



GOVERNMENT OF KOGI STATE

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

STATE ACTION PLAN

(2023 -2025)

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ACRONYMS

KSHA	Kogi State House of Assembly
KSIPPA	Kogi State Investment Promotion and Protection Agency
KEDA	Kogi State Enterprise Development Agency
KSLGSC	Kogi State Local Government Service Commission
KSWMA	Kogi State Waste Management Authority
CSO	Civil Society Organisations
EITI	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
MAN	Manufacturers Association of Nigeria
MDA	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
NBA	Nigeria Bar Association
NEITI	Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
NUJ	Nigeria Union of Journalists
OGP	Open Government Partnership

FOREWORD

I am pleased to present Kogi State Open Government Action Plan. Kogi State is one of the leading states in Nigeria; it has abundant arable land, and makes enormous contribution in the area of agriculture in Nigeria.

The state has improved in the areas of security and is conducive for investments.

Having successfully embarked on public governance reforms with the support of the World Bank, Kogi State has taken steps to become even more open, transparent and accountable.

We are focused on achieving the following:

- Stimulate economic growth and innovation;
- Improve service delivery
- Be more responsive to the expectations of the citizens;
- Enhance government and non-state actors' collaboration; and
- Continue efforts to maintain peace and harmony.

Kogi State Government is on an assured path towards increased openness and public participation.

Our budget process has been infused with the active involvement of non-governmental organizations, organized private sector and various citizens groups.

We have encouraged our people to be more involved in government activities, take ownership and lead in their execution and monitoring - this has led to increased trust between the government and the people.

As Governor, I have insisted that all Government functionaries must demonstrate an understanding of accountability and transparency in their various activities.

Kogi State is happy to foster increased collaboration between the government and all other external stakeholders with the main aim of improving the living conditions of our citizens.

To achieve this, the grand challenges which Kogi State Open Government Initiative aims to address includes :-

Improving Public Services:

Poor public service delivery has been one of the biggest issues standing between Government and the citizen. People have expressed their frustrations and are very skeptical with any improvement effort.

Increasing Public Integrity:

Inefficiencies and low performance in both the state and local government level have made it difficult to restore faith from the public. Kogi state aims to engender trust in the public by minimizing these negative tendencies.

More Effectively Managing Public Resources:

For too long the public has been kept in the dark when it comes to public resources, especially revenues and outlays. The Government of Kogi state aims to improve transparency through open budgeting, and more transparent public procurement system.

The above being premised, our state action plan spans the following thematic areas:

- a) *Fiscal Transparency,*
- b) *Right and Access to Information,*
- c) *Citizen Engagement and Empowerment, and*
- d) *Service Delivery.*
- e) *Extractive Transparency*

This Plan is our road map to enhancing transparent, accountable and citizen focused governance in the next two years.

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Open Government Partnership (OGP), is a voluntary, multilateral initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to

- I. promote transparency,
- II. empower citizens,
- III. fight corruption, and
- IV. Harness new technologies to strengthen governance.

The Open Government Partnership was formally launched on September 20, 2011, with 8 founding governments (Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, the Philippines, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States) Nigeria became a member in 2016 as the 70th member; today there are 76 member state and about 15 sub-national entities.

Open government proposes a new model of state reform and modernization of public administration to improve the value to the public of the delivery of public services in an equal and reciprocal manner. It is based on an innovative way of coordinating transparency initiatives, citizen participation, and stakeholder collaboration.

The membership process requires that Kogi state government shall in conjunction with non-state actors develop an action plan that will provide a roadmap to the implementation of OGP principles and address relevant challenges that seek to:

- i. increase the level of transparency and accountability;
- ii. expand effective mechanisms for citizen participation, and
- iii. develop innovative platforms for civic collaboration in order to co-produce public value in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of public policies and services.

