



NIGER STATE  
PLANNING COMMISSION

# CITIZENS' BUDGET

2024 Approved Budget



Budget of the Future





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# WHAT IS A BUDGET?



A budget shows what the government expects to collect as revenue, support from partners in the form of grants, how much it expects to save or borrow, and how it plans to spend the communal wealth to positively impact the lives of the citizens.

The budget helps the government and the citizens prioritize spending and manage resources. It is also an income-and-expenditure forecast for a given period of time.

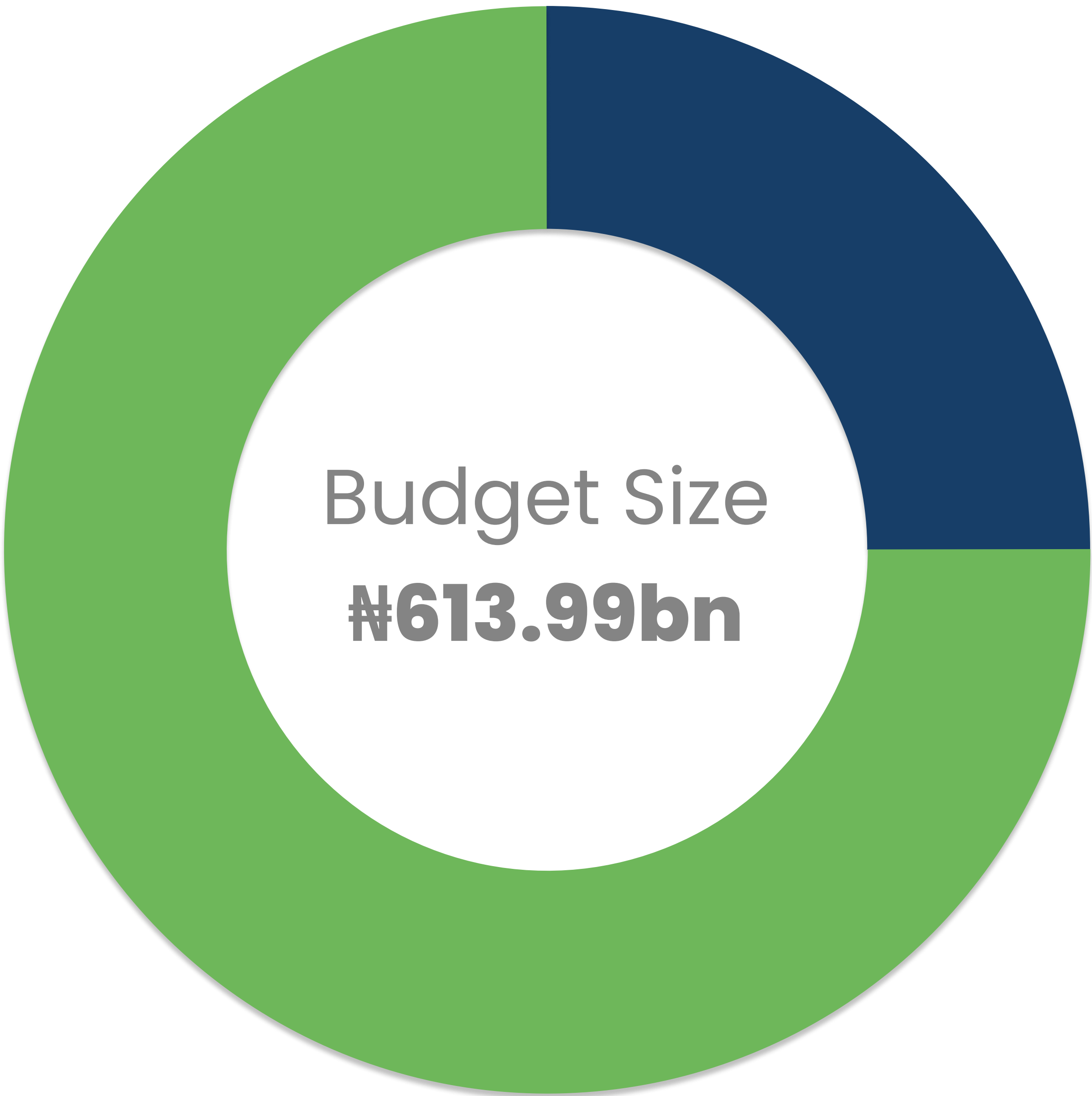
A budget document provides the citizens with information on how much the state is expecting as total revenue for the year and how it intends to spend the money for the benefit of the electorate.




# HOW IS THE MONEY SHARED?

**₦464.66bn**  
Capital Expenditure

**₦149.33bn**  
Recurrent Expenditure





**75.68%**

**Capital Expenditure**

Is the money the government spends to construct, maintain, or acquire fixed assets such as roads, hospitals, schools, vehicles, or lands



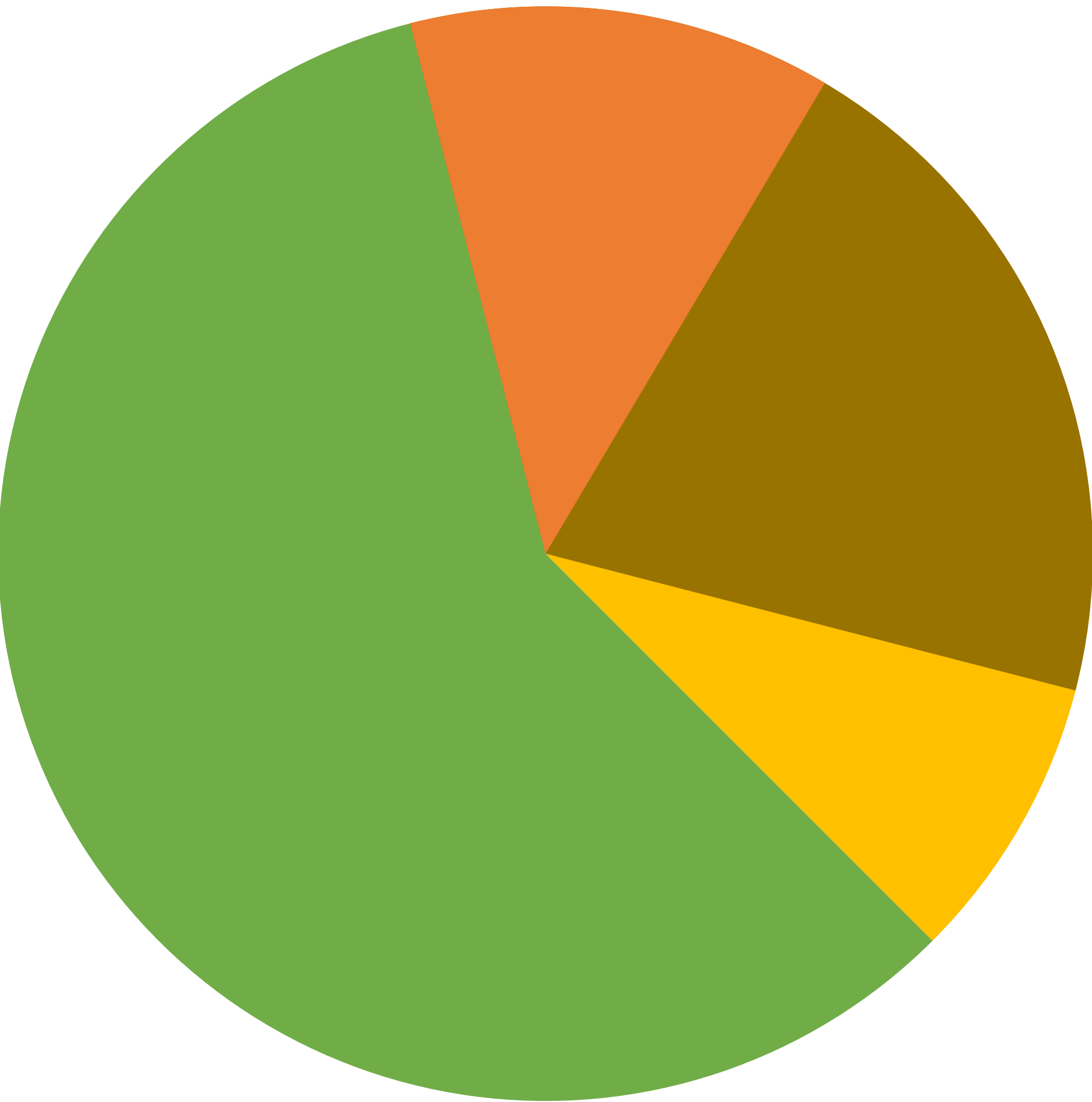
**24.32%**

**Recurrent Expenditure**

It is mainly an expenditure on salaries, allowances, and services, as well as the running costs of the government entity

