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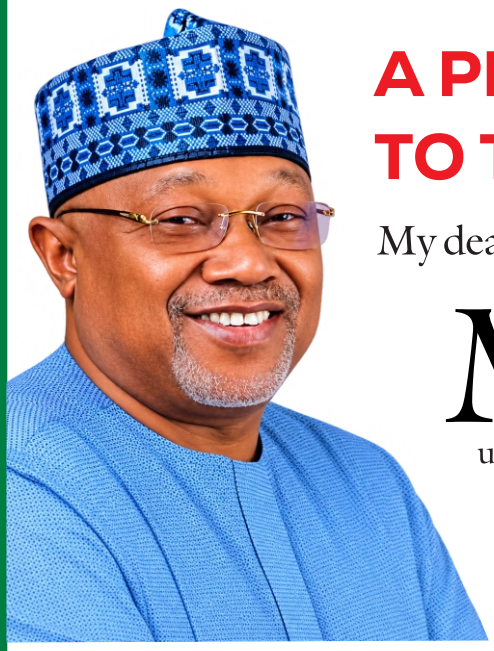


THE SBK MANIFESTO

A Covenant with the People of Kwara

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF KWARA

My dear people of Kwara State,

My commitment to service began many years ago at Government Secondary School, Ilorin. I remember a classmate who often came to school hungry. His uniform was worn, his books were few, and many things the rest of us took for granted were beyond his reach. Yet, every day, he came to school. He was intelligent. He had dreams. What he lacked was not ability, but the opportunity and support to fulfil his potential.

His story taught me a lesson I have never forgotten **poverty must never be allowed to determine a person's destiny.** Behind every statistic about poverty is a real person—a child who wants to learn, a farmer who wants to produce, a young person searching for opportunity, or a family simply hoping for a better life.

That understanding has guided me throughout my career. Through my work in rural electrification and community development, I travelled across Kwara and saw our people's realities firsthand. I saw communities without reliable electricity, good roads, quality healthcare or adequate schools. I met farmers, women and young people working hard but held back by circumstances beyond their control.

I came to understand that development is not about projects alone. **It is about people.** Electricity must create livelihoods. Roads must connect farms to markets. Schools must equip our children for the future. Healthcare must protect every family.

Every government policy must answer one simple question: **How will this improve the lives of our people?**

For many years, people encouraged me to seek the office of Governor. I hesitated because I had not intended to enter partisan politics. But as hardship deepened and the call to serve grew stronger, I could no longer stand aside.

Kwara is at a defining moment. Families are struggling. Young people need opportunities. Farmers need support and safe access to their land. Insecurity—particularly in Kwara North and South—is threatening lives and livelihoods.

These challenges are connected, and they require leadership that understands our communities, unites our people and acts with urgency. My decision to seek office is not driven by personal ambition. **It comes from a deep concern for our people and a sincere desire to use my experience to improve their lives.**

This manifesto is my covenant with you: to protect our people, restore essential services, create opportunities and govern with integrity, fairness and discipline.

I have never forgotten that young boy who came to school hungry but refused to surrender his dreams. His story is the story of thousands of Kwarans whose potential is waiting to be unlocked. It is for them that we must build a Kwara where every child has a fair chance, every community matters, and no part of our state is left behind.

Together, we will restore hope, strengthen security, deepen unity and unlock the promise of our state—not only for ourselves, but for generations to come. I invite every Kwaran, at home and abroad, to join us.



This is our Kwara. It belongs to all of us. And together, we will transform it.

OUR COVENANT WITH THE PEOPLE OF KWARA

This manifesto is my covenant with the people of Kwara. At its heart is one Governing Commitment:

THE GOVERNING COMMITMENT

We will protect our people, restore essential services and unlock productive opportunities—governing with fairness and discipline to deliver measurable, sustainable results.

