

THE GOMBE STATE DEVELOPMENT VISION AND MANIFESTO



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**BUILDING A PEACEFUL, PROSPEROUS, INCLUSIVE
AND FUTURE-READY GOMBE STATE**

OUR VISION

We envision a Gombe State that is peaceful, secure, economically prosperous, socially inclusive and technologically advanced; a State where every citizen has access to quality education and healthcare, where agriculture is modern and profitable, where young people and women have meaningful economic opportunities, where infrastructure connects communities and drives development, and where government uses technology to deliver transparent, efficient and accountable public services.

Our vision is to build a government that puts people first, invests in human capital, creates opportunities rather than dependency, strengthens institutions, promotes enterprise and innovation, protects lives and property, and ensures that development reaches every community across Gombe State.

We believe that government must not merely administer the State; it must create the conditions in which citizens can prosper.

EDUCATION

Building an Inclusive, Quality-Driven and Future-Ready Education System for Gombe State

Our vision for education is to build a modern, inclusive, accessible and high-quality education system that gives every child, young person and adult in Gombe State the knowledge, skills, character and opportunities required to succeed in life and contribute meaningfully to the development of the State and Nigeria.

We believe that education is the foundation of sustainable development. No society can achieve meaningful economic transformation, technological advancement, social stability or human development without investing deliberately in its people. Our administration will therefore place education at the centre of the development agenda and treat investment in education not as an expenditure, but as an investment in the future of Gombe State.

We envision a Gombe State where every child, regardless of geographical location, gender, family background, disability or economic status, has access to quality education in a safe and conducive learning environment. We will work to eliminate barriers that prevent children from enrolling in school, attending regularly, completing their education and acquiring the competencies required for further education, employment, entrepreneurship and responsible citizenship.

ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Our government will pursue a deliberate expansion of access to education,

particularly in underserved rural communities and disadvantaged areas. We will identify communities with inadequate educational facilities and develop a systematic school expansion programme based on population, enrolment, distance to existing schools and projected demographic growth.

Existing schools will be rehabilitated, renovated and equipped according to clearly established standards. New schools will be constructed where population and geographical needs justify them. The objective will be to ensure that no child is forced to travel unreasonable distances to access basic education.

We will strengthen enrolment and retention programmes and introduce targeted interventions for children from poor and vulnerable households. Particular attention will be given to communities where poverty, cultural barriers, displacement, disability or other circumstances contribute to school exclusion.

Education planning will be based on reliable data. The government will establish and continuously update a comprehensive Education Management Information System that captures information on schools, teachers, pupils, infrastructure, enrolment, attendance, examination performance and other important indicators. This data will guide decisions on where schools should be built, where teachers are needed, how resources should be distributed and which interventions are producing results.

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND BASIC EDUCATION

We recognise that the foundation of a child's intellectual, emotional and social development begins in the earliest years. Our administration will therefore strengthen early childhood education and ensure that children enter primary school with appropriate foundational literacy, numeracy, communication and social skills.

Primary education will receive particular attention because it forms the foundation upon which the entire education system is built. We will focus on ensuring that every child acquires the ability to read, write, understand basic mathematics, communicate effectively and develop critical thinking skills.

We will introduce systematic foundational learning assessments to identify pupils who are falling behind and provide early intervention. Schools will be encouraged to adopt child-centred teaching methods that move beyond memorisation and promote understanding, problem-solving, creativity and practical learning.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Our secondary education system will be transformed to prepare students not only for university but also for employment, entrepreneurship, technical education and responsible citizenship.

We will strengthen science, technology, mathematics, agriculture, entrepreneurship, vocational education and digital skills within secondary schools. Students will be encouraged to discover their talents and develop practical competencies alongside academic knowledge.

Career guidance and counselling services will be strengthened so that students understand the different opportunities available to them after secondary school. Students will be exposed to different professions, technical skills, entrepreneurship opportunities and emerging careers in areas such as information technology, renewable energy, artificial intelligence, agriculture, healthcare, engineering and digital services.

We will also strengthen examination preparation and academic support programmes, particularly in schools with persistent low performance. Rather than waiting until students fail external examinations, schools will use continuous assessment and performance data to identify learning gaps early and intervene accordingly.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE

No education system can be better than the quality of its teachers. Our vision therefore places teachers at the heart of education reform.

We will pursue a comprehensive teacher development programme that combines recruitment, training, retraining, professional development, welfare and performance management. Teacher recruitment will be based on actual needs, subject requirements and student population rather than arbitrary distribution.

Teachers will receive regular professional development in modern teaching methodologies, classroom management, digital education, inclusive education, assessment techniques and emerging technologies.

We will establish mechanisms for identifying teachers who require additional support and provide targeted capacity-building programmes. High-performing teachers will also be recognised and rewarded to encourage professionalism, dedication and innovation.

Teacher welfare will receive serious attention because motivated teachers are essential to quality education. We will work towards improving working conditions, timely payment of legitimate entitlements and opportunities for professional advancement.

DIGITAL EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

We envision a digitally enabled education system in which technology becomes an important tool for teaching, learning, administration and educational planning.

Government schools will gradually be connected to reliable digital infrastructure, with priority given to schools that currently have little or no access to ICT facilities. Computer laboratories, smart learning facilities and digital learning resources will be introduced according to the needs and capacity of each school.

Teachers and students will be trained to use digital tools effectively. Digital literacy will become an essential component of education, ensuring that young people are prepared for an increasingly technology-driven economy.

We will explore the use of online learning platforms, digital libraries, electronic examination preparation resources and educational content that students can access through computers and mobile devices.

Technology will also be used to improve school administration. Attendance, enrolment, teacher deployment, examination results and other key information will increasingly be captured electronically to improve transparency and decision-making.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

Gombe State must prepare its young people for the economy of the future. We will therefore strengthen Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education across our schools.

Science laboratories will be renovated and equipped where necessary, while students will be encouraged to learn through experiments, practical demonstrations and project-based activities.

Innovation clubs, coding clubs, robotics programmes, science competitions and technology challenges will be encouraged in schools. Partnerships with universities, technology companies, research institutions and development organisations will be developed to expose students to real-world innovation.

Our objective is to move students from simply consuming technology to becoming creators, problem-solvers and innovators.

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

We will reposition technical and vocational education as a respected and attractive pathway to economic independence.

Not every student needs to follow the traditional university route. Young people should have opportunities to acquire skills that can immediately translate into employment and entrepreneurship.

Technical and vocational programmes will be strengthened in areas such as electrical installation, renewable energy, welding and fabrication, plumbing, automotive technology, ICT, computer repairs, telecommunications, fashion and garment production, construction, agriculture, food processing and other areas relevant to the economy.

Training programmes will be designed in consultation with employers and industries so that graduates acquire skills that are actually demanded in the labour market.

We will promote apprenticeship and internship programmes that connect students and trainees with businesses, industries and professional organisations.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Education must respond to the economic realities of Gombe State. Agriculture will therefore be integrated more strongly into the education and skills-development agenda.

Students will be exposed to modern agricultural practices, agribusiness, food processing, irrigation, greenhouse farming, livestock production, digital agriculture and agricultural value chains.

Entrepreneurship education will also be strengthened. Young people will learn not only how to search for employment but also how to identify opportunities, develop business ideas, manage finances, use technology and build sustainable enterprises.

GIRL-CHILD AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

We will pursue policies that ensure that girls have equal opportunities to enrol, remain in school and complete their education.

We will address barriers to girls' education through targeted scholarships, improved school facilities, appropriate sanitation facilities, community engagement and programmes that encourage families to keep girls in school.

Children living with disabilities will also receive greater attention. Schools will be encouraged to adopt inclusive practices and provide appropriate facilities and learning support for children with special educational needs.