The above requires that both the public sector and non-state actors in Kogi State work together in a collaborative manner to develop a state action plan that speaks to the under-listed five OGP challenges:-

- **Improving Public Services:** Measures that address the full range of citizen services, by fostering public service improvement or private sector innovation;
- **Increasing Public Integrity:** Measures that address corruption and public ethics, access to information, campaign finance reform, and media and civil society freedom;
- **More Effectively Managing Public Resources:** Measures that address budgets, procurement, natural resources and foreign assistance;
- **Creating Safer Communities:** Measures that address public safety, the security sector, disaster and crisis response, and environmental threats; and

- **Increasing Corporate Accountability:** Measures that address corporate responsibility on issues such as the environment, anti-corruption, market/consumer protection, and community engagement.

Kogi state has already initiated the process to address the above challenges.

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OVERVIEW OF THE STATE ACTION PLAN

Kogi State OGP Action Plan consists of 5 thematic areas and 9 commitments.

Our approach in the Action Plan is structured within five thematic areas:

a. Fiscal Transparency:

Revenue Generation, Budget and Public procurement processes are conducted with input from the people, the relevant information is available, assessable and easy to understand, allowing the people to track how their monies are spent and understand how government fiscal decisions are made.

b. Access to Information:

The people have the right to access, publicly held information, there is a legal obligation on the part of the government to disseminate certain information and records in a proactive manner, a clear system and standards for the creation and management of public information and records are established. Citizens have the tools and information they need to hold government to account, which builds trust in public institutions.

c. Citizen Engagement:

The people are mobilized and engaged to meaningfully interact with and participate in government decision making. They have the opportunity to make their voices heard on government policy and programs from the start.

d. Service Delivery:

The Challenges of public sector inefficiency, waste and abuse are addressed by development and implementation of service charters and the involvement of citizens in the tracking and evaluation of progress.

e. Extractive Transparency:

Loss of revenue through non-effective documentation and oversight of extractives operations in the State. This deepens the environmental impact of mining activities as environmental management plans are not being implemented leading to lack of accountability and community development rights violations

Summary of State Action Plan commitment by Thematic Areas

Table 1: Summary of State Action Plan Commitments by Thematic Areas	
<i>Fiscal Transparency</i>	
i.	Enhance Citizens Participation in the Entire Budget Cycle
ii	Ensure transparency in public procurement process through full implementation of Kogi State Public Procurement law and adoption of open contracting standard.
iii	Ensure More Effective and Transparent Revenue Generation and Utilization Process.
<i>Access to Information</i>	
iv.	Grant Citizens Right to Access Government Held Information and Records
<i>Citizen Engagement and Empowerment</i>	
v.	Ensure a sustainable interaction platform for Citizen’s engagement to enhance our Culture of Openness.
<i>Service Delivery</i>	
vi.	Improve Public Service Delivery in the Education; Health, Water and Agriculture Sectors in The State.
<i>Extractive Transparency</i>	
vii.	Develop platform for host community engagement to improve community rights and ensuring environmental sustainability
viii	Public disclosure of extractive sector contracts, licenses, permits, payment to government and revenue stream to improve transparency, fiscal terms and positively impact public finances
ix	Work together with all stakeholders (especially women, youth and vulnerable groups) to enhance transparency in the extractive sector through full implementation of EITI Standards and audit remediations

SECTION 2

PROGRESS TO DATE IN OPEN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

The Government of Kogi State has since the return of civil democratic governance in 1999 been committed to Programs and activities geared towards enhancing transparency and accountability and ensuring that due process is observed in all state activities.

a) Participatory Budgetary Process

The Government has continued to seek the involvement and contribution of citizens in the state budget process. It has put measures in place to open up the process and make it more participatory. Such that not only will the public take part but also to influence final decisions.

b) Fiscal Transparency

The state has enacted the Public Procurement Law to guide the open and transparent procurement system adopted by the state.

c) State Integrated Financial Management Information System (SIFMIS):

SIFMIS was established to ensure proper monitoring and reporting of government revenues and expenditures.

d) Central Payment System:

This was introduced to ensure prudent and efficient resource allocation. (TSA)

e) Single Revenue Account:

The state introduced this mechanism to block leakages and ensure accountability in government transactions. Implementation has led to increased generation of government revenues

f) Medium Term Sector Strategies (MTSS);

The MTSS is aimed at providing guidance to prioritize government spending within identified key sectors.