Our Governing Identity

Governing idea	Kwara People First
Vision	A united and secure Kwara with capable people, reliable essential infrastructure, a diversified productive economy, trusted institutions and fair opportunity for every citizen.
Mission	To protect lives and livelihoods, build human capability, connect communities to opportunity, enable enterprise and innovation, mobilise responsible investment and manage public resources transparently for balanced and sustainable development.
Values	• Service • Integrity • Fairness • Competence • Inclusion • Accountability • Sustainability
Leadership standard	Listen. Respond. Partner. Plan. Deliver. Verify. Account.
First-term test	Safer communities, functioning services, better learning and health, stronger livelihoods, responsible investment, fairer regional opportunity and renewed public trust.



WHY I WANT TO SERVE

I want to serve because I have seen too many capable people held back by conditions that thoughtful and effective government can change. I have seen communities waiting for reliable electricity, water and roads; farmers unable to reach their land or markets safely; young people searching for a fair chance; families struggling to obtain healthcare; and public servants expected to deliver without the tools and support they need.

These are not distant policy questions to me. My work in the National Electric Power Authority and the Rural Electrification Agency took me into communities and required me to turn public decisions into functioning services. As Director of Procurement and Project Monitoring, I worked across institutions, managed complex processes, respected due process and followed projects from approval through implementation. I learned that a project has value only when it works, is maintained and improves people's daily lives.

I have also tried to serve outside formal office. I have responded, within my means, to communities seeking power and water, students at risk of losing opportunity and families facing illness or hardship. I naturally engage with people. I go to them, listen, ask questions, stay in touch and follow through because another person's difficulty matters to me. This is the spirit in which I seek to govern.

My training as a professional engineer taught me that good intentions do not produce results on their own. Delivery requires sound planning, realistic costing, disciplined execution, monitoring and maintenance. My career in the public service also taught me that even the best plan will fail unless capable officers have clear responsibilities, proper tools, fair welfare, authority and accountability.

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A Governor cannot personally perform every technical task. The Governor must understand the people's needs, set clear priorities, appoint capable people, coordinate institutions, make responsible decisions, monitor execution and account honestly for results. These are the habits I will bring to the nine Promises to the People, which reflect the concerns Kwarans have raised through the survey and consultations.



Executive Summary

The purpose of government is to protect people, provide essential services, create opportunity, manage public resources responsibly and improve the quality of life of citizens.

This **Kwara People First (KPF) Compact** translates our governing commitment into anticipating the specific expectations of the people of Kwara State. The **objective is to list** what the **KPF Government** is expected to deliver responsibly to make a remarkable difference in the lives of the people of Kwara State.

The KPF Government will set priorities, provide resources, measure results and account publicly for performance. Our standard will be simple:

Listen => Respond => Partner => Plan => Deliver => Verify => Account.

We will judge ourselves and will also want to be judged, not by the number of promises made, but by the number of promises delivered, and by whether those results make a meaningful difference in the lives of the people of Kwara.

The focus sectors and individual groups are as listed:

A.	Sectoral Groups	B.	Individual Groups
1.	Security	1.	Civil Servants
2.	Markets, Market Women Associations and Trader Groups	2.	Teachers
		3.	Pensioners
3.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	4.	Youth
4.	Sports	5.	Transporters
5.	Creative and Cultural Enterprises	6.	Artisans and Skilled Workers
6.	Digital Economy	7.	Health Workers and Frontline Professionals
7.	Rural Communities		
8.	Agriculture and Agro-Allied Sector	8.	Students
9.	Mining	9.	Women
10.	Traditional Institutions and Community Leaders	10.	Persons with Special Needs, Older Persons and other Vulnerable Citizens
11.	Investors and the Private Sector		



SECURITY



₦100 BILLION SECURITY TRUST FUND: ESTABLISH A SECURITY FUND, WITH AT LEAST 40% GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT AND PRIVATE-SECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

- Community Policing: Strengthen community-based security partnerships across all communities for better coverage and faster response.
- Modern Security Technology: Invest in advanced surveillance, communication and emergency response equipment.
- Transparency & Accountability: Ensure proper utilisation of security funds, institutional responsibility and improved public safety.

