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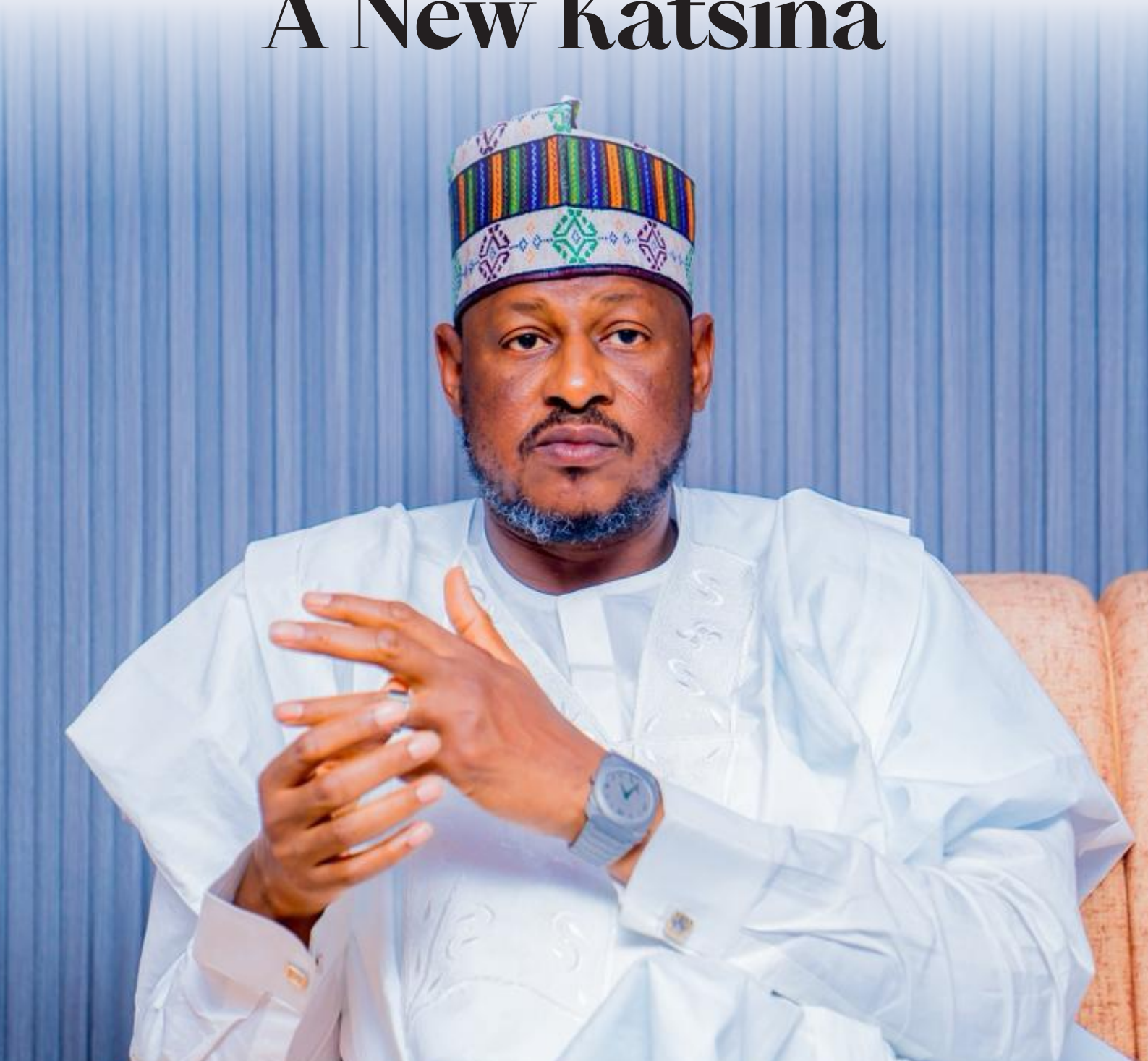
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Your Excellency,

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KATSINA SECTORIAL ANALYSIS

POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

Estimated at

9-10m

as of 2023

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Year Established

23-9-1978

(Carved out of the Old Kaduna State)

EDUCATION & INSTITUTIONS

- Umaru Musa Yar'adua University
- Hassan Usman Katsina Polytechnic
- Federal University Dutsin-Ma
- Colleges of Education and Nursing Institutions
- Federal University of Transportation, Daura
- University of Health Sciences, Funtua

NATURAL & AGRICULTURAL FEATURES

- Sahel-savannah vegetation
- Suitable for rain-fed and irrigation farming
- Increasing solar energy potential due to high sunshine hours
- Expanding water infrastructure (dams & boreholes)

INFRASTRUCTURE PROFILE

- 34 Local Government Areas
- Expanding road dualisation in the capital
- Growing solar streetlight coverage
- Emerging fibre-optic backbone infrastructure



Three Years of Purpose, Progress and Shared Responsibility

My dear people of Katsina State,

Three years ago, you entrusted me with the sacred responsibility of leading our great State. You did so at a time of deep uncertainty — insecurity threatened our communities, inflation strained households, infrastructure was deteriorating, and many citizens questioned whether government could truly deliver.

Today, as we mark three years in office, I speak to you not only as your Governor, but as your son, your neighbour, and your partner in progress.

From the very beginning, we anchored this administration on a simple but firm commitment — *Building Your Future*. That promise was never a slogan. It was a covenant: that government must work, institutions must function, and public resources must translate into visible impact in the lives of our people.

Over the past three years, we have focused on restoring security, rebuilding infrastructure, strengthening public institutions, and supporting families through difficult national economic transitions.

In security, we restructured our approach, established the Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, operationalised the Community Security Watch Corps, and strengthened collaboration with conventional security agencies. While challenges remain, several communities that once lived in fear are gradually reclaiming peace and productivity.

In agriculture — the backbone of our economy — we expanded access to fertiliser, mechanisation, irrigation and livestock support, empowering farmers to sustain food production despite economic pressures. Across our rural communities, productivity is rising and confidence is returning.

In health, we recruited professionals, upgraded 146 Primary Healthcare Centres, expanded diagnostic capacity, strengthened drug supply systems and sustained our Free Medicare policy for vulnerable citizens. Our goal remains clear: affordable, accessible and quality healthcare for every Katsina family.

In education, we invested in classrooms, learning materials, teacher development and girls' education. Through initiatives such as AGILE and digital learning interventions, we are building a generation prepared not only for today's realities but for tomorrow's opportunities.

Through KASEDA, we have supported thousands of MSMEs, created access to interest-free financing, expanded digital and vocational training, and strengthened enterprise across all 34 Local Government Areas. Jobs are being created not by government alone, but by empowered citizens.

Our infrastructure renewal is visible — major road dualisations, rehabilitation of public assets, expansion of subsidised transport services, and large-scale solar street lighting across Katsina metropolis. Power infrastructure is being restored and modernised to support homes, businesses and institutions.

In governance, we made difficult but necessary decisions to clear pension and gratuity backlogs, disbursing tens of billions of naira to retirees who served this State with dignity. We strengthened social registers, expanded food support programmes, supported vulnerable households, and ensured that relief reached those who needed it most.

We have also laid the foundations of a Digital State — deploying fibre connectivity, digitising public services, and equipping our youth with digital skills so that Katsina will not be left behind in the global knowledge economy.

None of these achievements would have been possible without your resilience, your prayers, and your cooperation. Governance is not a solitary effort; it is a shared journey. I remain deeply grateful to our traditional rulers, religious leaders, civil servants, security personnel, development partners, private sector actors, and above all, the good people of Katsina State. We are not yet where we want to be — but we are no longer where we were.

The next phase of our administration will consolidate these gains. We will deepen economic growth, expand rural inclusion, strengthen youth empowerment, accelerate infrastructure delivery, and continue restoring stability and dignity across our communities.
I assure you that your trust will never be taken for granted. Every policy, every project, and every reform will continue to be guided by one principle: the wellbeing and prosperity of the people of Katsina State.

Together, we will continue to build a safer, stronger and more prosperous Katsina.
May Allah (SWT) continue to bless our State and guide our collective efforts.

Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, PhD, CON
Executive Governor
Katsina State

KATSINA STATE FACT SHEET

The Home of Hospitality

Location & Geography

- **Country:** Nigeria
- **Geopolitical Zone:** North-West Nigeria
- **Capital City:** Katsina
- **Land Area:** ~24,192 km²
- **Number of Local Government Areas:** 34
- **International Border:** Shares boundary with Niger Republic
- **Climate:** Tropical continental (Sudan/Sahel savannah)
- **Rainfall Pattern:** May–September (wet season), October–April (dry season)

Population & Demographics

- **Estimated Population (2023 projection):** 9–10 million
- **2006 Census Population:** 5.8 million
- **Population Growth Rate:** Among the highest in Nigeria
- **Major Ethnic Group:** Hausa (overwhelming majority)
- **Minority Groups:** Fulani and others
- **Predominant Religion:** Islam (majority), with Christian minorities
- **Languages Spoken:** Hausa (widely spoken), English (official language)

Historical Background

- Established as a State: **23 September 1987** (carved out of Kaduna State)
- Historical Seat of the **Katsina Emirate**
- Home to the historic **Gobarau Minaret**, dating back several centuries
- Birthplace of former Nigerian President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua

Katsina is one of the ancient Hausa city-states and historically served as a major centre of Islamic scholarship, trade and trans-Saharan commerce.

Economy & Livelihoods

- **Predominant Occupation:** Agriculture
- **Major Crops:** Millet, sorghum, maize, rice, beans, groundnut, cotton
- **Livestock Production:** Cattle, goats, sheep, poultry
- **Irrigation Farming:** Expanding along river basins and dams
- **Agro-processing & Trade:** Growing SME sector
- **Informal Economy:** Large and active MSME presence

Economic Structure

- Dominated by agriculture and agro-allied activities
- Growing public sector employment
- Expanding SME and entrepreneurship ecosystem

(State-level GDP figures vary by source; Katsina is consistently ranked among the larger subnational economies in Northern Nigeria.)

Culture & Identity

- Nickname: **"The Home of Hospitality"**
- Strong Islamic scholarly heritage
- Rich Hausa traditions, attire and festivals
- Durbar celebrations during Eid
- Traditional crafts: leatherwork, embroidery, dyeing, metalwork

Family, faith and community structures play a central role in social life.

Major Urban Centres

- Katsina (Capital)
- Daura
- Funtua
- Malumfashi
- Dutsin-Ma

These centres serve as commercial, educational and administrative hubs.

Education & Institutions

- Umaru Musa Yar'adua University
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- Federal University of Transportation, Daura
- University of Health Sciences, Funtua

Katsina has historically been recognised as a centre of Islamic and Western education in Northern Nigeria.

Natural & Agricultural Features

- Sahel-savannah vegetation
- Suitable for rain-fed and irrigation farming
- Increasing solar energy potential due to high sunshine hours
- Expanding water infrastructure (dams & boreholes)

Infrastructure Profile

- 34 Local Government Areas
- Expanding road dualisation in the capital
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Quick Facts Panel

- 24,192 km² Land Area
- ~9–10 Million Population
- 34 LGAs
- Agriculture = Primary Employer
- Predominantly Hausa Muslim Population
- State Created: 23 September 1987
- Borders Niger Republic

GOVERNORS OF KATSINA STATE (Since 1987)

Military Administrators (1987–1999)

1. **Col. Abdullahi Sarki Mukhtar** (1987–1988)
2. **Col. Joseph Akaagerger** (1988–1989)
3. **Col. John Madaki** (1989–1990)
4. **Col. Clement Akpamgbo** (1990–1992)
5. **Alhaji Saidu Barda** (1992–1993)
6. **Col. Yakubu Muazu** (1993–1996)
7. **Col. Emmanuel Ogoina** (1996–1998)
8. **Wing Commander Tukur Ahmed** (1998–1999)

Civilian Governors (1999–Present)

9. **Umaru Musa Yar'Adua** (1999–2007)
10. **Ibrahim Shehu Shema** (2007–2015)
11. **Aminu Bello Masari** (2015–2023)
12. **Dikko Umaru Radda** (2023–Present)

Notable Highlight

- Umaru Musa Yar'Adua served as Governor before becoming President of Nigeria (2007–2010).

