



## Hope, Unity and Progress for Nigeria in the past 6 decades

**HOPE:** Nigerians in general hope for improved standard of living whereby an individual can maintain a stable and adequate lifestyle based on the national minimum wage. Below are some factors that can help to improve our standard of living:

1. A more open and transparent system of government – whereby citizens can clearly see the actions and understand the decisions made by governing bodies.
2. A government that is accountable to the people – willing to accept the criticism of the people and take in due considerations.
3. Easy access to good medical care for all and free health care for children
4. Free education for children from the primary to secondary stages – good education is the strongest foundation for a growing child. The children are the future of a nation.
5. Higher quality educators in our government primary and secondary schools.
6. A better and cheaper source of electrical power supply
7. A well-planned and developed drainage system – this would also help to protect against flood in areas prone to flooding.
8. Better roads constructed within states and cross country roads
9. Better security measures - taken against kidnappers and Fulani herdsmen and other criminal masterminds.
10. Production of pipe borne water that is accessible to the grassroots.

**UNITY:** Over the decades certain factors have combined to strengthen and hold firm the unity, which Nigeria as a country enjoys today. They are listed below:

- a) Migration – for decades people have migrated from their original settlements and settled in other areas of the country thereby intermingling.
- b) National security – the security of the nation is a key factor for our unity. We are a peace loving people and war is a threat to that peace.
- c) Natural resources –
- d) Inter tribal marriages – in recent years there has been an increase in inter tribal marriages, which in turn has strengthened the unity of our nation.
- e) Education – Educational institutes have contributed greatly to the unity of Nigeria as a country.
- f) Religion – Nigeria is a religious country and our religions teach the benefits of unity and peace.
- g) Agriculture – is a major factor that brings people of different tribes and ethnic groups together since time immemorial.
- h) Commerce – the rise and expansion of businesses have created strong platforms for people working together.

- i) Employment opportunities -
- j) National Youth Service Corps – this is the strongest basis for the unity of Nigeria now and for the future.

### **PROGRESS:**

#### **INTRODUCTION OF TSA**

The introduction of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) by the federal Government of Nigeria, a reform of major economic significance. This has helped in checkmating the country's finances.

#### **SECURITY**

- Curbing the incidence of kidnap across the country. (Arrest of kidnap kingpins and dismantling of kidnap cells across the country)
- Tackling insurgency. Boko Haram technically defeated, no more Suicide Bombings.
- The Launch of a New Prison Information Management System.
- The Release of 106 Chibok girls, as well as over 16,000 persons in Boko Haram captivity.
- Recovering 14 local governments and territories previously under Boko Haram control in the North East, rebuilding the lives of citizens there; about one million displaced people in the NE have returned to their communities in two years of this administration.
- Restoring morale of the Nigerian military; re-organizing and better equipping the Nigerian Armed Forces.
- Ensuring continued peace in the Niger Delta through consistent funding of the FG amnesty program for ex-militants.
- Introduction of an improved mechanism for distribution of aid to IDPs in the North East through the establishment of the Special Intervention Program of the Federal Government. (Door-to-door strategy)

#### **OIL AND GAS.**

- Approval of the National Oil Policy, National Gas Policy and National Gas Policy
- Debt Recovery through Outstanding Royalty Payments
- The successful removal of fuel subsidy that was an empire for corrupt importers fleecing the country of trillions of naira.
- Establishment of Mini/Modular Refineries
- AKK Natural Gas Pipeline Project launched.

#### **AGRICULTURE**

- The initiation of the Pet Feeding Program, which is designed to put an end to imports and a market monopoly on agricultural products that can be grown here in our country, is an experimental tool for sustainable economic, agricultural, academic and job creation along the entire length and breadth of our people.
- Nigeria has benefited from a beekeeping project of 13.1 billion Euros.
- Revenue generation from Agriculture. Sesame seeds contributed N6.46 billion to agricultural exports in the fourth quarter of 2016.
- Initiation of the family livelihood improvement program (LIFE), and it aims to return life to rural communities through empowering youth, women, and other vulnerable groups across the country.



- Commencement of a three-month moratorium for all Federal Government funded loans issued by the Bank of Industry, Bank of Agriculture and the Nigeria Export Import Bank.

#### ARTS

Nigeria's movie industry, Nollywood, is considered the biggest movie industry in terms of output in the Africa. The music industry is also blazing the trail in the continent. New generational artists in the country are also making their marks international which indicates the country's success in arts.