MARKETS, MARKET WOMEN AND TRADERS

₦9.6 BILLION REVOLVING LOAN SCHEME: PROVIDE AFFORDABLE LOANS AT 9% INTEREST TO TRADERS AND MARKET WOMEN.



- Improved Grant Distribution: Restructure the distribution of State and Federal Government grants for greater transparency and accessibility.
- Simplified Market Levies: Abolish multiple fees and introduce a unified, approved schedule of market charges.
- Market Infrastructure Upgrade: Improve sanitation, drainage, water, lighting and security, alongside phased market renovations and transparent dispute resolution.



MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES



₦9.6 BILLION MSMES LOAN SCHEME: PROVIDE AFFORDABLE, SINGLE-DIGIT INTEREST LOANS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

- Simplified Business Regulations: Streamline permits and approvals to reduce bureaucratic delays.
- Improved Access to Finance: Partner with banks, development-finance institutions and credible investors to expand funding opportunities.
- Local Procurement & Business Growth: Promote local businesses in government procurement and support MSMEs to grow into larger enterprises.

SPORTS

GRASSROOTS SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS ECONOMY



- Grassroots Sports Development: Establish sports programmes across all 16 LGAs, with school, community and inter-local-government competitions.
- Sports Infrastructure Upgrade: Renovate and maintain selected sports facilities through phased investments and public-private partnerships.
- Talent Development & Scholarships: Introduce talent identification, coaching development, sports scholarships and pathways to recognised competitions.
- Sports Business & Job Creation: Support sports-related businesses in coaching, fitness, equipment, event management, media and facility management while promoting Kwara as a sports

CREATIVE AND CULTURAL ENTERPRISE



A KPF GOVERNMENT WILL TURN KWARA'S CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND TALENT INTO VIABLE BUSINESSES, DECENT JOBS AND EXPORTABLE PRODUCTS

- **CREATIVE INDUSTRY FUNDING:** Provide grants and access to finance, distribution channels, festivals and creative markets.
- **CREATIVE HUBS & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:** Support creative hubs, shared production facilities, mentorship and professional training.
- **CREATIVE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT:** Revitalise the Kwara Creative Enterprise Programme across music, film, fashion, arts, crafts, photography, publishing and digital content.
- **BUSINESS FORMALISATION & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** Help creatives register businesses, protect their intellectual property, formalise contracts and monetise their works.

DIGITAL ECONOMY

DRIVING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

- **DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY:** Expand affordable internet access and digital learning facilities across educational institutions through strategic partnerships.
- **DIGITAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:** Revise the Digital Kwara Skills Programme to cover AI, software development, data analytics, cybersecurity, digital marketing and e-commerce.
- **TECHNOLOGY STARTUP SUPPORT:** Support tech startups through incubation, mentorship, business networks and innovation challenges.
- **DIGITAL GOVERNMENT & OPPORTUNITIES:** Digitise government services and create transparent opportunities for local technology firms to access public-sector contracts.



RURAL COMMUNITIES



WHERE YOU LIVE MUST NOT DETERMINE WHETHER YOU MATTER

- **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Establish the ONE Kwara Regional Agency to promote balanced and equitable development across the state.
- **RURAL WATER & ELECTRIFICATION:** Provide solar-powered boreholes and streetlights in identified rural communities lacking reliable access to water and electricity.
- **RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT:** Prioritise rural roads, primary healthcare and basic education, with at least ₦5 billion in counterpart funding over four years.
- **COMMUNITY SECURITY:** Strengthen community security and rural policing to improve safety across all communities.

AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-ALLIED

FROM FARMING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRIBUSINESS AGRICULTURE MUST MOVE FROM SUBSISTENCE SURVIVAL TOWARDS PRODUCTIVE, COMMERCIALLY VIABLE VALUE CHAINS.