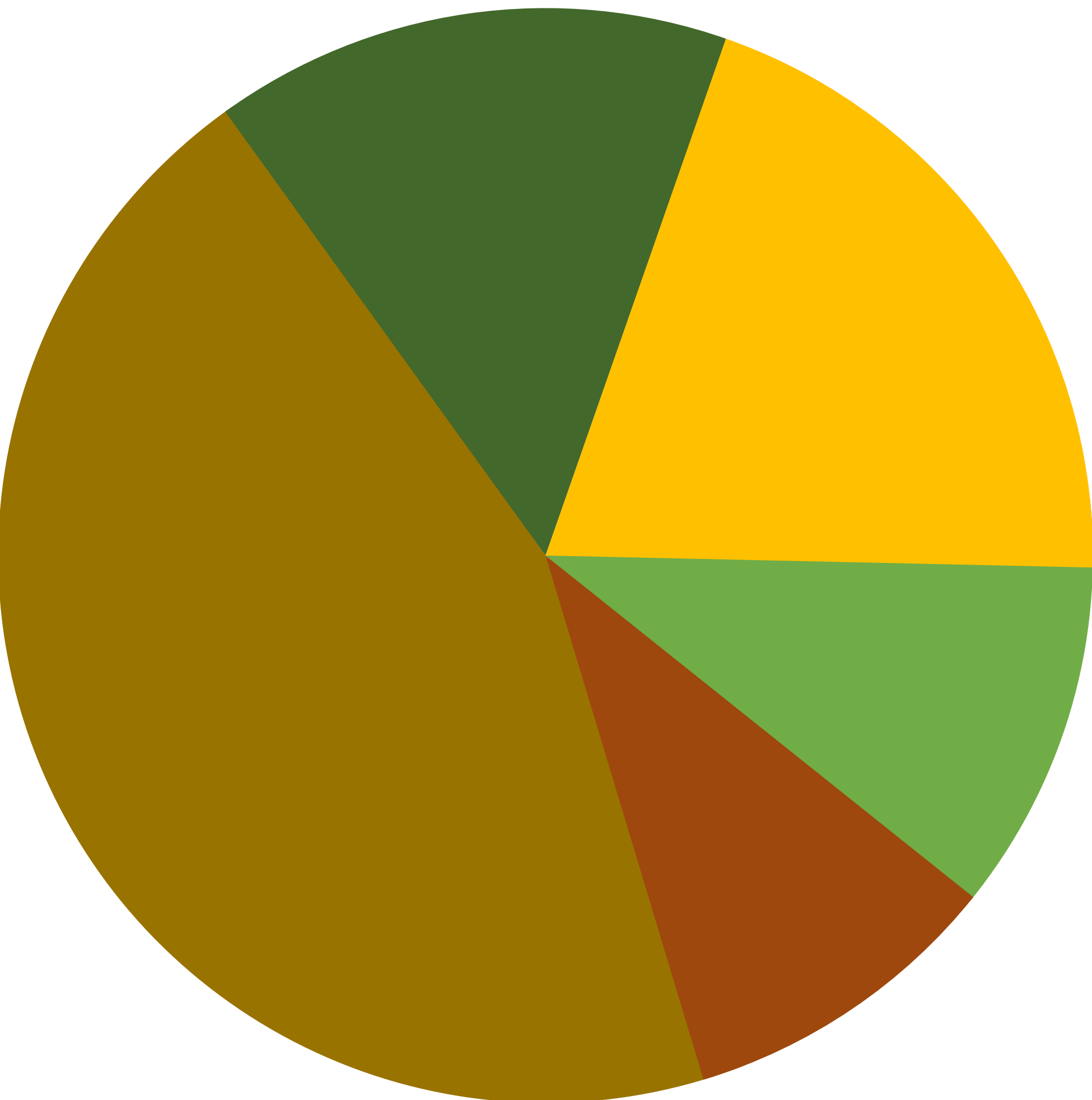


# FISCAL FRAMEWORK



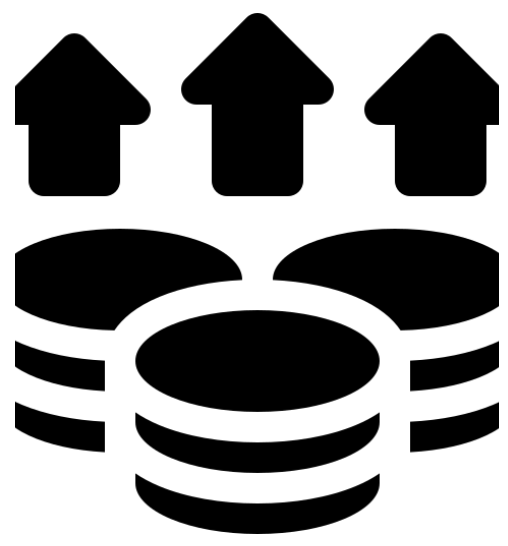
- Capital Projects  
N464.66bn
- Personnel Cost  
N50.64bn
- Overhead Cost  
N29.53bn

- Consolidated Funds  
Charges  
N69.16bn



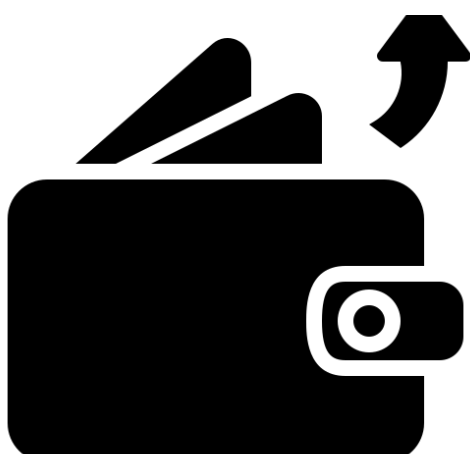
- IGR  
N61.87bn
- Statutory Allocation  
N156.68bn

- External Grants  
N68.41bn
- Internal Grants  
N52.06bn
- Value Added Tax  
N50.64bn



## Revenue

Is the income the government expects to receive from taxes, Federation Allocation Grants, loans, and other sources on behalf of the citizen

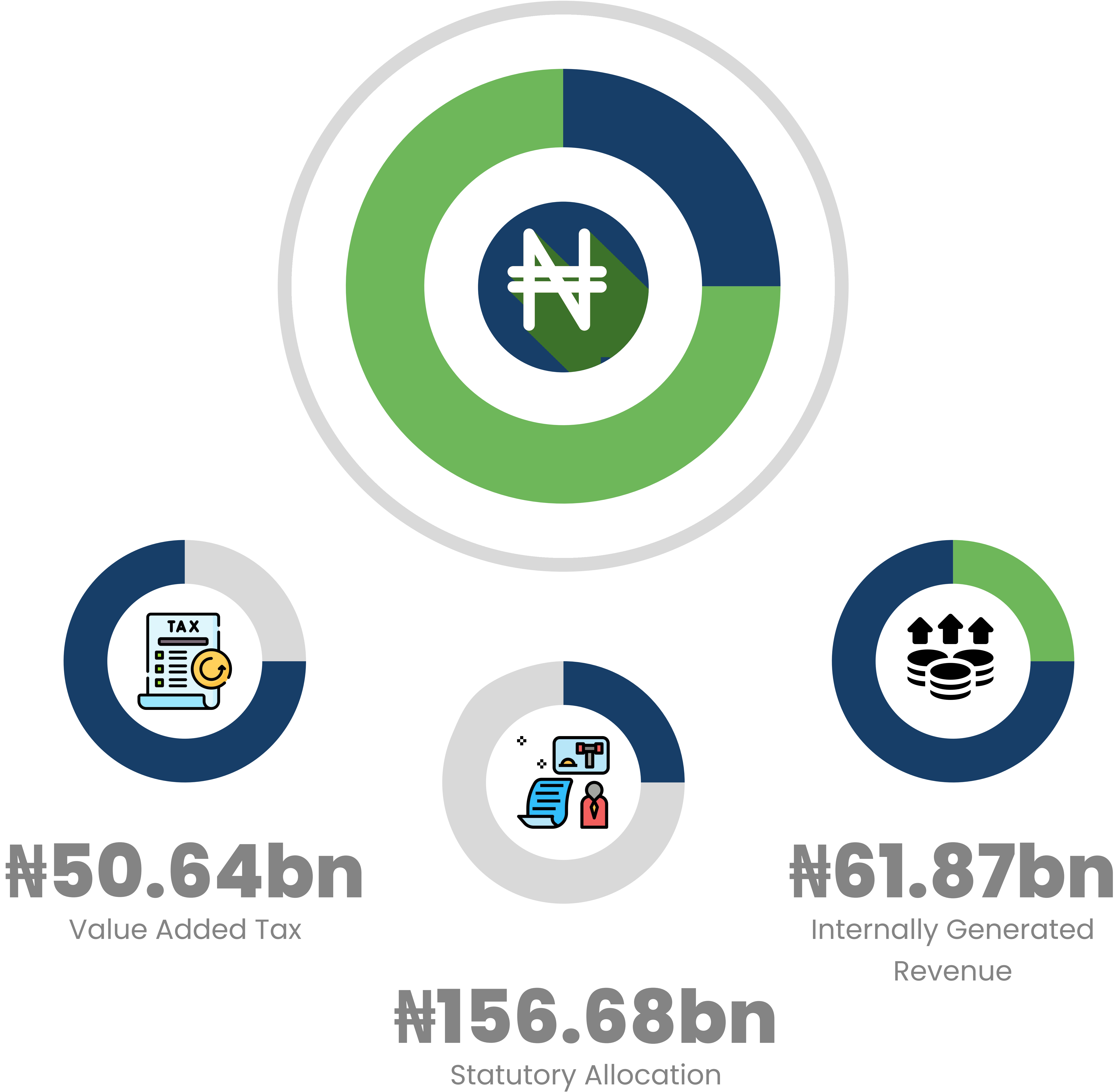


## Expenditure

How the government intends to spend the expected money on behalf of the citizens. This is classified into recurrent and capital expenditure

