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**CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS IN
ZAMFARA STATE**



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INTRODUCTION

Constituency projects tracking in Zamfara state is one of the activities of the Arewa Research & Development Project (ARDP): as one of the MacArthur Foundation's supported programs of the On Nigeria 2.0 Project. The strategic objectives are focused on reducing corruption through assisting community-based programs and efforts that would strengthen and systemize culture of accountability, transparency and popular participation in the conduct of public affairs. One of the key objectives of this activity is to determine the degree of involvement of the respective communities in the origin of the implementation of the constituency projects and their resourcefulness to societal needs. The activity is also expected to institutionalize or scale up citizens' participation in the incubation process of the constituency projects as well as to galvanize community-based drive in the monitoring and tracking of the projects. The activity is anchored by ZamTracka, which is a collaborative partner in Zamfara state.

ARDP is a research-based non-governmental, non-partisan, non-ethnic and non-religious organization dedicated to the study and examination of major contemporary challenges facing Northern Nigeria and its people, and to provide the needed framework for the strategic thinking and practical program of action needed to address those challenges. Its mission is to nurture the economic and social transformation of the region through undertaking projects that seek to bring together all northern social groups; pooling together the human and material resources in a manner that brings about strategic alliance and synergy with governmental and non-governmental organization working for the progress and well-being of the people in the region.

ZamTracka is a civil society organization based in Gusau, Zamfara state which seeks to champion the cause of civic advocacy with a view to entrenching social accountability in the state. Its main activities have been to source and simplify relevant data on the Zamfara state's fiscal budgets and Zonal intervention projects, and to use same to sensitize the public on the critical public information. The objective is to assist the citizens to follow up on the budgetary capital expenditures and other public projects in their respective communities. This is envisaged to create vanguards of active citizens that demand and ensure effective and efficient service delivery by governments and their agents, as well as stimulate and sustain the demand for open government in Zamfara state

Zonal intervention projects (popularly known as constituency projects) are public projects nominated by federal lawmakers to extend the dividends of democratic government to their various constituencies to spur development at the grassroots level of the country. The projects, by practice are recommended by the executive during the budgeting process. Constitutionally, the

national assembly has the oversight obligation on government projects. Given the fact that these projects are nominated by lawmakers, they are morally and even more officially responsible to provide their people with the updates on every project domiciled in their constituency. This is because community member cannot easily access MDAs as they access their elected representatives. Noting that no lawmaker has direct control over the implementation of the projects aside from oversight function, legislators occupy a better position to monitor and proactively ensure the execution of every project by reaching out to the agencies in charge.

In 2022, the total sum of N1.52bn was allocated for constituency projects in Zamfara, the bulk of which are training/empowerment and projects. Capital projects typically involve physical infrastructure development, like building roads or schools, while training/empowerment projects focus on enhancing skills and capacities within a community. In Zamfara State, capital projects contribute to structural improvements, while training/empowerment projects aim to empower individuals and foster sustainable development through skill-building and education. Both play crucial roles in community development, addressing different aspects of growth and well-being. But the crux of the matter in Zamfara State is that the training/empowerment projects are hardly conceived and delivered in the manner to achieve the desired outcomes..

GUSAU/TSAFE FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Kabiru Amadu



03

Projects
nominated

02

Executed

100%

Empowerment
Projects

01

Unexecuted

0%

Capital Projects

Capacity Building for Women and Youth in Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency

N40m Executed

This constituency is at the heart of the state with its constituents being urban and semi urban settlers. The project was executed on the 1st November 2022 at the Command Guest House Conference hall in the outskirts of Gusau. It was initially planned to span for 5 days to finish on the 5th but it only actually lasted for 2 days. No clarification was given as to why that was the case

The Total number of beneficiaries originally targeted was 500 from the 11 wards in Tsafe Local Government of the constituency. However, the total beneficiaries visible at the training ground were not close to that figure. Also, it was established that most of the beneficiaries sighted were cronies of the lawmaker, party officials, media boys as well as friends and relatives of his associates.

A resource person lectured the beneficiaries on entrepreneurship skills and on how to start and managed small scale business enterprise. At the end of the lecture sessions, each of the beneficiaries received the sum of N50,000 as a startup capital which they are expected to inject into a business idea.

Taking into cognizance the pool of the beneficiaries and the nature of implementation of this projects, it is difficult to evaluate and ascertain the progress or impact of this project.



Capacity Building for Women and Youth in Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency

N40m Executed

This project was executed on the 1st November 2022, on the same day as the previous project and at the same venue and at the same time even though it was also originally planned to span for 5 days to finish on the 5th of November, 2022 but it only actually lasted for 1 day. No clarification was given as to why this was the case.

The Total number of beneficiaries originally targeted was 500 from the 11 wards in Gusau Local Government of the constituency. However, only a fraction of this number was visible at the training ground. Also, it was established that most of the beneficiaries sighted were cronies of the lawmaker, party officials, media boys as well as friends and relatives of his associates. Some prominent religious leaders from the local government were also given slots to field in beneficiaries.

