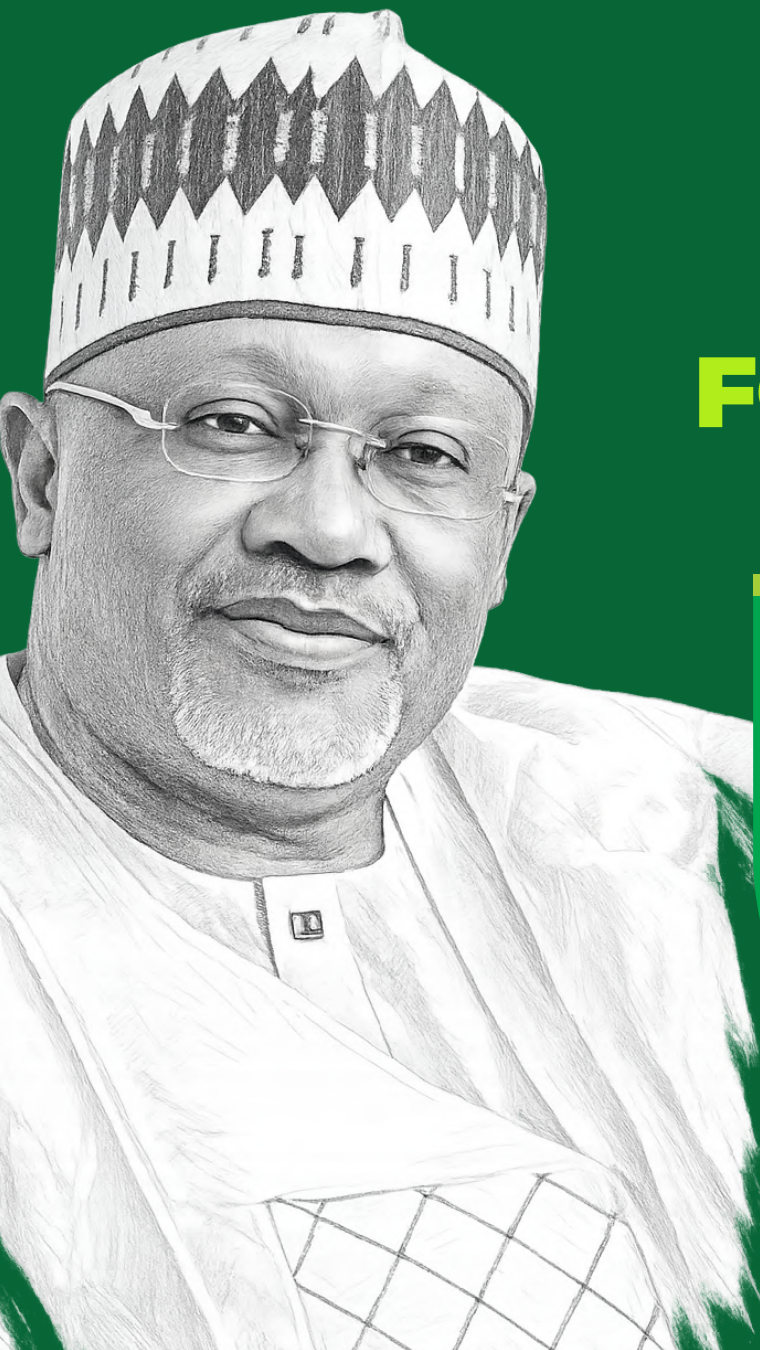
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KWARA PEOPLE FIRST (KPF) FOCUS GROUP COMPACT

A SOCIAL CONTRACT WITH THE PEOPLE OF KWARA STATE



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:

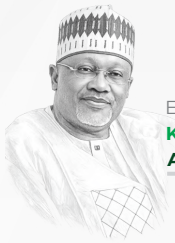
Listen => Respond => Partner => Plan => Deliver => Verify => Account.