Our education system must recognise that every child has potential, and government has a responsibility to create an environment where that potential can be developed.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT SUPPORT

We will reform scholarship and educational support programmes to make them more transparent, equitable and responsive to genuine need and academic potential.

Scholarship opportunities will be properly publicised, applications will be assessed through clear criteria, and beneficiaries will be monitored to ensure that resources achieve their intended purpose.

Special consideration will be given to students pursuing priority fields such as medicine, nursing, engineering, education, agriculture, ICT, science and other disciplines critical to the development of the State.

We will also explore partnerships with private organisations, foundations and development agencies to expand scholarship opportunities beyond government-funded programmes.

SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Every child deserves to learn in a safe, clean and stimulating environment.

We will establish minimum infrastructure standards for public schools covering classrooms, furniture, water supply, sanitation, electricity, laboratories, libraries, ICT facilities, security and recreational spaces.

School infrastructure projects will be prioritised according to need rather than

political considerations. Communities with the greatest infrastructure deficits will receive appropriate attention.

Where feasible, renewable energy solutions such as solar power will be deployed to schools without reliable electricity. This will support digital learning, laboratories, lighting and other educational activities while reducing dependence on unreliable power sources.

SCHOOL HEALTH, NUTRITION AND STUDENT WELFARE

Healthy children learn better. We will therefore strengthen school health and welfare programmes in partnership with relevant government agencies and development organisations.

Schools will be encouraged to maintain clean water and sanitation facilities and promote hygiene and health education.

Where resources permit, school feeding programmes will be expanded strategically, with emphasis on areas where poor nutrition is a major contributor to absenteeism and poor learning outcomes.

Student counselling and psychosocial support will also be strengthened to help students deal with academic, social and emotional challenges.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Our vision extends beyond primary and secondary education. We will work with universities, colleges and other tertiary institutions to strengthen the quality and relevance of higher education.

We will promote stronger collaboration between tertiary institutions, government, industries and research organisations. Students should graduate with knowledge that can be applied to real economic and social challenges.

Research and innovation will be encouraged, particularly in areas relevant to Gombe State, including agriculture, biotechnology, renewable energy, water resources, healthcare, environmental sustainability, digital technology and entrepreneurship.

We will encourage institutions to develop innovation hubs and research centres capable of transforming academic knowledge into practical solutions.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Government alone cannot finance and transform the entire education system. We will therefore establish a structured framework for collaboration with the private sector, development partners, non-governmental organisations, alumni associations, philanthropists and communities.

Such partnerships will be directed towards clearly identified educational needs, including infrastructure, scholarships, digital learning, teacher training, laboratories, vocational education and research.

All partnerships will operate within transparent guidelines to ensure that public interest remains the primary consideration.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Education is a shared responsibility. Parents, traditional institutions, religious leaders, teachers, community organisations and local governments must all participate in improving educational outcomes.

We will strengthen community involvement in school governance and encourage communities to take ownership of educational facilities.

Parents will be engaged through regular communication and awareness programmes on the importance of school attendance, girls' education, child protection and parental support for learning.

EDUCATION FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

We will seek to increase sustainable funding for education while ensuring that available resources are used efficiently.

Education expenditure will be guided by evidence and measurable needs. Budgets will clearly identify allocations for infrastructure, teacher development, learning materials, digital education, scholarships and other strategic priorities.

We will strengthen monitoring mechanisms to ensure that funds allocated for education reach their intended beneficiaries and that projects are completed according to approved standards.

Education projects will be subjected to regular inspection, financial monitoring and performance evaluation. Where appropriate, project information and progress reports will be made available to the public.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

Our education vision will be implemented through a phased approach rather than through isolated projects.

The first phase will focus on conducting a comprehensive assessment of the education sector. This assessment will establish the actual number and condition of schools, classrooms, teachers, laboratories, libraries, ICT facilities, enrolment levels, dropout rates, examination performance and other important indicators.

The findings will form the basis of a State Education Transformation Master Plan with clearly defined priorities, financial requirements, responsible institutions, implementation timelines and measurable outcomes.

The second phase will prioritise urgent interventions, including the rehabilitation of severely deteriorated schools, provision of essential learning materials, teacher deployment, recruitment where justified, improvement of sanitation and water facilities, and targeted support for schools with the greatest learning deficits.

The third phase will focus on structural transformation through digital education, vocational training, STEM development, teacher professional development, improved education data systems, stronger school management and expanded partnerships.

The fourth phase will focus on consolidation, evaluation and continuous improvement. Programmes will be assessed against predefined indicators, successful interventions will be expanded and ineffective programmes will be redesigned or discontinued.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Every major education programme will have clearly defined targets and performance indicators.

We will measure not only how much money is spent or how many schools are constructed, but also whether students are actually learning.

Key indicators will include enrolment, attendance, completion rates, transition rates, literacy and numeracy levels, examination performance, teacher attendance, pupil-teacher ratios, infrastructure availability, digital access, vocational certification and graduate employment or entrepreneurship outcomes.

Independent monitoring and evaluation mechanisms will be encouraged to

provide objective assessments of progress.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our ultimate objective is to create an education system that does not merely produce certificate holders, but produces knowledgeable, skilled, innovative, disciplined and responsible citizens.

We want a child in a rural community to have the same opportunity to discover and develop his or her potential as a child in an urban centre. We want our teachers to be respected, supported and professionally equipped. We want our schools to become centres of learning, innovation and community development.

We want our young people to graduate with choices: the choice to pursue higher education, the choice to acquire a technical skill, the choice to become an entrepreneur, the choice to enter the labour market and the ability to create opportunities for themselves and others.

This is our vision: an education system that reaches every community, develops every learner, empowers every teacher and prepares the people of Gombe State for the opportunities and challenges of the twenty-first century.

HEALTHCARE

Building an Accessible, Affordable, Quality and Responsive Healthcare System for Gombe State

Our vision for healthcare is to build a strong, accessible, affordable and people-centred healthcare system that provides every resident of Gombe State with quality medical services regardless of location, income or social status.

We believe that a healthy population is the foundation of a productive society and a prosperous economy. Our administration will therefore make healthcare a major priority, with particular attention to strengthening primary healthcare, upgrading hospitals, improving maternal and child health, providing essential medicines, investing in medical personnel, expanding health insurance and using technology to bring quality healthcare closer to the people.

STRENGTHENING GENERAL HOSPITALS

We will undertake a comprehensive assessment of all General Hospitals across Gombe State to determine their infrastructure, equipment, staffing, service capacity and operational challenges.

Based on the assessment, hospitals will be rehabilitated, upgraded and properly equipped to provide reliable secondary healthcare services.

We will improve diagnostic services, laboratories, operating theatres, maternity units, emergency departments, pharmacies and other essential hospital facilities.

Hospital upgrades will be based on population, disease burden, geographical needs and service gaps rather than political considerations. The objective will be to ensure that residents can access quality secondary healthcare without having to travel unnecessarily long distances.

REVITALISING PRIMARY HEALTHCARE CENTRES

Primary healthcare will remain the foundation of our healthcare system.

We will revitalise Primary Healthcare Centres across the State by improving buildings, water supply, electricity, sanitation, medical equipment, staffing and essential medicines.

PHCs will be assessed according to their population coverage and service requirements, with priority given to facilities serving large or underserved communities.

Where electricity is unreliable, appropriate renewable energy solutions will be deployed to support refrigeration, lighting, medical equipment and other essential services.

We will also strengthen the referral system between PHCs, General Hospitals and specialist facilities so that patients receive the appropriate level of care at the appropriate time.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF HEALTH WORKERS

We will strengthen the healthcare workforce by recruiting qualified doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, laboratory scientists, community health workers and other essential healthcare professionals according to identified needs.