CIVIL, ROADS, TRANSPORT, HOUSING & POWER

Restoring Functionality, Expanding Capacity, Modernising Infrastructure (May 2023–Date)



When this administration assumed office in May 2023, infrastructure across Katsina State was under visible strain. Inflationary pressures and years of underinvestment had weakened the spending power of government and citizens alike. Roads were deteriorating, transport services overstretched, public buildings dilapidated, and power systems disrupted by vandalism and outages. Accessibility was shrinking at a time of rapid population growth and expanding economic activity.

In response, government embarked on a coordinated recovery and expansion programme under the Ministry of Works, Housing and Transport — focused on restoring functionality, improving safety and modernising critical infrastructure.

Roads & Major Civil Engineering Works

Large-scale road construction and dualisation projects are underway to address congestion, safety concerns and economic mobility across the State. The flagship Dutsinma–Mani–Daura–Yandaki Dual Carriageway has reached 86% completion, while the Mararrabar Musawa–Gingin–Tabanni–Kano Border Road stands at 92% completion.

Other strategic corridors under construction or dualisation include the Central Mosque–Kofar Kaura–Kiddies Roundabout–WTC Roundabout axis, Sokoto Road, Yandaki–Shinkafi–Kofar Sauri Junction, Water Board Roundabout–Kofar Sauri–Central Mosque Road, Funtua–Katsina Road, and the Shargalle–Dutsi–Ingawa route. In addition, the Kadanya–Kunduru–Radda–Tsakatsa–Ganuwa road project is advancing as part of efforts to strengthen rural connectivity.

The total contract value of these major civil engineering projects stands at ₦131.74 billion, with ₦61.92 billion already paid, reflecting strong execution momentum.



Public Buildings & Civil Assets

The administration undertook extensive rehabilitation and upgrading of public facilities to restore asset value and service delivery capacity. Renovations and furnishing were completed at the Governor's Offices and Lodges in Katsina, Kaduna and Abuja, alongside remodeling works at Gobarau Minaret, upgrades to RUWASSA and KASSAROTA offices, and restoration of multiple ministerial and institutional buildings.

Large-scale projects include the construction of the Central Store Complex (three lots), upgrading of People's Square, renovations at the Psychiatric Hospital, KTTV and several government complexes, as well as fencing and security improvements at strategic locations including Emir's Palace entrances in Katsina and Daura.

Between June 2023 and April 2025, building department projects amounted to approximately ₦2.43 billion.

Transport Sector: Expanding Subsidised Mobility

The Katsina State Transport Authority (KTSTA) was repositioned to expand access to affordable transport while improving safety and operational efficiency.

A modern terminal was constructed at Dandagoro, strengthening connectivity along the Katsina–Kano corridor. The fleet was expanded with 61 Toyota Hiace buses, significantly increasing route coverage and passenger capacity. Substations in Daura, Funtua and Dutsinma were rehabilitated, while new facilities were constructed in Mashi and Ingawa.

Operational reforms included installation of tracking and speed-limiting devices, deployment of digital systems and staff training programmes. These measures have expanded access to subsidised services, enhanced asset security and drastically reduced accident rates.

Road Safety & Traffic Management

KASSAROTA was revitalised and strengthened to enforce traffic discipline across the State. Ten sub-regional command offices were established, 304 marshals recruited and trained, and operational vehicles procured and rehabilitated. Solar power was installed at headquarters, and logistics, uniforms and welfare support provided to personnel.

With expanded presence across urban and rural corridors, road traffic offences have declined and enforcement visibility has improved significantly.

Power & Energy: Expanding Access & Renewable Solutions

To address power instability and infrastructure vandalism, government implemented strategic upgrades and renewable energy investments.

Solar mini-grid projects valued at ₦3.85 billion are ongoing at the General Hospital Katsina, Government House and the State Secretariat Complex. In addition, ₦7.68 billion was expended on statewide power infrastructure, including 74 kilometres of solar street lighting across Katsina metropolis and an additional 11-kilometre solar corridor from Al-Qalam University Roundabout to Darma Rice Mill.

Power rerouting projects covering 17 kilometres restored electricity supply in Charanchi, while eight kilometres of high-tension lines were rehabilitated in Rimi LGA. The replacement of 33KV breakers restored supply to Umaru Musa Yar'adua University, and digital mapping of power lines and







transformers has improved system monitoring and asset management.

A Sector in Transition

Across roads, public buildings, transport systems and power infrastructure, the administration has moved the sector from deterioration to structured recovery. Mobility has improved, public assets have been restored, renewable lighting expanded, and transport safety strengthened.

The cumulative impact is a more functional, secure and modern infrastructure base — one that supports economic activity, improves daily life and strengthens Katsina State's long-term development trajectory.



FIGURES & COST HIGHTLIGHTS

ROADS & CIVIL ENGINEERING

Key Projects

- 9 Major Highway Projects
- 86% completion – Dutsinma–Mani–Daura–Yandaki
- 92% completion – Mararrabar Musawa–Kano Border Road

Financial Highlights

- ₦131.74 billion — Total major road contracts
- ₦61.92 billion — Paid to date

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & CIVIL WORKS

Key Outputs

- 30+ major renovation projects
- 3 Central Store Lots under construction
- People's Square upgrade
- Multiple institutional renovations

Financial Highlights

- ₦2.43 billion — Building department projects

TRANSPORT (KTSTA)

Key Figures

- 61 new Toyota Hiace buses
- 5 substations constructed/rehabilitated
- 1 Modern Terminal (Dandagoro)
- 15 desktop systems deployed
- Tracking & speed limiters installed

Financial Highlights

- ₦174.31 million — Modern Terminal
- ₦956.15 million — 61 buses
- ₦15.67 million — Tracking devices

ROAD SAFETY (KASSAROTA)

Key Figures

- 10 sub-regional commands
- 304 marshals recruited & trained
- 3 operational vehicles procured
- 6 patrol vehicles repaired

Financial Highlights

- ₦280 million — Vehicles & uniforms
- ₦23.26 million — Training
- ₦28.34 million — Peugeot Land Trek

POWER & ENERGY

Key Figures

- 74km solar streetlights
- 11km solar corridor
- 17km power rerouting
- 8km high-tension restoration
- Mini-grid solar at 3 critical facilities

Financial Highlights

- ₦3.85 billion — Mini-grid solar projects
- ₦7.68 billion — Statewide power infrastructure upgrades

EDUCATION SECTOR

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS, EXPANDING ACCESS (May 2023–Date)



From classrooms to campuses, Katsina State has recorded broad-based progress across basic, secondary and tertiary education, driven by infrastructure renewal, learning support, teacher development and expanded access—especially for girls and vulnerable children.

The Big Picture

Since May 29, 2023, the administration of Malam Dikko Umaru Radda has pursued deliberate reforms to reposition education as a core pillar of sustainable development. Investments have focused on learning infrastructure, instructional materials, teacher capacity, examination support, and inclusive education—spanning primary schools to tertiary institutions.

Basic Education: Strengthening the Foundation

Through the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), government interventions delivered:

- **160 new classrooms**, **258 rehabilitated**
- **81 boreholes**, **46 toilets**, **20 staff quarters**
- **14,602 two-seater pupils' desks** and **612 teachers' furniture**
- Deployment of **ICT tools** (laptops, tablets, solar panels, inverters)
- **Motorcycles and vehicles** for effective school monitoring
- **Training of 274,816 education personnel**, including public, private and Qur'anic school teachers

Additional investments under **TESS** and **BESDA-AF** supported:

- **150 primary schools** constructed or rehabilitated
- Solar lighting, water facilities, stores and toilets
- **70 motorcycles** distributed to Quality Assurance Officers across **34 LGAs**
- CCTV installations, free school bags, uniforms and exercise books



These efforts contributed to **improved enrolment** and safer, more conducive learning environments.

Secondary Education: Infrastructure, Access and Exams

Key achievements at the secondary level include:

- Construction of **three Special Model Secondary Schools** (Radda, Dumurkul, Jikamshi)
- Rehabilitation of schools in **Funtua, Jikamshi, Ingawa, Zango and Kabomo**
- Distribution of science equipment to **36 schools**
- Installation of **solar-powered lighting**
- Provision of **2,335 units of 3-seater student furniture**
- Full **examination subsidies** covering **WAEC, NECO, NABTEB and NBAIS**
- Settlement of outstanding liabilities across multiple schools

Science, Technical & Skills Education

Under the State Science and Technical Education Board:

- Feeding of boarding students sustained
- Reconstruction and rehabilitation across **8 technical and science schools**
- Camping exercises, entrance exams, prize-giving days supported
- Upgrade of **Animal Husbandry Department, Technical College Ingawa**

At the **Katsina Youth Craft Village (KYCV)**:

- Training equipment provided across ICT, electricals, fashion, beauty and furniture-making
- **634 graduates empowered with starter packs**
- Central Workshop upgraded for government vehicle repairs (**₦31 million**)

AGILE Programme: Advancing Girls' Education

The Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) delivered large-scale impact:

- **75 new junior & senior secondary schools** completed (Phase 1)
- **77 schools under construction** (Phase 2) at **₦36.88 billion**
- **578 schools** undergoing repairs, WASH upgrades and water supply
- **45 schools** identified for major rehabilitation (**₦10.8 billion**)
- Teaching and digital materials supplied to **170 schools**
- **60,000 girls** empowered with life skills

- **104,111 girls** supported through conditional cash transfers across **255 schools**

The programme has significantly **boosted girls' enrolment, retention and performance**.

Inclusion, Literacy & Vulnerable Groups

- **1,393 Almajiri and vulnerable children** reintegrated through Back-to-School campaigns (with UNICEF)
- Advocacy for **6,120 children** in **180 communities**
- Establishment of a **Girls Skills Acquisition Centre** in Katsina
- **2,000 youths** trained in practical life skills
- Mass literacy programmes trained:
  - **3,487 learners** in basic/post-literacy
  - **8,442 learners** in Integrated Qur'anic Schools
  - **2,065 women** in vocational skills

Tertiary Education: Campuses Repositioned

Major interventions include:

- Upgrade of the Department of Higher Education to a **full Ministry**
- Restoration of electricity and solar security lighting at **Umaru Musa Yar'adua University**
- Accreditation fees released for **2022/23 and 2023/24** sessions
- Renovation of hostels and media studios at **Hassan Usman Katsina Polytechnic**
- Elevation of **Yusuf Bala Usman College of Education, Daura** to NCE-awarding status
- Accreditation of **8 degree programmes** at **Isah Kaita College of Education**
- Recruitment of **29 academic staff** and installation of **10 transformers** at the Katsina State Institute of Technology and Management





Scholarships, Excellence & Teacher Development

- Scholarships and bursaries paid to **136,175 students** across four academic sessions
- **210 high-performing students** rewarded under Academic Excellence Awards
- **First-class graduates** approved for permanent employment
- **593 Mathematics teachers** trained in digital teaching tools; **100 master trainers** trained virtually

Despite inflationary pressures, Katsina State has sustained existing systems while advancing new reforms. The cumulative impact—expanded access, improved infrastructure, stronger teacher capacity, inclusive education and skills development—positions education as a long-term driver of **human capital growth, gender equity and economic resilience** in the state.



