

Ministry of Finance
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Ministerial Mandate

The statutory functions of the Ministry are clearly spelt out under the Public Finance (Control and Management) Law, Chapter 113 of the Revised Laws of Adamawa State 1993. These functions include among others the following:-

- General control and management of State Govt. Finances
- Sourcing and guaranteeing the repayment of loans and advances either directly or indirectly to Government or its agencies by Financial Institutions
- Procurement of vehicles and distribution to MDAs

- Maintenance of fixed Asset and liability Register
- The ministry through its department of the Central Stores is also responsible for the bulk purchase and distribution of stationeries, office furniture, House-hold furniture and equipment, printing of non-security books and forms etc
- The Ministry is strictly guided by the Financial Instructions, Public Procurement laws, Stores Regulations as well as Fiscal Policies/Circulars of the Federal and State Governments in carrying out these functions under the leadership of the Hon. Commissioner who is the Chief Adviser to the Governor on financial matters supported by the Permanent Secretary who is the Accounting Officer of the Ministry, alongside the Heads of parastatals under the supervision of the Ministry.

Ministerial Structure

- The Ministry of Finance is a Coordinating Ministry with the office of the Accountant General and Adamawa State Board of Internal Revenue as parastatals under it.
- The Ministry Headquarter is administered under four (4) Departments namely Administration, Accounts, Procurement, and Central Stores Unit.

The Ministry of Finance is a service Ministry that releases funds through the office of the Accountant General for all approvals made by the Executive Governor, therefore it is at the center of all projects implemented by the State Government.

In exercising our mandate we achieved the following at the headquarters and our parastatals;

- In a bid to cushion the effect of the removal of fuel subsidy His Excellency, the Executive Governor magnanimously approved the procurement of Ten (10) number of Innoson Luxurious buses for use by its citizens as a palliative measure. Also Ten (10) number of International School Luxurious buses were procured and distributed to some Tertiary Institutions of the State and Modibbo Adama University to ease the transportation problems of the Institutions. In the same vain, various vehicles were purchased for MDAs, Members of the State House of Assembly, State Executive Council and other Principal Political office holders for the two dispensation.



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- In his quest to provide adequate security to the entire state, the Executive Governor ordered for the procurement of 25 Pick-Up Vans for distribution to various security agencies.
- **Constituency Project:** As part of this administration's Commitment to deliver dividends of democracy to all and sundry, Constituency projects have been successfully funded during the two dispensation.
- **Capacity Building for Staff:** Both junior and senior staff of the Ministry attended various relevant capacity building training which has enhanced staff knowledge and improved performance.

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

- **TSA:** Implementation of Treasury Single Accounts to handle all Revenue and Payments for Recurrent and Capital Expenditure in a centralized manner for Accountability and Transparency.
- **Accountability and Transparency:** Timely Preparation of Financial Statements for monthly, quarterly and annual Reports for Revenue and Expenditures according to IPSAS requirements and international best practice. And Publishing same Reports on official web-sites of the state for Accessibility to the Public, Stakeholders and interested users.
- **Payments of Monthly Salaries and Pension:** This administration has maintained a prompt payment of salaries on or before 23rd of every month, alongside leave grant which was hitherto accumulated.

- **Conducted Biometric-Data Capturing of all State Civil Servants and pensioners on our Payroll.** Adamawa State Payroll System is now linked to Civil Servants Bio-data and Biometric. This enable the payroll system compare staff on State Government Payroll with Staff on LGA's Payroll and all account details using NIN and BVN, this has reduced and eliminated duplicate payment on payroll and fictitious payments.
- **Implementation of end to end system of payment of Salaries to State and Local Government Civil Servants and Pensioners** which is a deviation from previous traditional method of submitting soft copies to bank aim at checkmating excesses.

All these process were geared towards reducing and checkmating excesses in high wage bills and Pensions so that savings can be channeled towards providing services to our citizens.