The state will utilize the OGP platform to strengthen ongoing reforms and collaborate with other sub-national entities and the OGP National Secretariat to achieve better results.

The OGP offers an additional platform to strengthen the ongoing reforms and Kogi State will take full advantage of it.

SECTION 3

METHODOLOGY

DEVELOPING THE KOGI STATE ACTION PLAN

Kogi State Open Government Partnership Action Plan was developed through a robust and rigorous public consultation process, which include:

1. Public Sector Consultation:

This involved extensive discussions and workshops for government officials only to understand the core principles of Open Government especially the need to collaborate with non-state actors in an equal and reciprocal manner.

2. Working with Non-State Actors

This involved further discussions and training of Civil Society Organisations and other Non-State Actors to foster shared understanding of the Open government partnership Initiative. This also offered the non-state actors an opportunity to better organize themselves for incisive engagement with government.

3. Focused Group Discussions (FGDs)

This was facilitated by the Ministry of finance, budget and Planning

Here the leadership of the Non-State Actors and the State Government officials were able to hold focused group discussions to gain aspirations, identify priorities and harmonize positions.

4. Multi-Stakeholder Workshops

A series of workshops identifying and validating commitments for the draft action plan were held with different stakeholders resulting in many productive feedbacks and fresh aspirations which further improved the action plan and increased stakeholders ownerships to the overall open government initiative.

5. Internet-based communication

A multi-stakeholder platform was established on WhatsApp to mainstream discussions and keep alive the dialogue on Open Government Partnership.

SECTION 4

THE COMMITMENTS

4.1 Fiscal Transparency

Thematic Area: Fiscal Transparency		
Commitment 1:	Enhance Citizens Participation in the Entire Budget Cycle	
Start and end date:	2023 -2023	
Lead MDA:	Kogi State Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning	
Responsible person:	Mukadam Asiwaju Asiru Idris (FCA)	
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner , Kogi State Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning	
Email and Phone:	dollars4asiwaju@gmail.com 08032899045	
Other Actors involve in implementation:	MDAs	Kogi State Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Office of the Head of Service, Kogi State House of Assembly, Office of Auditor General, Fiscal Responsibility Commission, Kogi State Revenue Service, all MDA's.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc.	SERDEC, INGRA, CHRRCR, RECEP, CPI, TEDiiN, I-JEF,
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	There have been concerted effort made by the State government toward improving the Budget Process which needs to be sustained and more participatory. This commitment seeks to increase the level of citizen involvement in the entire Budget process.	
Main Objective:	To increase the level of involvement of the citizens of Kogi State in the entire Budget process.	
Brief description of commitment:	This commitment gives our people the opportunity to participate and influence decisions of the Government regarding the State Budget process.	

Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Management of Public Resources; • Enhanced Citizens Participation; • Improving Public Services; 		
Rationale for commitment:	To ensure that the citizens take ownership of the process leading to increased trust in Government.		
Expected Outcome/impact:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Improved transparency and accountability. ii. Enhanced sustainability of all projects. iii. Increased participation from the citizens. 		
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Number of Town Hall meetings ii. Number of non-state actors involved in the budget process iii. Online Publication of the Budget iv. Publication of citizens guide to the state budget v. Number of Public hearings in the State House of Assembly 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Publish the State Budget Calendar	February 2023	-
2	Conduct Budget Town Hall Meetings in the Three Senatorial Zones and Publish the Outcomes.	June, 2023	July, 2023
3	Publish a comprehensive citizen's guide to the budget.	April, 2023	
4	Conduct Budget Public Hearing at the House of Assembly	January, 2023	March, 2023
5	Issuance of Quarterly Budget Performance Report.	End of Each Quarter, 2023	
Source of Funding:	State Government Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, OGP State Secretariat and Development Partners.		