FIGURES & COST HIGHTLIGHTS

BASIC EDUCATION

- 160 new classrooms
- 258 rehabilitated classrooms
- 81 boreholes
- 46 toilets
- 20 staff quarters
- 14,602 pupils' desks
- 612 teachers' furniture
- 274,816 education personnel trained
- 150 primary schools built/rehabilitated
- 70 motorcycles for QA officers

AGILE PROGRAMME

- 75 schools completed (Phase 1)
- 77 schools under construction (Phase 2)
- 578 schools under repair/WASH upgrade
- 45 schools for major rehabilitation
- 60,000 girls empowered
- 104,111 girls receiving CCTs

TERTIARY

- 8 degree programmes accredited
- 29 academic staff recruited
- 10 transformers installed
- 136,175 students received scholarships
- 210 excellence award recipients
- 593 Mathematics teachers trained

SECONDARY EDUCATION

- 3 Special Model Secondary Schools
- 36 schools received science equipment
- 2,335 units of 3-seater furniture
- Full WAEC, NECO, NABTEB, NBAIS subsidies

INCLUSION & LITERACY

- 1,393 Almajiri reintegrated
- 6,120 children reached (advocacy)
- 2,000 youths trained (life skills)
- 3,487 literacy learners
- 8,442 Qur'anic learners
- 2,065 women trained

MAJOR FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ₦36.88 billion — AGILE Phase 2 (77 schools)
- ₦10.8 billion — Major rehabilitation (45 schools)
- ₦31 million — Youth Craft Village workshop upgrade

MODERNISING PRODUCTION, SECURING FOOD AND LIVELIHOODS (May 2023–Date)



Agriculture remains a central pillar of Katsina State's development strategy under the *Building Your Future* policy framework of the administration of Malam Dikko Umaru Radda. As the largest employer of labour and the backbone of rural livelihoods, the sector has received sustained attention through investments aimed at boosting productivity, strengthening value chains, reducing post-harvest losses and building resilience among smallholder farmers in the face of national economic pressures.

From May 2023 to date, government interventions have prioritised access to essential farm inputs, extension services and mechanisation. A total of ₦36.04 billion was expended on the procurement of 20,000 metric tonnes of fertiliser for the 2024 farming season, complemented by the distribution of 722 motorcycles and knapsack sprayers to extension workers serving all 361 wards of the state. This significantly improved farmer outreach, advisory services and the diffusion of improved agronomic practices, helping millions of smallholder farmers sustain production under difficult conditions.

Mechanisation was further strengthened with an investment of ₦21.77 billion, which delivered large-scale productivity-enhancing equipment to farming communities, including:

- 400 tractors with full accessories
- 2,000 hand planters
- 10 combine harvesters

These inputs are expected to improve timeliness of operations, expand cultivated acreage and increase yields, with positive knock-on effects on food availability, income growth and employment across the agricultural value chain.



To tackle post-harvest losses and storage constraints, government invested ₦790.56 million in upgrading seven zonal produce stores located in Funtua, Daura, Katsina, Mani, Kankia, Kafinsoli and Malumfashi. In parallel, the administration commenced the resuscitation of the long-moribund Songhai Farm Centre at Makera, reversing years of asset neglect and repositioning the facility as a hub for integrated farming, innovation and skills development. Efforts were also intensified to develop the cotton value chain for all-year-round production, targeting industrial supply, farmer income expansion and job creation.

Through the State Agricultural and Rural Development Authority (KTARDA), additional farmer-focused interventions were executed at a cost of ₦273.6 million. These included the distribution of agro-chemicals for pest control, dissemination of 54,150 moringa seeds, statewide farmer data generation exercises to guide evidence-based planning, participation in national agricultural shows, and the training and empowerment of 150 women in backyard gardening and nutritive food formulation—strengthening household nutrition and women-led income activities.

Input storage and supply systems were reinforced through the Farmers Supply Company (FASCOKT), where ₦386.11 million was spent on rehabilitating warehouses in Funtua and Daura, restoring service centres, and distributing improved seeds and agro-chemicals to farmers across the state.

Livestock development formed a major component of the administration's agricultural agenda. Under the ₦5.78 billion Goat Rearing Initiative Programme, 32,490 goats are being distributed across the state using a ward-based model that supports women and large-scale herders alike. Each ward benefits from structured allocations, supported with feed, mineral salt licks and husbandry inputs to ensure effective breeding and sustainability.

A second component of the programme focuses on genetic improvement through artificial insemination involving 3,000 breeding goats at the Ladanawa Farm Centre, supported by pasture development and animal housing. In addition, ₦796.61 million was expended on livestock health interventions, including statewide mass

vaccination exercises and anthrax prevention campaigns in multiple LGAs.

To promote year-round farming and reduce dependence on rainfall, the administration established the Katsina State Irrigation Development Authority (KTIDA). Between May 2023 and date, ₦8.28 billion was spent on dry-season farming inputs, including 4,000 powered tillers, 4,000 solar-powered pumps and 48,000 cartons of fertiliser for the 2024/2025 dry season. Heavy irrigation and water management equipment valued at ₦3.30 billion—including dredgers, drilling machines and compressors—was procured for dam desilting, irrigation boreholes and emergency repairs of key embankments and spillways.

Overall, these interventions reflect a deliberate and integrated strategy to reposition agriculture as a driver of food security, rural employment and economic resilience in Katsina State. By combining input support, mechanisation, storage infrastructure, livestock development and irrigation expansion, the administration has laid a stronger foundation for sustainable agricultural growth and improved livelihoods across the state.











FIGURES & COST HIGHTLIGHTS

KEY QUANTITIES

- 20,000 metric tonnes of fertiliser (2024 season)
- 722 extension motorcycles + sprayers (covering 361 wards)
- 400 tractors (full accessories)
- 2,000 hand planters
- 10 combine harvesters
- 7 zonal produce stores upgraded
- 54,150 moringa seeds distributed
- 150 women trained (nutrition & backyard gardening)
- 32,490 goats (Goat Rearing Initiative)
- 3,000 breeding goats (genetic improvement)
- 4,000 powered tillers
- 4,000 solar-powered pumps
- 48,000 cartons of fertiliser (dry season)
- 274,816 education personnel trained
- 150 primary schools built/rehabilitated
- 70 motorcycles for QA officers

FINANCIAL OUTLAYS

- ₦36.04 billion — Fertiliser procurement
- ₦21.77 billion — Mechanisation equipment
- ₦790.56 million — Produce store upgrades
- ₦273.6 million — KTARDA interventions
- ₦386.11 million — FASCOKT storage rehabilitation
- ₦5.78 billion — Goat Rearing Initiative
- ₦796.61 million — Livestock health (vaccination, anthrax control)
- ₦8.28 billion — Irrigation inputs (dry season farming)
- ₦3.30 billion — Irrigation heavy equipment (dredgers, drilling machines)

EXPANDING ACCESS, POWERING DEVELOPMENT (May 2023–Date)



Reliable electricity has long been a constraint on economic growth and social development in Katsina State. In response, the current administration has pursued a deliberate power and energy strategy focused on **diversifying energy sources**, expanding access and deploying **renewable solutions** to support critical public infrastructure and underserved communities.

A major pillar of this effort has been the deployment of **solar mini-grid systems** to reduce dependence on the national grid and ensure uninterrupted power for essential government facilities. Ongoing projects at the **General Hospital Katsina**, **Government House**, and the **State Secretariat Complex** represent a combined investment of **₦3.85 billion**, providing sustainable, clean energy to facilities that must operate without disruption.

In urban centres, particularly Katsina metropolis, the administration prioritised **public lighting and safety-oriented power projects**. Extensive solar street-lighting installations now span major corridors, including **74 kilometres** of solar street lights across the metropolis and an additional **11 kilometres** from Al-Qalam University Roundabout to Darma Rice Mill. These interventions have improved night-time visibility, enhanced security and extended commercial activity.

At the community level, government investments focused on **restoring and stabilising electricity supply** through

transformer installations, line extensions, equipment replacement and infrastructure repairs. Power supply was restored in previously underserved or disrupted areas such as Charanchi, Rimi and other affected LGAs through targeted line upgrades and replacement of damaged high-tension infrastructure. In tertiary institutions, the replacement of critical 33KV breakers helped restore electricity to **Umaru Musa Yar'adua University**, improving the learning and research environment.

To support planning, maintenance and accountability, the administration awarded a contract for the **digital mapping of power lines and GPS documentation of transformers and materials** procured by the state. This initiative introduces data-driven asset management into the power sector, reducing losses and improving long-term system efficiency.

Overall, government expended **₦7.68 billion** on power-related projects across the state, covering renewable energy deployment, grid support infrastructure, repairs, upgrades and maintenance. These investments have not only expanded access to electricity but have also strengthened public safety, supported healthcare and education delivery, and improved the operating environment for businesses.















FULL LIST OF MAJOR POWER PROJECTS

1	80 number of standalone all in one solar security lights around W.T.C Katsina.
2	Installation of 12 number of standalone all in one solar security lights at Trade facility center
3	Installation of 105 standalone solar street light at Malunfashi bypass.
4	Installation of 201 standalone solar all in one solar security light at shongai farm, Dutsimma.
5	Procurement and installation of 300kwp with 300kwh BESS system at special model secondary school Radda.
6	Installation of 130 number of standalone all in one solar security lights at special model secondary school Radda.
7	Installation of 120 number double arm standalone all in one solar street lights at lambar Rimi wind farm perimeter.
8	Supply and installation of 100kwp and 120kwh BESS at resident GRA, katsina.
9	Supply and installation of 100kwp and 120kwh BESS solar generation Radio transmission dutsinma.
10	Procurement and installation of 100kwp with 120kwh BESS solar generation at Katsina state government lodge Asokoro Abuja.
11	Installation of phase 1 to 2 3 state of art, P5 LED Digital Bill board under media infrastructural project.
12	Conducting of statewide Digital Project.
13	Installation of solar Mini grid system to 3 number government facilities.
14	Supply and installation of 5kwp with 10kwh BESS solar mini Grid at state infrastructure office.
15	Supply and installation of 100kwp with 60kwh BESS Solar generation of Directorate of information and communication technology. (DICT).
16	Ground breaking of 1MW Hydropower generation at Danja Dam.
17	Procurement and installation of 40kwp with 50kwh BESS at (DICT).
18	Procurement and installation of 20kwp with 20kwh BESS at Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
19	Procurement and installation of 10kwp with 10kwh BESS at the Department of Power Energy.
20	Procurement and installation of 800kwp with 1MWH BESS at kastina state secretariat complex.
21	Procurement and installation 10kwp with 10kwh BESS at public service reform office.

22	Installation of over 70km standalone all in one solar street lights across metropolitan.
23	Construction of Joparana concrete from Liyafa Roundabout to under Path Bridge with landscaping and carbon sequestration.
24	Conducted Environmental Impact and Social Assessment (ESIA) at Ajiwa Dam, Zobe Dam and Danja Dam respectively.
25	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of Ajiwa and Zobe Dams
26	In a commitment to sustainable energy practices, the department conducted an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) at the Ajiwa and Zobe dams. This study focused on evaluating the potential environmental and social impacts of installing solar plants at these locations. The findings have provided vital recommendations for optimizing water treatment processes and energy usage, ensuring that future projects align with best practices in sustainability and environmental conservation.
27	Installation of Solar-Powered Lighting Solutions
28	A significant milestone for the department has been the widespread installation of solar-powered lighting in public spaces, improving security and reducing energy costs. Key installations include:
29	80W Solar Lamps with Motion Sensors: Installed in various public offices and premises, these lamps provide energy-efficient lighting that conserves power by utilizing motion sensor technology.
30	LED Bulbs for Public Buildings: Energy-efficient LED bulbs have been installed in multiple public facilities, enhancing illumination and reducing electricity consumption.
31	Rechargeable Fans for Schools and Hospitals: To further promote comfort in public institutions, the department distributed rechargeable fans to schools and hospitals across all LGAs, improving air circulation in critical spaces.
32	These solar-powered lighting solutions have helped improve public safety, reduce carbon footprints, and contribute to a greener, more sustainable Katsina State.
33	Development of Micro-Grids and Standalone Solar Systems
34	The department has made significant progress in the development of micro-grids and standalone solar systems to provide reliable, renewable energy solutions. Key projects include:
35	These renewable energy systems reduce reliance on conventional power sources, contributing to the state's clean energy goals and ensuring sustainable power for government offices.
37	Installation of Over 100 Kilometers of Solar Streetlights
38	The department has achieved a major milestone by installing more than 100 kilometers of solar streetlights across key road networks in Katsina State. Notable installations include:
39	22 kilometers in Katsina Metropolis: Covering critical roads such as Katarda Roundabout to Ring Road and Usman Nagogo/Daura Road.