- **Implementation of Minimum Wage:** His Excellency, the Fresh Air Governor has been a fore runner in the implementation of Minimum Wage to civil servants amongst States of the Federation. In the year 2020 when Minimum Wage was reviewed upwards to 30,000.00, the Administration of Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri reviewed upward Minimum Wage to 32,000.00 to all workers on the Adamawa State Payroll. Likewise, His Excellency maintained this tempo by implementing 70,000.00 reviewed Minimum Wage to Civil Servants of Adamawa State immediately after the passage of the Bill even before the Federal Government, despite the lean resources available to the State.

- **Payment of Gratuities:** This Administration inherited huge liability from the previous administration's. Looking at the huge liabilities, the Governor reviewed upwards the monthly release of the sum of ₦50M to ₦100M to the Pension Board, and further released bulk payments of ₦1.5B, ₦1.3B and ₦3B to reduce the accumulated liability of the Board.
- **Adamawa State Agribusiness Support (ADAS) Programme:** The Office of the Accountant General in Conjunction with Consultants engaged for the ADAS Programme were able to articulate documents required to float N100B Capital Development Bond from the Capital Market for the State. Series 1 Bond of the sum of N25B was accessed.
- **Internally generated Revenue (IGR):** The TSA System has made it possible for Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) to be collected and accumulated into one TSA account designated for this purpose. It is with this policy in place that the state is able to finance the monthly repayment of the Series 1 Bond of ₦25B. This is the first of its kind in the Public Sector Governance, instead of the usual deduction from Proceeds of FAAC.

- **Cash Management Systems:** The office implemented a Cash Management System Strategy due to the limited resources available to the State for running the affairs of Government. A disciplined System of Payment is put in place to cater for the first-line charge, that is Salaries and Pensions before other expenditures are considered.
- Due to the Paucity of resources this administration had to look outward for resources. It put in place requirements and policies that enable it achieve and attract matching grants, capital receipts and interventions from World Bank and Federal Government. Programmes such as SFTAS, RAMP, BESDA, NG-CARES, PAWECA, MCRP to mention but a few are such areas that the state has benefited through their interventions.

- **Financial Autonomy to the Three (3) Tiers of Government:** Immediately the President signed the Executive Order No.10 of 2020 to grant financial Autonomy to the three tiers of government that is, Executive, Judiciary and Legislative, the state immediately implemented the order through the state Edict and implemented same in June 2021. State Accounts Allocation Committee known as SAAC was put in place. The Committee is empowered to share to the three tiers of government, all Revenues accruing from the Federation Accounts and Internally Generated Revenue. The sharing ratio is derived from the Budgetary provision for both recurrent and capital.
- **Prompt Payment to Contractors:** This administration has a zero liability to its contractors, they are paid as soon as certificate of valuation are submitted to the implementing agencies. It is made Possible as a result of the cash management policy of the administration, where meager resources are saved to execute projects for the benefit of all citizens of the State.

BOARD OF INTERNAL REVENUE

Under the visionary leadership of His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri, the Adamawa State Board of Internal Revenue has achieved significant milestones in enhancing tax administration, expanding taxpayer outreach, and promoting transparency in revenue collection. The accomplishments below underscore the Board's commitment to modernizing revenue processes, improving taxpayer services, and boosting the state's revenue base to support sustainable development.

- **Development of a Comprehensive Integrated Tax Administration Portal:** A ground-breaking initiative saw the development of a "one-stop" Integrated Tax Administration Portal, which consolidates all revenue administration functions into a single digital platform. This portal streamlines tax processing, making it easier for taxpayers to access services, complete transactions, and fulfill their obligations efficiently and securely.

- **Expansion of the Taxpayer's Database:** Through a comprehensive taxpayer enumeration and registration drive, the Board significantly expanded the state's taxpayer database. This effort involved converting over 10,000 traditional hard file records into secured electronic records on the e-tax portals cloud system. This significantly enhanced IGR performance from 4-6 Billion Naira prior to 2019. 9 Billion Naira in 2019 and 17 Billion Naira in 2023, with a current monthly average collection of 1.3 Billion Naira in 2024.