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
1.	Security
2.	Markets, Market Women Associations and Trader Groups
3.	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
4.	Sports
5.	Creative and Cultural Enterprises
6.	Digital Economy
7.	Rural Communities
8.	Agriculture and Agro-Allied Sector
9.	Mining
10.	Traditional Institutions and Community Leaders
11.	Investors and the Private Sector

B.	Individual Groups
1.	Civil Servants
2.	Teachers
3.	Pensioners
4.	Youth
5.	Transporters
6.	Artisans and Skilled Workers
7.	Health Workers and Frontline Professionals
8.	Students
9.	Women
10.	Persons with Special Needs, Older Persons and other Vulnerable Citizens



1 SECURITY

KPF Expectations

We will protect lives and properties through intelligence-led operations, stronger community security partnerships, adequately equipped and coordinated security services, and a government-wide system that anticipates threats, responds quickly and holds institutions accountable for results.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will establish a Kwara Security Trust Fund of a minimum of N100 billion with a minimum of 40 percent commitment of the government to the Fund and the balance from the private sector.**
2. The KPF Government will facilitate the establishment and support of community policing across all our communities to bring security closer to the people through better coverage of vulnerable communities, earlier reporting of threats, quicker emergency response and improved public confidence in local security arrangements.
3. The KPF Government will invest in better technological equipment, for surveillance, interconnectivity and response to security issues, ensuring improved emergency handling, fewer operational gaps, more professional conduct and more effective use of public funds.
4. The KPF Government will ensure the transparent use of the security trust fund, clearer responsibility for results, quicker correction of identified failures and sustained improvements in public safety.

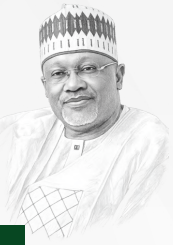
Our KPF Standards

We will not measure our security effort merely by the number of meetings held, vehicles purchased or personnel deployed.

We will measure it by whether threats are identified earlier, emergency assistance arrives more reliably, criminal networks are disrupted, victims receive support and communities become safer.

Our commitment is to build a security system that anticipates danger, responds effectively, protects citizens' rights and learns continuously from results.

Every life matters. Every community counts. Every public resource must serve the people's security.



2 MARKETS, MARKET WOMEN AND TRADERS

KPF Expectations

Trade without harassment. Markets that work. Single digit SME Funding. Markets are engines of household income and local economic activity.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will establish a N9.6bn Statewide Market Traders Revolving Loan Scheme at a concessionary rate of 9% to provide affordable working capital to qualified traders and market women.**

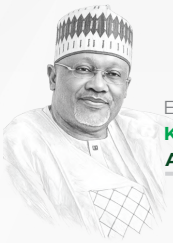
2. The KPF Government will restructure the existing arrangement used in distributing State and Federal Government Grant Programmes

3. The KPF Government will abolish sundry fees and introduce a single, simplified schedule of approved fees and levies applicable to the various markets and traders.

4. The KPF Government will improve market sanitation, drainage, water, lighting and security; upgrade priority markets in phases; and establish transparent mechanisms for resolving market disputes.

Our KPF Standards

Traders should know what they are required to pay, why they are paying it and what service they should expect in return



3 MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

KPF Expectations

Government as enabler, Not Obstacle to MSMEs Small businesses employ people, create household income and keep local economies alive.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will provide a contributory N9.6bn Statewide MSMEs Revolving Single Digit Loan Scheme to support other loan schemes that provide affordable working capital to qualified MSMEs across Kwara State. The Government will actively partner with financial institutions in this regard**

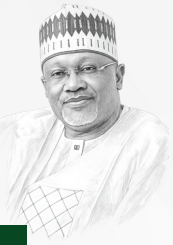
2. The KPF Government will simplify state-level business permits and approvals to reduce unnecessary bureaucratic steps.

3. The KPF Government will facilitate further access to finance through partnerships with banks, development-finance institutions and credible investors.