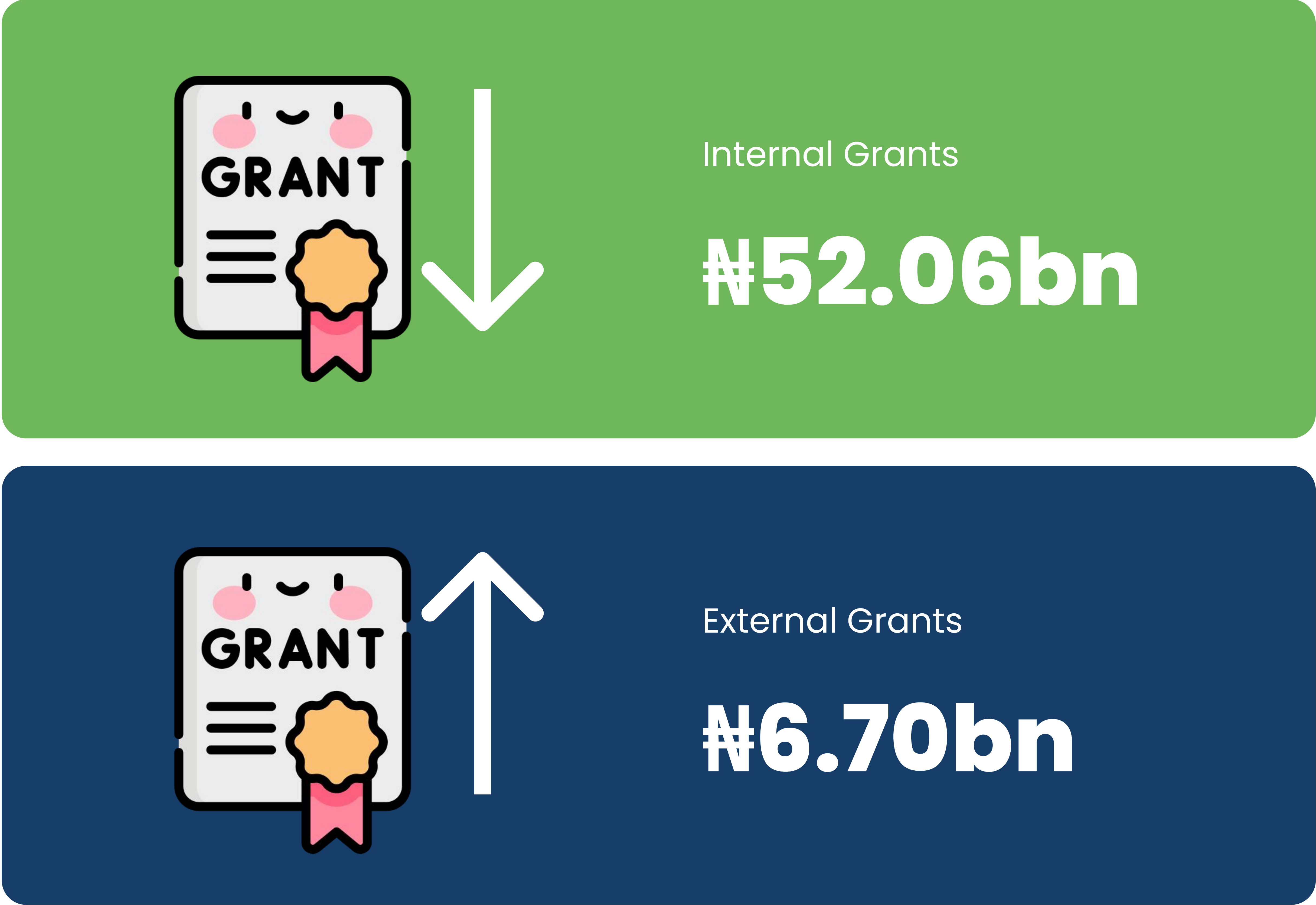


# SOURCE OF FUNDS?





# GRANTS




## GRANTS

Grants are funds given to the government as assistance to complement its efforts in the execution of projects. Grants are non-refundable funds in the form of aid or gifts to enable government impact on citizens.




# LOANS





**₦188.04bn**

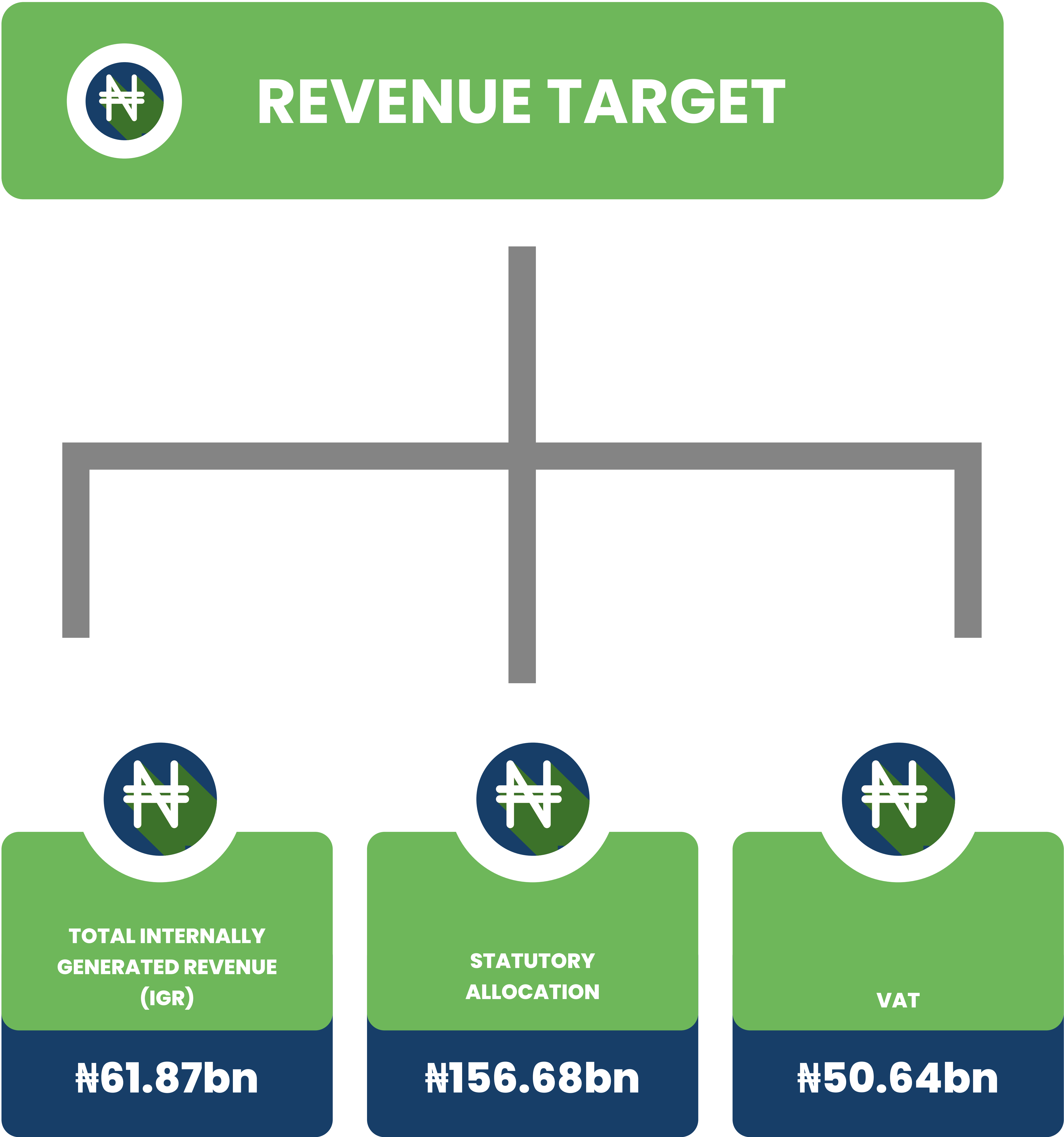
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**₦ 68.41bn**