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Capacity Building for Women and Youth in Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency



Gusau/Tsafe Federal
Constituency

N40m

Not Executed

The field assessors went round the constituency for proof of execution of this project but all responses were negative as constituents could not establish a case for its execution



Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

The 3 empowerment projects nominated to be implemented in this constituency were not satisfactorily implemented. Firstly, only two of the three projects nominated were implemented. Also, the two that were implemented were not in tandem with the actual implementation plan with respect to the duration of implementation. Both projects were designed to last for 5 days as duly indicated on the banner but it only lasted for 2 days. Also, both projects were implemented on the same day but with a caveat; two halls were hired with either project implemented in each, respectively with implementation going on concurrently. This can be easily noticed from the two separate banners used. The first day was dedicated for the lecture session and the second day for the disbursement of the N50, 000 to the beneficiaries.

After conducting beneficiary assessment, we realized that a tangible quantum of the beneficiaries were the loyalists of Lawmaker, his media boys as well as associates. The remaining were slotted to party officials and some religious leaders. All these factors among others, questioned the beneficial impact of the intervention to the critical needs of the constituency.

BUNGUDU/MARU FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Shehu Ahmed



03

Projects
nominated

03

Executed

75%

Empowerment
Projects

00

Unexecuted

25%

Capital Projects

Supply of Fertilizers to Farmers in Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency



Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency

N50m

Executed

This project was implemented on the 4th of September, 2022 in the constituency. The beneficiaries were farmers clustered from all the 21 wards in the constituency. Each cluster consisted of 10 farmers with each ward receiving a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 bags of fertilizer and a token of N10, 000 per beneficiary.

In terms of impact assessment, the intervention is impactful because the right beneficiaries were targeted for the intervention and thus, it has the potential to improve agriculture.



Renovation of Islamic Center and construction of a Block of 3 Classrooms in Bindin Ward in Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency



Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency

N21m

Executed

Our field assessors tracked the implementation of this project on the 5th of August 2022. It was implemented in an Islamic school in Furfuri, Bungudu Local Government. It is a block of 3 classrooms without furnishing with chairs. In terms of quality of construction, our team conducted physical examination of the structure and found it satisfactory with the windows and doors both robust and standard. The quality of the building blocks used is difficult to tell since we visited after erection. However, there were no visible cracks and deep scratches on the wall revealed an appreciable degree of structural strength.

The roofing is standard with corrugated sheets used but the ceiling is basic plywood whose quality over time is directly proportional to the quality of the roofing technique used. A close look revealed some degree of corrosion as water from leaks from some points in the roofs is absorbed by the wooden plywood.

The impact assessment is positive as it provides a conducive environment for learning. Also, more students can be enrolled because there is a capacity for that. How the block is maintained overtime is important in ensuring long-term utilization of the project





Training and Empowerment of Women and Youths in Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency

N50m

Executed

The implementation of this project took place on the 20th of August, 2022. A total of 600 beneficiaries mostly youths and women targeted from the twenty one (21) wards from the constituency benefitted from this empowerment project. The beneficiaries were divided into three (3) batches, A, B and C with each batch consisting of Two hundred beneficiaries. Due to ban on all public gatherings by the government as a measure of addressing the deteriorating state of security in the state, the program was held at The ChimCherry Hotel Conference Hall, in Barnawa, Kaduna State. The beneficiaries were lectured on entrepreneurship skills and on how to start and manage small scale agro-allied business enterprise.

At the end of the training, each beneficiary received a certificate of participation with a grant of N10, 000 each as a startup capital which they are expected to inject into a business idea. The lawmaker was present on the day of training to witness end of the session. However, up to time of this report the training and empowerment is yet to be extended to batches B and C.

On the impact assessment, it is a positive development even though the training session was rather short for the beneficiaries to fully internalize the objectives of the training program. It is also not known whether there is any plan for evaluation and monitoring in order to ascertain the progress or challenges from the delivery of this project.





Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

For the first time in the four year tenure of the lawmaker, he has nominated his first capital project in 2022 at the tail end of his tenure which is a welcome development taking into cognizance how his nomination has been wholly Training/empowerment based over the years.

Also, the implementation of one of the three nominated projects took place outside the constituency. This was due to ban on all public gatherings by the government as a measure of addressing deteriorating state of security in the state, Thus, beneficiaries were sorted into batches and transported to Kaduna State where the program was held at The ChimCherry Hotel Conference Hall, in Barnawa, Kaduna State. This development largely affected the efficacy of the program, since one one-third of the targeted beneficiaries of the project attended the training in Kaduna.

BAKURA/MARADUN FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Ahmed Muhammad



03

**Projects
Nominated**

03

Executed

100%
**Empowerment
Projects**

00

Unexecuted

0%
Capital Projects

Sensitization and Empowerment on Motorcycles in Bakura/Maradun Federal Constituency

N30m

Executed

Our field assessors tracked the implementation of this project and reported that it was executed on the 5th of October, 2022, and the event was concluded on this day.

In total, about 50 beneficiaries were selected from across the constituency, and each one of them received a motorcycle of the 'Hunter' brand. Majority of the beneficiaries were religious leaders as well as chief Imams of some selected Jumu'at mosques in the constituency.