4. The KPF Government will promote local procurement, publish government procurement opportunities transparently, and support viable businesses to transition from micro to small and medium enterprises.

Our KPF Standards

Government should make it easier, not harder, for a good business to start, survive, employ people and grow



4 SPORTS

KPF Expectations

A KPF Government will develop sports talent, strengthen grassroots participation and create jobs through the sports economy.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will establish Kwara Grassroots Sports Development Programme across all 16 Local Government Areas, with school, community and inter-local-government competitions.**

2. The KPF Government will upgrade and maintain selected existing sports facilities through phased investments and public-private partnerships.

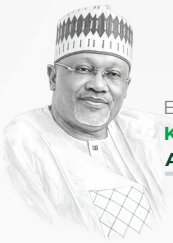
3. The KPF Government will introduce transparent talent identification, coaching development, sports scholarships and pathways to recognised competitions.

4. The KPF Government will support sports businesses in coaching, fitness, equipment, event management, sports media and facility management, while promoting Kwara as a destination for sports events

Our KPF Standards

Government will prioritize development of sporting infrastructure across the 16 LGAs as its own contribution to attracting PPP in the sector.

We will commence talent hunting early (4-6 year of age) and build an eco-system for the sporting sector that thrives as a business while also providing varied career opportunities for sports enthusiasts.



5 CREATIVE AND CULTURAL ENTERPRISE

KPF Expectations

A KPF Government will turn Kwara's culture, creativity and talent into viable businesses, decent jobs and exportable products.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will provide competitive project-support grants and facilitate access to finance, distribution channels, festivals and creative-industry markets.**

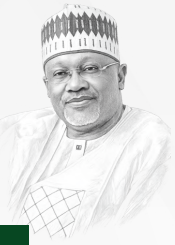
2. The KPF Government will support creative hubs, shared production facilities, mentorship, professional training and business development.

3. The KPF Government will revitalise the Kwara Creative Enterprise Programme for music, film, fashion, visual arts, crafts, photography, publishing, gaming and digital content.

4. The KPF Government will support creatives register their businesses, protect intellectual property, formalise contracts and monetise their works.

Our KPF Standards

We will connect training and finance to jobs, ideas to enterprise, talent to opportunity and innovation to markets. We will protect the intellectual property of our creatives and create an enabling environment for youth-led businesses.



6 DIGITAL ECONOMY

KPF Expectations

A KPF Government will equip Kwara's young people and businesses to earn, innovate and compete in the digital economy.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will partner with telecommunications providers, technology companies, universities and training institutions to expand affordable internet access and digital learning facilities across all institutions in the state.**

2. The KPF Government will revise the Digital Kwara Skills Programme covering software development, data analytics, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, digital marketing, e-commerce and other marketable technology skills.

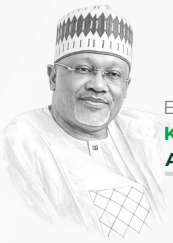
3. The KPF Government will support technology startups through incubation, mentorship, business networks and competitive innovation challenges.

4. The KPF Government will digitise access to selected government services and expand opportunities for local technology firms to compete for eligible public-sector contracts through transparent procurement.

Our KPF Standards

We will expand access to digital opportunities and create an enabling environment for youth-led businesses.

We will connect training and finance to jobs, ideas to enterprise, talent to opportunity and innovation to markets.



7 RURAL COMMUNITIES

KPF Expectations

Where You Live Must Not Determine Whether You Matter

A KPF Government will pursue balanced development across rural and urban Kwara.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will establish the ONE Kwara Regional Agency for equitable regional development**

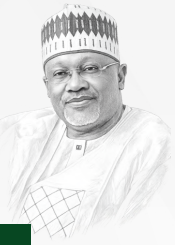
2. The KPF Government will provide at least one functional solar-powered bore hole system and units of solar powered streetlights in every identified rural community lacking reliable access to potable water and electricity across the state as part of its rural water and rural electrification projects

3. The KPF Government will prioritise rural roads, rural primary healthcare, and rural basic education**. A minimum of N5bn will be provided as counterpart funding for donor funding sources in this area over the 4-year period.**

4. The KPF Government will prioritise community security and rural policing

Our KPF Standards

Every community deserves a minimum standard of essential services, regardless of its political importance.