#### ECONOMICALLY

- Support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises: The Administration has launched a series of funding and capacity development initiatives designed to support MSMEs:
- The new Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN) has finally taken off, with initial funding of US\$1.3 billion (N396.5 billion); to provide medium and long-term loans to MSMEs.
- DBN has disbursed a total of N100 billion through the bank's 27 Participating Financial Institutions (PFIs) impacting more than 100,000 MSMEs.
- 52% of loans disbursed in 2019 were to youths and women-owned businesses.
- Bank of Industry has disbursed more than N400 billion in loans to large, medium, small, and micro-enterprises since 2016.
- The established of N5 Billion Fund for Artisanal Miners, as part of the Federal Ministry of Mines and Solid Minerals Development's Program to boost Mining activities in Nigeria; as well as a \$20 million fund to support young technology entrepreneurs in Nigeria

#### CONSTRUCTION

- Northern Ishan Regional Water Supply Project, serving Ugboha and Uromi communities of Edo State.
- Ogwashi-Uku Dam, Delta State (Actual Dam was completed and reservoir "impounded" in 2016; also spillway discharge channel completed).
- Mangu Dam and Regional Water Supply Scheme in Plateau State
- Rehabilitation of Ojirami Dam Water Supply Project, Edo State
- 25 Road Projects being funded by the Sukuk Bonds:
- Construction of Oju/Loko–Oweto bridge over River Benue to link Loko (Nasarawa state) and Oweto (Benue state) along route F2384
- Dualisation of Abuja–Abaji–Lokoja Road section I (International Airport link road junction–Sheda Village)
- Dualisation of Suleja–Minna Road in Niger State Phase II (km 40+000–km101+000)
- Dualisation of Abuja–Abaji–Lokoja Road: Section IV Koton Karfe–Lokoja in Kogi State
- Dualisation of Lokoja–Benin Road: Obajana–Okene in Kogi State
- Dualisation of Kano–Maiduguri Road linking Kano–Jigawa–Bauchi–Yobe
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- Dualisation of Kano–Maiduguri Road linking Kano–Jigawa–Bauchi–Yobe–Borno States. Section I (Kano–Wudil–Shuari) in Kano





- Dualisation of Kano–Katsina Road Phase I, Kano Town at Dawanau roundabout to Katsina border in Kano
- Construction of Kano Western Bypass as an extension of dualisation of Kano–Maiduguri Road Section I
- Rehabilitation of outstanding section of Onitsha–Enugu Expressway: Amansea–Enugu border
- Rehabilitation of Enugu–Port Harcourt dual-carriage Section I: Lokpanta–Umuahia in Abia
- Rehabilitation of Enugu–Port Harcourt dual-carriage Section II Umuahia tower–Aba Township Rail
- Rehabilitation of Enugu–Port Harcourt Road Section III: Enugu–Lokpanta
- Rehabilitation of Enugu–Port Harcourt Road Section IV: Aba–Port Harcourt in Rivers
- Dualisation of Yenegwe Road Junction–Kolo–Otuoke–Bayelsa Palm in Bayelsa
- Dualisation of Lokoja–Benin Road: Obajana Junction–Benin Section II Phase I: Okene–Auchi, Kogi/Edo states
- Dualisation of Lokoja–Benin Road: Obajana Junction–Benin Section III Phase I: Auchi–Ehor in Edo
- Dualisation of Lokoja–Benin Road: Obajana junction–Benin Section IV Phase I: Ehor–Benin City, Edo state
- Reconstruction and asphalt overlay of Benin–Ofosu–Ore–Ajebandele–Shagamu dual-carriage Phase IV
- Reconstruction of an outstanding section of sections of Benin–Ofusu–Ore–Ajebandele–Shagamu dual-carriage Phase III
- Dualisation of Ibadan–Ilorin Road. Section II: Oyo–Ogbomosho Road in Oyo

## HOSPITALITY

- Immediate Release of 70,000 Metric Tonnes of Grain for distribution to poor and vulnerable households across the country.
- Establishment of a Joint Technical Task Team to facilitate the movement of food and agricultural inputs across Nigeria, during the Coronavirus lockdown.
- Commencement of a three-month repayment moratorium for all TraderMoni, MarketMoni and FarmerMoni loans, with immediate effect.
- Presidential directive for immediate Expansion of National Social Register (official database for implementation of the Conditional Cash Transfer program) by 1 million additional households.
- Implementation of Modified version of National Home Grown School Feeding Program, to deliver dry food rations to households of pupils already benefiting from the NHGSFP.