Staff deployment will be based on population, facility workload and service requirements to address shortages in underserved communities.

We will also develop measures to improve staff retention, professional development and working conditions, particularly in rural and hard-to-reach areas.

Regular training and retraining will ensure that healthcare workers remain up to date with modern medical practices, technology and emergency response procedures.

ESSENTIAL MEDICINES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

We will strengthen the availability and distribution of essential medicines and medical supplies across public health facilities.

A transparent and efficient supply-chain system will be developed to reduce stock-outs, wastage and diversion of medicines.

Digital inventory and monitoring systems will be introduced where appropriate to enable government to know what medicines are available, where shortages exist and when replenishment is required.

The availability of essential drugs will be monitored regularly to ensure that patients receive prescribed treatments without unnecessary delays.

MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH

Maternal and newborn healthcare will receive special attention.

We will strengthen antenatal care, skilled birth attendance, emergency obstetric services, postnatal care and referral systems.

Maternity units will be upgraded and equipped, while doctors, nurses, midwives and community health workers will receive appropriate training in maternal and newborn care.

We will work to reduce preventable maternal and newborn deaths by ensuring that women can access timely and affordable healthcare before, during and after childbirth.

Community awareness programmes will also encourage early antenatal registration, facility-based delivery and prompt referral when complications arise.

CHILD HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION

We will strengthen routine childhood immunization and expand outreach services to communities that have difficulty accessing healthcare facilities.

Health workers and community structures will be engaged to identify children who miss scheduled vaccinations and support them to complete their immunization schedules.

We will also strengthen programmes addressing childhood malnutrition, preventable diseases and other major causes of illness among children.

Health education will be promoted among parents and caregivers to encourage early treatment and preventive healthcare practices.

TELEMEDICINE AND DIGITAL HEALTH

We will introduce and expand telemedicine services to connect patients in underserved communities with qualified medical professionals.

Digital health platforms will be explored to facilitate remote consultations, specialist referrals, medical advice and follow-up care where appropriate.

Healthcare facilities will gradually be connected through digital systems that improve communication, patient records, referrals and health information management.

Technology will particularly benefit rural communities where access to specialists

may be limited.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

We will strengthen participation in health insurance schemes to reduce the financial burden of healthcare on families.

Public awareness campaigns will educate citizens about the benefits of health insurance and available enrolment options.

Particular attention will be given to vulnerable households, pregnant women, children, persons with disabilities and other groups that may face significant barriers to accessing healthcare.

Our objective is to move progressively towards a healthcare system where illness does not push families into financial hardship.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE

We will strengthen emergency medical response across the State by improving ambulance services, emergency communication systems, referral mechanisms and the capacity of health workers to respond to urgent cases.

Strategically located emergency response points will be developed based on population distribution, road networks and distance to major healthcare facilities.

Emergency departments in major hospitals will be upgraded and equipped to provide timely treatment for trauma, accidents, severe illnesses and other medical emergencies.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Our healthcare vision will place strong emphasis on prevention rather than waiting until people become seriously ill.

We will strengthen programmes for the prevention, early detection and management of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

Health education campaigns will promote hygiene, sanitation, healthy lifestyles, vaccination, early screening and timely medical attention.

Community-based disease surveillance will also be strengthened to enable authorities to identify potential outbreaks quickly and respond before they spread.

NUTRITION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Nutrition will be integrated into the healthcare agenda, particularly for pregnant women, children and vulnerable households.

Community health workers will be supported to provide health education, basic preventive services, maternal and child health information and referrals.

We will strengthen collaboration between healthcare facilities, communities, schools, agricultural programmes and relevant development partners to address the underlying causes of malnutrition.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

We will promote greater awareness of mental health and integrate appropriate mental health services into the broader healthcare system.

Healthcare workers will receive training to identify common mental health challenges and provide appropriate initial support or referral.

Public awareness programmes will help reduce stigma and encourage people to seek professional assistance when necessary.

HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT

We will establish minimum standards for public healthcare facilities covering buildings, electricity, water, sanitation, medical equipment, staffing and essential services.

Facility rehabilitation and equipment procurement will be based on documented needs and service gaps.

Where possible, maintenance plans will be established for medical equipment and infrastructure to reduce the problem of facilities deteriorating shortly after rehabilitation.

HEALTH DATA AND DIGITAL MANAGEMENT

We will strengthen the collection and use of reliable health data for planning and decision-making.

Healthcare facilities will gradually adopt improved digital health information systems that capture patient numbers, disease patterns, maternal and child health indicators, medicine availability, staffing and other relevant information.

This data will help government identify areas with the greatest health needs, allocate resources more effectively and measure whether healthcare interventions are producing results.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTHCARE DEVELOPMENT

Government will strengthen partnerships with federal health institutions, universities, development partners, NGOs, private hospitals, pharmaceutical organisations, international health agencies and other relevant stakeholders.

These partnerships will support training, infrastructure development, medical outreach, disease prevention, research, technology adoption and access to specialist services.

Private-sector participation will also be encouraged in areas where it can complement public healthcare delivery without compromising affordability and public interest.

HEALTHCARE IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

Implementation will begin with a comprehensive assessment of all public healthcare facilities across Gombe State.

The assessment will identify infrastructure gaps, equipment shortages, staffing needs, medicine availability, service capacity, population coverage and major health challenges in each area.

The findings will form the basis of a State Healthcare Transformation Plan with clearly defined priorities, budgets, timelines and responsibilities.

Urgent interventions will first address critical infrastructure, essential medicines, staffing shortages, emergency services and facilities with the greatest service gaps.

Subsequent phases will focus on expanding specialist services, digital healthcare, telemedicine, health insurance coverage, preventive healthcare and modern health information systems.

Progress will be continuously reviewed to ensure that resources are producing measurable improvements in healthcare delivery.

MONITORING, ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Healthcare programmes will be monitored using measurable indicators including hospital functionality, PHC utilisation, availability of essential medicines, staffing levels, maternal and newborn outcomes, immunization coverage, emergency response capacity, health insurance enrolment and patient satisfaction.

Regular inspections and performance assessments will be conducted to identify challenges and improve service delivery.

Healthcare spending and projects will be subject to appropriate accountability mechanisms to ensure that public resources are used efficiently and for their intended purposes.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our ultimate goal is to create a healthcare system in which residents can access quality medical care close to where they live, healthcare workers have the tools and conditions required to perform their duties, hospitals and PHCs are functional and properly equipped, essential medicines are available, and preventable deaths are significantly reduced.

We envision a Gombe State where healthcare is not a privilege reserved for those who can afford it, but an accessible and dependable public service available to all.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Building a Skilled, Innovative, Productive and Economically Independent Youth Population in Gombe State

Our vision for youth empowerment is to build a generation of skilled, productive, innovative and economically independent young people who are equipped with the knowledge, resources, opportunities and support required to create sustainable livelihoods and contribute meaningfully to the economic and social development of Gombe State.

We recognise that the youth constitute one of the greatest assets of Gombe State. With the right investment, our young people can become entrepreneurs, technology innovators, skilled professionals, farmers, creative artists, athletes, employers and community leaders. Our administration will therefore move beyond short-term interventions and establish a comprehensive youth empowerment system that focuses on skills development, entrepreneurship, employment, innovation, technology, sports and access to finance.

GOMBE YOUTH ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

We will establish the Gombe Youth Enterprise Programme, a structured state-wide initiative designed to identify, train, finance and mentor young entrepreneurs across the State.

The programme will provide young people with practical training in entrepreneurship, financial management, business development, digital marketing, bookkeeping, customer relations and business sustainability.