8 AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-ALLIED

KPF Expectations

From Farming to Sustainable Agribusiness Agriculture must move from subsistence survival towards productive, commercially viable value chains.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will prioritise rural roads connecting farms to markets and support irrigation and water access where viable.**

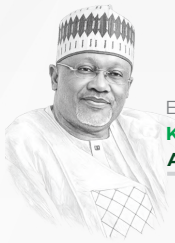
2. The KPF Government will establish a State-supported Agricultural Production Fund **of no less than N19.2bn** to provide affordable seasonal finance and inputs (seeds & fertilizers) to qualified farmers and cooperatives.

3. The KPF Government will strengthen farmer cooperatives by facilitating access to agricultural finance and insurance.

4. The KPF Government will attract responsible private investment into agricultural value chains, promote commercial agriculture.

Our KPF Standards

The farmer must not only produce food; the farmer must be able to make a sustainable income from production.



9 MINERAL RESOURCES

KPF Expectations

We will work within the constitutional framework to unlock the economic opportunities associated with Kwara State's mineral resources.

Through partnerships with the Federal Government, responsible investors, local enterprises and host communities, we will promote employment, mineral-based industries, productive infrastructure, lawful revenue growth and inclusive community development.

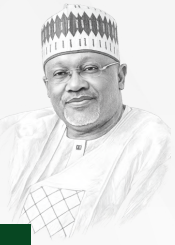
Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will establish a Kwara Mineral Resource and Assets Management Bureau that will acquire at least 25 percent equity in all existing mining businesses in the State and have the mandate to establish companies in partnership with private investors for mining existing mineral resources where the state will own at least 25 percent and investors of Kwara origin, at least 24 percent with foreign or other investors owing not more than 51 percent. This will facilitate the creation of more jobs and local businesses around mining to generate increased household incomes from productive work.**
2. The KPF Government will promote local processing of our mineral resources, greater local value addition, improved productivity, stronger industrial linkages and more sustainable private investment in mining.
3. The KPF Government will ensure the growth of state revenue through the increase in economic activities of a more productive mining economy with a larger formal business base.
4. The KPF Government will ensure more visible community benefits accrue to the mining communities, improved accountability and reduced conflict around mining activities in our communities.

Our KPF Standards

We will measure success not by the number of mineral deposits announced or investment memoranda signed, but by jobs created, local businesses strengthened, value added to mineral resources, lawful state revenue generated and tangible improvements in mining communities.

Our promise is to make Kwara's mineral wealth an opportunity for productive enterprise, decent work, stronger public finances and shared prosperity—within the law and in partnership with those constitutionally responsible for the mining sector.



10 TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

KPF Expectations

Partners in Peace and Development

We recognise traditional institutions and community leadership as important partners in maintaining social cohesion and supporting development.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will prioritize relationships with our traditional rulers in deploying our grassroots relationships, and make them the first point of contact to the people of Kwara State**

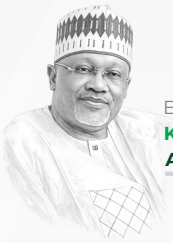
2. The KPF Government will reestablish and maintain structured consultation with traditional institutions and strengthen communication between government and communities.

3. The KPF Government will reestablish engagement with community leaders in conflict prevention and security, encourage community participation in monitoring public projects.

4. The KPF Government will reestablish the role of traditional institutions as the hub of development of their various communities

Our KPF Standards

Government will listen to communities before deciding for communities.