40	30 kilometers along major highways: Including Yahaya Madaki Way, Dutsinma Road, and Al-Qalam Roundabout.
41	11 kilometers in expanded areas: Including Steel Rolling Mill Roundabout to Dutsinma Junction and Al-Qalam Roundabout to Mangal Rice Mill.
42	Distribution Of 120 Watt Stand Alone Solar Solution At Minor Roads Withing Katsina Metropolis
43	Titin Rafin/Dadi to KTSTA
44	Unguwar Alkali
45	Darma
46	Unguwar Madawaki
47	Gidan Badasi to Goburawa Juntion
48	National wajen Gidan Audu Fari to Kofar Kwaya Underpass
49	Gidan Mangal to Kofar Kaura Junction
50	Layin yan Nika Sabuwar Unguwa to Katsina Central Market
51	Layin masu Kayan Miya Central Market
52	Koramar Nayalli to Dutsamma Road Junction
53	Almusik from sauki Fish to Kwauren Dorowa
54	Alheri Clinic (Laurence Onoja) from water Board to Lugga Junction
55	Abuja Crescent through Kadmash to GTbank
56	Gidan Rahusa from mini round about to Alheri Clinic Junction
57	Unguwar madawaki
58	Chake
59	Masanawa
60	AK Investment to modoji round about
61	Masallacin Danfodiyo from Modoji Round about
62	Modoji round about to U turn opposite Government house main gate
63	Modoji cikin Unguwa
64	Unguwar Yari
65	Shaiskawa
66	Tshohuwar Kasuwa to Madacin Yan Nono
67	Katsina central Abattoir to Rahamawa
68	Filin Samji to Kofar Sauri
69	Kofar keke from Ladan Wapa round about to General Hospital round about
70	Old Yankutungu Market
71	NLC Housing Estate
72	Family support
73	Old Government House
74	Old government House State Road to Katsina Motel

75	Government House by AK investment junction to Kaita round about
76	Government House from gate to Presidential gate.
77	Katsina State Department of Power and Energy:
78	These solar streetlights have significantly enhanced road safety, reduced crime, and promoted a safer, more vibrant community for both residents and visitors.
79	Installation of 2.3MW Solar Mini-Grids at Key Government Facilities
80	To ensure reliable, sustainable power for government operations, the department has installed 2.3MW of solar power at critical state institutions, including:
81	1MW Solar PV + 1MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at the Government House.
82	1MW Solar PV + 600kWh BESS at the State Secretariat.
83	300kW Solar PV + 300kWh BESS at the General Hospital.
84	These installations have improved operational efficiency, enhanced healthcare services by providing uninterrupted power to critical medical facilities, and reduced reliance on costly grid and diesel power. This investment in solar energy aligns with the state's goal of cost-effective, sustainable energy solutions.
85	Looking Ahead: Setting the Standard for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability
86	Through these ground-breaking initiatives, the Department of Power and Energy has not only significantly improved Katsina State's electricity infrastructure but has also positioned the state as a leader in energy efficiency and sustainability within Nigeria. The ongoing projects continue to make a substantial impact on the lives of residents, ensuring that communities across the state enjoy reliable, clean, and secure power.
87	As the department progresses with current initiatives and introduces new ones, Katsina State is on track to become a model of energy sustainability. The department remains dedicated to supporting the state's development goals and contributing to national energy transition efforts, ensuring a brighter, more energy-efficient future for all.
88	Distribution of 80-Watt Punch Solar Street Lights and Accessories to Various Government Facilities
89	The distribution of 80Watt Punch Solar Street Lights and their associated accessories (Reachable Fan, Ceiling Fan, Reachable Bulb, and Lamp Holders) to various government facilities across the different local government areas (LGAs) and zones in the Katsina State. The report covers the allocation of these solar lights, along with a breakdown of their distribution by local government and zone.
90	Distribution of Solar Street Lights by Local Government Areas (LGAs)

RESTORING PEACE, REBUILDING CONFIDENCE (May 2023–Date)



When the administration of Malam Dikko Umaru Radda assumed office in May 2023, insecurity had reached crisis proportions across Katsina State. Armed banditry, kidnapping and violent attacks affected virtually all 34 local government areas, with the worst impact concentrated in 19 frontline LGAs. Entire communities were displaced, agricultural activity collapsed in many areas, and thousands of economically productive citizens were forced into IDP camps, stretching public infrastructure and social services. Against this backdrop, internal security emerged as the most urgent governance priority under the *Building Your Future* mandate.

To confront this challenge, the administration adopted a **comprehensive security architecture**, combining kinetic operations with non-kinetic, intelligence-driven and community-based interventions. Central to this approach was the creation of the **Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs (MISHA)**, established early in the administration to coordinate strategy, intelligence, inter-agency collaboration and operational execution. This institutional reform provided a central command structure for addressing security threats that had previously overwhelmed fragmented systems.

A defining achievement of the administration has been the establishment and operationalisation of the **Katsina State Community Security Watch Corps**, backed by enabling legislation. This home-grown security outfit, working alongside conventional security agencies, vigilantes and civilian hunters, has been deployed across frontline and vulnerable LGAs. Over **1,466 personnel** were recruited in the first phase and deployed to eight high-risk LGAs, followed by **550 additional operatives** in a second phase covering ten more vulnerable areas. These efforts were complemented by the engagement of **1,500 vigilantes** and **200 civilian hunters**, significantly expanding the state's security footprint at the grassroots.

Beyond force deployment, the administration invested heavily in **logistics, intelligence and mobility**, procuring armoured personnel carriers, patrol vehicles, motorcycles, drones,

trackers and modern communication equipment. These assets improved response time, surveillance capability and operational reach, particularly in difficult terrains previously exploited by criminal groups. Collectively, the State Government and the 34 LGAs expended **₦36.87 billion** on recruitment, training, equipment, allowances and sustained field operations.

Equally important has been the administration's emphasis on **community engagement and social stabilisation**. Thousands of Imams, Na'ibis and Ladans were engaged to promote peace, counter violent narratives and strengthen social cohesion. Traditional structures were integrated into the security framework through the engagement of ward heads, district vetting committees and local government security councils, enabling early intelligence gathering and conflict de-escalation at community level. In addition, security support groups at ward and local government levels were mobilised to address micro-conflicts before they escalated into full-blown crises.

Recognising the human cost of insecurity, government also prioritised **victim support and recovery**. A dedicated office was created to coordinate assistance to victims of banditry and internally displaced persons. Over **₦985.98 million** was expended on medical care, financial assistance and social support, benefitting **2,286 victims** and helping affected families avoid long-term impoverishment and social dislocation.

These layered interventions—spanning force, intelligence, community engagement and humanitarian support—have begun to yield tangible results. Several communities previously overrun by bandits have recorded a gradual return of peace, enabling displaced residents to rebuild livelihoods and restore economic activity. While challenges remain, the administration's security strategy has repositioned Katsina State on a firmer path toward stability, recovery and sustainable development.













FIGURES & COST HIGHTLIGHTS

KEY QUANTITIES

- 19 frontline LGAs most affected
- 1,466 Community Watch Corps (Phase 1)
- 550 additional operatives (Phase 2)
- 1,500 vigilantes engaged
- 200 civilian hunters deployed
- 2,286 victims supported
- Armoured vehicles, patrol vehicles, drones, trackers deployed

FINANCIAL OUTLAYS

- ₦36.87 billion — Recruitment, logistics, equipment & operations
- ₦985.98 million — Victim medical & financial assistance

KATSINA'S TRANSFORMATION BY THE NUMBERS (2023–2025)



Between August 2023 and December 2025, Katsina State implemented a coordinated, government-wide digital transformation, moving from fragmented ICT efforts to a unified Digital State model under the leadership of the Katsina Directorate of Information and Communications Technology (KATDICT).

Governance & Policy Foundations

KATDICT was established on 9 August 2023 as the central authority for ICT coordination. The SMART Katsina Digital Transformation Roadmap was adopted in December 2023, alongside 12 foundational digital policies covering e-government, data protection, interoperability, innovation and the digital economy. Katsina became Nigeria's first state to domesticate the national Startup Act, while the State Council for Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship was inaugurated in October 2025 to unify government, private sector, academia and civil society.

Digital Infrastructure Delivered

A 25-kilometre metropolitan fibre-optic ring now interconnects Government House, the State Secretariat, House of Assembly, High Court and KATDICT headquarters. Low Earth Orbit satellite connectivity was deployed to MDAs and remote facilities. A Smart Government House was delivered, featuring secure high-speed connectivity, digitised executive workflows and a fully paperless Executive Council Chamber. Over 1,000 ICT devices were procured and deployed across MDAs.

Human Capital & Digital Inclusion

More than 8,750 people were trained in digital skills, with a 179% increase in female participation. Sixty Nigeria Jubilee Fellows were deployed into government technology roles, with 20 retained permanently. A total of 106 interns were engaged, 15 absorbed into permanent roles, and 20–30% transitioning into employment or startups. Targeted

programmes reached women, youths and IDPs, including digital entrepreneurship training for 100 women, digital empowerment for 120 women in IDP camps, and advanced 5G training for 30 youths.

E-Governance Systems Deployed

Over 20 enterprise-grade digital platforms were deployed, including government document and workflow systems, Executive Council Management, Treasury Single Account platforms, digital procurement, and citizen verification systems. Sector-specific solutions covered health records, education management (EMIS) and digital land administration (KATGIS). Citizen portals processed over 3,000 SME applications and tracked more than 5,500 women beneficiaries. Three JAMB CBT centres were refurbished in Malumfashi, Daura and Dutsin-Ma.

Innovation & Startup Ecosystem

Over 40 startups were formed or directly supported, with more than 100 digital SMEs engaged. HackKatsina supported 30 startups addressing public-sector challenges. Arewa Tech Fest 2.0 (May 2025) featured 40+ speakers, 30 exhibitors and 120 startup applications, delivering seed funding, grants and international scholarships. Katsina is now positioned as a Northern Nigeria innovation anchor with active local and global partnerships.

By the end of 2025, Katsina State had transitioned from isolated ICT projects to an institutionalised digital governance system—anchored by law, infrastructure, skills, platforms and innovation—laying the foundation for scale, inclusion and long-term digital economic growth.