The projects was actually implemented in Gwiwa area in neighboring Sokoto state. This was due to the fact that the contractor insisted on not going into the constituency to deliver the bikes due to the volatility of the security situation in the region at as that time. Thus, the beneficiaries traveled to Sokoto in order to receive the motorcycles. In effect, this was an intervention for the benefit of a selected few.



Sensitization and Empowerment on Motorcycles in Bakura/Maradun Federal Constituency

N30m

Executed

Our field assessors tracked the implementation of this project on 11th of June, 2022. The total number of beneficiaries as well as the total number of motorcycles procured are not known as at the time of filing this report.

However, from tracking assessments conducted, it was understood that the project was largely a gratification measure to the lawmakers' political stooges known as 'the media boy' ahead of the general election which is around the corner.



Grants for Youth and Women in Bakura/ Maradun Federal Constituency



Bakura/Maradun Federal
Constituency

N70m

Executed

This project was implemented on 19th November, 2022. A total of 1,000 people drawn from the two local governments benefitted from the project with each receiving N20,000. The project title indicates that the funds are grants but our field assessors could not ascertain the nature of the grant and what qualifies the beneficiaries to access it.

The beneficiaries were not selected or profiled with respect to any business or skill, and thus, the money they received was largely regarded as a campaign tool to influence voting during the forthcoming elections.

As a result therefore, the impact of the project can not be effectively established because there is no cause attached to the grants and thus impossible to have a clue on what the funds will be used for by the beneficiaries.





Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

All the three projects nominated to be implemented in this constituency are empowerment projects. The beneficiaries of these projects were targeted without any prior criteria to qualify them for the empowerment grant. Thus, it appears the distribution of the sum of N20, 000 each to each beneficiary is without a cause and by implication the purpose of the grant cannot be established.

It is only reasonable to assume that the empowerment projects are driven by politics of gratification as the beneficiaries are mostly political loyalists, cronies and the so-called 'media boys'. Thus, the impact of these projects are hardly on constituency-based needs.

ANKA/MAFARA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Kabiru Yahaya



04

**Projects
Nominated**

03

Executed

100%
**Empowerment
Projects**

01

Unexecuted

0%
Capital Projects

Training on Skill Acquisition in Anka/Mafara Federal Constituency



Anka/Mafara Federal Constituency

N30m

Executed

The program was implemented from the 23rd to 25th of November, 2022. Women are the main target of this project as 200 poor women enlisted from within the constituency were trained on local soap making techniques. The project ran for two (2) days and a female resource person anchored the project.

For practical purposes, all the requisite ingredients needed for the training were procured and used during the training sessions. The project was implemented in the premises of the house of the lawmaker in Mafara Local Government instead of the hall that was indicated on the project's flyer. We do not know the reason for this change of venue.

On the final day of the training, all beneficiaries received a certificate of participation and a startup capital of N30,000 to facilitate their smooth take off into soap making businesses.

In terms of its strategic vision, the project was targeted at empowering the needy local women to be able to engage into petty business enterprises for self-reliance. This is certainly commendable as the constituency has a high percentage of rural poor that will benefit from such programs. However, the success of such programs will largely depend on the effectiveness of its implementation processes.



Supply of Motorcycles to Anka/Mafara Federal Constituency

N21m

Executed

This program was implemented on the 1st of August, 2022 in Mafara and lasted for just 1 day. A total of 25 motorcycles were procured for distribution to a total of 25 beneficiaries from the constituency.

However, from assessments conducted, it appears that this project was squarely political gratification to the lawmaker's media boys ahead of the general elections. It is very obvious that this project was not intended to address any critical need of the constituency but only to promote the political interests of the the lawmaker.



Supply of Motorcycles to Anka/Mafara Federal Constituency

 Anka/Mafara Federal Constituency

N30m

Not Executed

The field assessors went round the constituency for proof of execution of this project but all responses were negative as constituents could not establish a case for its execution.

Purchase of Fairly Used Hilux to Anka/Mafara Federal Constituency

 Anka/Mafara Federal Constituency

N40m

Executed In a different way

The field assessors went round the constituency for proof of execution of this project but all responses were negative as constituents could not establish a case for its execution. However, a further investigation revealed that the project was actually repurposed away from the initial specifications.

Instead of a Hilux pick up van that was nominated, a bus was actually procured instead and assigned to an orphanage where it will be used in transporting the orphans to and for their school as well as for other engagements. The reason for the change in the project's specification is not clear.





Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

All four projects designated for this constituency focus on empowerment initiatives. The selection process for participants in the empowerment training involved a committee established by the lawmaker, tasked with identifying and enlisting beneficiaries. Additionally, the training sessions were conducted in the lawmaker's personal residence, under rented canopies, diverging from the project documents that listed a hall as the planned venue for these activities.

There was also a notable shift in project execution, where a Toyota Hilux pick-up truck, originally allocated N40 million, was replaced with a Mini Bus, which likely cost significantly less than half of the allocated budget. Moreover, one of the four proposed projects was not carried out. This omission was compounded by the duplication of another project, giving the false impression that it had been completed, when in reality, there were two distinct projects, each with its own allocated funding for implementation.