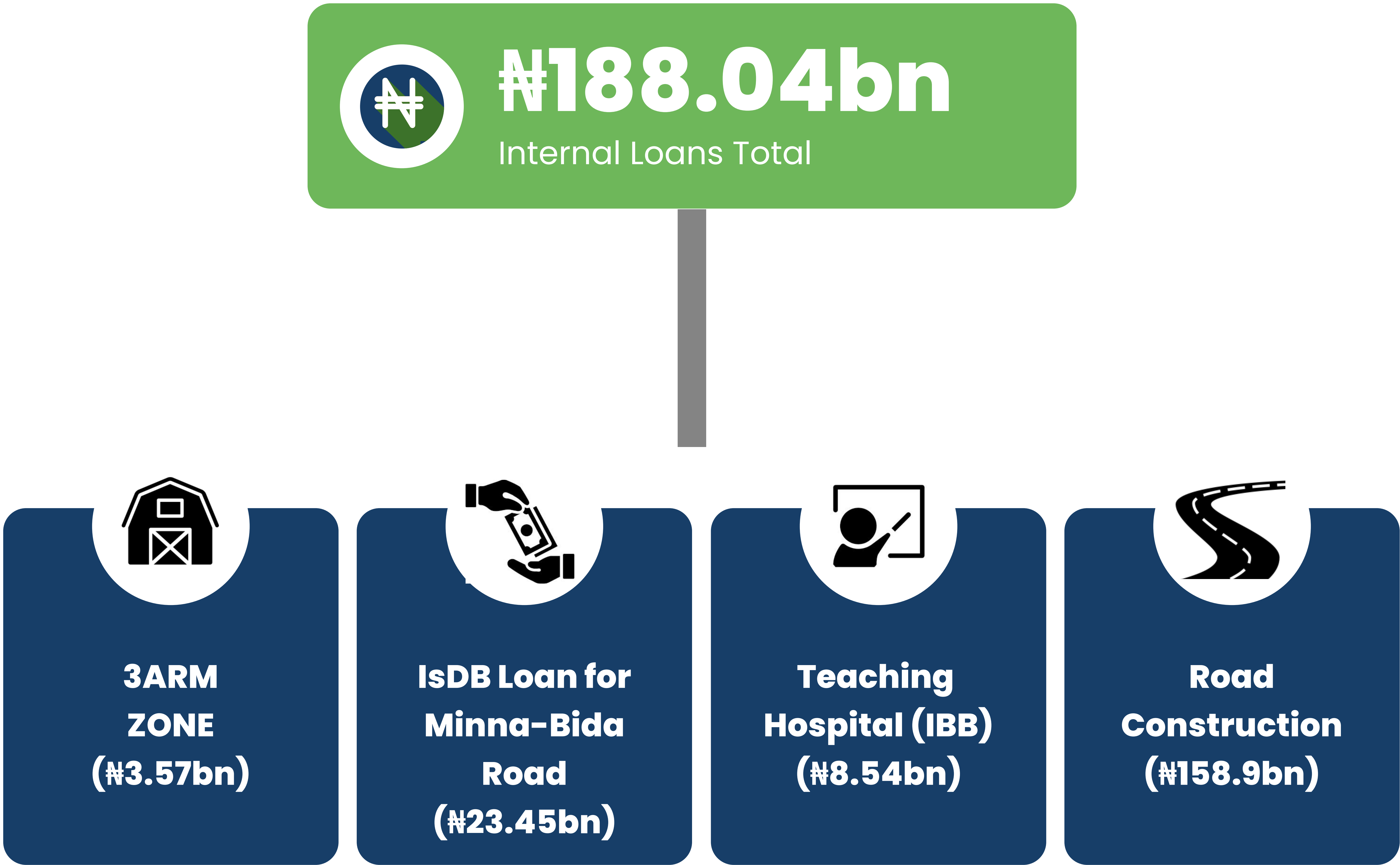
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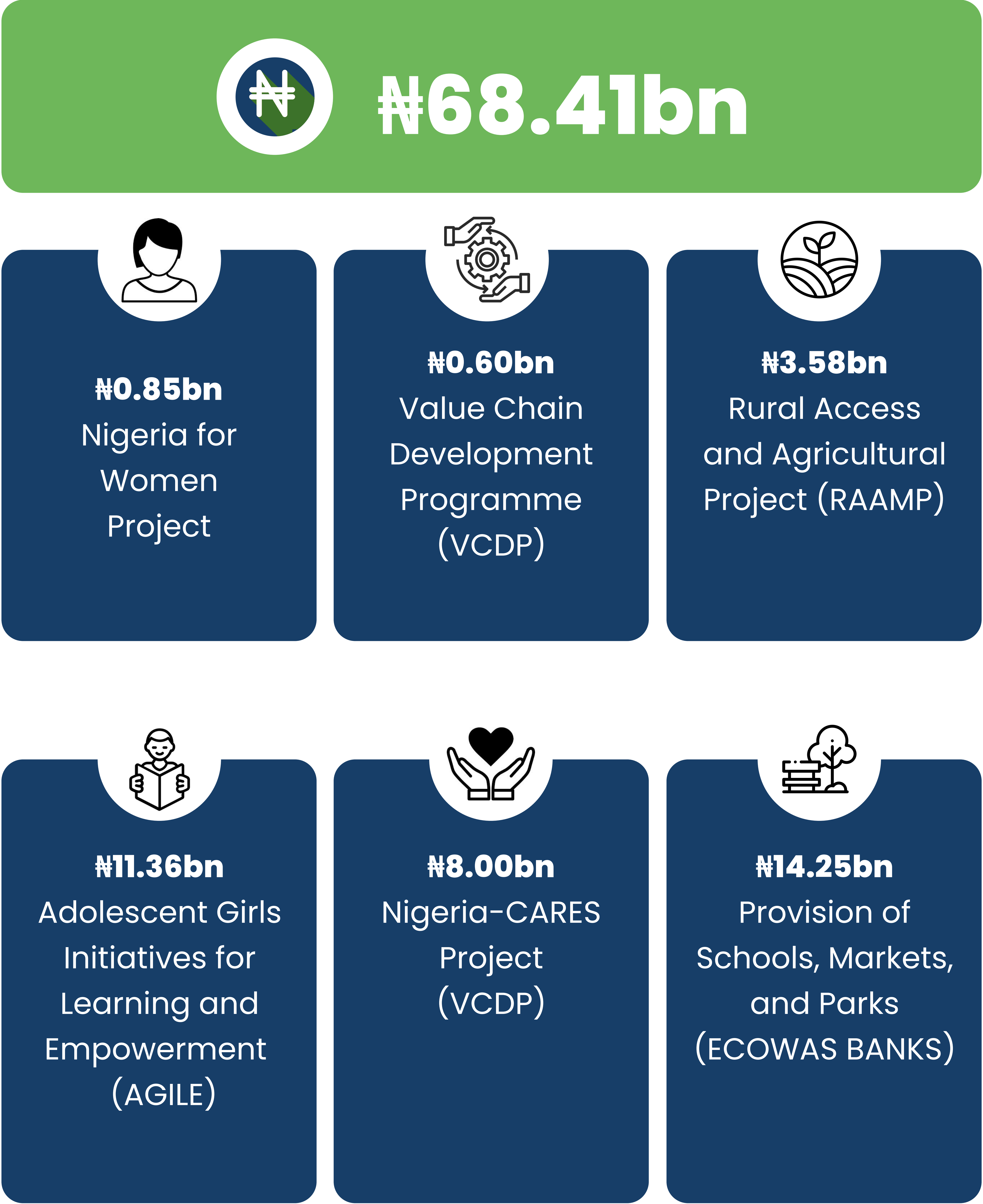