Beneficiaries will be selected through transparent and competitive procedures based on viable business ideas, existing enterprises, skills, commitment and potential for job creation. Special attention will be given to young people from disadvantaged communities and those with limited access to economic opportunities.

The programme will not end with the distribution of funds. Beneficiaries will receive continuous mentorship, business advisory services and monitoring to improve the survival and growth of their enterprises.

START-UP GRANTS AND ACCESS TO FINANCE

We will establish a transparent youth enterprise financing mechanism through which qualified young entrepreneurs can access start-up grants and other appropriate forms of financial support.

Funding will be linked to viable business plans and clearly defined milestones rather than political patronage. Applicants will undergo business development training before accessing funds, while beneficiaries will be monitored to ensure that resources are invested in productive activities.

We will also facilitate access to low-interest financing, cooperative funding, microfinance institutions, development finance programmes and private-sector investment so that young entrepreneurs can progress from small businesses to sustainable enterprises.

YOUTH INNOVATION CENTRES

We will establish youth innovation centres across strategic locations in Gombe State where young people can access computers, internet connectivity, training facilities, mentorship, collaborative workspaces and business support services.

These centres will serve as platforms where young people can develop ideas, learn new skills, build businesses and collaborate with other innovators.

The centres will provide training in areas such as artificial intelligence, software development, cybersecurity, data analysis, digital marketing, graphic design, electronics, renewable energy, robotics and other emerging technologies.

Young innovators with promising ideas will be connected to mentors, investors, technology companies and relevant government institutions.

TECHNOLOGY INCUBATION HUBS

We will establish technology incubation hubs to support young people developing technology-based businesses and innovative solutions.

These hubs will provide structured incubation programmes that help entrepreneurs move from an idea to a prototype and eventually to a market-ready product.

Selected start-ups will receive technical support, business mentorship, workspace, internet access and opportunities to pitch their ideas to investors and development partners.

Government will also seek partnerships with local and international technology companies, universities, research institutions and innovation organisations to provide technical expertise and investment opportunities.

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

We will expand vocational and technical training opportunities for young people who want to acquire practical skills and become self-employed or enter the labour market.

Training will cover areas such as electrical installation, solar energy systems, plumbing, welding and fabrication, automotive repairs, construction, tailoring, fashion design, catering, beauty services, ICT, telecommunications, computer repairs, phone repairs and other skills with strong market demand.

Training programmes will be designed around actual labour-market needs. Young people will receive both technical training and basic entrepreneurship education so that they can establish and manage their own businesses after completing their programmes.

Where appropriate, trainees will receive starter tools and equipment to enable them to begin productive activities immediately after graduation.

DIGITAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

We will promote digital entrepreneurship as an important pathway to employment and wealth creation.

Young people will be trained in areas such as software development, web development, content creation, digital marketing, graphic design, video production, e-commerce, freelancing, online services, data analysis, artificial intelligence and other digital professions.

We will facilitate access to reliable internet connectivity and digital workspaces, particularly for young people in communities where access to technology remains limited.

The objective is to enable young people in Gombe State to participate in the global digital economy without necessarily having to relocate outside the State.

EMPLOYMENT CREATION

Our youth empowerment strategy will place strong emphasis on creating pathways to decent employment.

Government will work with private companies, industries, contractors, financial institutions, development partners and other employers to identify opportunities

for young people.

We will promote internships, apprenticeships, graduate trainee programmes and structured work-placement schemes that give young people practical work experience.

A youth employment database will be developed to capture the skills, qualifications and employment interests of young people, enabling government and private-sector employers to connect opportunities with qualified candidates.

AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Agriculture will be positioned as a major avenue for youth employment and wealth creation.

Young people will be encouraged to participate in modern farming, livestock production, aquaculture, greenhouse farming, irrigation, food processing, packaging, agricultural technology and other segments of the agricultural value chain.

Youth agricultural programmes will combine training, access to inputs, financing, technology and markets. Rather than focusing solely on production, young people will be encouraged to participate across the entire value chain, including processing, transportation, storage, marketing and export.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

We will promote the creative economy as an important source of employment and income for young people.

Young talents in music, film, photography, fashion, animation, graphic design, writing, digital content creation, theatre and other creative fields will receive opportunities for training, mentorship and professional development.

Creative hubs will provide access to equipment, production facilities and training while creating opportunities for collaboration between young creatives and established professionals.

We will also promote local creative products and talent through exhibitions, festivals, competitions and digital platforms.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Sports will be developed not only as recreation but also as an industry capable of

creating employment, discovering talent and promoting the identity of Gombe State.

We will invest in grassroots sports development and create programmes that identify talented young athletes from schools and communities.

Sports facilities will be rehabilitated and developed, while qualified coaches and sports administrators will receive appropriate support.

Young athletes will be connected to competitions, clubs, academies and professional opportunities within and outside Nigeria.

We will also encourage the development of sports-related businesses, including sports management, fitness, equipment supply, event management and sports media.

PARTNERSHIP WITH GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY FIRMS

We will actively pursue partnerships with global technology companies, technology foundations, development agencies and international organisations to create training, certification, internship and employment opportunities for young people.

Such partnerships will enable young people to access internationally recognised digital skills and participate in global technology ecosystems.

The State will seek opportunities for technology companies to establish training programmes, innovation centres, internship opportunities and technology projects in Gombe.

YOUTH COOPERATIVES AND BUSINESS NETWORKS

We will encourage young entrepreneurs to form cooperatives and business networks that enable them to access finance, equipment, markets and technical support more easily.

Youth cooperatives will be encouraged to pool resources and participate in larger economic opportunities that may be difficult for individuals to access independently.

Government will provide appropriate institutional support while ensuring that such organisations remain transparent, professionally managed and economically sustainable.

MENTORSHIP AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Every major youth enterprise programme will incorporate mentorship and business development support.

Experienced entrepreneurs, professionals, academics and industry experts will be encouraged to mentor young people.

Young entrepreneurs will receive support in developing business plans, managing finances, marketing products, adopting technology, complying with regulations and expanding their businesses.

The goal is to ensure that youth empowerment programmes produce sustainable businesses rather than temporary beneficiaries.

INCLUSIVE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Our youth empowerment programmes will be designed to reach young people across all parts of Gombe State.

Special interventions will be developed for young women, persons with disabilities, rural youth and other groups facing additional barriers to economic participation.

Women and girls will be supported to participate fully in entrepreneurship, technology, vocational training, agriculture and creative industries.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE

Youth empowerment will also involve giving young people opportunities to participate in leadership and public decision-making.

We will create platforms through which young people can contribute ideas, identify community challenges and participate in the development of policies and programmes that affect their future.

Leadership, civic responsibility and community development programmes will be encouraged to develop a generation of responsible and capable future leaders.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

The implementation of our youth empowerment vision will begin with a comprehensive assessment of the skills, qualifications, businesses, employment status and economic interests of young people across the State.

This information will form the basis of a Youth Skills and Enterprise Database that will enable government to properly understand the youth population and match individuals with appropriate programmes and opportunities.

Programmes will then be implemented through a transparent application, selection, training, financing, mentorship and monitoring process.

Beneficiaries will be followed up after receiving training or financial support to determine whether they have established businesses, secured employment, created jobs or improved their income.

Successful programmes will be expanded, while programmes that do not produce measurable results will be reviewed and redesigned.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND MONITORING

Youth empowerment programmes will be guided by measurable outcomes rather than the number of beneficiaries announced.

Government will monitor indicators such as the number of young people trained, businesses established, businesses that remain operational, jobs created, young people employed, start-ups incubated, apprenticeships completed, digital certifications obtained and income generated by beneficiaries.