GUMMI/BUKKUYUM FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar



03

**Projects
Nominated**

02

Executed

100%

**Empowerment
Projects**

01

Unexecuted

0%

Capital Projects

Supply of Constituency Utility Vehicle in Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency.

 Gummi/Bukkuyum
Federal Constituency

N23m

Not executed

The field assessors went round the constituency for proof of execution of this project but all responses were negative as constituents could not establish a case for its execution.

Training and Empowerment of Women & Youth in Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency.

 Gummi/Bukkuyum
Federal Constituency

N50m

Executed

This project was launched on October 25, 2022, with the aim of assisting internally displaced persons within the constituency, a group whose exact population remains unclear due to the nature of their displacement. The initiative focused on skill development, specifically teaching participants how to produce Vaseline and liquid detergent, practical skills that can be easily translated into small-scale businesses. In an effort to kickstart these potential enterprises, each beneficiary was awarded a grant of N10,000 at the end of the training session, providing a foundational capital to commence their ventures.

The significance of this project lies in its target demographic: individuals who have been directly impacted by violence and have subsequently lost their primary sources of income. By equipping them with new skills and a small financial boost, this program has the potential to offer a pathway to economic recovery and stability. However, for the impact of such initiatives to be fully realized and sustained over time, there is a critical need for an established monitoring and evaluation framework. Such a system would enable the tracking of progress and outcomes among participants in the short, medium, and long term, thereby ensuring the intervention's effectiveness and facilitating continuous improvement.



Training and Empowerment of Women & Youth in Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency.

N48m

Executed

This initiative serves as an empowerment project specifically designed for youths interested in barbering. A total of 21 shops were constructed across the federal constituency, ensuring one shop per ward. The program selected 21 beneficiaries, who underwent a day of intensive training in barbering skills. Following the training, each beneficiary was provided with a barbering shop, thoughtfully equipped with solar-powered rechargeable packs to counteract the prevalent issue of power outages. Additionally, each recipient was furnished with a comprehensive barbering kit, which included a barbering clipper along with its accessories, a rechargeable fan, a mirror, and a charging brick, setting a solid foundation for their new ventures.

The project merits commendation for its potential to significantly contribute to reducing youth unemployment and mitigating various negative social behaviors by providing constructive and sustainable employment opportunities. However, the absence of a defined evaluation and monitoring framework raises concerns about the project's ability to track its effectiveness and the beneficiaries' progress. Without such mechanisms in place, gauging the project's true impact on the community and identifying potential areas for improvement remains a challenge, leaving a gap in the strategic oversight of this well-intended initiative.





Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

The three projects proposed for this constituency were all aimed at empowerment, but the process for selecting participants for empowerment and training lacked transparency and was difficult to trace. One of the projects, involving the procurement of a vehicle for the constituency, has not been executed, and efforts to track its progress have been unsuccessful. The rationale behind acquiring a constituency vehicle remains unclear, as does the identification of its intended beneficiaries and the responsibility for its maintenance costs.

On a positive note, the barber shop initiative stands out for its novelty and scale within the state. No other lawmaker has previously undertaken a project that involves constructing shops, providing comprehensive training, and equipping beneficiaries with starter kits. This project, if managed for longevity, promises significant economic benefits for the participants, marking a pioneering step towards fostering financial independence and economic empowerment among the youth in the constituency.

KAURA/BIRNIN MAGAJI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Umar Dan Galadima



03

**Projects
Nominated**

03
Executed

100%
Empowerment
Projects

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Unexecuted

0%
Capital Projects

Supply of Empowerment Materials for Youths & Women in Kaura Namoda/Birin Magaji Federal Constituency.

N41m

Executed

On March 6, 2022, the project was launched at the private residence of the lawmaker in Igala Quarters, Sokoto Bypass, Gusau, Zamfara State, with the aim of distributing essential supplies to 240 carefully selected beneficiaries across the 21 wards of the constituency. This initiative intended to support various members of the community by providing them with critical resources to aid their livelihoods. However, the selection process raised concerns regarding its transparency and fairness, as it seemed tailored to predominantly benefit a specific group.

The distribution largely favored the lawmaker's political associates, media partners, and loyal followers, casting doubts on the fairness of the beneficiary selection process. This approach meant that a considerable portion of the community, potentially in dire need of such support, was left out, limiting the initiative's reach to a narrow segment of the constituency. The items distributed included a diverse range of essential goods: fifty motorcycles from various brands, fifty chest freezers, fifty sewing machines, fifty grinding machines, and twenty gasoline-powered electric generators, all of which could significantly impact the recipients' economic activities and well-being.

This strategy, aimed at consolidating the lawmaker's support base pre-election, brings into question the project's overall impact and fairness. It underscores the need for future initiatives to adopt a more inclusive selection process, ensuring support extends beyond a narrow group and benefits the wider community genuinely in need.



Skill Acquisition Training For Youths & Women in Kaura Namoda/Birin Magaji Federal Constituency.

N40m

Executed

Our assessment team has diligently tracked this initiative and verified its fulfillment. Launching adjacent to the Federal Polytechnic in Kaura Namoda on September 12, 2022, the project wrapped up prematurely, concluding after just two days, by September 13, 2022, instead of the planned five days ending on September 16, 2022.