# SOME OF THE LOAN FUNDED PROJECTS

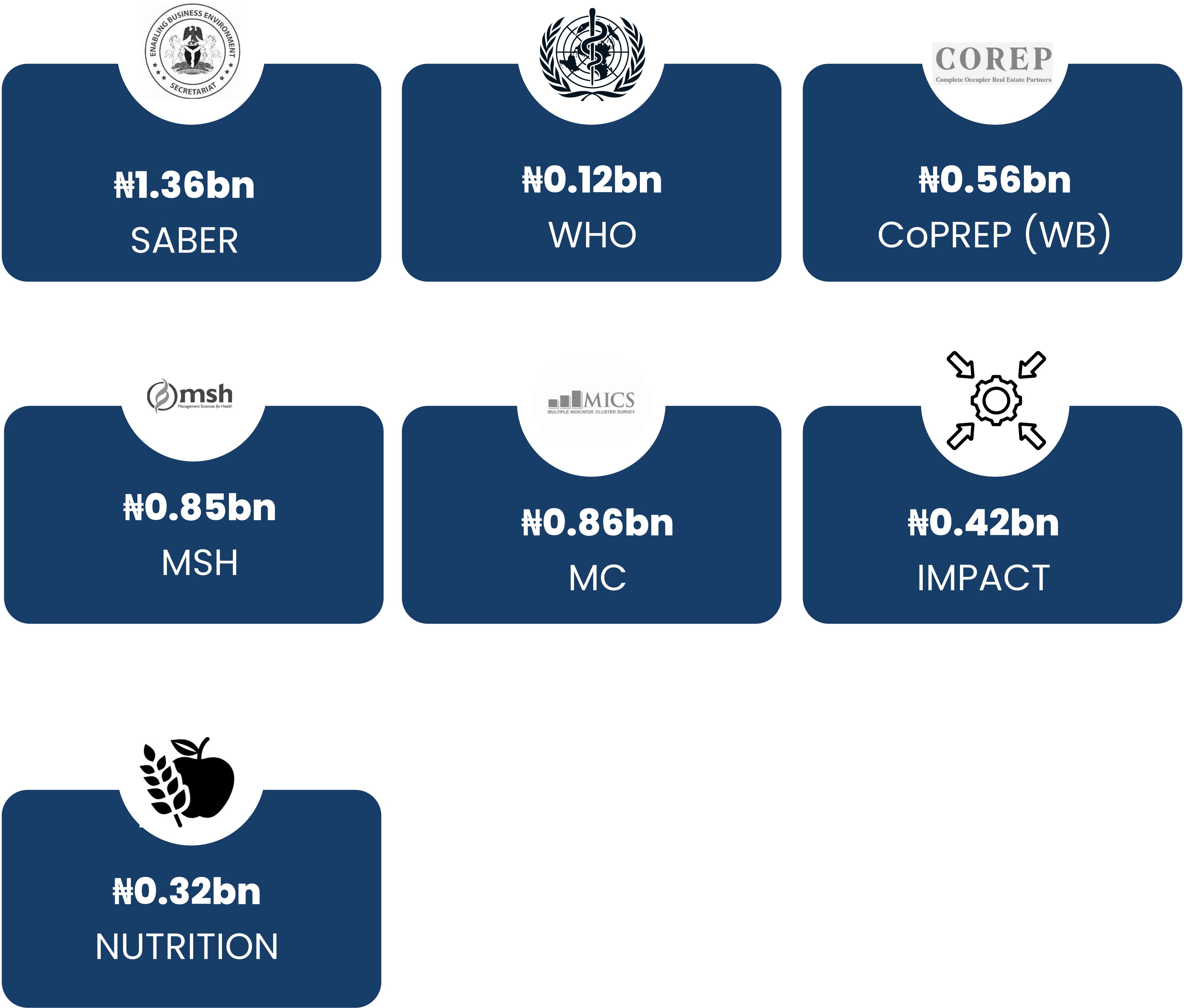


# EXTERNAL LOANS TOTAL

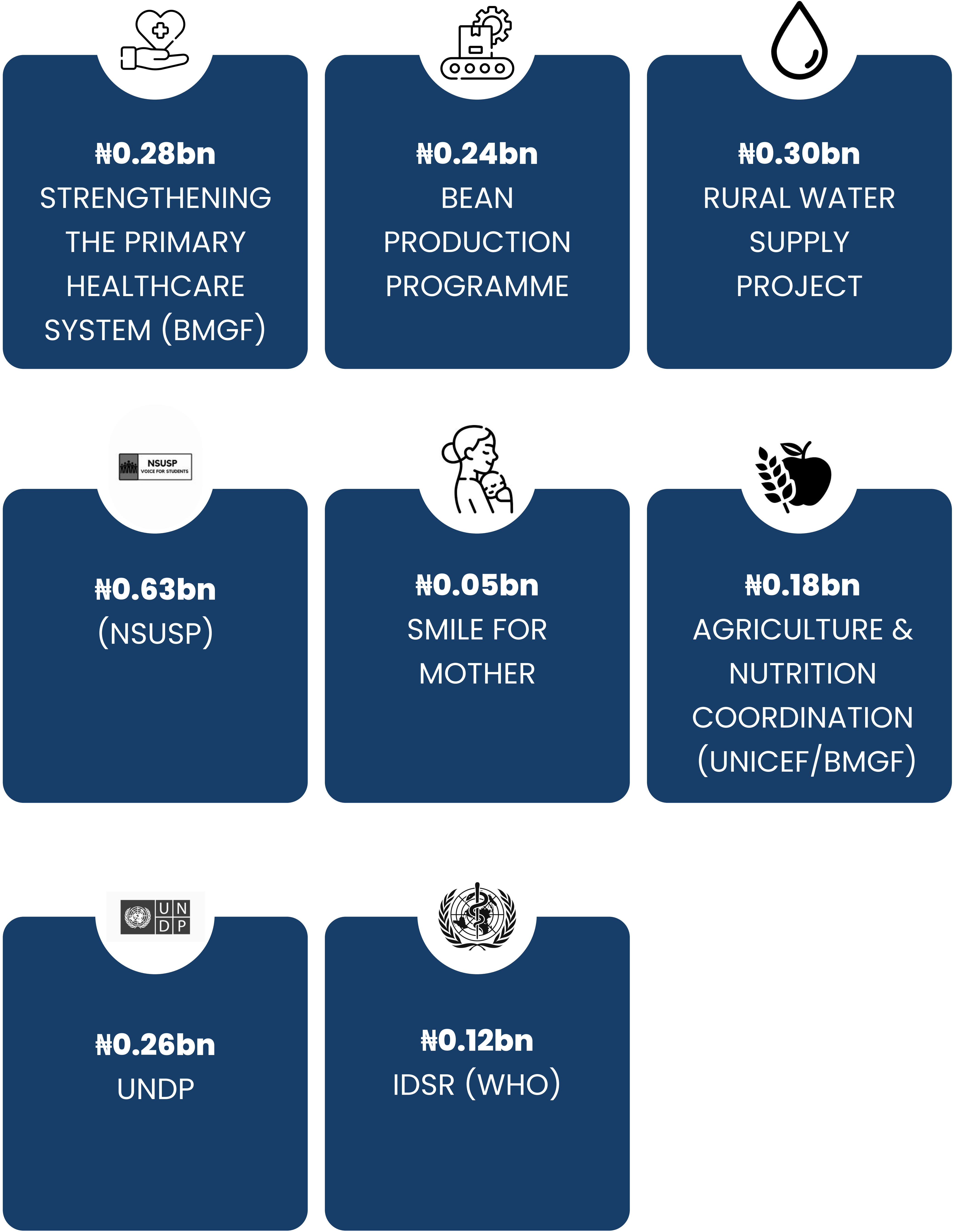




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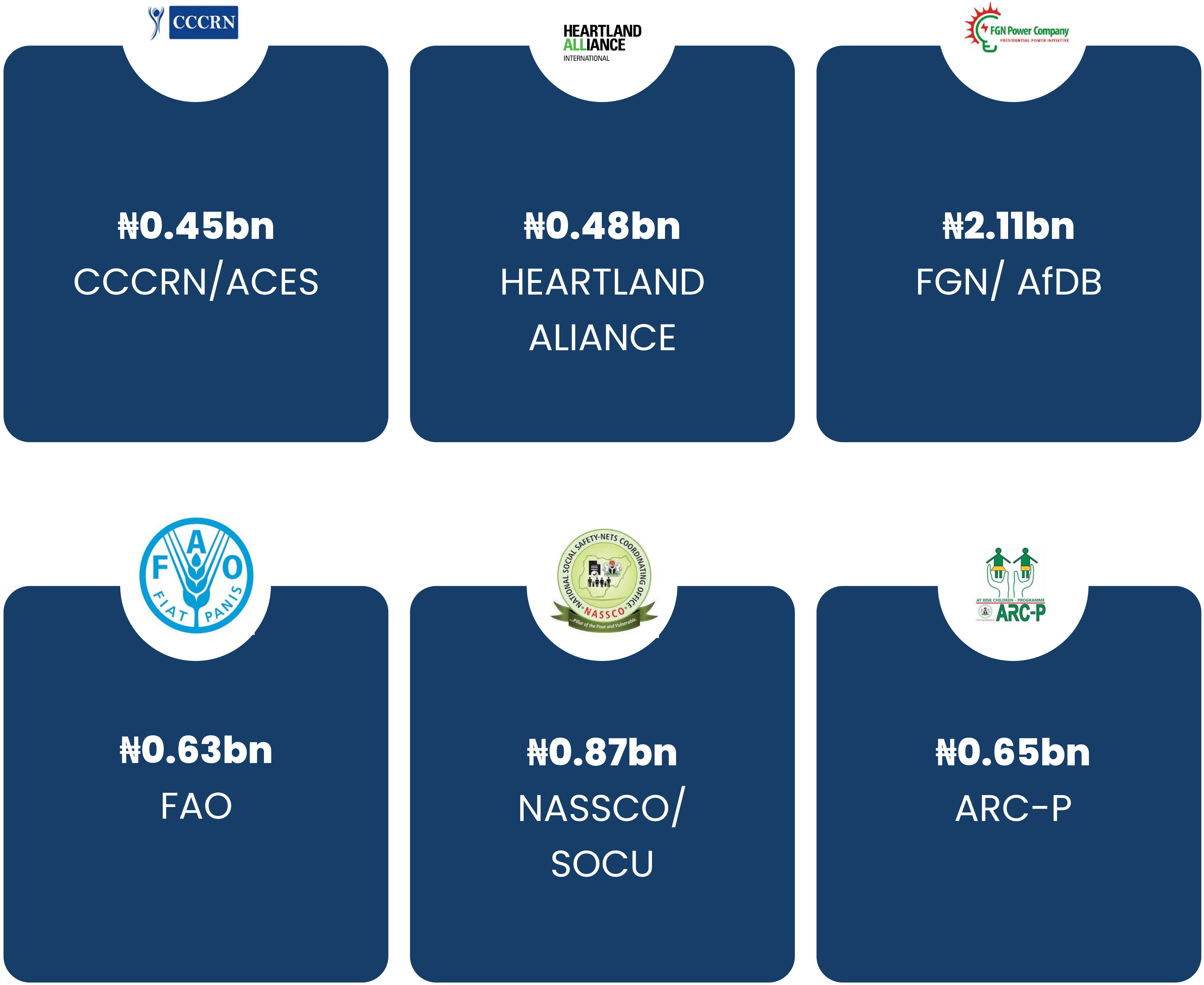




