminton Courts respectively.
  - 6) To encourage El-Kanemi Warriors Football Clubs to regain its past glory, the sum of N(8,850,000.00) Eight million, eight hundred and fifty thousand Naira was approved by His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff to cater for their away matches fixtures. And to reciprocate this good gesture, the El-Kananemi Football Club won their first home match with Makwoda Football Club of Numan 2.0 while their Away Match at Lokoja they played a 1-1 draw.
  - 7) The El-Kanemi Warriors Football Club was also provided with new sets of sporting equipment for the 2007/2008 sporting season. These include, jersey, boots, canvas, track suits, football kits, etc. This has cost the Ministry a sum of N1,435,000.00 (One million four hundred and thirty-five thousand Naira).
  - 8) Jogging kits worth N1.9 million Naira was purchased for political office holders and senior Government officials to participate in sports activities.
  - 9) In a grand sports development, the Ministry is undergoing construction of mini-stadium at Dikwa it has reached 60% structural completion.
  - 10) The Ministry also awarded contract for the construction of three mini stadia at Monguno, Gwoza and Biu at total sum of N175,775,028.67 (One hundred and seventy-five million, seven hundred and seventy-five thousand, twenty-eight Naira, sixty-seven kobo).

## **EDUCATION**

Education is the backbone of any meaningful development in any society. The educational sector has suffered untold neglect in the past. It was therefore a prime concern to Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff to reverse this trend.

The present administration provided furniture worth millions of naira to the schools and now most of our schools have adequate seats which is necessary for effective teaching and learning. Teachers tables and chairs were also provided at N405 million Naira.

### **Science equipment**

Government has provided science chemicals and reagents to boost the teaching of science in our schools. This year alone, government procured chemicals worth N35,000,000.00 and distributed to schools and laboratory fitting were provided. Procurement of school uniforms: Government procured and distributed uniforms, exercise books and instructional materials and which distributed freely to schools worth N124.6 million Naira.

### Computer education:

The present administration attached great importance to computer education hence computers were procured and supplied to schools – about 10 schools have been fully equipped with computer and are all functional while 5 out of the tertiary institutions have been supplied with internet facilities worth N175 million Naira.

### Rehabilitation of schools

Prior to the commencement of the present administration, the education sector suffered total neglect. The infrastructure in our schools were at the verge of decay and collapse. Children learn under blown off roofs and shades. The present administration intervened by addressing the pathetic situation into a favourable teaching and learning environment. Rehabilitation works were approached in phases.

Phase 1: The following schools were rehabilitated: Government College Maiduguri, GSSSS Bama, GDSSS/Ngala, GGSSS Gajigana worth N162 million Naira.

Phase II Shehu Garbai, GSS Damboa, GGSS Biu, GSS Gwoza, GGSS Bama, GGC Maiduguri worth N476 million Naira.

Phase III Rehabilitation of GGSSS Konduga, GGASS Mafa, MUEAC Maiduguri, GDSS Maiduguri, GDSS Mfoni, GASS Kwaya Kusar, Dikwa GSS, Shani GSS Uba and others worth N2.146 billion Naira.

Government enhanced the feeding fee of students by 100% and set up committee to monitor the feeding of students in all post primary schools.

Under Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff, the WAEC, NECO and NABTEC fees for students are settled yearly while scholarship for both foreign and local students are paid regularly.

Some of the State's tertiary institutions were rehabilitated and equipped to ensure they meet up with the accreditation requirements.

## **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

Borno State with its rich cultural and tourist attractions is one area that His Excellency has given special attention.

In this regard numerous laudable tourism projects has been undertaken by this Government with the view of not only attracting tourists to the State, but also with a view of alleviating poverty and enhancing rural development. Among projects executed are:-

Rehabilitation of the State Hotels at Bama, Biu and Ngala at the cost of N47.4 million each.

Construction and furnishing of Dikwa Holiday In. rehabilitation and furnishing of Maiduguri International Hotel at the cost of N124.4 million.

Rehabilitation of State Hotel Gwoza at the cost of N16 million Naira.

Renovation of Lake Tilla Holiday Resort at the cost of N27 million Naira.

## **INFORMATION**

In a democratic setting like ours, information dissemination is very essential for its success. This is because the citizenry at all times needs to be informed, sensitized and educated for easy mobilization for participation in all government activities.

It is in view of this crucial role of the information sector that Government did not hesitate to invest heavily in it.

The State Ministry of Information was completely revitalized with necessary working facilities provided. The Government printing Press is appropriately receiving attention to meet up with the current challenges in that sector.

Arrangements have reached advanced stage for the establishment of an Informatics Institute in Maiduguri . When fully established, the Institute will provide training facilities on all aspects of information technology as well as facilitate communication within the State.

Already a contract has been awarded for the construction of the required infrastructure worth over N300 million Naira.

### **BRTV**

The State Broadcasting outfit which was in a stage of comma was resuscitated by this Administration. To completely give the corporation a complete turnaround an ultra-modern studio complex was built at the cost of N75 million and equipped with state of the art facilities worth N872 million for both radio and television.

The premises was also given a new look through landscaping and terracing. Also existing buildings and old studios were renovated and equipped.