FIGURES & COST HIGHTLIGHTS

GOVERNANCE & POLICY FOUNDATIONS

- KATDICT established: **9 August 2023**
- SMART Digital Roadmap adopted: **December 2023**
- **12 foundational digital policies** adopted
- Katsina Startup Law enacted (1st state to domesticate national Startup Act)
- State Council for Digital Innovation inaugurated: **October 2025**

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- **25km metropolitan fibre-optic ring**
- LEO satellite connectivity deployed to MDAs
- Smart Government House operational
- **1,000+ ICT devices** deployed across MDAs
- 5 major institutions interconnected:
  - Government House
  - State Secretariat
  - House of Assembly
  - State High Court
  - KATDICT HQ

HUMAN CAPITAL & DIGITAL INCLUSION

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- **179% increase in female participation**
- 60 Nigeria Jubilee Fellows deployed
- 20 Fellows retained permanently
- 106 interns engaged
  - 15 absorbed permanently
  - 20–30% transitioned to employment/startups

NCC-Supported Programmes

- 100 women — Digital entrepreneurship
- 120 women in IDP camps — Digital empowerment
- 30 youths — Advanced 5G training

E-GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS

- **20+ enterprise-grade digital systems deployed**
- Treasury Single Account (State + LGs)
- Digital Public Procurement platform
- Government Workflow & Council Management Systems
- Electronic Health Records implemented
- Education Management Information System (EMIS)
- Digital Land Administration (KATGIS)

Citizen Platforms

- SME portal — **3,000+ applications processed**
- Women's intervention portal — **5,500+ beneficiaries tracked**

Education Tech

- **3 JAMB CBT Centres upgraded**
  - Malumfashi
  - Daura

BIG PICTURE SUMMARY

- 25km fibre backbone
- 1,000+ ICT devices deployed
- 8,750+ citizens digitally trained
- 20+ digital governance systems live
- 600+ women reached through targeted inclusion
- 40+ startups incubated
- 3 CBT centres modernised

INNOVATION & STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

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- **100+ digital SMEs engaged**
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STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS, EXPANDING ACCESS (May 2023–Date)



Health occupies a central place in the development agenda of Katsina State under the *Building Your Future* mandate of the administration of **Malam Dikko Umaru Radda**. Recognised as both a social necessity and an economic enabler, healthcare has been prioritised as a foundation for productive citizenship, human capital development and social stability. Since May 29, 2023, government interventions have focused on strengthening service delivery capacity, improving access for vulnerable populations and modernising health institutions across the state.

A major early focus of the administration was addressing manpower gaps within the health system. To this end, **254 health professionals**—including medical doctors, nurses and midwives, pharmacists and medical laboratory scientists—were recruited into secondary health facilities across the state, with arrangements ongoing for a third batch of recruitment. To improve retention and motivation, the entry salary for medical doctors was reviewed upward, while residency allowances were enhanced.

Residency training programmes in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Family Medicine were commenced at the Turai Umaru Musa Yar'adua Hospital and General Hospital Katsina, with plans underway to extend similar training to the Ahmadi Rimi Specialist Hospital. In support of specialist capacity development, government paid accreditation and licensing fees for medical residency training, sponsored six resident doctors for local training at a cost of **₦13.2 million**, and funded overseas training for one consultant at **₦13.7 million**.

Alongside human capital development, the administration embarked on a large-scale expansion and upgrade of healthcare infrastructure. A total of **₦13.45 billion** was expended on the construction, upgrading and equipping of **146 Primary Healthcare Centres** across the state, ensuring a minimum of four functional centres in each of the **34 Local Government Areas**. Several secondary facilities were also upgraded, including the conversion of Faskari Comprehensive Health Centre into a full-fledged General Hospital, the renovation of Kafur and Rimi General Hospitals, and perimeter fencing and facility upgrades at General Hospital Kankia.

To reduce recurrent costs and improve coordination, the Psychiatric Hospital was relocated to a permanent site at the former COVID-19 Isolation Centre, while the State College of Nursing and Midwifery was also moved to its permanent campus—both relocations significantly reducing rent, logistics and maintenance liabilities.

In line with efforts to modernise service delivery and reduce medical tourism, government invested in advanced diagnostic and specialist care facilities. A fully equipped **Dialysis Centre** was completed at the Ahmadi Rimi Specialist Hospital at a cost of **₦681.1 million**, while construction of a state-of-the-art **Imaging and Diagnostic Centre**, valued at **₦13.08 billion**, is currently ongoing at the same facility. To improve efficiency and data management, the digitalisation of health records was approved and implemented in **seven pilot hospitals** across the state at a cost of **₦244.4 million**.

Access to quality medicines was strengthened through reforms in the Drugs and Medical Supply Agency. Under the Drugs Revolving Scheme, drugs valued at **₦3.33 billion** were procured and distributed to health facilities across the state and local governments. In collaboration with the Global Fund, a warehouse was renovated and converted into a **pharma-grade storage facility** at a cost of **₦766.8 million**, enhancing drug storage and distribution standards.

Further strengthening local pharmaceutical capacity, government awarded a **₦1.7 billion** contract for the construction and equipping of the first Pharmaceutical Production Unit in Northern Nigeria, with work currently in progress.

The administration also sustained its **Free Medicare Policy**, covering antenatal care, child delivery, caesarean sections, dialysis and related services. To finance this intervention, **₦397 million** was expended, significantly reducing the financial burden of healthcare on poor and vulnerable residents. Complementing this, the state paid **₦504 million** as counterpart funding for nutrition commodities, targeting improved nutritional outcomes among vulnerable groups.

Health financing reforms recorded notable progress through the Katsina State Contributory Healthcare Management Agency (KTSCHMA). Between June 2023 and November 2024, **₦2.21 billion** was paid to healthcare facilities as capitation funds. The scheme achieved wide coverage, enrolling **399,913 beneficiaries**, comprising approximately **96% of the formal sector (272,910 persons)**, **67,003 informal sector participants**, and about **26,000 retirees** under the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund. To strengthen service delivery at facility level, hospital equipment worth **₦42 million** was procured using reserve and BHCPF funds, while **150 midwives** were engaged at a cost of **₦20.66 million**. These reforms earned KTSCHMA national recognition, with the agency receiving the **Nigerian Healthcare Excellence Award** for outstanding performance for two consecutive years.

Preventive healthcare also received sustained attention. Government funded immunisation campaigns that reached **2,216,573 eligible children**, procured drugs and equipment to contain a diphtheria outbreak, and executed wide-ranging awareness programmes on HPV and cervical cancer, sickle cell disorder and seasonal malaria.



To improve outreach and supervision, **360 motorcycles** were distributed to ward focal persons and cold-chain officers, while **438 personnel** were engaged to support routine immunisation exercises. In total, the State Primary Healthcare Agency expended **₦6.21 billion** on preventive healthcare service delivery during the period under review.

Further support to specialised care included **₦69.9 million** for HIV/AIDS laboratory consumables, prevention of mother-to-child transmission and outreach campaigns. International partnerships also yielded substantial gains, with hospital equipment donations valued at **$10 million** secured from World Medical Relief, USA, although **₦623.4 million** was expended on shipping, clearance and logistics. In addition, the administration facilitated the acquisition of **10 containers of assorted medical equipment** from Project-CURE in the United States, with arrangements ongoing for shipment to Katsina.

Taken together, these interventions reflect a deliberate, system-wide effort to reposition healthcare delivery in Katsina State. Despite national economic pressures, the administration has expanded infrastructure, strengthened manpower, improved financial access and modernised service delivery.





The cumulative effect is a more resilient health system—one better equipped to meet current challenges and advance the goal of universal, affordable and quality healthcare for the people of Katsina State.



FIGURES & COST HIGHTLIGHTS

KEY QUANTITIES

- 254 health professionals recruited
- 146 Primary Healthcare Centres constructed/upgraded
- 399,913 KTSCHMA enrollees:
  - 272,910 formal sector
  - 67,003 informal sector
  - 26,000 retirees
- 150 midwives engaged
- 2,216,573 children reached (immunisation)
- 360 motorcycles for outreach
- 438 immunisation personnel engaged
- 7 hospitals digitised
- 10 containers of medical equipment (Project CURE)

FINANCIAL OUTLAYS

- ₦13.45 billion — 146 PHCs
- ₦681.1 million — Dialysis Centre
- ₦13.08 billion — Imaging & Diagnostic Centre (ongoing)
- ₦244.4 million — Health records digitalisation
- ₦3.33 billion — Drugs Revolving Scheme procurement
- ₦766.8 million — Pharma-grade warehouse
- ₦1.7 billion — Pharmaceutical Production Unit
- ₦397 million — Free Medicare funding
- ₦504 million — Nutrition commodities
- ₦2.21 billion — Capitation payments
- ₦42 million — Hospital equipment
- ₦20.66 million — Midwives engagement
- ₦6.21 billion — Preventive healthcare delivery
- ₦69.9 million — HIV/AIDS support
- $10 million — Equipment donation (World Medical Relief)
- ₦623.4 million — Shipping & logistics

EXPANDING ACCESS, SECURING SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY (May 2023–Date)



Water resources development has remained a strategic priority of the Katsina State Government, given its direct impact on public health, agriculture, urban growth and overall quality of life. Guided by the *Building Your Future* agenda, the administration of Malam Dikko Umaru Radda has invested heavily in water infrastructure to ensure reliable access to safe and sufficient water for domestic, institutional and productive uses.

Between May 2023 and date, **₦5.89 billion** was expended under the Ministry of Water Resources on the construction and rehabilitation of dams and water schemes. Major achievements include the completion of **Danja Dam and its access road**, the rehabilitation of **Yashe Earth Dam in Kusada**, and the upgrade of treatment, laboratory, administrative and workshop facilities at Batagarawa. The Musawa Water Supply Scheme was also fully upgraded, while new pumping systems, valves and a **7.5 MVA transformer** were installed at the Ajiwa Water Treatment Plant to improve system performance and reliability.

Under the Katsina State Water Board, an additional **₦14.47 billion** was invested—supported by the **SURWASH programme**—to expand urban and peri-urban water supply. Completed projects include water provision to Tudun Matawalle, Sardauna Estate, Fatima Shema Estate, Ambassador Quarters, FMC Quarters and Batagarawa town. Extensive water supply works are currently ongoing across Katsina, Malumfashi and Funtua LGAs, covering residential estates, markets and rapidly expanding urban communities.

Strategic storage and distribution infrastructure was also expanded, with the construction of **two ground tanks of 450 million cubic capacity at Tayoyi** and a new booster station at Tsanni, Batagarawa. In a move toward sustainability, the government procured a **renewable energy water supply component from Germany** for the Ajiwa Water Treatment Plant.

Health institutions received targeted attention to ensure uninterrupted water supply. Completed projects now serve Mani General Hospital, the Dialysis Centre at General Ahmadi Rimi Specialist Hospital and the School of Nursing and Midwifery at General Hospital Katsina, while similar works are ongoing at facilities in Charanchi, Batagarawa and Kafur.

Rural water supply interventions were driven through **RUWASSA**, which expended **₦2.36 billion** on hand-pump and solar-powered boreholes, WASH facilities and community water schemes across multiple LGAs. Additional **₦1.11 billion** from federal and development partners supported WASH facilities in **16 LGAs**, complemented by the establishment of **WASH Committees** and community training for facility maintenance.

To address water challenges in semi-urban settlements, the administration established the **Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (STOWASSA)**. Under this initiative, water supply projects valued at **₦10.25 billion** are ongoing in **21 small towns** across seven LGAs, targeting clean water access for an estimated **182,000 people**. Rehabilitation and expansion works in Baure and Tudun Iya, costing **₦962.07 million**, are expected to benefit an additional **21,000 residents**.

Through these wide-ranging interventions, the administration has strengthened water security across urban, rural and institutional settings. The cumulative impact supports public health, agricultural productivity, economic activity and social wellbeing—reinforcing water as a foundational resource for sustainable development in Katsina State.











FIGURES & COST HIGHTLIGHTS

KEY QUANTITIES

- Danja Dam completed
- Yashe Earth Dam rehabilitated
- Musawa Water Scheme upgraded
- 7.5 MVA transformer installed at Ajiwa Plant
- 2 ground tanks (450 million cubic capacity) at Tayoyi
- 1 booster station (Tsanni, Batagarawa)
- Water supply expansion across Katsina, Malumfashi, Funtua LGAs
- 21 small towns covered under STOWASSA
- 182,000 people targeted (small towns project)
- 21,000 additional residents (Baure & Tudun Iya)

FINANCIAL OUTLAYS

- ₦5.89 billion — Dams & water schemes
- ₦14.47 billion — Urban & peri-urban supply (Water Board/SURWASH)
- ₦2.36 billion — Rural water (RUWASSA)
- ₦1.11 billion — WASH (Federal/Development partners)
- ₦10.25 billion — Small towns water projects
- ₦962.07 million — Baure & Tudun Iya rehabilitation

STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE, SUPPORTING LIVES (May 2023–Date)



₦21.1bn Gratuity and Death Benefits Disbursement

The Governor of Katsina State, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, recently flagged off the disbursement of ₦21.1 billion for the payment of outstanding retirement gratuities and death benefits to eligible State and Local Government workers.