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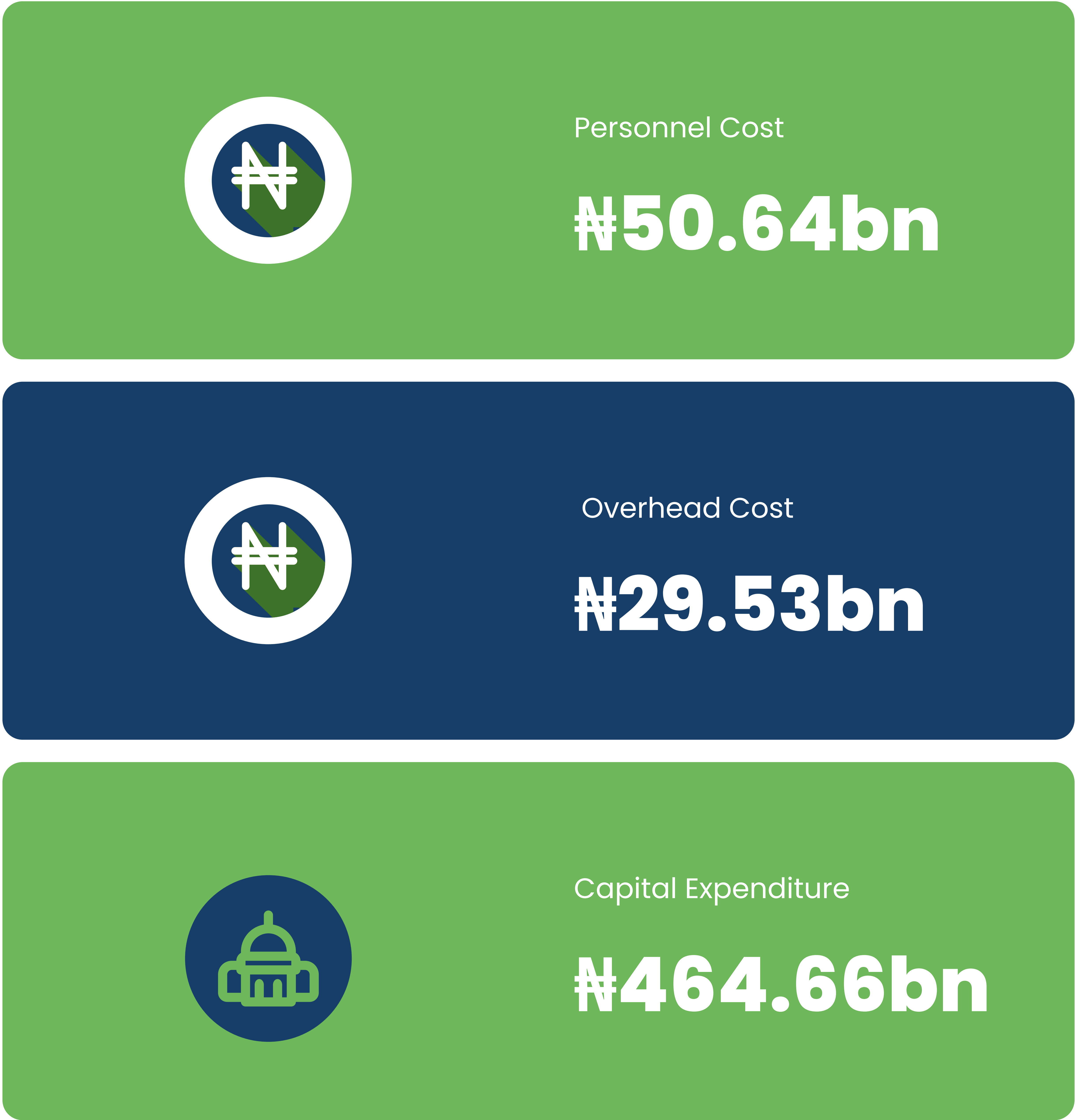
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# HOW WILL THE GOVERNMENT SPEND THE MONEY?

## 2024 SPENDING PLAN: BREAKDOWN



# 2024 TOP SECTOR/MINISTERIAL ALLOCATION





# INTRODUCTION

The Citizens' Budget is a simplified version of the approved estimates presented in an infographic for the citizens to clearly understand the intent of the government. It is one of the positive innovations adopted from the state's participation in the Nigeria Governors' Forum/State Fiscal Transparency, Accountability, and Sustainability Programme (NGF/SFTAS), which was first practiced in 2018. The current edition is the seventh in the series of citizens' budgets produced by the state.

The advent of the Citizens' Budget brought a new dimension to the participation of citizens in governance as it increased their understanding of government finances (inflow and outflow), involvement in decision-making, and implementation of the budget, thereby promoting transparency and accountability.

The Citizens' Budget outlined all government expected revenues and their sources, including loans and grants. Highlights of expenditure, both recurrent and capital, are also defined alongside government entities responsible for their coordination, thus increasing citizens' awareness and giving them the power to engage in meaningful discussions with the government.





# 2024 Budget Presentation By MOHAMMED UMARU BAGO, THE GOVERNOR OF NIGER STATE, PRESENTED AT THE NIGER STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2023

2. I am deeply humbled and privileged to stand here before the 10th Niger State House Assembly to present the 2024 Budget Proposal for scrutiny, legislative consideration, and approval. The 2024 budget, as we are aware, will be the full estimate of this administration, which is geared towards the establishment of a new and sustainable Niger that is full of opportunities for all. It also allows me to acquaint you with our plan for the 2024 fiscal year.

3. Mr. Speaker, let me commend the 10th State Assembly on the timely confirmation of my political nominees and the passage of the 2023 Supplementary Budget, which demonstrates the commitment of the legislature to the development of this state. As a democrat and parliamentarian, I understand the importance of maintaining a harmonious working relationship with other arms of government. Our administration will continue to strengthen the existing synergy and collaborations between the Executive and Legislative Arms of Government to put the state on the path

of sustainable development and achieve our collective objectives for the state.

4. The 2024 budget is a pivotal roadmap toward our shared destiny, which is why we have termed it THE BUDGET OF THE FUTURE. This budget not only addresses the immediate needs of our great state but will also serve as the roadmap for a visionary twenty-year journey embodied in the Niger State Future Initiative. Our social contract with Nigerlites in our manifesto is to improve livelihoods, foster a sustainable economy, uphold good governance, and advance both urban and rural development, which defines the essence of this transformative initiative.



Therefore, let us together embark on a journey that paves the way for a prosperous and sustainable future for all.

### **The Journey So Far**

5. Mr. Speaker, distinguished Members, since the inception of this administration on May 29, 2023, we have embarked on transformation efforts for a new and sustainable Niger to change the negative narratives and improve the quality of lives in the state. We thus embarked on the following:

1. The groundbreaking of urban renewal projects in Minna and the Ring Road Project in Bida
2. Payment of a 20% subsidy on 100 trucks of fertilizer
3. Payment of counter-parts arrears to donor-supported projects in the state (such as ATAPS, NG-CARES, Value Chain Development, FADAMA, AGILE, Acresal Projects, and others.)
4. Support for dry season farmers for the cultivation of 4,000 hectares of land
5. Procurement of 200 units of compressed natural gas (CNG) buses for ease of transportation
6. Repairs and fixing of 33 existing NSTA buses
7. Payment of N3.5 billion in compensation on Minna-Bida Road
8. Repairs of Dr. Abubakar Imam Kagara International Airport, Minna
9. Hosting the 1st Niger State Green Economy Summit to harness the green assets for the posterity of the state.
10. Settlement of the N600 million debt owed by the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC)
11. Secured approval for the establishment of the Niger State University of Education to increase access to tertiary education and scholarships
12. Payment of outstanding debts to WAEC and NECO
13. Conversion of the Shiroro Hotel into the IBBU Lapai Teaching Hospital
14. Procurement of Equipment for IBB Specialist Hospital
15. Placement of Medical Students on Salary Grade Level 10
16. Engagement of 1000 Health Workers and 26 Medical Doctors
17. Development of the 3 Arms Zone
18. Re-construction of the SSG's Office
19. Establishment of a gold shop in Minna for gold development and the value chain.
20. Procurement of 15 Compactor Refuse Collection Vans



## 2024 Budget

6. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the preparation of the 2024 budget commenced with citizens' engagement (town hall meetings) in six locations across the three senatorial zones of the state: Minna, Kutigi, Katcha, Kuta, Mariga, and Agwara, of which 355 project ideas and requests were harvested from stakeholders. The sessions were attended by civil society and faith-based organizations; women and youth organizations; state and local government officials; and trade unions, among others. The harvested ideas were forwarded to relevant MDAs and local government councils for inclusion in their 2024 budget proposals. The aim is to ensure inclusion and greater citizen participation in the budgeting process, thereby entrenching openness, accountability, and transparency as enunciated in the Open Governance Partnership (OGP) Initiative, of which Nigeria is a signatory and Niger State has keyed in.

7. Mr. Speaker, in pursuit of our transformation into building a new and sustainable Niger, the 2024 budget will focus on the following priority areas:

- I. Urban Renewal and Rural Transformation
- II. Security of Lives and Property
- III. Infrastructural Development
- IV. Agriculture and Food Security
- V. Education
- VI. Health
- VII. Water and Sanitation
- VIII. Women and Children
- IX. Environmental Sustainability

## X. Special Needs People and Elderly Care

8. The 2024 Budget will also focus on self-sufficiency through intensive internal revenue generation by exploring all available sources, blocking leakages, and all revenue-generating MDAs to account for all revenue receipts. To this end, the practice of "generate and utilize" by all MDAs, including tertiary institutions, is hereby abolished. Mechanisms for the operation of this directive are being worked out as we diversify the state revenue base.

9. Mr. Speaker, we will reinvigorate our efforts through genuine public-private initiatives to attract both domestic and foreign direct investment into the state. We will key into the National Financing Framework, encourage corporate social responsibility, and facilitate the ease of doing business to encourage investors and industrialists to visit the state. Also, the intervention of development partners will



continuously be effectively coordinated, monitored, and evaluated to ensure maximum results.