Thematic Area:	Fiscal Transparency	
Commitment 2:	Ensure transparency in public procurement process through full implementation of Kogi State Public Procurement Law 2014 and adoption of open contracting standard.	
Start and End Date:	2023 – 2023	
Lead MDA:	Kogi State Bureau of Public Procurement	
Responsible Person:	Barr Sunday Joseph Ehimoni	
Designation:	Director General , Kogi State Bureau of Public Procurement	
Email and Phone:	abeeemoni@yahoo.com 07037447833	
Other Actors Involved in implementation	MDAs	Kogi State Public Procurement Board, Ministry of Works, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water Resources etc.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc.	INGRA, RECEP, SERDEC, Budget Committee Group, Kogi CSO Open Contracting Platform, NUJ, FIDA, NAWOJ
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	There is inadequate involvement and citizens participation in the procurement process leading to trust deficit between citizen and government on public finance management.	
Main Objective:	To improve compliance with the State Public Procurement Law and ensure effective Open and participatory Procurement Process.	
Brief description of commitment:	This commitment seeks to improve transparency in the Procurement Process and compliance with the State Procurement Law.	

Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Public Sector Procurement Processes; • Increasing Public Sector Integrity and Accountability; • Effective Management of Public Resources; 		
Rationale for commitment:	This commitment will enhance public sector integrity, prudent utilization of public resources and citizen trust in governance.		
Expected Outcome/impact:	Increased participation of the citizens and enhanced trust in the procurement process		
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in contracts awarded through open competitive bidding. • Increase in the number of citizens participating in the Procurement process • Increase in the flow of information to the public on procurement issues • Development of a procurement data bank 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Training of public institution employees as well as other stakeholders on the Open Contracting Standards	January, 2023	March, 2023
2	Establish open contracting forum comprising of government, Civil Society and Private Sector to ensure sustained engagement and improved procurement processes.	March, 2023	June, 2023
3	Development and regular publication of periodic expenditure profile.	At end of each quarter, 2023	
Source of Funding:	State Government, KSBPP, Ministry of Finance, Budget & Economic Planning, OGP Secretariat and Development Partners		

Thematic Area :		Fiscal Transparency
Commitment 3:	Ensure More Effective and Transparent Revenue Generation and Utilization Process.	
Start and end date:	2023-2023	
Lead MDA:	KOGI INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (KGIRS)	
Responsible Person		
Designation:	Chairman, KGSIRS	
Email and Phone:		
Other Actor Involve in implementation:	MDAs	Kogi State Internal Revenue Services, Planning Commission, Ministry of Land and Housing, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agric, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, other revenue generating MDA's.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc.	SERDEC, INGRA, CHRCR, RECEP, CPI, LYDEI, NUJ, I-JEF,
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	Despite the states natural and human resource, the state revenue generation process has not been maximally exploited with low awareness by the people and capacity gap on the impact of revenue generation on public service delivery.	
Main Objective:	To increase internally generated revenue by showcasing the linkage between revenue generated and public service delivery.	
Brief description of commitment:	This commitment seeks to engender public trust in the State revenue drive through improved service delivery.	
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Public Sector Service Delivery; • Increased Public Sector Integrity and Accountability; • Enhanced Citizens participation in Public Finance Management; 	
Rationale for commitment:	The Citizens are more willing to pay their taxes if they perceive the taxation process as fair and equitable and could also link it to improved service delivery.	
Expected Outcome/impact:	Increased revenue generation.	

Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people and businesses pay their taxes • Voluntary tax compliance • Number of people complaining of multiple taxation reduced. • Reviewed, Audited and Updated State Tax Payment System 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Review of Tax Payment System to enable ease of doing business	August, 2023	April, 2023
2	Establishment of a comprehensive data base of tax payers	June, 2023	March, 2023
3	Harmonization of the Revenue Generation process to avoid multiple taxation	June, 2023	December, 2023
4	Issuance of directives to eliminate multiple taxation	December, 2023	December, 2023
Source of Funding:	State Government Budget, OGP National Secretariat and Development Partners		

4.2 Access to Information

Thematic Area:		Access to Information
Commitment 4	Improve Citizen Access to Public information and Records	
Start and end date:	2023 – 2025	
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Justice	
Responsible Person:	Ibrahim Sani Mohammed SAN	
Designation:	Hon. Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice	
Email and phone:		
Other Actors Involved in Implementation:	MDAs	Office of Head of Service, Ministry of Information, all MDA's.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc.	NBA, NUJ, NAWOJ, FIDA, CHR CR, TEDiiN, LYDEI, INGRA, RECEF.
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	There is no specific legal legislative or administrative framework providing for the right of citizens to access information or records held by government at the state level.	
Main Objective:	To establish the right of citizens to access information or records in government domain.	
Brief description of commitment:	This commitment seeks to provide the citizens an enforceable right to access information; a procedure for the exercise of that right; and provide guidance to the public institutions on the implementation of an access to information regime.	
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' Participation and access to information 	
Rationale for commitment:	The implementation of the commitment will guarantee unhindered access to government held information and records	

Expected Outcome/impact:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Improved citizens access to government information and inclusive participation ii. Enhanced government accountability 		
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Policy on Freedom of Information created and publicized for implementation ii. Legal or Administrative instruments and directives issued. iii. Freedom of Information officers designated and trained 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Develop Access to Information Policy, Administrative, Legal and legislative instruments and standards	January, 2023	June, 2023
2	Identify, select, appoint and train Access to information Desk officers	January, 2023	December, 2023
3	To design and Develop an Executive Order on Access to Information and public participation.	January, 2023	January, 2023
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, OGP Secretariat and Development Partners	

3 Citizen Engagement and Empowerment

Thematic Area: Citizen Engagement and Empowerment	
Commitment 5	Ensure a sustainable interaction platform for citizens engagement to enhance our Culture of Openness.
Start and end date:	2023 – 2025
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Information and Communication
Responsible Person:	Kingsley Fanwo
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner for Information and Communication
Email and phone	08163376331
Other Actors Involved in Implementation:	MDAs Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, KOGIS, KOGIPEDIA, Ministry of Education
	CSOs, Private sector, etc. RECAN, IJEF, CEPAT, YAWHEP, PIBCID, IAF, CPI, DAN AYO CONSULT, PWDs, NILOV, WRAPA, NUJ, NAWOJ, SERDEC, TEDiiN
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	There has been effort by government toward providing information to citizens. However there exist a gap as to the publicly accessibility of most government information, The establishment of a more enduring platform for government interaction with, and feedback from the people is therefore of paramount importance to the state.
Main Objective:	To establish a clear, practical and open platform for a continuous interaction between the people and the government.
Brief description of commitment:	The commitment seeks to ensure a periodic but continuous avenue for the people and the government to engage and interact.
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase public sector integrity. 2. Enhance citizen participation in governance. 3. Improve public sector services delivery.

Rationale for commitment:	To provide mechanism for the citizens to be part of government and the government to receive inputs and feedback from the citizens.		
Expected Outcome/impact:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased participation of citizens in governance. 2. Increased responsiveness by government to the people's needs. 3. Improved service delivery to citizens. 		
Performance Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Number of town hall meetings. ii. Published list of platforms, timelines and venues for government engagement with the people. iii. Increased number of public meetings organized by the various MDAs. 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Institutionalize citizens' forums in key ministries, departments and agencies	March, 2023	December 2023
2	Advocacy in local languages for people to report concerns through town hall meetings and radio phone-in programmes	March, 2023	December 2023
3	Adopt a technology-based citizens' feedback Mechanism through a portal on the State OGP website.	January, 2023	March, 2023
Source of Funding:	State Government Budget, OGP Secretariat and Development Partners		