11 INVESTORS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

KPF Expectations

Kwara as a Place to Invest, Produce and Prosper

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will revisit the Public-Private Partnership Investment laws in the State as a basis for driving State-led public-private partnerships and facilitation of set-up of infrastructure around viable economic clusters, and support to local supply chains**

2. The KPF Government will setup an ease of doing business office to drive investor engagement, partnerships, and provide clearer and more predictable state-level regulatory processes, improve access to land and relevant approvals within the law.

3. The KPF Government will protect legitimate investors from arbitrary government action, publish investment opportunities transparently

4. The KPF Government will engage high net worth individuals of Kwara State Origin about opportunities in the State

Our KPF Standards

We will compete for responsible investment by making Kwara easier to understand, easier to enter and easier to do business in.



INDIVIDUAL FOCUS AREA

1 CIVIL SERVANTS

KPF Expectations

A Professional, Productive and Respected Public Service

Civil servants are the permanent machinery through which government serves the people. A KPF Government will treat the public service as a strategic institution for development.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will introduce an annual 13th-month salary payment for civil servants.**

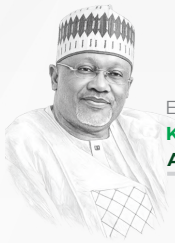
2. The KPF Government will establish a transparent system for promotions, confirmations, postings and career progression, and address verified outstanding promotion and personnel matters through a clearly published timetable.

3. The KPF Government will train and retrain public servants with the tools, technology and working environment required to perform; digitize personnel and administrative processes; establish continuous professional development and leadership programmes.

4. The KPF Government will protect professional public servants from arbitrary political interference and strengthen pre-retirement preparation and transition support for officers approaching retirement.

Our KPF Standards

A civil servant should know what is expected, have the tools to do it, be paid properly, progress fairly and be held accountable for performance.



2 TEACHERS

KPF Expectations

Protect and Respect the Teachers.

Improve the School. Improve Learning. No education system can rise above the quality, motivation and preparation of its teachers.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **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**

2. The KPF Government will establish **a Kwara Teachers Excellence Programme** that encompasses for immediate execution across the state including a) training and retraining of teachers; b) Establishing s predictable framework for promotion and career advancement; c) Improving teacher deployment, and d) Improving access to teaching and learning materials, prioritising classrooms, toilets, water, electricity, safety and basic digital infrastructure

3. The KPF Government will confirm and review incidence of non-application of the leave bonus to serving teachers;

Our KPF Standards

Every child deserves a competent teacher, a safe learning environment and a genuine chance to learn.



3 PENSIONERS

KPF Expectations

A dignified retirement for those who have served Kwara State.

A government that honours service must honour those who have completed their service to the State.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **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.**

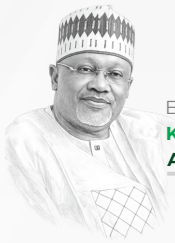
2. The KPF Government will digitise pension records, reduce unnecessary bureaucratic processes, establish dedicated pensioner service desks, and improve communication with pensioners about their entitlements and payment status.

3. The KPF Government will explore affordable healthcare and welfare partnerships for vulnerable retirees, introduce Annual Retirees Honours Day to celebrate their service to Kwara State.

4. The KPF Government will commence implementation of the constitutionally contemplated five-yearly actuarial review of pension values to factor in inflation, accelerated lump-sum payment of gratuities and health insurance coverage,

Our KPF Standards

Nobody who devoted productive years to serving Kwara should spend retirement fighting government for what is legitimately due to them



4 YOUTH

KPF Expectations

From Job Seekers to Opportunity Creators.

Kwara's young people need more than speeches about empowerment. They need pathways to productive work.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **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**

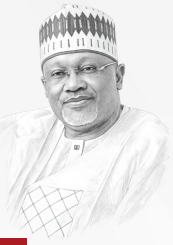
2. The KPF Government will establish a Kwara Youth Opportunity Programme, a Portal for jobs, apprenticeships and a statewide database of skills, employment interests and enterprise aspirations.