Funding and beneficiary selection will be subjected to transparent procedures to reduce duplication, political interference and misuse of resources.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our ultimate objective is to transform young people from recipients of temporary assistance into active participants in the economy.

We will create an environment where a young person with an idea can access training, mentorship, technology and finance; where a skilled young person can find employment or establish a business; where an innovator can develop and commercialise an idea; where a farmer can build a profitable agribusiness; where a creative artist can earn a sustainable income; and where a talented athlete can develop a professional career.

We envision a Gombe State where youth empowerment is not a political slogan but a functioning system that creates real opportunities, supports enterprise and rewards innovation.

Our vision is to build a generation of skilled, innovative and economically empowered young people who will become job creators, technology leaders, entrepreneurs, professionals and drivers of Gombe State's economic transformation.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Building an Inclusive Society Where Every Woman Can Learn, Earn, Lead and Thrive

Our vision for women empowerment is to create an enabling environment where women and girls in Gombe State have equal opportunities to access quality education, healthcare, economic opportunities, leadership positions, financial resources and the skills required to achieve their full potential.

We recognise that the development of Gombe State cannot be complete without the full participation of women. Our administration will therefore pursue policies that remove barriers to women's economic, educational, social and political participation while creating practical opportunities for women to become financially independent and active contributors to the development of their families and communities.

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

We will establish targeted programmes that provide women with access to entrepreneurship training, vocational skills, business development services, finance and markets.

Women will be supported to establish and expand businesses in agriculture, food processing, fashion, technology, retail, services, creative industries and other viable sectors.

Support programmes will focus on sustainable economic opportunities rather than temporary interventions, with beneficiaries receiving appropriate training, mentorship and follow-up support.

ACCESS TO FINANCE

We will improve women's access to affordable financing through grants, cooperative schemes, microfinance opportunities and partnerships with financial institutions.

Transparent eligibility and selection processes will be established to ensure that financial support reaches women with genuine economic needs and viable business opportunities.

Special attention will be given to women in rural communities who often face greater barriers to accessing formal financial services.

WOMEN'S SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

We will expand vocational, technical and digital skills programmes specifically designed to meet the needs of women.

Training opportunities will include tailoring, fashion design, catering, food processing, agriculture, renewable energy, ICT, digital marketing, beauty services, crafts and other market-relevant skills.

Women will also be encouraged to participate in emerging sectors such as technology, e-commerce, digital services and entrepreneurship.

WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

We will increase women's participation across the agricultural value chain by improving access to agricultural inputs, training, financing, technology, land opportunities and markets.

Women farmers and agribusiness entrepreneurs will be supported not only in production but also in processing, packaging, storage and marketing.

Women-focused agricultural cooperatives will be strengthened to improve access to resources and increase bargaining power.

EDUCATION AND GIRL-CHILD DEVELOPMENT

We will promote greater access to education for girls and support programmes that reduce barriers to enrolment, retention and completion.

Scholarships, mentorship programmes, skills development and career guidance will be used to encourage girls to pursue education and professional careers.

Special emphasis will be placed on science, technology, engineering, mathematics and other fields where women remain underrepresented.

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

We will promote digital inclusion by providing women and girls with access to computers, internet connectivity, digital literacy and technology training.

Women will be encouraged to participate in software development, digital marketing, e-commerce, data analysis, artificial intelligence, content creation and other digital professions.

Innovation centres and digital training hubs will provide safe and supportive

environments for women to develop technology skills and businesses.

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Women's health will remain a major component of the empowerment agenda.

We will support improved access to maternal healthcare, reproductive health information, screening services, nutrition programmes and other essential health services.

Women will be encouraged to access healthcare early and regularly, while community awareness programmes will promote healthy practices and timely medical intervention.

LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

We will encourage greater participation of women in leadership, governance and community decision-making.

Women will be supported through leadership development, mentoring and capacity-building programmes that prepare them for roles in government, business, civil society and community institutions.

The voices and perspectives of women will be incorporated into policies and programmes that affect families, communities and the wider society.

SUPPORT FOR RURAL WOMEN

Special programmes will target women in rural communities who face limited access to finance, markets, healthcare, education and technology.

Mobile training programmes, community-based enterprise schemes and cooperative structures will help bring opportunities closer to women rather than requiring them to travel long distances.

SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN

We will develop targeted interventions for widows, women with disabilities, women from extremely disadvantaged households and other vulnerable groups.

Support may include skills training, economic assistance, healthcare referrals, education opportunities and access to social protection programmes.

WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES AND MARKET ACCESS

We will strengthen women-led cooperatives and producer groups to enable

women to pool resources, access finance, purchase inputs collectively and negotiate better prices.

Government will also facilitate connections between women entrepreneurs and larger markets, retailers, institutions and private-sector buyers.

CHILDCARE AND WORK-LIFE SUPPORT

We recognise that childcare responsibilities can limit women's participation in education and economic activities.

Where appropriate, government will encourage the development of community-based childcare support systems and policies that enable women to participate more effectively in training, employment and entrepreneurship.

PREVENTION OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

We will support programmes that promote the safety, dignity and rights of women and girls.

Community awareness, referral mechanisms and collaboration with relevant institutions will be strengthened to help prevent and respond appropriately to gender-based violence and other forms of abuse.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Government will work with development partners, NGOs, financial institutions, private companies, women's organisations, traditional institutions and community groups to expand opportunities for women.

Partnerships will focus on skills development, finance, healthcare, education, entrepreneurship, technology and leadership.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

Implementation will begin with an assessment of the economic, educational, health and social needs of women across Gombe State.

A comprehensive Women Empowerment Programme will then be developed with clear targets, funding mechanisms, beneficiary selection procedures and implementation timelines.

Programmes will be delivered through government agencies, local institutions, community organisations and qualified partners.

Beneficiaries will be monitored to determine whether they have acquired skills, established businesses, increased their income, gained employment or improved their economic and social participation.

MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Women empowerment programmes will be measured by practical outcomes rather than the number of beneficiaries announced.

Key indicators will include women trained, businesses established, jobs created, access to finance, participation in agriculture and technology, school retention among girls, healthcare access and women's participation in leadership.

Transparent selection and monitoring mechanisms will be used to ensure that programmes reach their intended beneficiaries.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our ultimate goal is to create a society where women are not limited by lack of opportunity, skills, finance or access to essential services.

We envision a Gombe State where women can acquire education, develop skills, start businesses, access finance, participate in agriculture and technology, contribute to governance and raise healthy and prosperous families.

SECURITY AND PEACE

Building a Safe, Peaceful and Secure Gombe State

Our vision for security and peace is to build a Gombe State where every citizen can live, work, travel, invest and conduct daily activities without fear, while communities enjoy lasting peace, social cohesion and effective protection of lives and property.

We recognise that security is fundamental to development. No meaningful progress can be achieved in education, healthcare, agriculture, employment or investment when citizens and businesses do not feel safe. Our administration will therefore adopt a proactive, intelligence-led and community-centred approach to security.

STRENGTHENING SECURITY AGENCIES

We will strengthen collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Armed Forces, intelligence agencies, vigilante groups and other relevant security institutions.

Government will support security agencies within the limits of its constitutional responsibilities by facilitating appropriate logistics, communication equipment, mobility and other non-sensitive operational support.

Security personnel will receive appropriate capacity-building and community engagement training to improve professionalism and public confidence.

COMMUNITY POLICING AND INTELLIGENCE

We will promote stronger community participation in security through structured engagement between security agencies, traditional institutions, religious leaders, youth organisations, community leaders and residents.

Local intelligence and early-warning mechanisms will be strengthened to enable authorities to identify emerging threats before they escalate.

Communities will be encouraged to report suspicious activities through appropriate channels while protecting the confidentiality and safety of information providers.