### The 2024 Revenue Profile

10. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, a total sum of N613, 274,081,698.17 has been proposed for the 2024 fiscal year. The proposal is made up of N149,217,969,152.00, representing 24.33% of recurrent expenditure, and N464,056,832,546.60, or 75.67% of the total budget size, as a capital estimate. The budget is to be financed through recurrent revenue of N298,052,655,520.00, made up of:

1. Statutory Allocation: N155,963,711,064.00
2. Value Added Tax: N50,644,000,750.00
3. Internally Generated Revenue: N61,868,620,968.35
4. Excess Crude/Other Revenue: N9,576,322,737.00
5. SURE-P Refund: -N20,000,000,000.00
- Total: N298,052,655,520.00

11. The budget is also to be financed by capital receipts of N315,322,146,178.00, which are made up of N256,459,074,825.00 and N58,763,071,353.00 as loans and grants, respectively. The proposed 2024 budget is based on the Economic and Fiscal Update (EFU), Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP), and Budget Statement (BPS) 2024–2026 as passed by this Honourable Assembly. The budget will therefore be based on the following assumptions:

1. Expected N5.1 billion in monthly internally generated revenue collection

2. Abolition of “generate and utilize by all MDAs
3. Implementation of the State and Local Government Harmonized Revenue Law
4. Automation of IGR collection using ICT to block leakages
5. Introduction of 5% contract processing fees; entertainment in hotels and resorts, among others.
6. A proposed exchange rate of N750 per USD
7. A projected national inflation rate of 21.40% and a GDP growth rate of 3.78%
8. Crude oil price benchmark of US\$65 and production benchmark of 1.60 million barrels per day
9. Expected Capital Receipt Inflow of N315,322,146,178.00

### Expenditure Estimates

12. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, let me now present the details of the 2024 budget proposals. The proposed recurrent expenditure for the 2024 fiscal year is N149,217,969,152.00, representing 24.33% of the budget, which consists of the following:

1. Personnel Cost: N50,614,456,657.11



2. Overhead Cost:  
N29,446,590,341.00
3. Consolidated Revenue: N69,156,922,153.39  
Total: N149,217,969,152

### Capital Expenditure

13. The capital expenditure outlay for the 2024 financial year is estimated to be N464,056,832,546.60, or 75.67% of the total budget size, with the following key projects and programs:

### Sectoral Breakdown

14. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the transformation of a new and sustainable Niger State has commenced. We shall be methodical and pursue it with vigor to achieve the set objectives, as we have identified our priorities and mapped out implementation strategies. For us to achieve this laudable dream, the 2024 Proposed Budget is hereby themed 'The Budget of the Future' with a proposed capital expenditure of N464,056,832,546.60, which represents 75.67% of the total budget.

### Agriculture

15. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, there is no denying that land remains our greatest asset in the Niger State; this arable land, with the presence of large water bodies, makes our state agrarian. Therefore, we shall leverage our comparative advantage to ensure food security by making sure that farmers have access to improved agricultural inputs,

the cultivation of more land, extension services, the provision of tractors, and support for initiatives and donor activities in the agricultural sector. The government has earmarked funds for the purchase and stockpiling of assorted grains to address food price fluctuations in the state.

16. In the 2024 fiscal year, the government will procure equipment and machinery, including 300 units of MF375 Power Steering Tractors and farm implements for farmers, in addition to the development of 250,000 hectares of land for cultivation across the 25 LGAs. Furthermore, irrigation support will be provided to communities to ensure all-year farming activities as well as fertilizers for better yield. The Niger State Agricultural Mechanization Authority (NAMDA) will be repositioned to enable it to effectively undertake its agricultural extension and research services to farmers. To this end, we shall invest a sum of N43.5 billion in the agricultural sector to attract at least 1 billion US dollars of investment to the state.



This will be pertinent for us to harness the potential of our green economy.

### **Rural Development**

17. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, one of the key priorities of this administration is the transformation of our rural areas, as the majority of the people in Niger State reside in rural communities. This informed our decision to create the Ministry of Rural Development to resuscitate the Ward Development Project Initiative to accelerate rural development. Therefore, a sum of N6.8 billion is proposed for the implementation of community-driven development projects in our 274 political wards across the state.

18. The government will develop the Rural Infrastructure Master Plan to guide rural development planning in the state. Also in 2024, a total of 112 km of rural feeder roads will be constructed, rehabilitated, and surfaced across the state. Let me emphasize that in the year 2024, the provision of social amenities (electricity, primary health care facilities, primary schools, and markets) in rural communities will receive the desired attention to open up rural communities and improve the living standard of the rural populace to enhance economic activities.

### **Livestock and Nomadic Affairs**

19. Mr. Speaker, in the outgoing year, the Ministry of Nomadic and Pastoral Affairs was created to address challenges faced by pastoralists with efforts to bring to an end the lingering hostility between herdsmen

and farmers. In 2024, the government intends to establish a data bank for nomads and pastoralists in the state. We will construct milk collection centers across the state, establish pilot ranches and grazing reserves, and establish community ranches at Hamdalla (Lapai LGA), Kungu Fulani (Bosso LGA), and Rungan Ardo Sanda (Wushishi LGA). A sum of N700 million has been proposed for the capital expenditure of the Ministry of Nomadic Affairs.

20. Also under the livestock sub-sector, as part of the deliberate efforts to avert farmers/herdsmen clashes, the gazetting of five additional grazing reserves will be undertaken in collaboration with the Federal Government. The sum of N625.756 million has been earmarked for the development of Sheyi Grazing Reserves. The overhaul of Tagwai Livestock Improvement and Breeding Centre, statewide vaccination of animals, and construction of Minna Ultra-Modern Abbairetoirs.



Tayi and Grade 'C' Abbaitoirs at Kuta, Mokwa, and Wushishi will be accorded priority. The livestock sub-sector has a proposed allocation of N13.663 billion in 2024.

### **Infrastructure, Housing, and Urban Renewal**

21. Mr. Speaker, in realization of the importance of infrastructure in societal development, the government embarked on urban renewal projects and commenced road flagship projects in Minna and Bida. In the 2024 fiscal year, the government will continue with the construction, rehabilitation, completion, and maintenance of roads across the state. These include the reconstruction and expansion of township roads phases I and II in Minna, the 41-km Bida Ring Road. Similarly, the construction of 50km of roads each in Kontagora, Suleja, and Bida will be undertaken, in addition to the construction of township roads in 17 LGA headquarters, namely Agaie, Enagi, Lemu, Katcha, Lapai, Kutigi, Nasko, Tafa, Shiroro, Mashegu, Mokwa, Sarkin Pawa, Kagara, and Paiko.

22. Distinguished Members, fellow Nigerlites, all necessary arrangements have been finalized for the commencement of the construction of the 71.5-kilometer Garatu-KKataregi-Bida road to be financed by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Abu Dhabi Development Fund (ADF). Furthermore, in the 2024 fiscal year, the government intends to embark on the

following road projects: the completion of 41 km of Minna and Suleja roads, Tegini to Zungeru, Erena township road, Kontagora to Rijau, and Dikko to Enagi roads, among several others to be constructed. The completion of these road projects will ease traffic flow in the state and reduce road accidents, the cost of transportation, vehicle maintenance, and ultimately travel time.

23. In the 2024 fiscal year, our drive for urban renewal will provide high-target digital instruments to the Niger State Geographic Information Service (NIGIS) and the Office of Surveyor General to enable them to carry out the responsibility of well-planned cities and towns across the state. The review of Minna and Suleja Master Plans, the development of rural master plans for Mokwa, Paiko, Kuta, and Wushishi, and the payment of compensation to property owners whose properties will be affected as a result of our urban renewal drive will be accorded priority.



24. Mr. Speaker, the government is committed to the completion of the 300-unit housing estate at Maikunkele and the re-development of the abandoned 3 Arms Zone Project, as contractors have since mobilized to the site. Furthermore, in partnership with the private sector, we will be constructing 2,500 housing units across the state in the year 2024.

The infrastructure, lands, and urban renewal have a total proposed capital allocation of N220,649,503,477.11, which represents 42% of the entire budget for 2024.

### **Transport**

25. In the 2024 fiscal year, the procured 200 units of CNG buses will be put into use to alleviate transport challenges occasioned by fuel subsidy removal and to ease inter- and intra-city mobility. The civil servants will commute to work at a subsidized rate, while students will be transported to school free of charge.

26. Mr. Speaker, the government notes with concern the attitude of indiscriminate parking of heavy trucks in our cities and, to this effect, will embark on the construction of trailer parks at Mokwa, Madallah, Lambatta, Tegini, and Kontagora with a budgetary provision of N5.155 billion. To further ensure safety, obey traffic rules, and generate revenue, the operations of the Motor Vehicle Administration Agency and the Traffic Management Agency will be enhanced through the engagement of qualified personnel,

the provision of operational equipment, and a conducive office environment for better performance.

27. The government intends to invest in and explore other means of transportation, such as rail, air, and water, for improved socio-economic activities. To this end, we will purchase a 75-hp Yamaha engine for the ferry at Rofia, construct a ferry at Guzzan and Rofia, and procure three water boats for Gbajiko, Zumba, and Kuta.

We will also procure life jackets for the safety of our people. We will continue to invest in the Minna airport to reposition it for agro exports and unlock its potential across the aviation value chain.

### **Energy**

28. Mr. Speaker, the importance of electricity in the economic and social development of the people cannot be overemphasized. In 2024, we will pursue with vigor the completion of all ongoing rural electrification projects across the state,



and we will also provide electricity to Magama. Provision of transformers and maintenance of streetlights in Minna, Bida, and Kontagora will be accorded priority. Also in the coming fiscal year, in partnership with the private sector, mini-grid (solar) and mini-hydro systems will be developed to improve power supply across the state. In 2024, we plan to extend access to electricity to at least 30,000 people.