3. The KPF Government will expand apprenticeships and internships by partnering with private businesses for structured work-placement opportunities.

4. The KPF Government will provide competitive support for viable youth enterprises and promote financial literacy.

Our KPF Standards

We will not promise every young Kwaran a government job. We will, however, build more pathways to productive employment, enterprise and innovation.



5 TRANSPORTERS

KPF Expectations

Better Roads. Fairer Regulations. Safer Transport.

Transporters connect workers, farmers, traders, students and businesses to opportunity.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **The KPF Government will establish a N5bn Transporters Support revolving Financing Scheme in 4 years, to support qualified operators in various areas including replacing ageing commercial vehicles, conversion to CNG and electronic transport**

2. The KPF Government will review state-level transport charges to eliminate duplication and arbitrary collections;

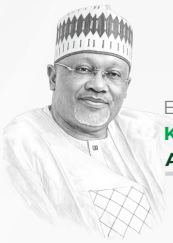
3. The KPF Government will prioritise roads that connect people to markets, schools, healthcare and economic centres and improve transport terminals and designated motor parks;

4. The KPF Government will facilitate access to appropriate vehicle-financing and fleet-renewal partnerships and establish regular consultation with legitimate transport operators.

5. The KPF Government will remodel car, bus parks and transport terminals

Our KPF Standards

Transport should be safer, more predictable and less costly for both operators and passengers.



6 ARTISANS AND SKILLED WORKERS

KPF Expectations

Skill must become a sustainable source of livelihood

Electricians, Mechanics, Welders, Plumbers, Carpenters, Tailors, Masons, Beauticians, Technicians and other artisans are critical to Kwara's economy.

Our KPF Commitments

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

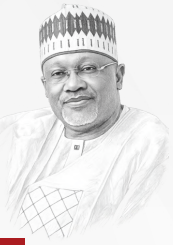
2. The KPF Government will enhance and operationalise existing Artisan Development and Skills Centers and introduce competency-based international certification that meet professional standards.

3. The KPF Government will provide modern tools through transparent support programmes, facilitate affordable financing support.

4. The KPF Government will develop organised artisan clusters where appropriate, and support artisans who wish to formalise and expand their businesses.

Our KPF Standards

A young person should be able to learn a skill, practise it professionally, earn from it and build a business around it.



7 HEALTH WORKERS AND FRONTLINE PROFESSIONALS

KPF Expectations

Support Those Who Serve

Our KPF Commitments

1. **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.**

2. The KPF Government will increase the number of doctors serving in the State, improving their terms and conditions of service (including health and hazard insurance), and addressing their security.

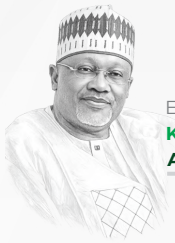
3. The KPF Government will provide other essential human resources, tools and equipment in public health facilities according to priority needs

4. The KPF Government will support primary healthcare facilities with basic infrastructure; strengthen maternal and child health interventions

5. The KPF Government will improve medicine and essential-supply management and strengthen emergency-response coordination

Our KPF Standards

A health worker cannot deliver excellent care without the tools and environment to provide it.



8 STUDENTS

KPF Expectations

Education Must Lead to Opportunity

Our KPF Commitments

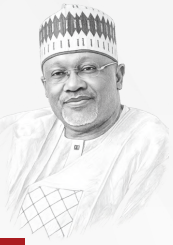
1. **The KPF Government will establish a N5bn Kwara Student revolving Support Fund of providing targeted scholarships, bursaries and education assistance to eligible students.**

2. The KPF Government will expand technical and vocational education and establish a School-to-Work Pathway Programme with internships and industry exposure.

3. The KPF Government will support innovation and problem-solving competitions among students.

Our KPF Standards

Education must produce not only certificates, but capability, confidence and opportunity



9 WOMEN

KPF Expectations

Women Participation, Enterprise and Opportunity

Our KPF Commitments

1. **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.**

2. The KPF Government will facilitate access to appropriate finance, support women-owned small businesses, and introduce Women First Development Programmes.