Designed to equip 150 youths and women from the constituency's twenty-one wards with skills for producing everyday commodities such as Vaseline, air fresheners, perfumes, and liquid soaps, the program provided each participant with a N2,000 daily transport allowance. At the program's end, participants were each granted N20,000 as seed money to kick-start their ventures, though only a fraction received the complete starter kits needed for their trained trades.

As of now, there is no clear mechanism in place for evaluating and monitoring the long-term impact of this training, leaving significant uncertainty about its success and the ongoing challenges or advancements faced by the beneficiaries. This gap indicates a need for systematic follow-up to truly gauge the project's contribution to the participants' economic empowerment.



Training on Agribusiness For Youths & Women in Kaura Namoda/Birin Magaji Federal Constituency.

N40m Executed

Our field assessors have successfully monitored and reported on the completion of this project, which commenced on September 12, 2022. Although initially planned to extend over five days until September 16, the project was conducted for only two days, from September 12 to 13, at the Federal Polytechnic, Kaura Namoda. Notably, this project ran concurrently with a previous skill acquisition initiative, utilizing the same venue for its activities.

The program focused on training 140 young individuals and women from the twenty-one wards within the constituency in various small-scale agro-allied businesses, specifically goat rearing, poultry farming, and fish farming. Each participant was provided with a daily transport refund of N2,000.

Upon the completion of the training, a start-up support sum of N20,000 was distributed to all participants. However, unlike the previous project, no starter kits were provided to assist the beneficiaries in applying their new skills. Furthermore, there seems to be no existing framework for the evaluation and monitoring of the project's long-term impact, leaving the effectiveness and outcome of the initiative uncertain.





Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

The three projects slated for implementation within this constituency were all aimed at empowerment initiatives. The process for selecting beneficiaries for these empowerment and training opportunities was not transparent, making it challenging to discern. Upon closer investigation, it was discovered that party officials and influential community leaders played significant roles in choosing the recipients.

Furthermore, the private residence of the lawmaker was utilized both as a storage location for the empowerment materials and as the distribution center where beneficiaries collected their allotted shares. The original venue intended for these activities remains unclear, as it was not explicitly mentioned on the project's promotional materials.

A notable post-training concern emerged, where beneficiaries were initially promised startup kits alongside grants to facilitate the application of their newly acquired skills. However, this promise was only partially fulfilled. In the skill acquisition program, while all participants received grants, only a limited number received the promised startup kits. Similarly, in the agribusiness training, all were given grants, but none received any startup kits.

A significant overarching issue with such empowerment programs is the absence of follow-up mechanisms to verify whether the beneficiaries are effectively utilizing the provided support. This lack of monitoring and evaluation complicates the process of assessing the true impact of these initiatives.

SHINKAFI/ZURMI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Bello Hassan



03

**Projects
Nominated**

03

Executed

100%

**Empowerment
Projects**

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Unexecuted

0%

Capital Projects

Supply of Customized Exercise Books to primary and Secondary Schools in Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency.



Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency

N40m

Executed

This project was carried out on July 10, 2022, with the distribution of 40-page exercise books adorned with the lawmaker's insignia to various primary and secondary schools across the constituency. Unfortunately, the exact number of books distributed and the total count of beneficiary schools remain unclear.



Supply of Bicycles to Studens in Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency.

N40m

Executed

The project was launched on Saturday, June 17, 2023, in the Kasuwa Kura Area of Zurmi Local Government, focusing on the procurement and distribution of one hundred and ten (110) bicycles. The selection process for the beneficiaries involved choosing ten students or pupils from each of the eleven wards within the Zurmi Local Government area. Each ward's chairman nominated eight beneficiaries, while the lawmaker's ward coordinators nominated the remaining two for each ward.

Our evaluation revealed that the beneficiaries selected for this project were students who typically faced long and difficult journeys to reach their schools. By receiving bicycles, these students are expected to experience a significant reduction in their commuting challenges, thereby enhancing their determination and ability to continue with their education.



Supply of Customized Exercise Books to Primary and Secondary Schools in Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency



Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency

N40m

Executed

On July 10, 2022, a project was carried out involving the distribution of 40-page exercise books, each branded with the lawmaker's insignia, to various primary and secondary schools within the constituency. Unfortunately, the exact quantity of books distributed and the total number of schools that benefited from this initiative remain unknown.





Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

The three projects proposed for this constituency were all focused on empowerment initiatives. Remarkably, two of these projects—the distribution of exercise books and textbooks—were conducted simultaneously. However, the criteria used to select beneficiary schools for the educational materials were not clarified.

Conversely, the bicycle distribution project employed a transparent and well-defined selection process for identifying beneficiary students. This targeted approach ensured that those who genuinely needed the bicycles were the ones to receive them, likely enhancing the effectiveness and overall impact of the project.