- **RURAL AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE:** Improve farm-to-market roads, irrigation and water access to boost agricultural productivity.
- **19.2 BILLION AGRICULTURAL FUND:** Provide affordable seasonal loans, quality seeds and fertilisers to farmers and cooperatives.
- **STRONGER FARMER COOPERATIVES:** Expand access to agricultural finance, insurance and essential support services.
- **PRIVATE INVESTMENT & COMMERCIAL FARMING:** Attract responsible private-sector investment and develop sustainable



MINERAL RESOURCES



UNLOCKING MINERAL RESOURCES AND PROMOTING MINING INVESTMENT

- **MINERAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:** Establish a Kwara Mineral Resource and Assets Management Bureau to facilitate state and local investor participation in mining businesses.
- **LOCAL PROCESSING & INDUSTRIAL GROWTH:** Promote local mineral processing, value addition, productivity and sustainable private investment.
- **REVENUE GENERATION & JOB CREATION:** Expand formal mining activities to create jobs, grow local businesses and increase state revenue.
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY:** Ensure mining communities benefit from mineral resources through improved accountability, inclusive development and reduced conflicts.

TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

STRENGTHENING TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **TRADITIONAL RULERS AS KEY PARTNERS:** Recognise traditional rulers as vital links between government and the people, prioritising their role in grassroots engagement.
- **STRUCTURED CONSULTATION:** Strengthen regular engagement and communication between government, traditional institutions and communities.
- **COMMUNITY SECURITY & PARTICIPATION:** Engage community leaders in conflict prevention, security and monitoring of public projects.
- **COMMUNITY-BASED DEVELOPMENT:** Restore traditional institutions as central partners in driving development across their communities.



INVESTORS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR



POSITIONING KWARA AS A HUB FOR INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Public-Private Partnerships: Review PPP laws to attract private investment, develop infrastructure and strengthen local supply chains.
- Ease of Doing Business: Establish an investment facilitation office to simplify regulations, land access, approvals and investor engagement.
- Investor Protection & Transparency: Protect legitimate investors from arbitrary government actions and publish investment opportunities transparently.
- Diaspora & Local Investment: Engage high-net-worth Kwarans to attract investment and unlock economic opportunities across the state.

INDIVIDUAL FOCUS AREA

CIVIL SERVANT

Introduce an annual 13th-month salary payment for civil servants.

TEACHERS

The KPF Government will introduce a Special Hardship monthly allowance for teachers serving in underserved, rural and hard-to-reach communities across all senatorial zones in addition to 13th month salary for all teachers

PENSIONERS

The KPF Government will prioritise the timely payment of pensions, verify and reconcile outstanding pension and gratuity liabilities, and publish a realistic and transparent framework for settling verified arrears.

HEALTH WORKERS AND FRONTLINE PROFESSIONALS

The KPF Government will introduce a Special Rural Health Workers Allowance for qualified health personnel serving in underserved communities in addition to 13th month salary.



INDIVIDUAL FOCUS AREA

YOUTH

- The KPF Government will create at least 200,000 new youth employment and 5,000 enterprise opportunities annually capable of generating an average of 10 jobs each within the first two years of the KPF Government ensuring equity across all senatorial zones

STUDENTS

The KPF Government will establish a N5bn Kwara Student revolving Support Fund of providing targeted scholarships, bursaries and education assistance to eligible students

ARTISANS AND SKILLED WORKERS

The KPF Government will provide annual support grants to qualified artisans, targeting at least 100,000 artisans in the first year.

WOMEN

The KPF Government will establish a ₦3 billion Women Enterprise and Empowerment Fund to provide affordable finance and business support to women-owned enterprises in the first year

PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, OLDER PERSONS AND VULNERABLE CITIZENS

The KPF Government will establish a N1bn Vulnerable Citizens Social Support Fund to provide targeted assistance to persons with disabilities and the most vulnerable households.

SPECIAL PROMISE TO OUR YOUTHS

A KPF Government will work to ensure that every young person in Kwara has a fair opportunity to acquire useful skills, find productive work, establish a viable business, develop sporting talent, pursue a creative career or participate in the digital economy.