EARLY WARNING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

We will establish mechanisms for identifying and addressing potential sources of conflict before they become major security challenges.

Community-level information will be analysed to identify emerging disputes, communal tensions, criminal activities and other risks.

Traditional and community leaders will be supported to play a constructive role in mediation, dialogue and peaceful dispute resolution.

PEACEBUILDING AND SOCIAL COHESION

We will promote peaceful coexistence among communities and strengthen programmes that encourage dialogue, tolerance and mutual understanding.

Inter-community dialogue platforms will be encouraged, particularly in areas where disputes or misunderstandings have historically occurred.

Youth and women will be actively involved in peacebuilding initiatives because they are important stakeholders in maintaining community stability.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND CRIME PREVENTION

We recognise that unemployment, lack of opportunity and social exclusion can increase vulnerability to criminal activities.

Our youth empowerment programmes will therefore form an important component of the State's crime-prevention strategy by providing young people with skills, employment opportunities, entrepreneurship support and constructive activities.

Sports, vocational training, digital skills and creative programmes will be expanded as positive alternatives for young people.

SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

We will identify communities that face particular security challenges and ensure that appropriate preventive measures are developed in collaboration with security agencies and community leaders.

Special attention will be given to remote communities, major transport corridors, markets and other locations where security risks may have significant social and economic consequences.

ROAD SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

We will strengthen collaboration with relevant agencies to improve road safety, emergency response and public awareness.

Emergency communication and coordination mechanisms will be strengthened to facilitate rapid response to accidents, fires, disasters and other emergencies.

Public education campaigns will promote responsible driving, road safety and emergency preparedness.

SECURING ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Security will be integrated into economic development planning.

Agricultural communities, markets, industrial areas, transport routes and other economic centres will receive appropriate attention in security planning to ensure that farmers, traders, businesses and investors can operate safely.

A secure business environment will help attract investment, create jobs and expand economic opportunities.

TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY

We will encourage the responsible use of technology to support security, emergency response and public safety.

Where appropriate and legally permissible, modern communication systems, information-sharing platforms and data-driven approaches will be introduced to improve coordination among relevant agencies.

Technology adoption will respect applicable laws, privacy rights and civil liberties.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL SECURITY

Security must be provided alongside respect for the rights and dignity of citizens.

We will encourage professionalism, accountability and respect for the rule of law among all institutions involved in public safety.

Citizens will be encouraged to cooperate with security agencies, while security personnel will be expected to operate within the law and established professional standards.

DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

We will strengthen the State's preparedness for natural disasters, public emergencies and other crises.

Emergency response plans will be developed and periodically tested in collaboration with relevant agencies.

Communities will receive appropriate awareness and preparedness training so that citizens know how to respond during emergencies.

PARTNERSHIP AND COORDINATION

Security requires cooperation among government institutions, security agencies, traditional institutions, religious organisations, civil society, communities and citizens.

We will establish stronger coordination mechanisms to improve information sharing, avoid duplication and ensure that security challenges receive timely attention.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

Implementation will begin with a comprehensive assessment of security challenges across the State, identifying vulnerable communities, major crime patterns, conflict risks, emergency response gaps and areas requiring stronger coordination.

The findings will guide the development of a State Security and Peace Strategy with clearly defined priorities, responsibilities and measurable objectives.

Immediate interventions will focus on strengthening coordination, community engagement, early-warning systems and emergency response.

Medium- and long-term interventions will focus on peacebuilding, youth engagement, technology, crime prevention and stronger institutional cooperation.

Progress will be continuously reviewed with relevant security and community stakeholders to ensure that strategies remain responsive to emerging challenges.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our ultimate objective is to create an environment where citizens feel safe, communities live peacefully, businesses operate confidently and conflicts are resolved through dialogue before they escalate.

We envision a Gombe State where security is proactive rather than reactive, where communities and security agencies work together, where young people have

positive opportunities, and where peace becomes a foundation for sustainable development.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Building Modern, Connected and Sustainable Infrastructure for Gombe State

Our vision for infrastructure is to build a modern, reliable and sustainable infrastructure network that connects communities, supports economic activities, improves public services and creates an environment where businesses and citizens can thrive.

We will prioritise infrastructure that directly improves the quality of life of citizens and supports agriculture, education, healthcare, industry, commerce and investment. Infrastructure development will be guided by population needs, economic potential, geographical accessibility and long-term sustainability.

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION

We will embark on the systematic construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of roads across Gombe State.

Priority will be given to major urban roads, rural access roads, roads connecting agricultural communities to markets, and routes linking communities with schools, healthcare facilities and economic centres.

Rather than waiting for roads to deteriorate completely before intervention, a preventive maintenance system will be introduced to extend the lifespan of road infrastructure and reduce long-term costs.

RURAL CONNECTIVITY

We will improve connectivity between rural communities and urban centres through the construction and rehabilitation of rural roads and bridges.

Particular attention will be given to communities where poor road access limits agricultural production, healthcare access, education, trade and other economic activities.

The objective is to ensure that geographical location does not prevent citizens from accessing essential services and markets.

WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE

We will improve access to safe and reliable water through the rehabilitation and expansion of water supply systems.

Urban and rural water infrastructure will be assessed to identify dysfunctional

facilities, distribution gaps and communities without adequate access to potable water.

Solar-powered boreholes, water treatment facilities, storage tanks and appropriate distribution networks will be developed where necessary.

ELECTRICITY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

We will support the expansion of reliable electricity infrastructure while promoting renewable energy solutions for communities and public facilities.

Solar energy will be deployed strategically to schools, healthcare centres, government facilities, water systems and underserved communities where conventional electricity supply remains inadequate.

Renewable energy will also be promoted as an opportunity for economic development, particularly through local installation, maintenance and technical services.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

We will promote orderly and sustainable urban development through improved roads, drainage, street lighting, waste management, public spaces and other essential infrastructure.

Urban planning will be strengthened to ensure that new developments follow appropriate planning standards and that public infrastructure keeps pace with population growth.

DRAINAGE AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT

We will invest in drainage systems and flood-control infrastructure to reduce the impact of flooding in vulnerable communities.

Existing drainage networks will be rehabilitated and expanded, while areas prone to flooding will be identified through appropriate mapping and planning.

Environmental considerations will be integrated into infrastructure development to reduce erosion, flooding and other climate-related risks.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

Government offices and public institutions will be assessed and upgraded where necessary to provide safe, functional and efficient working environments.

Public infrastructure projects will be designed with durability, accessibility, energy efficiency and maintenance requirements in mind.

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

We will strengthen digital infrastructure as an essential component of modern development.

Internet connectivity and telecommunications infrastructure will be expanded, particularly in underserved communities.

Digital infrastructure will support education, healthcare, commerce, government services, entrepreneurship and access to information.

We will encourage partnerships with telecommunications and technology companies to expand broadband coverage and improve digital inclusion.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

We will work towards improving transportation infrastructure and mobility within and between communities.

Transport planning will consider the needs of pedestrians, commercial transport operators, businesses and people with disabilities.

Strategic transport corridors will be improved to facilitate the movement of people, agricultural products and commercial goods.

HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

We will encourage the development of affordable and decent housing through partnerships with private developers, financial institutions and relevant government agencies.

Housing developments will be supported by adequate roads, drainage, water, electricity and other essential services.

Urban expansion will be guided by proper planning to reduce the growth of unplanned settlements.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Government will actively pursue Public-Private Partnerships for infrastructure projects that require significant capital investment.

Private-sector participation will be encouraged in areas such as housing, transport, renewable energy, water supply, digital infrastructure and commercial development.