The flag-off ceremony, held at the Muhammadu Dikko Stadium, Katsina, marks a major step in the administration's drive to clear gratuity backlogs and improve the welfare of retirees and families of deceased civil servants. The payments cover outstanding liabilities accumulated between September 2023 and October 2025.

Governor Radda disclosed that ₦7.71 billion has been approved as a one-off payment for retired State Government workers, while ₦13.39 billion has been earmarked for retirees of the 34 Local Government Areas and Local Education Authorities, to be disbursed in monthly tranches between January and April 2026. He stressed that the exercise is structured to ensure fairness, transparency and efficiency.

The Governor recalled that his administration had earlier disbursed over ₦23 billion, clearing pension and gratuity arrears from 2019 to August 2023. With the current intervention, a cumulative total of ₦45.89 billion has now been approved and released for gratuities and death benefits, benefitting 14,560 retirees and families across the state.

Worker Welfare, Motivation & Industrial Justice

The administration prioritised morale and welfare through a range of practical interventions. A civil service refurbishment loan scheme was expanded, while wage awards and Ramadan support were implemented for State and Local

Government workers. In addition, 5,000 bags of rice and 900 bags of maize (100kg) were distributed as Ramadan palliatives to workers across the state.

To recognise excellence, an Annual Merit Award Scheme was introduced. In its first cycle, 14 outstanding civil servants from State and Local Government services were identified and rewarded for exemplary performance.

A major milestone in industrial relations was the systematic clearance of accumulated pension and gratuity backlogs. Retirees of both the State Government and the 34 Local Governments received long-outstanding entitlements, restoring dignity to retirement and rebuilding trust in public service obligations. The new National Minimum Wage was also implemented following the submission of recommendations by a high-powered committee, placing Katsina among states actively complying with the national wage framework.

Social Care, Food Support & Household Relief

In the social welfare space, government commenced the harmonisation and validation of the Katsina State Social Register, covering poor and vulnerable households across all Local Government Areas. This process strengthens targeting and accountability for current and future social interventions.

To ease food insecurity and economic hardship:

- 95,000 bags of assorted grains were purchased by the State Government
- 72,000 bags of assorted grains were purchased by the 34 Local Governments
- 40,000 bags of 50kg rice were distributed as palliatives
- 37,000 vulnerable households received cash stipends

During Ramadan, feeding centres were established in all 361 wards, where 200 people per ward were fed daily throughout the fasting period—providing relief to thousands of underprivileged residents.

Emergency Response & Disaster Support

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) strengthened disaster response and relief coordination. Relief materials were distributed to 10,450 flood-affected beneficiaries, while 7,128 bags of assorted grains were provided to internally displaced persons, flood victims, women and vulnerable groups. Additional relief and cash support reached over 2,000 flood victims, helping communities recover livelihoods disrupted by successive rainy seasons.

To mitigate the impact of fuel subsidy removal and rising transport costs, 60 buses were deployed for subsidised public transportation, ensuring continued access to work, education and essential services.

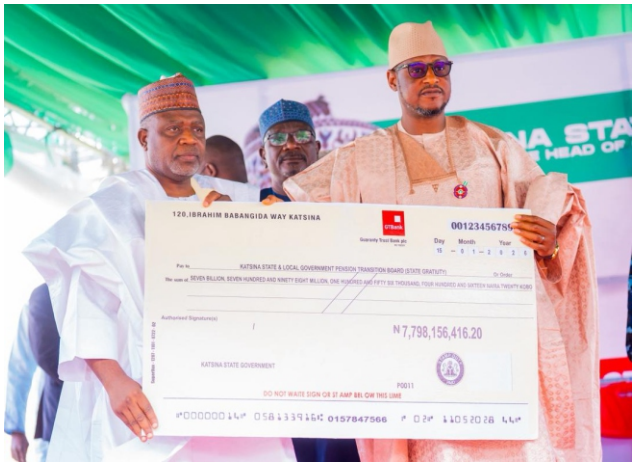
Enterprise Development, Youth & Women Empowerment

The administration established the Katsina Enterprise Development Agency (KASEDA) to coordinate MSME growth and livelihood support. Through partnerships with development institutions and the private sector, KASEDA delivered multiple programmes:

- 3,000 youths trained as mechanical apprentices under the MASP programme
- 10,000 women enrolled in entrepreneurship training across the 34 LGAs
- 100 women trained in makeup and beauty artistry
- 2,000 MSMEs supported under KASEDA/UNDP livelihood schemes
- 2,818 nano, micro and small enterprises received business support

Under the KT-CARES programme, 12,916 poor and vulnerable households benefitted from livelihood support, while 455,956 beneficiaries accessed basic services spanning education, health, nutrition, water and sanitation. Through FADAMA interventions, 11,996 farmers received subsidised inputs, 31,990 farmers received agricultural assets, 7,696 agro-based enterprises accessed operational grants, and 234 firms benefitted from IT enhancement support.









Community Engagement & Social Stability

As part of inclusive governance and community stabilisation, 7,545 Imams, Na'ibis and Ladans were formally engaged with monthly support, alongside 10,665 members of Ward and Local Government Security Committees and 6,652 Ward Heads. These structures have strengthened grassroots engagement, peacebuilding and social cohesion.

Across administration and social welfare, delivery has focused on institutions that work, workers who are motivated, and citizens who are supported. Through merit-based governance, welfare protection, food relief, emergency response and enterprise empowerment, the administration has strengthened the social contract and reinforced confidence in government at a time of national economic strain.







FIGURES & COST HIGHTLIGHTS

GRATUITY & PENSION PAYMENTS

- ₦21.1 billion — Current gratuity & death benefits disbursement
  - ₦7.71 billion — State Government retirees
  - ₦13.39 billion — 34 LGAs & Local Education Authorities
- ₦23+ billion — Previously cleared arrears (2019–Aug 2023)
- ₦45.89 billion — Total cumulative gratuity approvals
- 14,560 retirees & families benefitted
- Payment backlog period covered: Sept 2023 – Oct 2025

FOOD SECURITY & HOUSEHOLD RELIEF

- 95,000 bags of grains — Purchased by State Government
- 72,000 bags of grains — Purchased by 34 LGAs
- 40,000 bags of 50kg rice — Distributed as palliatives
- 37,000 vulnerable households — Cash stipends
- 361 wards — Ramadan feeding centres
- 200 people per ward fed daily during Ramadan

WORKER WELFARE & INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT

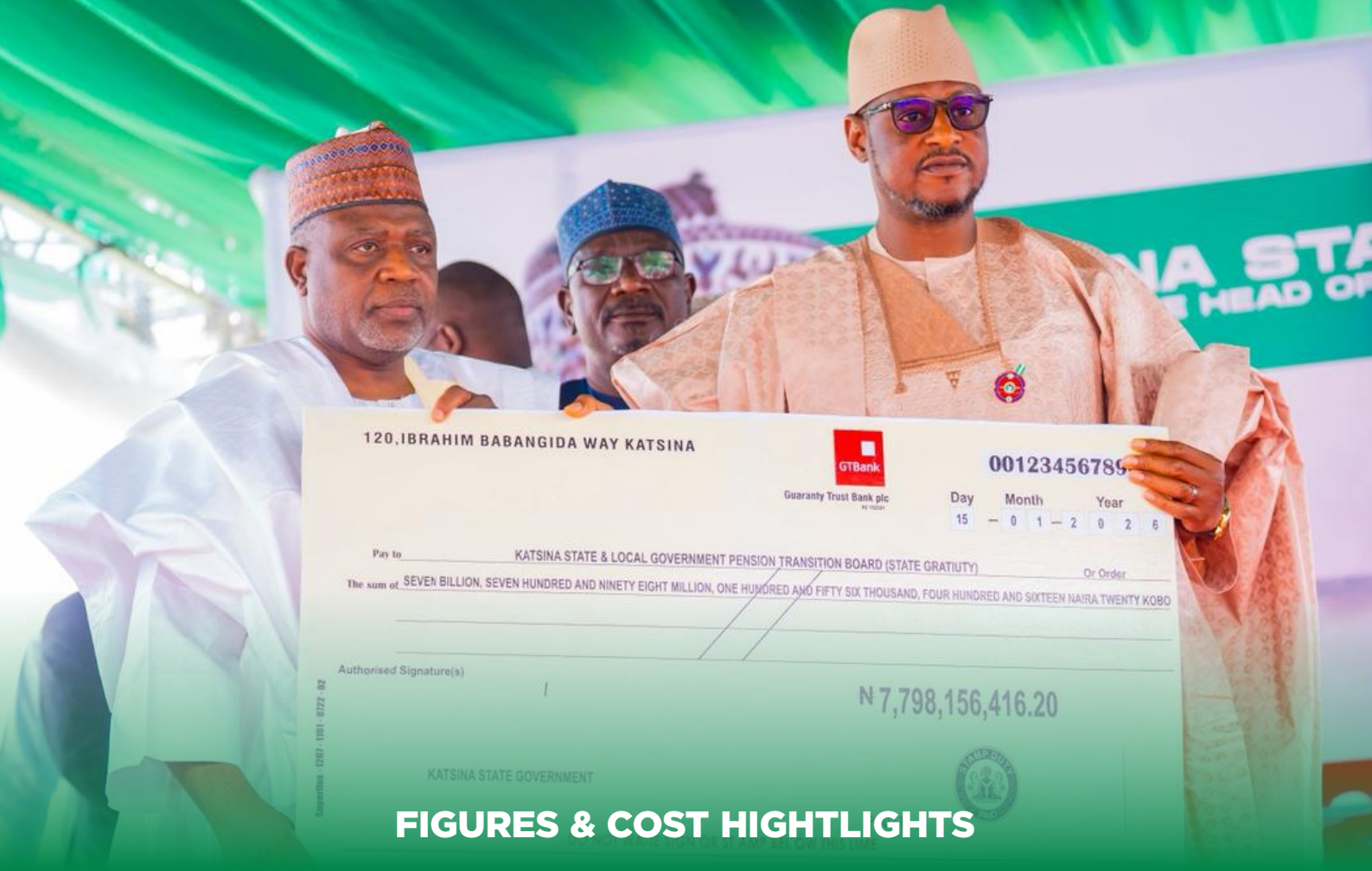
- 5,000 bags of rice — Ramadan support
- 900 bags of maize (100kg) — Ramadan support
- 14 civil servants — First Annual Merit Award recipients
- National Minimum Wage implemented

EMERGENCY & DISASTER REPONSE

- 10,450 flood-affected beneficiaries — Relief materials
- 7,128 bags of grains — Distributed to IDPs & vulnerable groups
- 2,000+ flood victims — Additional relief & cash support

FADAMA INTERVENTION

- 11,996 farmers — Subsidised inputs
- 31,990 farmers — Agricultural assets
- 7,696 agro-based enterprises — Operational grants
- 234 firms — IT enhancement support



FIGURES & COST HIGHTLIGHTS

TRANSPORT SUPPORT

- 60 buses deployed — Subsidised public transportation

KT-CARES & SOCIAL SUPPORT

- 12,916 poor & vulnerable households — Livelihood support
- 455,956 beneficiaries — Basic services (education, health, nutrition, WASH)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & STABILITY

- 7,545 Imams, Na'ibis & Ladans engaged
- 10,665 Ward & LGA Security Committee members
- 6,652 Ward Heads supported

ENTERPRISE & LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT

KASEDA & MSME Support

- 3,000 youth mechanics — MASP programme
- 10,000 women — Entrepreneurship training (34 LGAs)
- 100 women — Makeup & beauty training
- 2,000 MSMEs — KASEDA/UNDP livelihood scheme
- 2,818 nano/micro/small enterprises — Business support