How the Covenant Is Organised

3 Pillars, 9 Promises, 18 Programmes

Our commitment will be pursued through three connected pillars and expressed in nine clear Promises to the People. The accompanying 2027–2035 Blueprint sets out the 18 Flagship Programmes through which these promises will be delivered.

3 PILLARS

Our three pillars representing three broad priorities are

Pillar 1, Security and Infrastructure, will protect lives and connect communities to reliable roads, water, power, transport and digital services.

Pillar 2, Human Capital Development, will improve learning, healthcare, skills, inclusion and opportunity.

Pillar 3, Economic Diversification and Empowerment, will help farms and businesses become more productive, attract responsible investment and create sustainable livelihoods.

A cross-cutting commitment to capable government, fair revenue and ONE Kwara supports all three.

The pillars work together rather than as separate lists. Security enables farming, schooling, travel and trade. Infrastructure connects people to services and markets. Healthy, educated and skilled citizens power enterprise. A more diversified economy creates jobs, improves household incomes and generates the revenue needed to sustain security, services and opportunity.

9 PROMISES

Nine Promises to the People.
The manifesto is organised around the following Nine Promises to the People.

18 PROGRAMMES

Eighteen Flagship Programmes
18 Blueprint's Flagship Programmes provide the detailed actions, institutional responsibilities, financing, sequencing and performance measures required for delivery.

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THE COVENANT IN ACTION: THREE PILLARS AND NINE PROMISES

PILLAR 1	PROMISES to the people	PROGRAMMES Blueprint alignment and public meaning
SECURITY & INFRASTRUCTURE	Safe Communities	**Programme (1) — Security: Secure Kwara.** Lawful coordination, prevention, faster response, affected-community recovery and voluntary safe return.
	Connect Kwara	**Programme (2) — Roads and Mobility: Link Kwara.** Priority roads, mobility, land, housing and maintained public assets connecting people to services and opportunity.
	Reliable Essentials	**Programme (3) — Water: Safe Water for Kwarans;** **Programme (4) — Environment: Clean and Green Kwara;** **Programme (5) — Electricity and Connectivity: Power and Connect Kwara.** Reliable essential services for homes, communities, public facilities and enterprise.



PILLAR 2	PROMISES to the people	PROGRAMMES How we deliver the promises
HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	**Every Child Learning**	**Programme (6) — Education: Every Kwara Child Learning.** Foundational learning, supported teachers, safe schools, STEM, digital learning and technical pathways.
	Health in Every Ward	**Programme (7) — Health: Kwara Care and Protection.** Functional primary healthcare, essential drugs, referrals, insurance, prevention and health protection.
	Skills, Youth, Women and Opportunity	**Programme (8) — Skills and Employment: Kwara Skills for Jobs;** **Programme (9) — Youth and Women: Kwara Youth and Women Empowerment;** **Programme (10) —Social Development: Kwara Inclusion and Social Protection;** **Programme (11) —Sports and Culture: Kwara Sports and Culture.** Transparent pathways to capability, dignity and opportunity.



PILLAR 3	PROMISES to the people	PROGRAMMES Blueprint alignment and public meaning
ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION & EMPOWERMENT	**Farm-to-Prosperity**	**Programme 12 — Agriculture: Kwara Agriculture and Food Systems.** Secure value chains, productive assets, storage, processing, markets and a carefully controlled Food Access Pilot.
	Enterprise, Industry and New Economies	**Programme 13 — Enterprise and Industry: Kwara Enterprise and Industry;** **Programme 14 — Investment and Natural Resources: Invest Kwara;** **Programme 15 — Innovation and Technology: Innovate Kwara.** Enterprise growth, responsible investment and new economic opportunity.
	Government That Works, Fair Revenue and ONE Kwara	**Programme 16 — Civil Service and Pensioners: Service Reform and Welfare;** **Programme 17 — Revenue: Kwara Revenue;** **Programme 18 — Regional Development and Equity: ONE Kwara.** The cross-cutting machinery for capable government, fiscal resilience and fair regional opportunity.



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