All partnerships will be guided by transparency, value for money and protection of public interest.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND PRIORITISATION

We will establish a comprehensive infrastructure database containing information on roads, bridges, water systems, electricity infrastructure, public buildings, drainage systems and other public assets.

Infrastructure projects will be prioritised based on objective criteria including population, economic importance, level of deterioration, community needs and potential development impact.

This will reduce politically motivated project selection and ensure that limited resources are directed to areas of greatest need.

QUALITY CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE

We will strengthen engineering supervision and quality control for all major infrastructure projects.

Contractors will be required to meet approved technical standards, while projects will undergo appropriate inspection before completion and payment.

A dedicated maintenance culture will be promoted to ensure that infrastructure remains functional long after construction.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

Implementation will begin with a comprehensive assessment of existing infrastructure across Gombe State.

The assessment will identify critical infrastructure gaps and produce a State Infrastructure Development Master Plan with clear priorities, timelines, funding requirements and implementation responsibilities.

Immediate interventions will focus on critical roads, water facilities, drainage systems, public buildings and other infrastructure requiring urgent rehabilitation.

Medium- and long-term projects will focus on major connectivity corridors, urban

development, renewable energy, digital infrastructure and strategic economic infrastructure.

Projects will be monitored throughout their lifecycle to ensure quality, timely completion and value for money.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our goal is to create infrastructure that connects communities, supports businesses, improves public services and raises the standard of living of citizens.

We envision a Gombe State where communities are connected by good roads, households have access to clean water and reliable energy, public facilities are functional, digital connectivity is widespread and infrastructure supports rather than limits economic development.

AGRICULTURE

Transforming Agriculture into a Modern, Productive and Profitable Engine of Economic Growth

Our vision for agriculture is to transform Gombe State from predominantly subsistence farming into a modern, commercial and technology-driven agricultural economy that increases food production, creates jobs, improves farmers' incomes, strengthens food security and positions the State as a major producer and processor of agricultural commodities.

We recognise that agriculture is one of the greatest economic opportunities available to Gombe State. Our administration will therefore support farmers across the entire agricultural value chain, from land preparation and production to storage, processing, transportation, marketing and export.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANISATION

We will promote large-scale agricultural mechanisation to reduce dependence on traditional farming methods and increase productivity.

Government will facilitate access to tractors, harvesters, planters, threshers, irrigation equipment and other modern farming machinery through affordable hiring schemes, cooperatives and partnerships with private-sector operators.

Mechanisation centres will be strategically established across agricultural communities, allowing smallholder farmers to access equipment without having to purchase expensive machinery individually.

EXPANSION OF IRRIGATION

We will expand irrigation infrastructure to reduce dependence on rainfall and enable farmers to cultivate crops throughout the year.

Existing irrigation schemes will be rehabilitated while new irrigation projects will be developed in areas with suitable water resources and agricultural potential.

Farmers will be trained in efficient water management, modern irrigation techniques and climate-smart agricultural practices to ensure sustainable use of water resources.

FERTILIZER AND AGRICULTURAL INPUTS

We will establish modern fertilizer blending centres to improve the availability and affordability of fertiliser suited to the soil and crops of different parts of

Gombe State.

The centres will support the production and distribution of appropriately formulated fertilisers while reducing dependence on long-distance supply chains.

We will also strengthen systems for providing farmers with improved seeds, pesticides and other essential agricultural inputs through transparent and efficient distribution mechanisms.

IMPROVED SEEDLINGS AND FARMING TECHNOLOGY

We will promote the use of improved, high-yielding and climate-resilient crop varieties.

Farmers will receive training and extension support on modern production techniques, soil management, pest control, efficient water use and climate-smart agriculture.

Demonstration farms will be established to allow farmers to observe improved farming methods and technologies before adopting them on a larger scale.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES

We will strengthen agricultural extension services to ensure that farmers have direct access to professional advice.

Extension officers will work closely with farming communities to provide practical guidance on crop production, livestock management, pest control, soil fertility, irrigation, harvesting and post-harvest handling.

Digital platforms will also be explored to provide farmers with information on weather, market prices, farming techniques and agricultural opportunities.

COMMODITY AGGREGATION CENTRES

We will establish commodity aggregation centres in strategic agricultural locations where farmers can bring their produce for weighing, grading, sorting, packaging and marketing.

These centres will help farmers access larger markets and reduce exploitation caused by fragmented and uncoordinated marketing systems.

Farmers' cooperatives will be encouraged to aggregate their produce and negotiate better prices with processors, wholesalers and institutional buyers.

MODERN STORAGE FACILITIES

We will invest in modern storage infrastructure, including warehouses, silos, cold storage and other appropriate facilities based on the type of agricultural commodity.

Storage facilities will be strategically located close to major production areas and aggregation centres.

The objective will be to allow farmers to store their produce safely and sell when market conditions are favourable rather than being forced to sell immediately after harvest at low prices.

REDUCING POST-HARVEST LOSSES

We will introduce programmes to reduce losses occurring between harvesting and final consumption.

Farmers will receive training in improved harvesting, drying, handling, packaging and storage techniques.

Modern processing and storage facilities will be developed to preserve agricultural products and extend their shelf life.

Reducing post-harvest losses will increase the amount of food available for consumption and improve farmers' income without necessarily requiring a proportional increase in cultivated land.

AGRO-PROCESSING AND VALUE ADDITION

Our agricultural policy will move beyond producing raw commodities to processing them into higher-value products.

We will promote the establishment of agro-processing industries for crops and livestock products produced within Gombe State.

Investment opportunities will be created in areas such as rice milling, groundnut processing, sesame processing, tomato processing, oil extraction, animal feed production, dairy processing, meat processing and other relevant industries.

Government will provide an enabling environment for private investors through appropriate infrastructure, land access, incentives and streamlined regulatory processes.

LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

We will strengthen livestock production as an important component of the agricultural economy.

Programmes will support improved breeds, animal healthcare, veterinary services, feed production, water availability and modern livestock management practices.

We will promote commercial livestock production, dairy development, poultry farming, fisheries and other animal-related enterprises.

The development of livestock value chains will also create opportunities in animal feed production, processing, transportation, marketing and other related businesses.

AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE

We will promote agricultural insurance programmes that protect farmers against losses resulting from drought, floods, pests, diseases and other agricultural risks.

Farmers will be educated on the benefits of agricultural insurance, while government will explore partnerships with insurance companies and relevant financial institutions to develop affordable products suitable for smallholder farmers.

This will encourage farmers to invest more confidently in modern farming practices and technologies.

AGRICULTURAL FINANCING

We will improve farmers' access to affordable financing through cooperatives, microfinance institutions, development finance programmes and private-sector partnerships.

Agricultural financing will be structured around viable production and business plans, with appropriate support for farmers and agricultural enterprises.

Special attention will be given to young people and women participating in agriculture and agribusiness.

AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES

We will strengthen farmers' cooperatives as platforms for accessing inputs,

machinery, finance, training and markets.

Well-organised cooperatives will enable smallholder farmers to benefit from economies of scale and participate more effectively in commercial agriculture.

Cooperatives will also facilitate collective storage, aggregation, processing and marketing of agricultural products.

YOUTH AND WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

Young people will be encouraged to view agriculture as a modern business and a profitable career rather than merely subsistence activity.

Youth agricultural programmes will provide access to land, training, technology, financing, machinery and markets.

Women farmers and agribusiness entrepreneurs will receive targeted support to increase their participation across agricultural value chains.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

We will strengthen collaboration between farmers, research institutions, universities and agricultural development organisations.

Research will focus on improving yields, developing climate-resilient crops, reducing pests and diseases, improving livestock productivity and developing better processing and storage technologies.

Technology will increasingly be used to provide farmers with market information, weather alerts, extension services and access to agricultural finance.