3. The KPF Government will promote women's participation in agriculture and value chains.

4. The KPF Government will ensure women are adequately represented in all appointments.

Our KPF Standards

Women must not merely be beneficiaries of development; they must be participants and economic drivers of it.



10 PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, OLDER PERSONS AND VULNERABLE CITIZENS

KPF Expectations

Opportunity for Everyone

Our KPF Commitments

1. **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.**

2. The KPF Government will sustain and enhance existing programmes (under the SDG scheme and the Social Development Agency) including assistive devices and mobility aids) are to be sustained and enhanced,

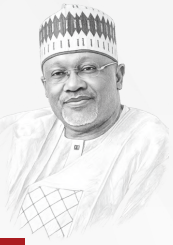
3. The KPF Government will introduce a Vulnerable Citizens Empowerment Programme.

4. The KPF Government will strengthen inclusion of persons with special needs in government programmes and representation.

5. The KPF Government will establish transparent beneficiary-selection mechanisms and work with representative organisations to design appropriate interventions to special needs, poverty and vulnerability

Our KPF Standards

No citizen should be invisible to government because of disability, poverty or vulnerability.



11 SPECIAL PROMISE TO OUR YOUTHS

KPF Expectations

A special promise for our Youth: Our Youth are reflected in nearly every promise above and especially in A-3, 4,5,6 and 7; AND B-4, 6, 7 and 8.

Our KPF Commitments

1. **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.**

2. We will connect training to jobs, ideas to enterprise, talent to opportunity and innovation to markets.

3. We will support our sportsmen and women, protect the intellectual property of our creatives, expand access to digital opportunities and create an enabling environment for youth-led businesses.

4. We will pursue these commitments through transparent programmes, responsible budgeting, private-sector partnerships and measurable results across all 16 Local Government Areas.

Our KPF Standards

Our promise is simple: equip our youth, unlock their potential and expand their opportunities to earn, create, compete and build a prosperous Kwara.

The KPF Accountability Promise

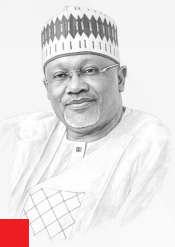
We ask citizens to hold us accountable, but accountability must work both ways.

We therefore ask citizens to:

1. Tell us what is working and what is failing.
2. Verify projects and services in their communities.
3. Use official feedback channels.
4. Protect public assets.
5. Reject political capture of community programmes.
6. Pay lawful taxes through approved channels.
7. Participate in community monitoring.
8. Partner with government to create opportunities and build safer communities.

In return, government will:

- **Listen**
- **Respond**
- **Partner**
- **Plan**
- **Deliver**
- **Verify**
- **Account**



OUR FINAL COVENANT

My fellow Kwarans,

The Kwara People First Social Contract is more than a list of campaign promises. It is a statement of how we intend to govern.

- We will put people before politics, results before rhetoric, institutions before individuals, and long-term development before short-term applause.
- We will protect life before prestige.
- We will connect projects rather than scatter them.
- We will invest in people rather than use them.
- We will create opportunities that can survive beyond an election season.
- We will treat public money as a sacred trust.
- We will listen to rural and urban Kwara.
- We will give every part of the State a fair hearing and pursue explainable regional opportunity.
- We will not pretend that government can solve every problem overnight.

But we will promise that every major problem we undertake will have an owner, a plan, a timeline, a resource framework and a way of measuring progress.

And when citizens ask, "Where is government?", they should not have to search for an answer.

They should be able to see it in the functioning school, the working health center, the accessible rural road, the safer community, the thriving market, the growing business, the productive farm, the skilled young person, the respected civil servant and the dignified pensioner.

These are our standards. This is our covenant. To make Kwara People First.

A Secure Kwara.
A Productive Kwara.
A Prosperous Kwara.

Signed:
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