ZAMFARA NORTH SENATORIAL ZONE

Sen. Sahabi Ya'u



02

**Projects
Nominated**

02

Executed

0%

**Empowerment
Projects**

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Unexecuted

100%

Capital Projects

Construction of Solar Powered Boreholes in Various location in Kaura Namoda, Birnin Magaji, Shinkafi & Zurmi LGAs of Zamfara North Senatorial Zone

N100m Executed

The project's rollout began on October 16, 2022, covering all four local governments within this senatorial district. Our field assessors reviewed the documentation detailing the locations chosen for the intervention and found that:

Kaura Namoda Local Government received two solar-powered boreholes, with one located in each of the Katsaura and Bakkyare wards.

Shinkafi Local Government also benefited from two wells, situated in Katuru Galadi Ward and Alkalawa Ward, respectively.

Zurmi and Birnin Magaji Local Governments were each allocated one borehole, constructed at the General Hospital, Zurmi, and Nasarawa Godal in Birnin Magaji LGA, respectively.

Our assessors conducted a preliminary quality check of the installations and confirmed that the construction was of a high standard, featuring robust structures and connections. The selected wards have long faced challenges with accessing clean water, and this initiative significantly mitigates this issue. However, it remains unclear if there is a maintenance and repair strategy in place to ensure the project's longevity.



Construction of Hand-Pump Boreholes in Various location in Kaura Naomda, Birnin Magaji, Shinkafi & Zurmi LGAs of Zamfara North Senatorial Zone



Zamfara North Senatorial Zone

N100m Executed

The project kicked off on December 8, 2022, targeting all four local governments within the senatorial district. Documents viewed by our field assessors outlined the construction of twenty-one hand-pumped boreholes throughout the constituency.

Kaura Namoda Local Government was allocated seven wells, located in Tukasu, Gatsaura, Gabaken Mesa, Gabaken Danmaliki, Gegeta, Maguru, and Yarima Quarters.

Shinkafi Local Government received five wells, situated in Jageru, Mibiraya, Kagara, Ajiyawa, and Kware.

Zurmi was also granted five wells, in Kabaga, Sabon Fegi, Gidan Zango, Gwargway G/Galadima, and Yarkofa bakin Masallaci.

Birnin Magaji Local Government received four wells, positioned in Tsamiyar Dutse Bakin Masallaci, Birbit, Gidan Dan Jumma, and Shiyar Gidan M.A Haruna.

Our team conducted a basic quality check and confirmed the project meets standards, notably regarding the well's depth. The areas benefiting from this project have long faced challenges with access to clean water, and this initiative significantly addresses this issue. However, it remains unclear if a maintenance and repair strategy has been established to ensure the project's sustainability.





Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

This lawmaker's nominations have over the years been nominating capital projects that have a long-lasting impact on the communities impacted. This year alone, all two (2) of his nominations are capital projects which is commendable. From our interactions, we were able to sight the document detailing all the wards that benefitted from the intervention which is rare taking into cognizance how other lawmakers do not make critical information regarding project implementation public which makes it hard for field assessors to effectively track implementation all step of the way.

In terms of impact assessment, water is life they say and all the communities who were targeted for this intervention have perennial problem of water shortage. Some communities rely on a river for their water which is unhealthy. So this intervention is highly impactful and addresses a real-time problem for thousands of households.

ZAMFARA CENTRAL SENATORIAL ZONE

Sen. Muhammad Hassan



02

**Projects
Nominated**

02
Executed

100%
**Empowerment
Projects**

00
Unexecuted

0%
Capital Projects

Skills Acquisition Training for Youths & Women in Zamfara Central Senatorial Zone



Zamfara Central
Senatorial Zone

N140m Executed

This project was implemented from the 15th of May 2023 to the 18th of May, 2023. A total of 60 beneficiaries were selected from across the four (4) Local Governments that make up the senatorial zone. The beneficiaries were trained on skills for barbing and hair saloon. The modalities adopted for sourcing the beneficiaries cannot be ascertained as at the time of filing this report.

The beneficiaries were trained for two days and on the third and final day, all the beneficiaries received start-up kits. The females received a pack each comprising of an electric hair dryer, combs, a bottle of shampoo and hair oil while their male counterparts received a clipper pack and a set of combs. A certificate of participation in the training was later issued to all beneficiaries.



Training and Empowerment of Youths & Women in Zamfara Central Senatorial Zone



Zamfara Central Senatorial Zone

N100m Executed

This project took place on May 16, 2023, at the Ja'iz Hotel in Gusau, where beneficiaries from the four local governments within the senatorial zone received cash grants. The amounts distributed varied, with some recipients receiving N10,000, others N20,000, and the highest grants being N50,000. The basis for these differing amounts was not transparent, though it appeared that closeness to the lawmaker or his associates significantly influenced the allocation of funds.

The project was labeled as a grant initiative, but the specific criteria for eligibility and the intended use of these funds were not clear. Beneficiaries were not selected based on any particular business need or skill set, indicating that the distribution may have been more of a goodwill gesture than a structured empowerment program.

Given the lack of clear objectives and criteria for the distribution of these grants, assessing the project's impact is challenging. Without a defined purpose for the funds, it's uncertain how the grants will benefit the recipients in the long term.





Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

The senatorial zone's representative vacated his legislative seat to assume the role of Deputy Governor in the State following the impeachment of his predecessor. Before his departure, he had nominated several projects for his zone. Concerns arose about who would oversee these projects since he was no longer in office. Despite these doubts, the former lawmaker took proactive steps to ensure the projects' funding was released, leading to some changes in their execution. Initially, the Public Service Institute of Nigeria was designated to implement these projects, but the responsibility ultimately shifted to the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology.

Among the planned activities, both projects were supposed to include training sessions. However, only one project conducted its training, while the other shifted focus to grant distribution due to the absence of preliminary training. Interestingly, the implementation of these projects, a year after the lawmaker's departure, was still under his guidance, despite his new role as deputy Governor. This unusual situation has opened the floor to discussions on the normalcy of such arrangements.

ZAMFARA WEST SENATORIAL ZONE

Sen. Lawali Hassan



06

Projects
Nominated

00

Executed

100%

Soft Projects

06

Unexecuted

0%

Hard Projects

Film Grants for Youths & Women in Anka Local Government of Zamfara West



N50m

Not Executed

The field assessors conducted thorough inspections across the constituency to verify the completion of this project. However, all inquiries yielded negative results, as constituents were unable to provide any evidence or confirmation of the project's execution.

Film Grants for Youths & Women in Mafara Local Government of Zamfara West



N50m

Not Executed

The field assessors conducted thorough inspections across the constituency to verify the completion of this project. However, all inquiries yielded negative results, as constituents were unable to provide any evidence or confirmation of the project's execution.

Film Grants for Youths & Women in Gummi Local Government of Zamfara West



N50m

Not Executed

The field assessors conducted thorough inspections across the constituency to verify the completion of this project. However, all inquiries yielded negative results, as constituents were unable to provide any evidence or confirmation of the project's execution.

Film Grants for Youths & Women in Bukuyyum Local Government of Zamfara West



N50m

Not Executed

The field assessors conducted thorough inspections across the constituency to verify the completion of this project. However, all inquiries yielded negative results, as constituents were unable to provide any evidence or confirmation of the project's execution.

Film Grants for Youths & Women in Maradun Local Government of Zamfara West



N50m

Not Executed

The field assessors conducted thorough inspections across the constituency to verify the completion of this project. However, all inquiries yielded negative results, as constituents were unable to provide any evidence or confirmation of the project's execution.

Film Grants for Youths & Women in Bakura Local Government of Zamfara West



N50m

Not Executed

The field assessors conducted thorough inspections across the constituency to verify the completion of this project. However, all inquiries yielded negative results, as constituents were unable to provide any evidence or confirmation of the project's execution.



Additional notes on findings from the tracking of implementation in this constituency

Throughout this senatorial zone, there has been a noticeable lack of project implementation, a situation not unprecedented as a similar occurrence was noted in 2020 when the lawmaker did not execute any of the proposed projects. To combat this persistent issue, we plan to utilize the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act to directly contact the responsible Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) to obtain concrete data on the funding status and contractors involved in these projects. This approach is expected to shed light on the actual budget allocations for these projects. The insights gained will guide our subsequent actions aimed at empowering local constituents to demand greater accountability from their representative.

METHODOLOGY

This looks at whether Citizens' Engagement avenues such as town hall meeting were used to engage citizens in the nomination process.



Any Civic engagement strategy utilized takes 1 point. its absence is an automatic 0.

This reviews the level of execution of all project Nominated by the respective law-makers.



$$\frac{\text{Executed Projects}}{\text{Total Number of Projects}}$$

Index C Looks at the project nomination and draws distinction between capital project and not so impactful Empowerment/Project



$$\frac{\text{Capital Projects Nominated}}{\text{Total Number of Projects}}$$

Lawmaker Performance on **Index A**

Index A looks whether Citizens' Engagement avenues such as town hall meeting were used to engage citizens in the nomination and execution process.

Lawmaker	Index A Rating
Sen. Muhammad Hassan	0
Sen. Sahabi Ya'u	0
Sen. Lawali Hassan	0
Hon. Kabiru Amadu	0
Hon. Shehu Ahmed	0
Hon. Umar Dangaladima	0
Hon. Ahmad Muhammad	0
Hon. Kabiru Yahaya	0
Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gummi	0
Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi	0

Lawmaker Performance on **Index B**

Index B assesses level of project completion. Lawmakers that rank higher on this index have a higher project completion rate.

Lawmaker	Index B Rating
Sen. Muhammad Hassan	1
Sen. Sahabi Ya'u	1
Hon. Shehu Ahmed	1
Hon. Umar Dangaladima	1
Hon. Ahmad Muhammad	1
Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi	1
Hon. Kabiru Yahaya	0.75
Hon. Kabiru Amadu	0.66
Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gummi	0.66
Sen. Lawali Hassan	0

Lawmaker Performance on **Index C**

Representatives with a higher ranking on Index C have prioritized capital projects in their nominations. While in contrast, those with lower ranking nominated projects that are not legacy based and whose real impact cannot be fully determined

Lawmaker	Index C Rating
Sen. Sahabi Ya'u	1
Hon. Shehu Ahmed	0.33
Sen. Muhammad Hassan	0
Hon. Umar Dangaladima	0
Hon. Ahmad Muhammad	0
Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi	0
Hon. Kabiru Yahaya	0
Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gummi	0
Hon. Kabiru Amadu	0
Sen. Lawali Hassan	0