MARKET ACCESS AND AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

We will develop stronger connections between farmers and domestic, regional and international markets.

Government will support quality standards, packaging, grading and certification to enable agricultural products from Gombe State to compete in wider markets.

We will identify commodities with strong commercial and export potential and develop targeted value chains around them.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

Implementation will begin with a comprehensive agricultural assessment to

identify major crops, livestock resources, farming communities, irrigation potential, production volumes, infrastructure gaps, storage needs and market opportunities across the State.

The findings will guide the development of an Agricultural Transformation Master Plan with clear priorities, investment requirements, implementation timelines and measurable targets.

Early interventions will focus on urgent needs such as agricultural inputs, mechanisation, irrigation rehabilitation, extension services and storage.

Subsequent phases will expand commodity aggregation, agro-processing, livestock development, agricultural financing and market access.

Progress will be continuously monitored to determine which programmes are producing the greatest impact and to ensure that public resources are directed towards productive agricultural investments.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our ultimate objective is to make agriculture a profitable and attractive economic sector capable of feeding our people, creating employment, increasing household incomes and generating sustainable economic growth.

We envision a Gombe State where farmers have access to modern machinery, improved seeds, irrigation, affordable inputs, finance, insurance, storage and reliable markets; where agricultural products are processed locally rather than exported in raw form; and where farmers and agribusinesses are integrated into profitable value chains.

DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

Building a Smart, Transparent, Efficient and Citizen-Centred Digital Government

Our vision for Digital Government is to transform the way government operates and delivers services by using technology to create a more efficient, transparent, accountable, accessible and citizen-centred public administration.

We envision a government where citizens can access essential public services quickly and conveniently without unnecessary paperwork, delays or repeated visits to government offices. Digital transformation will be used not merely to introduce technology, but to improve the quality, speed and transparency of government services.

DIGITAL PUBLIC SERVICES

We will progressively digitise government services and create convenient online platforms through which citizens can access public services, submit applications, make payments, track requests and receive important government information.

Priority services will be identified and redesigned around the needs of citizens, with simple procedures and clear service timelines.

Government agencies will be encouraged to reduce unnecessary paperwork and adopt digital workflows that improve efficiency and accountability.

ONE-STOP GOVERNMENT DIGITAL PORTAL

We will develop an integrated State Digital Government Portal that provides citizens and businesses with a single access point to government services.

Through the platform, citizens will be able to access information, submit applications, make approved payments, track service requests and interact with relevant government agencies.

The portal will be designed to be simple, mobile-friendly and accessible to citizens with different levels of digital literacy.

DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION AND CITIZEN DATABASE

We will strengthen digital systems for government records and citizen-focused service delivery while ensuring compliance with applicable laws and data protection standards.

Reliable digital records will support better planning, reduce duplication and

improve the government's ability to deliver targeted services.

Government databases will be properly secured and access will be controlled according to defined responsibilities.

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT AND RECORD MANAGEMENT

Government ministries, departments and agencies will progressively adopt electronic document management systems.

Official documents, correspondence, approvals and records will be securely stored and managed digitally, reducing dependence on physical files and improving the speed with which information can be retrieved.

This will also improve institutional memory and reduce the risk of important records being lost or damaged.

DIGITAL PAYMENT AND REVENUE SYSTEMS

We will strengthen electronic payment systems for government fees, taxes, licences, permits and other approved public payments.

Citizens and businesses will be able to make payments through secure and convenient channels while receiving appropriate digital confirmation.

Improved digital revenue systems will help reduce leakages, increase transparency and provide government with better information for financial planning.

OPEN GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPARENCY

Digital platforms will be used to improve access to public information.

Government will progressively publish relevant information about programmes, budgets, projects, procurement and service delivery in accordance with applicable laws and public-sector standards.

Citizens will have better opportunities to understand government activities and provide feedback.

DIGITAL PROCUREMENT

We will promote digital processes in public procurement to improve efficiency, transparency and accountability.

Where appropriate, procurement processes will be digitised from planning and publication through bidding, evaluation, approval and contract monitoring.

This will reduce unnecessary paperwork and improve the ability of government to monitor procurement activities.

DIGITAL TAX AND REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

We will modernise revenue collection through digital systems that make it easier for individuals and businesses to register, pay taxes and obtain receipts.

Data-driven revenue administration will help identify leakages, improve compliance and expand the State's internally generated revenue without unnecessarily increasing the burden on compliant citizens and businesses.

SMART GOVERNMENT DATA

We will establish a stronger government data ecosystem that enables ministries and agencies to make decisions based on reliable information.

Data from different sectors, including education, healthcare, agriculture, infrastructure and revenue, will be used to support evidence-based planning.

Appropriate data standards will be developed to improve interoperability while protecting sensitive information.

DIGITAL SKILLS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Digital transformation will only succeed if government employees have the skills required to use new systems.

We will introduce continuous digital skills training for civil servants, covering areas such as digital records management, cybersecurity, data analysis, online service delivery, productivity tools and emerging technologies.

Specialised training will be provided for staff responsible for managing government information systems.

CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PROTECTION

As government becomes increasingly digital, cybersecurity will become a core priority.

Government systems will be protected through appropriate cybersecurity policies, access controls, backups, monitoring and staff awareness.

Citizens' personal information will be handled responsibly and protected in accordance with applicable data protection laws and standards.

DIGITAL PARTICIPATION AND CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

Digital platforms will provide citizens with opportunities to communicate with government, submit feedback, report service challenges and participate in consultations.

Government will develop mechanisms for receiving, tracking and responding to citizen complaints so that digital engagement leads to measurable improvements in service delivery.

DIGITAL INCLUSION

Digital government must not exclude citizens who have limited access to the internet or digital devices.

We will establish assisted digital service points where citizens can receive help accessing government services.

Efforts will also be made to expand digital literacy, connectivity and access to affordable digital services across urban and rural communities.

SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

Digital government will be supported by reliable infrastructure, including government connectivity, secure data systems, cloud services, appropriate computing infrastructure and backup systems.

Government will explore cost-effective partnerships with telecommunications and technology companies to improve connectivity and digital service capacity.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

We will explore the responsible use of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies to improve government efficiency.

AI may be applied in areas such as data analysis, service automation, information management, forecasting and citizen support, subject to appropriate safeguards.

The adoption of emerging technologies will be guided by public interest, transparency, security, accountability and applicable laws.

DIGITAL ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT

Digital Government will also support the wider digital economy of Gombe State.

By making government services easier to access, reducing administrative barriers and improving digital infrastructure, we will create a more favourable environment for entrepreneurs, businesses, investors and technology companies.

Government procurement and innovation programmes will also explore opportunities for qualified local technology companies to contribute to digital transformation.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

Implementation will begin with a comprehensive assessment of existing government ICT infrastructure, systems, databases, digital services, connectivity and staff capacity.

The findings will form the basis of a State Digital Government Master Plan with clearly defined priorities, implementation timelines, funding requirements and responsible institutions.

The first phase will focus on digitising high-demand government services, improving connectivity, establishing secure digital infrastructure and training civil servants.

The second phase will focus on integrating government systems, expanding online services, strengthening digital payments and improving data sharing.

The third phase will focus on advanced digital services, smart government applications, artificial intelligence, data analytics and continuous improvement.

All major digital projects will be monitored against measurable service-delivery indicators.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our goal is to build a government that works faster, communicates better, spends more responsibly and responds more effectively to the needs of its citizens.

We envision a Gombe State where citizens can access government services from their phones or computers, businesses can interact with government without unnecessary bureaucracy, public records are securely managed, government

decisions are informed by reliable data and citizens can easily communicate with public institutions.