4.4 Service Delivery

THEMATIC AREA:	SERVICE DELIVERY	
Commitment: 6	Improve education service delivery in Kogi State through human resource and infrastructural development.	
Start and end date:	2023 – 2025	
Lead MDA:	Office of the Head of Service	
Responsible Person:	Hon. Wemi Jones (FCIB)	
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner , Kogi State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology	
Email and Phone:	08023541327	
Other Actors Involved in implementation:	MDAs	Ministry of Finance Budget and Economic Planning, Office of the Head of Service, Kogi State House of Assembly, State Universal Basic Education (SUBEB), Kogi State Internal Revenue Service, all MDA's.
	CSOs, Private sector, etc.	CSACEFA, RECEP, CESDYO, INGRA, PHEAI, Idoko Foundation, TEDiiN,
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in Education is Key to sustainable Development. Kogi State • There has been a decline in the quality-of-service delivery in the area of education. 	
Main Objective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve efficiency in service delivery through human resource capacity and infrastructural development. 	
Brief description of commitment:	The commitment is aimed at improving educational service delivery in Kogi State.	
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	1. Improving Public Service Delivery in the Education	
Rationale for commitment:	Need to improve the standard of education for Kogi state citizens through improved public service delivery.	

Expected Outcome/impact:	Improved enrolment, retention and completion of school -aged children in Kogi State		
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage increase of school enrolment, retention and completion for boys and girls in Kogi State. • No of class rooms built • No of teachers engaged • No of 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Develop service charters in the Education, Health, Water and Agriculture sectors.	March, 2023	December, 2023
2	Reactivation of SERVICOM Directorate by appointment of Director and Supporting Staff.	June, 2023	January, 2023
3	Ensure development of teacher education policy as a measure to address poor teacher quality in the state.	March, 2023	March, 2023
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, OGP National Secretariat and Development Partners	

THEMATIC AREA:	EXTRACTIVE TRANSPARENCY
Commitment: 7	Public disclosure of extractive sector contracts, licenses, permits, payment to government and revenue stream to improve transparency, fiscal terms and positively impact public finances
Start and end date:	2023 – 2025
Lead MDA:	KGIRS
Responsible Person:	SALIHU ENEHE
Designation:	CHAIRMAN

Email and Phone:		
Other Actors Involved in implementation:	MDAs	Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Ministry of Solid Mineral, Ministry of Environment, Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs,
	CSOs, Private sector, etc.	, INGRA, FEFPL, SERDEC, RECAF, LUGGARD YOUTHS
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major revenue losses as a result of diminished oversight of extractive activities in the state, especially mining, as extractives industry operations remain under the purview of the Federal Government as its exclusive rights. 	

Main Objective:	To improve revenue accrued to the state from extractive industry operations.
Brief description of commitment:	As part of expectation from the people to improve standard of living, government need finances to implement development programs which can be affected through improving revenue sources and tackling leakages. The growing global expectation that the extractive industry should contribute positively to long-term local development, a discourse has grown surrounding a variety of structures and processes aiming to deliver development benefits to communities affected by mineral resource.
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Finance Management; • Public Participation and Inclusion; and • Public Accountability
Rationale for commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining operations currently happen in 12 out of the 21 local government areas of the state, with over 140 wards currently grappling with the environmental effects of these activities. • Insufficient data on current operational mining licenses and other activities, which is critical for guaranteeing that the state receives all revenue accruable to it and derived from mining activities in the state.
Expected Outcome/impact:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased transparency in the implementation of CDA and 13% derivation principle, and enhanced benefits to the State, oil and mining operators and the host communities. • Improve development in the host communities

Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community dialogue/Stakeholders’ meetings on Extractive Transparency organized • Number of Legislative instruments (Executive Orders, Bye Laws, Edicts etc.) established on Extractive Transparency • Number of extractive industries with documented commitments to transparency and public accountability • Percentage increase in revenue generation from extractive sector 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Develop a record of 13% derivation from extractive sector accruing to Kogi State from 2015 to 2020.	Jul 2023	Sept 2023
2	Organize 1-day meeting to review the NEITI Report as it concerns Extractive industry in Kogi State	Jul 2023	Sept 2023
3	Build Capacity of Revenue generating agencies on effective revenue collection in the extractive sector		
Source of Funding:	State Government, OGP Secretariat and Development Partners		

THEMATIC AREA:	EXTRACTIVE TRANSPARENCY
Commitment: 8	Work together with all stakeholders (especially women, youth and vulnerable groups) to enhance transparency in the extractive sector through full implementation of EITI Standards and audit remediations
Start and end date:	2023 – 2025
Lead MDA:	Ministry of Environment
Responsible Person:	Hon. Victor Omofaye
Designation:	Hon. Commissioner, Kogi State Ministry of Environment

Main Objective:	To improve transparency in the implementation of CDA and 13% derivation principle that will benefit the State, the oil and mining operators and the host communities.
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Email and Phone:		
Other Actors Involved in implementation:	MDAs	Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, Ministry of Solid Minerals, KGIRS, Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs,
	CSOs, Private sector, etc.	INGRA, FEFPL, SERDEC, RECAF, Women in Mining, Kogi State Mineral resources and Environmental Committee, MEREMCO, LYDEI
General problem/challenge addressed by the commitment:	Adverse socio-economic impacts of mining activities on the host communities as mining companies often violate existing Community Development Agreement (CDA) that would have ensure the development of infrastructure and enhance the livelihoods of citizens within the host communities, as stipulated by the Minerals and Mining Act 2007.	

Brief description of commitment:	There is a need for a regulatory requirement in response to mining companies' commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR) principles. All these together are part of the instrument of Community Development Agreement (CDA) that requires effective and transparent implementation in Kogi State.		
Specific OGP challenge addressed by commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency; • Public Participation and Inclusion; and • Public Accountability 		
Rationale for commitment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining operations currently happen in 12 out of the 21 local government areas of the state, with over 140 wards currently grappling with the environmental effects of these activities. • MIREMCO, the committee created by mining laws and regulations to oversee the implementation of the provisions of the Minerals and Mining Act 2007 with respect to community development agreement, is still a federal government structure with little or no allegiance to the state. 		
Expected Outcome/impact:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased transparency in the implementation of CDA and reduce environmental impact of mining activities in the State • Improve development in the host communities 		
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community dialogue/Stakeholders' meetings on Extractive Transparency organized • Number of accountability forum established and functional on the extractive industry. • Number of Legislative instruments (Executive Orders, Bye Laws, Edicts etc) established on Extractive Transparency • Number of extractive industries with documented commitments to transparency and public accountability 		
Specific Activities/Milestones		Start Date	End Date
1	Develop a Concept Paper on establishment the Kogi State Extractive Transparency Forum (KSETF)	Oct 2022	Sept 2022

2	Issue policy statement or Executive Order on KSETF;	Nov 2022	Dec 2022
3	Constitute KSETF through the policy statement or Executive Order;	Mar 2023	Jun 2023
4	Develop a compendium of CDAs in Kogi State;	Jul 2023	Sept 2023
6	Develop a record of 13% derivation from extractive sector accruing to Kogi State from 2015 to 2020.	Jul 2023	Sept 2023
7	Organize community meeting on effects of mining pollution on host communities Kogi state	Jul 2022	Sept 2022
8	Organize a Mining Stakeholders meeting on effects of environmental pollution (Ministry of solid minerals, environment, commerce, health, finance.	Jul 2022	Sept 2022
9	Organize 1-day meeting to review the NEITI Report as it concerns Extractive industry in Kogi State	Jul 2022	Sept 2022
Source of Funding:		State Government Budget, OGP National Secretariat and Development Partners	

Section 5

Implementation and Co-ordination Plans

1.1 Context

The Kogi State OGP framework is reflective of the desires and contextual issues identified and prioritized by the people and government of the state. It speaks to the needs and strategies that would lead to an impactful but sustainable change in our communities.