BIG NUMBERS SUMMARY PANEL

- ₦45.89 billion — Total gratuities cleared
- 14,560 retirees supported
- 167,000+ bags of grains purchased
- 37,000 households — Cash transfers
- 455,956 citizens — Basic service beneficiaries
- 3,000 youth mechanics trained
- 10,000 women empowered

ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

KEY DELIVERABLES & FIGURES (May 2023–Date)



A. ACReSAL (World Bank–Assisted Programme)
Flood & Erosion Control

- **8.9 km** Storm Water Drainage & Erosion Control *(Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Way, Katsina Metropolis)*
- **Jibia Phase II Flood Control**
  - **4.129 km** Emergency River Embankment
  - **4.2 km** Retaining Wall
- **17 completed flood & erosion control sites** across LGAs
- **13 emergency flood control projects** in flood-prone communities



Water & Irrigation

- **180 boreholes** constructed statewide
- **20 solar-powered boreholes** completed
- **Additional ongoing:**
  - **100 solar-powered boreholes (ongoing)**
  - **60 solar-powered boreholes (ongoing)**



Land Restoration & Climate Resilience

- **1,115 hectares** of degraded land restored
- **3 tree nurseries renovated** (Katsina, Daura, Funtua)
- **Seedling production units established**
- **Mass tree planting** in:
  - Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University
  - Bala Usman College of Legal & Advanced Studies
  - College of Administration, Funtua



Agricultural & Livelihood Support

- **320 hand-held tillers** distributed to farmers
- **10 tractors** distributed (rain-fed & irrigation farming)
- **4,000 energy-efficient cookstoves** distributed

Technology & Equipment

- **Multi-Spectral Drone – 1**
- **RGB Drone – 1**
- **LiDAR Scanner – 1**
- **5 Bobcats** for drainage works
- **3 Vehicles** (2 SUVs, 1 Coaster Bus)



Total ACReSAL Completed Projects Expenditure

- **USD 3.9 million**
- **₦6.27 billion (approx.)**

ACReSAL Ongoing Projects (Signed & Funded)

- Storm water drainage (Katsina Phase II)
- River bank protection (Jibia Phase II)
- Drainage de-silting across project sites
- Storm water harvesting ponds
- Waste disposal truck & pay-loader procurement
- Fertilizer supply for rain-fed & irrigation farmers

Total Paid for Ongoing ACReSAL Contracts

- **₦21.42 billion**



B. Katsina State Erosion & Watershed Management Agency

Completed Flood & Erosion Control Projects

- **17 multi-year projects** (2022/2023 – Phase V)
- **13 emergency flood control projects (2023)**

Total Completed Sites

- **30 flood & erosion control locations**
  (Across Katsina, Funtua & Daura zones)



C. Forestry, Desertification & Climate Control

Tree & Forestry Interventions

- **150,000 seedlings** produced (Kabukawa Nursery)
- **1,000,000 seedlings** produced (Zonal Forest Offices)

Infrastructure & Capacity

- Masonry-lined drains constructed (Bindawa)
- GIS training conducted
- Fogging machines procured
- Chlorine, sprayers & sanitation tools distributed

D. NEWMAP–EIB (European Investment Bank Project)

Project Status

- **₦1 billion** counterpart funding deposited (August 2023)
- Awaiting EIB disbursement for commencement

Approved Forward Projects

- **3 million seedlings** approved for 2025 afforestation
- **Phase VI Flood & Erosion Control**
  - **36 sites statewide**
  - **₦4.44 billion** approved



E. Phase VI Flood & Erosion Control (2024–2025)

Number of Projects

- **36 projects**

Geographic Spread

- **Katsina Zone:** 12 sites
- **Funtua Zone:** 11 sites
- **Daura Zone:** 13 sites

Total Approved Cost

- **₦4.44 billion**

F. Katsina State Environmental Protection Agency (KSEPA)

Waste Management & Sanitation

- **27 refuse evacuation vehicles refurbished**
- **State-wide fumigation reinstated**
- **Monthly environmental sanitation restored**
- **Urban landscaping & beautification projects executed**

WASH & Public Health (SURWASH)

- **6 institutional WASH facilities (2023)**
- **10 institutional WASH facilities (2024)**
- **100 household latrines upgraded**
- **3 monitoring vehicles** (1 procured, 2 refurbished)

Sanitation Behaviour Change

- SBCC strategy implemented statewide
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation sanitation support deployed

Total SURWASH (2024)

- **₦229 million**



INSECURITY IN KATSINA: WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY FROM WHAT DIKKO RADDA DID?

By MS Ingawa



In November 2022, as the gubernatorial candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, Ph.D, CON, presented a detailed policy blueprint titled “Building Your Future Strategic Policy” (BYFSP), a document that would go on to shape the direction of his administration as Governor of Katsina State. This eight-point agenda addressed critical sectors including Security, Public Sector Reform, Education and Skills Development, Social Care, Healthcare, MSMEs and Local Economies, Agriculture and Industrial Revolution, and Internally Generated Revenue.

Now, two years into the Radda administration, while all areas have seen varying degrees of progress, the emphasis has undoubtedly been on one issue; security.

A State Under Siege

Before the 2023 general elections, Katsina State was grappling with a deeply rooted security crisis. Over 80% of the state was under threat, with 19 Local Government Areas (LGAs) considered frontline zones of violent banditry and kidnappings. These included Jibiya, Funtua, Sabuwa, Kankara, Faskari, Safana, Batsari, Danmusa, Dandume, Kankiya, Danja, Bakori, Charanchi, Dutsinma, Matazu, Malumfashi, and Batagarawa. The rising insecurity had crippled agriculture, the economic lifeline of the state, while displacing thousands and plunging communities into fear.

It was under these conditions that Governor Radda took office, inheriting a state on the brink of collapse in key sectors due to persistent insecurity. From day one, he made the decision to pivot most of the state's resources and political energy toward resolving this existential threat.

Governance in Context

It's important to understand that governance is a continuous, adaptive and dynamic process. Insecurity, in particular, evolves

rapidly, forcing both state and federal authorities to frequently revise strategies. What Radda-led administration brought to the table, however, was a dual-pronged approach; kinetic (military and enforcement-based) and non-kinetic (community-based, intelligence-led, and developmental). These approaches were not only strategic but contextually relevant, given the nature of the threats Katsina faced—banditry, cross-border crimes, cattle rustling, and insurgent movements in hard-to-reach rural areas.

The Non-Kinetic Approach; Winning Hearts, Building Systems

One of the most notable achievements under the non-kinetic strategy was the creation of the Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs (MISHA). This was the first time Katsina had a dedicated institution tasked solely with coordinating internal security matters and collaborating directly with federal security agencies. MISHA became a hub for intelligence sharing, rapid threat assessment, and crisis coordination.

Complementing this, the government formed the State Security Council Advisory Committee, a high-level think-tank comprising traditional rulers, community leaders, religious leaders, retired security personnel, and civil society representatives. This committee provides strategic insight and community-oriented recommendations towards addressing the challenges.

Furthermore, the administration signed into law the establishment of the Katsina State Community Security Watch Corps (KSCSWC), a localized security outfit rooted in community engagement. Over 2,000 corps members were recruited and deployed to the most affected LGAs. The intention was simple but bold: security must be participatory, locally informed, and proactive.

To improve this initiative, the governor appointed a Special Adviser on Community Security Watch Corps, tasked with overseeing operations, logistics, and community feedback mechanisms. Additionally, a Senior Special Assistant on Banditry Victims and IDPs was appointed to handle the welfare, resettlement, and psychosocial support of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

Another community-driven innovation was the restructuring and deployment of 918 personnel into LGA-level Security Council Committees and the establishment of District Vetting Committees to ensure local legitimacy of personnel and outcomes. At the grassroots level, 9,747 Ward-Level Security Support Groups were mobilized to carry out sensitization, early warning surveillance, and peacebuilding activities across wards.

Regional Collaboration for a Shared Crisis

Recognizing the cross-border and regional nature of the security crisis, the Radda-led administration hosted a Northwestern Security Summit in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The summit brought together stakeholders from neighboring states and federal agencies to develop a regional security framework. This groundbreaking event produced a roadmap for enhanced regional cooperation, intelligence sharing, and joint task forces that would focus on border patrol, arms smuggling routes, and coordinated military responses.

The Kinetic Approach: Boots, Bullets, and Backbone

Under the kinetic strategy, the government committed to strengthening on-ground operations through manpower and equipment. More than 2,000 personnel under the KSCSWC were trained and deployed across the 19 high-risk LGAs. In parallel, the government engaged 1,500 vigilante members and deployed 200 civilian hunters to provide backup and local intelligence in hard-hit communities.

To equip these frontline operatives, the administration procured Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs), Toyota Hilux patrol vehicles, Daylong motorcycles, Combat gear including bulletproof vests, helmets, and walkie-talkies, Drones for aerial surveillance, Tear gas grenades and other non-lethal tools. In addition, Security Watch Corps Offices were established in strategic LGAs to serve as coordination centers. Monthly logistics budgets were approved to ensure fuel, allowances, and emergency supplies remained available for operational continuity.

The most recent State Executive Council meeting also saw the approval for additional arms, motorcycles, and specialized vehicles—proof that the administration remains committed to equipping its forces on the frontlines.

Measuring Progress: Are We There Yet?

Have these strategies worked? The answer depends on the metric used.

If judged by community feedback and territorial gains, the answer is largely affirmative. Many LGAs previously deemed ungovernable have been reclaimed, and farming has resumed in some of the once-abandoned villages. Incidents of attacks, while not eradicated completely, have become less frequent in several parts of the state.

But governance is not only about outcomes; it is also about intent, effort, and structure. The administration has built systems that will outlive its tenure—institutions, policies, and platforms designed to adapt and evolve with the changing nature of security threats. The administration has also had to face the painful reality of lives lost in the line of duty—a tragic but stark reminder of the seriousness of the battle. Yet, the sacrifices made by these heroes are not in vain if the structures they helped build continue to function effectively.

Governance, especially in crisis contexts like Katsina's, demands tough decisions. The Radda administration has made its choices, guided by strategy, urgency, and political will.

A Final Thought: What Would You Have Done Differently?

This piece is not just a summary of what has been done by the administration over the last two years. It is a provocation, a challenge for critical and sincere reflection. Democracy thrives on engagement and divergent views. The debate is not about cancelling or downplaying what has been done, but about imagining and advising what more could be done, and how it could be done better.

This makes me wonder and curiously ask; if you were in the shoes of Governor Dikko Radda, what would you have done differently?

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KATSINA AT 38: RADDA'S INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS AND THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY

By MS Ingawa



Today, September 23, 2025, marks the 38th anniversary of the creation of Katsina State. As we celebrate this milestone, it is both a moment of reflection and a call to action, a time to celebrate past achievements while charting a new course for the future. Central to this forward-looking vision is the "Building Your Future" Policy Document, which serves as the guiding framework for the policies, reforms, and initiatives of the administration of His Excellency, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, Ph.D., CON.

At the heart of this agenda is the reform and restructuring of the public sector, a critical foundation for improved efficiency, transparency and accountability in governance. Well-executed reforms strengthen service delivery, curb corruption, promote citizen trust, and create an enabling environment for private sector participation, thereby advancing democracy and sustainable development. Only months after assuming office in 2023, Governor Radda began the systematic implementation of far-reaching reforms aimed at transforming public service delivery across the state. This article provides an overview of these institutional and systemic reforms, which collectively form the framework for the successful and sustainable execution of his policy blueprint.