- **Broadening of the Tax Base in the Transport Sector:** Recognizing the economic contribution of the transportation sector, the Board introduced an income tax collection framework for KEKE Napep (tricycle) riders. This initiative brings thousands of informal sector workers into the formal tax net, ensuring that all income-generating activities contribute to state development and fostering a more inclusive revenue system.
- **Launch of a Technology-Driven Collection Platform for the Informal Sector:** To streamline informal sector collections, the Board taking advantage of the versatility of Moniepoint in the State integrated the Monnify Payment Gateway within the e-tax portal, enabling a secure, technology-driven solution for tax collection. This innovation simplifies tax payments for informal sector participants and enhances transparency in revenue remittance, ultimately improving compliance and revenue inflow.

- **Establishment of a Grievance Redress Mechanism:** In response to taxpayer needs, the Board established a Grievance Redress Mechanism aimed at resolving issues such as incorrect revenue payments and payment difficulties. This system enhances taxpayer satisfaction and fosters a collaborative relationship between the government and the citizenry, promoting trust and accountability in tax administration.
- **Enhanced Taxpayer Education and Public Engagement:** A robust taxpayer education campaign was launched, utilizing various media channels and Public-Private Dialogue sessions to raise awareness about tax obligations and benefits. This outreach has improved public understanding of tax policies and the importance of compliance, helping to build a cooperative relationship between the Board and taxpayers.
- **Creation of an IGR Coordination Meeting Platform:** The establishment of an Internal Generated Revenue (IGR) Coordination Meeting has provided a structured forum for all MDAs within the State to engage and collaborate. These regular meetings bring together key players from the government, private sector, and relevant agencies to align

- **Training and Capacity Building:** Recognizing the importance of a well-trained workforce, this administration through the Board organized a series of professional development programs aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of its staff and regional tax officers. One of the notable initiatives was:
 - i. The Regional Tax Joint Training, organized in collaboration with the Joint Tax Board (JTB)
 - ii. Specialized training provided by the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN).
- These programs included participants from both the Board and other Internal Revenue Services within the region (Bauchi, Taraba Gombe, Yobe and Borno) creating a collaborative learning environment.
- This investment in training and capacity building is crucial for equipping tax officers with up-to-date knowledge on tax laws, digital tax administration tools, and best practices in revenue collection.

- This training directly contributed to improved efficiency in tax administration, accurate assessments, and more effective taxpayer engagement.
- These training efforts have resulted in higher levels of professionalism among staff, leading to increased taxpayer compliance, better service delivery, and ultimately, an improvement in revenue collection across the state.

STATE FISCAL TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY (SFTAS)

- The State Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability program is a World Bank assisted project. In the year 2019, this administration keyed in and implemented it under the Ministry of Finance. It is aimed at improving fiscal transparency, accountability and sustainability in the state thereby enhancing our ability to manage resources effectively and deliver public services

Some of the achievements includes among many:-

- Fiscal Responsibility Law and Debt Management Laws.
- Revenue Law and Revenue Codes for the State
- Public procurement law
- Audit law for State and Local government.
- Citizen Engagement in Budget Process
- Development of Citizens Accountability Reports from the Audited Financial Statements for Citizens understanding.
- Establishment of TSA for the State Accounts for Accountability
- Increased on IGR from 6B to 13B in 2021

- Biometric Capture and BVN linked for Civil Servants and Pensioners in the State.
- Value for Money on All Government Contracts through Due Process in Public Procurement Bureau.
- Prompt and Timely Debt Management Reports to DMO office in Abuja.
- Establishment of State Domestic Arrears Framework for Salary, Pension, Gratuity and Contractors Arrears.
- Establishment of Property Records Database for Property Taxes in the State.

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