1.2 State Steering Committee

Responsibility for the attainment of the goals of the action plan lies on all the stakeholders, but effective implementation is the responsibility of the State Steering Committee (SSC). The SSC is the highest decision-making body within the Kogi OGP structure. It is made up of 22 members drawn equally from the public sector and non-state actors. There are also observers who attend and contribute to deliberations as non-voting members. Observers are included so as to get as wide representation of the society as possible.

Functions and Powers of the Steering Committee

The State Steering Committee (SSC) is drawn from civil society, private sector institutions and government agencies, and will ordinarily meet quarterly.

The roles of the SSC are to:

- Set high-level strategies, policies, and procedures;
- Provide targeted outreach and support to encourage members, government institutions, and non-state actors to meet their OGP commitments;
- Help with fund raising;
- Represent OGP and promote its accomplishments on the national and international platforms;
- Set a strong example by upholding OGP values and principles and make ambitious commitments;
- Recruit and brief new Steering Committee members during the second phase of the State Action Plan; Connect the State OGP Secretariat to key potential partners; and,
- Approve the Budget of the State OGP Secretariat and annual work plan.

1.2.1 Co-Chairs for the state OGP

The SSC will be led by two Co-chairs. It comprises the lead government Co-chair and a lead CSO Co-chair. The Lead Government Co-Chair is to set the tone and theme during

the two-year cycle, organize and convene the quarterly OGP meetings in the State and other high-profile events and campaigns. The two Co-chairs and the Head of the State OGP Secretariat will also serve as the governance and leadership sub-committee of the SSC.

Their responsibilities are to:

- Ensure vitality of OGP leadership by recruiting and orienting in-coming Co-chairs and members of the State Steering Committee;
- Work with the OGP Secretariat to plan and run Steering Committee meetings;
- Hire and Supervise the Head of Secretariat;
- Ensure sufficient funding for the OGP to achieve strategic objectives; and,
- Provide financial, legal and ethical oversight.

1.3 OGP Secretariat Management Team

The State OGP Secretariat will be led by the Focal Person/ OGP State Coordinator and would be assisted by such number of senior staff and support staff as may be required to ensure a smooth operation and also ensure that the interest of all stakeholders including the Non-state actors and public sector are harnessed and properly articulated and protected.

1.4 Technical Working Groups

Technical Working Groups will be established along the thematic areas and related commitments headed by Co-chairs. Working Groups will be made up of Representatives of Ministries, CSOs and private sector depending on expertise and commitment.

1.5 Funding

The State OGP process will be largely funded through government's annual budget, contribution from agencies that have primary responsibility on commitment areas and development partners.

Section 6

Cross-cutting Areas

To ensure effective implementation of the State OGP commitments, the SAP recognizes the imperative of a strong Information Communication Technology (ICT) presence; Strong Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and a Robust Finance System.

These three form the fulcrum of our cross cutting areas namely:

- (1) ICT;
- (2) Monitoring & Evaluation; and,
- (3) Administration and Finance.

Achieving all the commitments and objectives under the SAP requires the effective utilization of the three tools. The specific working groups established are tasked with the responsibility of integrating these tools into the commitments under the thematic areas and will work closely with state and non-state actors in the use and implementation of these tools.

Section 7

CONCLUSION

The people and government of Kogi State working together as one developed and co-created this plan through a robust engagement process. Together, we shall take all necessary steps to ensure improved service delivery, more effective utilization of public resources, re-establishment of public trust in government and deepening of democracy in our state.

The responsible entities for the implementation and monitoring of the commitments we have agreed upon, shall be well resourced and supported to achieve our joint set goals for the satisfaction of our people and communities.

GOD Help Us.