### **Investment, Commerce, and Tourism**

29. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, in our quest for a new and sustainable Niger, there is an urgent need to grow our economy as well as improve our revenue base. In this regard, we will embark on an industrialization drive, engage in genuine partnerships, and improve our ease of doing business to attract investors. To this end, the Niger State Investment Promotion Agency will be re-positioned for enhanced service delivery. We will pursue to a logical conclusion all the MOUs that were signed with pledges of investment that were made to the state.

30. Hospitality and tourism have become a goldmine, and our administration is poised to create a first-class tourism industry given our state's numerous tourist sites and rich cultural heritage. Therefore, we have earmarked the sum of N5 billion for the resuscitation and completion of the abandoned Minna Five-Star Hotel. We shall continue to support efforts aimed at preserving traditional festivals and

state participation in national and international cultural festivals. In 2024, going by our projections in the sector, we are expecting at least 3 billion US dollars in investment.

### **Water Resources and Dam Development**

31. The importance of water to human existence is unquantifiable. In the 2024 fiscal year, the government will pursue the rehabilitation of five bi-water schemes at Sabon Wuse, Kutigi, Salka, Takuti, and Mariga. As part of our responsibility to provide portable drinking water to the people, we will rehabilitate 12 waterworks and drill 333 boreholes to increase access to potable water for about 348,000 residents of the state.

32. The Niger State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency will be reinvigorated to enable it to perform the role of construction and drilling of boreholes in rural communities, as the government will procure new drilling rigs and accessories at a cost of N300 million.



The water supply sub-sector has a proposed capital expenditure of N5,197,278,304.58.

### **Environment and climate change**

33. Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members, the issue of environmental management and the conservation of nature for the sake of future generations is pivotal to this administration. This was demonstrated by convening the Green Economy Summit, where environmental issues were discussed. Resulting from that summit, the Niger State Green Economy Blueprint was developed and launched during the COP28 Climate Change Summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, UAE. The government is committed to the implementation of the policy to ensure maximum utilization of our land assets and to set the pace for the carbon economy in the country.

34. In 2024, the planting and maintenance of trees in settlements, the demarcation of forest reserves, the distillation of mega drainage systems and waterways, in addition to undertaking erosion and flood control measures and an ecological survey of erosion sites in the state by the Ministry of Environment, will be carried out. The government has mapped out strategies for massive tree planting across the state in the year 2024. Also, the Niger State Environmental Protection Agency (NISEPA) will be provided with waste compactor vans, operational vehicles, and Gully Emptyer Trucks as part of its efforts to ensure a

cleaner environment.

### **Solid Minerals**

35. Mr. Speaker, as part of the efforts to maximize the benefits of our mineral endowments, the government will continue to support the oil exploration in the Bida Basin. We shall continue to seek partnerships in exploration and provide effective coordination and regulation platforms for artisanal mining to boost our internal revenue drive. We will support the recently established international gold market to further enhance the opportunities for gold mining in the state.

### **Education**

36. The education sub-sector has a proposed estimate of N76,276,508,605.59 in the 2024 fiscal year, making it 14.55% of our total budget. We will build 95 schools, including six mega-model schools in Minna, Bida, Suleja, Bosso, and Kontagora, to increase access to quality education. Furthermore, 325 schools will be renovated, including whole school



development projects.

37. Kitchen utensils will be procured for 56 boarding schools in line with the enhanced school feeding initiative. Given the importance of technical and vocational education, N1.512 billion is earmarked for the complete renovation and equipping of technical schools in Suleja, Kontagora, and Jebba. The government also earmarked the sum of N1.8 billion as a matching grant to UBEC and committed to the payment of counterpart funds to supported projects and programs in the sector.

38. Similarly, continuous support will be extended to tertiary institutions to meet their accreditation requirements and infrastructural development. In our desire to increase access to tertiary education, the Niger State University of Education is being set up and has a proposed allocation of N20 billion for takeoff. Through our existing MoU with Kent State University, Ohio, we will set up the Niger State–Kent State Center as a center of fusion for tertiary education, special skills development, knowledge exchange, and more.

### **Health Sub-Sector**

39. The health sub-sector has a proposed budgetary allocation of N42.7 billion. In our efforts to strengthen the primary healthcare system in the state, we created the Ministry of Primary Health Care. In 2024, the government will build 35 primary healthcare centers and renovate, equip, and upgrade

over 200 primary healthcare centers across the 25 local government areas of the state. We will sustain and strengthen the existing partnerships with UNICEF, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and other relevant partners to enhance the quality of health.

40. Mr. Speaker, in the area of secondary healthcare, the sum of N300 million is earmarked for upgrading six (6) primary healthcare centers to rural hospitals at Katcha, Enagi, Sarkin Pawa, Agwara, Lemu, and Mariga. In the year 2024, the completion of the ongoing re-modeling and upgrading of general hospitals at Minna, Suleja, Kontagora, and Tunga Magajiya will be pursued. The renovation and furnishing of other general hospitals at Bida Agaie, Kagara, Kutigi, and Mokwa will be undertaken.

41. Furthermore, the sum of N8,038,800,000.00 has been earmarked for the purchase of health equipment to be supplied to general hospitals across the state. Under tertiary healthcare,



the sum of N2.253 billion has been allocated for the conversion of Shiroro Hotel to a teaching hospital and N968.751 million for the procurement and installation of essential medical equipment.

### **Social Development**

42. The care of vulnerable and special needs people is paramount to this administration. Also, in our quest to empower women through our collaboration with the World Bank, the government will support the Nigeria for Women Project to scale up its intervention to the remaining 22 LGAs of the state following its impressive performance in the pilot LGAs of Agaie, Gurara, and Wushishi. To this end, 123,120 women will receive grants for empowerment. The renovation and equipping of Women Skills Centers in the three (3) Senatorial Zones to enhance the training of vulnerable women will be carried out, and the rehabilitation of Remand and Orphanage Homes will all be undertaken during the fiscal year. Also, in 2024, we will take care of the vulnerable among us. 50,000 vulnerable people will receive cash transfers, and 10,000 youth will receive social protection grants.

### **Youth and Sports Development**

43. Mr. Speaker, the focus of the government on youth and sports development to redirect their energy toward productive ventures away from restiveness will be pursued in 2024. Our emphasis during the year will be on training the youths of Niger State on basic empowerment

for social transformation, while renovation of the Abdulsalam Youth Center and the NYSC Camp at Paiko will also be carried out. The government will embark on the renovation and upgrading of Bako Kontagora Memorial Stadium to enable our state darling team, the Niger Tornadoes, to play its home games in Minna. Other sports centers, such as the handball complex, and the construction of basketball and volleyball courts at M.I. Wushishi Housing Estate will also be undertaken.

44. In the 2024 fiscal year, the government will be equipping 1,000 youth with special skills across critical sectors of the economy through the Skills for the Future Initiative. These sectors include agriculture, aviation, information technology, and governance. The Trade Fair Complex will be converted into a multipurpose complex for sports and recreation, and it will be named Bola Tinubu Square (BTS).



## Law and Justice Sector

45. The welfare and development of our judges for quick dispensation of justice in the state will be a top priority of this administration. Therefore, the sum of N2.730 billion is proposed as capital expenditure and allocated for the law and justice sector in the 2024 fiscal year. The completion of the Attorney General's Office and Rent Tribunal Office in Kontagora and the renovation of Rent Tribunal Offices in Minna and Suleja will be undertaken. A new Sharia Court of Appeal Complex and Khadis Quarters will be constructed at the 3 Arms Zone, in addition to the renovation and re-modelling of court buildings across the state.

## Administrative Sector

46. Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members, the successful implementation of any government policy and, by extension, annual appropriation depends on the role and caliber of the civil service. In this regard, the government has proposed a sum of N16.846 billion for the renovation of offices to provide an enabling environment, the provision of office equipment, and capacity building to enhance effective planning and execution of government policy and programs. The sum of N3.90 billion is also allocated for the construction and furnishing of offices and accommodation for development partners, the construction of administrative blocks, and the renovation of government guest houses. The Niger State House of Assembly has proposed N209 million for the renovation of the complex

and the procurement of ICT equipment. Other activities in the administrative sector include the renovation and facelift of the State Secretariat Complex, the provision of primary internet to all MDAs, humanitarian, security, pilgrimage, and disaster management in the state.

## Information

47. Mr. Speaker, information dissemination is vital in any democratic environment for people to be enlightened and keyed into the government's policies and programs that are beneficial to them. The government is aware of the deplorable conditions of its state-owned media outfits (Radio Niger, Niger State Television, and Newline Newspapers) and is determined to revamp them to enable the media outfits to perform their traditional roles for effective Information, education, and entertainment.



## Conclusion

48. Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members, and Distinguished Nigerlites, we are at the threshold of evolving a new and sustainable Nigeria. This calls for cooperation and understanding from all. In the first quarter of 2024, we will launch our long-term, medium-term, and all our sectoral plans. To achieve our vision, sustainability will be mainstreamed into all our plans, particularly through our green economy initiative. All hands, therefore, must be on deck to ensure we succeed, and on this note, I have the honor and privilege to present to the 10th Niger State Assembly the 2024 Appropriation of N594,474,801,698.00 for legislative scrutiny and speedy passage.







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