2022 Zamfara Federal Lawmakers' Constituency Projects Performance index

Ranking	Lawmaker	Constituency	Commulative Index Score
1st	Sen. Sahabi Ya'u	Zamfara North Zone	2
2nd	Hon. Shehu Ahmed	Bungudu/Maru	1.33
3rd	Sen. Muhammad Hassan	Zamfara Central Zone	1
3rd	Hon. Umar Dangaladima	Kaura/Birnin Magaji	1
3rd	Hon. Ahmad Muhammad	Bakura/Maradun	1
3rd	Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi	Shinkafi/Zurmi	1
7th	Hon. Kabiru Yahaya	Anka/Mafara	0.75
8th	Hon. Kabiru Amadu	Gusau/Tsafe	0.66
8th	Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar	Gummi/Bukkuyum	0.66
10th	Sen. Lawali Hassan	Zamfara West	0

STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN



Total Amount Allotted

N1.52bn

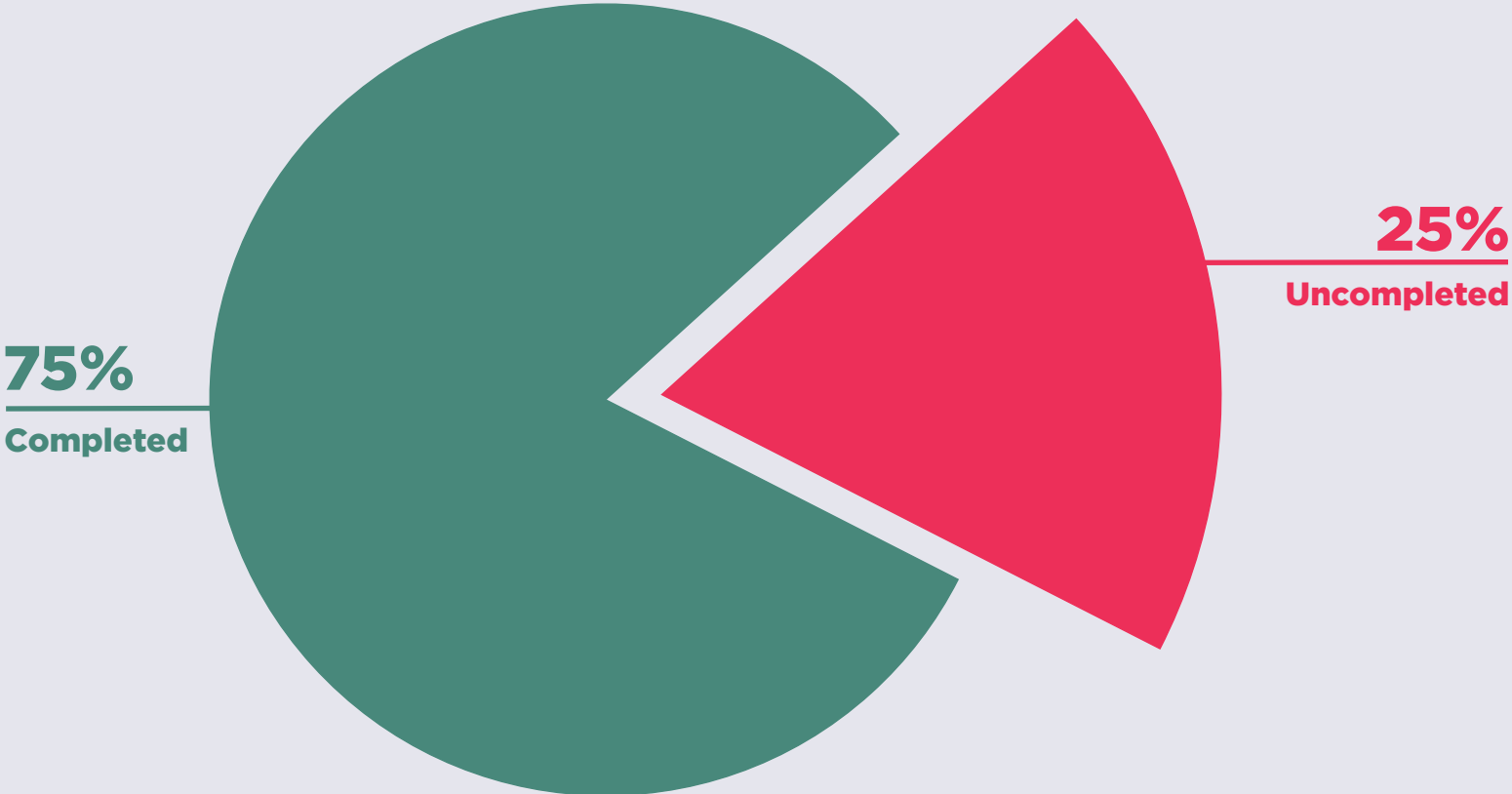
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Soft Projects

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Hard Projects

PERCENTAGE OF PROJECTS' COMPLETION





Follow up and track implementation of public projects within your vicinity



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Continue to engage.

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