Institutional Reforms for Improved Governance

To address the pressing challenge of insecurity, the administration established a standalone Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, ensuring proper coordination of security operations. Under this ministry, the Katsina State Community Watch Corps (KTCWC) was also created, integrating both kinetic and non-kinetic approaches in the fight against insecurity. In the area of institutional clarity, several ministries and departments were restructured to eliminate overlaps and sharpen their mandates:

A. The Ministry of Lands and Survey was reorganized into the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning to strengthen urban planning policies.

B. The Ministry of Education was redefined as the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, while the former Department of Higher Education was elevated into a full-fledged Ministry of Higher, Vocational, and Technical Education, thereby prioritizing vocational and technical advancement.

C. The Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources was renamed the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development to revive livestock production and animal husbandry.

D. The Ministry of Rural Development was upgraded to the Ministry of Rural and Social Development, and the Department of Youth Development was transformed into the Ministry of Sports and Youth Development, reflecting a stronger commitment to social inclusion and youth empowerment.

Innovation, Technology, and Economic Development

Recognizing the centrality of innovation in modern governance, the administration created a Directorate of ICT to drive e-governance initiatives and streamline public administration.

To diversify the economy and support enterprise, the Office of the Economic Adviser was established to guide investment promotion and wealth creation. Additionally, the Katsina State Enterprise Development Agency (KASEDA) was launched as a dedicated platform to coordinate and support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

Given his background as an agricultural economist and corporate farmer, Governor Radda also prioritized agriculture by establishing the Irrigation Development Authority to promote year-round farming. Complementary institutions such as the Erosion and Watershed Management Agency and the Small Town Water Supply and Sanitation Agency were also created to ensure sustainable environmental management and improved access to water and sanitation services.

Strengthening Accountability and Oversight

In line with the administration's commitment to transparency and ethical governance, both the Fiscal Responsibility Commission and HISBAH Board were formally established to enforce accountability and address societal vices.

To guarantee effective implementation of all policies and projects, two oversight bodies were introduced; the Katsina State Development Management Board (KTDMB) and the Strategic Policy Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation Department (SPIME). These institutions have proven to be instrumental in ensuring that reforms, programs, and initiatives of the administration remain on track.

And to align with global sustainability efforts and establish Katsina as a leader in climate-compliant practices, the administration has restructured the Ministry of Environment's climate change department. This has led to the establishment of a standalone State Secretariat of Climate Change. The new secretariat will provide more focused direction and ensure the effective implementation of climate-related policies, projects, and programs.

Finally, to sustain the momentum of reform, the administration created the Public Service Administration Reform Department, tasked with the responsibility of modernizing and revitalizing the civil service for improved efficiency and performance.

In conclusion, at 38, Katsina State stands at a turning point in its journey to development. Through bold and strategic institutional reforms, Governor Dikko Radda has laid a solid foundation for effective governance, inclusive growth and sustainable prosperity. By strengthening public institutions, embracing innovation, and prioritizing accountability, the state is positioned to realize the aspirations of its people and secure a brighter future for generations to come.

KATSINA STATE EMERGES OVERALL BEST IN TESS PROJECT, WINS $12.18 MILLION REWARD



Katsina State has been ranked overall best in Nigeria in the implementation of the Better Education Service Delivery for All–Additional Financing (BESDA-AF) Transforming Education Systems at the State Level (TESS) Project.

The announcement was made at the opening of a two-day Orientation and Implementation Strategy Planning Meeting organized by the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) in Abuja. Katsina outperformed Oyo and Adamawa States, securing $12.18 million (₦18.7 billion), the highest reward nationwide.

According to UBEC, the State's performance was driven by transparency in the use of funds, integrity in project delivery, adherence to World Bank guidelines, and the effective deployment of qualified personnel. Tangible outcomes in school rehabilitation, teacher recruitment, and infrastructure provision further reinforced its top ranking.

The Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Haj. Zainab Musa Musawa, expressed deep appreciation to His Excellency, Mal. Dikko Umar Radda, PhD, whose leadership and commitment to educational reform made the achievement possible. She also commended the World Bank, UBEC, and the Katsina TESS team led by Haji
Binta A. Ahmad for their dedication and professionalism.

Similarly, the Executive Chairman of SUBEB congratulated the TESS team, describing the recognition as “a victory for the people of Katsina State,” and called for sustained efforts to achieve the targets under the newly introduced Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs).

With this recognition and financial reward, Katsina State is positioned to consolidate its gains, expand successful initiatives, and strengthen access to quality basic education for all children.

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THE NUT AWARD AND RADDA'S TRANSFORMATIONAL STRIDES IN KATSINA'S EDUCATION SECTOR

By MS Ingawa



Since assuming office on May 29, 2023, the administration of His Excellency, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, PhD, CON, has placed education at the very heart of Katsina State's development agenda. Guided by the "Building Your Future" blueprint, Governor Radda has consistently emphasized that quality education is the foundation for sustainable growth. His bold policies, investments, and reforms in the sector have already produced visible and measurable results in infrastructure, access, teacher welfare, and inclusive learning opportunities.

It is in recognition of these efforts that the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) has conferred on Governor Radda the Golden Award of Excellence for Education and Teacher Friendliness—a prestigious national accolade celebrating his administration's commitment to uplifting the teaching profession and advancing education not only in Katsina but across Nigeria.

This recognition is the collection of a comprehensive reform agenda driven by deliberate policy choices, massive infrastructural upgrades, teacher empowerment initiatives, and programs promoting inclusive education.

Repositioning Basic Education: Laying Strong Foundations

Through the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), the administration has revitalized primary education as the backbone of human capital development.

Key achievements include:

- Construction of 160 new classrooms and rehabilitation of 258 others.
- Provision of 14,602 two-seater desks and 612 sets of teacher furniture.

- Installation of 81 functional boreholes and 46 modern toilets.Construction of 20 staff quarters in rural schools to retain and motivate teachers.

These interventions have significantly enhanced school attendance, retention, and teacher morale, especially in rural communities.

Bridging the Digital Divide

In an era of global digital transformation, the state government has invested heavily in ICT. Laptops, tablets, solar panels, and inverters were distributed to schools, while monitoring and supervision were strengthened through provision of motorcycles and vehicles for inspectors and Quality Assurance Officers across the state.

Furthermore, over 274,816 education personnel, including teachers in public and private schools, Qur'anic school instructors, and BESDA facilitators, received training on modern pedagogy, digital learning, and effective school management.

Inclusive Education through BESDA and TESS

Katsina has also made impressive progress under the Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA-AF) and Transforming Education Systems at State Level (TESS) projects as follows:

- Construction and rehabilitation of 150 primary schools, equipped with solar power, boreholes, and hygienic toilets.
- Training of 20,000 teachers and distribution of 18,000 tablets.
- Provision of learning materials for disadvantaged children and logistics for inspectors across all 34 LGAs.

These initiatives have significantly reduced the number of out-of-school children. Katsina's exceptional performance under TESS earned the state first position nationwide and a $12.18m (₦18.7bn) reward from the World Bank, a feat attributed to transparency, integrity, and effective project delivery.

Expanding Access and Equity at Secondary Level

The Radda administration has continued to invest in secondary education to prepare young people for the challenges of the future.

Major interventions under this include:

- Construction of three world-class model secondary schools in Radda, Dumurkul, and Jikamshi.
- Major rehabilitation works in Funtua, Jikamshi, Ingawa, Zango, and Kabomo schools.
- Distribution of science and technical equipment to 36 secondary schools.
- Provision of 2,335 units of student desks.
- Subsidization of SSCE, WAEC, NECO, NABTEB, and NBAIS examination fees.

AGILE: Transforming Girls' Education

Under the World Bank-supported Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) Project, Katsina has recorded remarkable progress as follows:

- Construction of 75 new secondary schools under Phase I, with 77 more ongoing under Phase II.
- Rehabilitation of 45 schools and repairs in 578 others.
- Distribution of digital learning materials, solar inverters, instructional resources, and hygiene kits.
- Cash awards to over 104,000 girls and life skills training for 60,000 others.
- Provision of WASH and recreational facilities in schools.

These interventions have improved enrollment and retention of girls, empowering them as future leaders and contributors to socio-economic development.

Mass Literacy and Lifelong Learning

The State Agency for Mass Education (AME) has championed adult learning, with achievements including:

- Training and certification of 2,065 women in vocational skills.
- Training of 447 continuing education students and 3,487 post-literacy learners.
- Engagement of 8,442 learners in Integrated Qur'anic Schools.

Student Welfare and Excellence

The government has invested in student welfare and academic excellence through:

- Sponsorship of 102 students to Egypt and China to study Medicine, AI, and Biotechnology.
- Payment of scholarships and bursaries to 136,175 students between 2020–2024. He further approved another payment for 24,452 students in 2025.
- Introduction of the Governor's Academic Excellence Awards for top-performing students.

Partnerships for Progress

Through collaborations with partners such as UNICEF, the state has implemented Back-to-School campaigns, supported Almajiri children, and established a Girls Skills Acquisition Centre that has empowered over 2,000 students.

In conclusion, Governor Radda's comprehensive education reforms have set Katsina State on a new trajectory of human capital development. His administration has empowered teachers, upgraded schools, supported students, and expanded access with unmatched zeal and inclusivity.

The Golden Award of Excellence for Education and Teacher Friendliness from the Nigeria Union of Teachers is therefore a fitting recognition of his transformative impact. It stands as a testament to his administration's unwavering commitment to building a brighter future for Katsina State and positioning it as a model of education development in Nigeria.

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KATSINA STATE BUREAU OF STATISTICS: ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 2023 TO DATE

1. Maiden (2024/2025) General Household Survey (GHS) as robust data for all individual and households in the state.
2. Socio-Economic and Traffic Survey to monitor the carbon emission in order to protect environment.
3. First since the creation of the state to compile State Gross Domestic Product (SGDP) covering from 2018 to 2023
4. Updating the State Gross Domestic Product (SGDP) 2023 to 2025 compilation to unravel the structure of the economy.
5. Multi- dimensional Poverty Index (MPI) Survey for vulnerability mapping
6. Qur'anic/Tsangaya School and Street Beggars Census for mapping out-of-school children and reforming Tsangaya
7. Back-track Katsina State Statistical Yearbook (2022 to 2025)
8. Comprehensive Income and Expenditure survey to align consumption with production for value chain retention in the state.
9. Digitized repository for archiving statistics on Katsina State Bureau of Statistic hybrid website.
10. Minimum Expenditure Basket to determine income and expenditure gap on food items, education, nutrition and WASH.
11. Projection of Katsina State Population from 2006 to 2030
12. Development of Ethical Clearance for researchers and NGOs
13. Inauguration of the State Consultative Committee on Statistics (SCCS)
14. Supported the Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning on development of MTEF 2026–2028 and MTSS
15. Hosting the 2025 First Biannual National Consultative Committee on Statistics (NCCS) Meeting
16. Development of Kilometer Chart within LGAs in Katsina State
17. Technical Task Force Committee for the development of Katsina State IDP Policy And State Action Plan (SAP)
18. UNICEF Workshop in Dutse, Jigawa State on Emergency Response Preparedness Plan for Katsina State
19. Study tour to the National Bureau of Statistics and Kaduna States Bureau of Statistics
20. Collaborative Capacity Building Workshop with UNICEF to train Local Government Chairmen on Reducing Child Poverty Through Social Protection and Using Data for Transformative Evidence-Based Governance.
21. Collaborative Capacity Building Workshop with UNICEF to train 34 Directors Education and social welfare on granular strategy for Multidimensional Poverty through Social Protection.
22. Northwest data protection and privacy Training, organize by Katsina State Directory of Information Communication & Technology **(KATDICT)** in collaboration with National Data Protection Commission **(NDPC)**
23. Workshop on Small Area Estimate (SAE) organize by National Bureau of Statistic (NBS) for estimation of statistics of hard-to-reach communities.
24. Bootcamp capacity building on infographics and entrepreneurial data science for 3500 undergraduate students.
25. Climate and conflict risks baseline assessments in all the 361 ward in Katsina State.

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