

# The Uba Sani Action Plan

## The Pledge!

### What I will do

- ◆ Revisit the issue of the rejected \$350 million World Bank loan and ensure immediate deliberations on the Senate floor.
- ◆ Raise a motion clarifying the concept of constituency projects.
- ◆ Lobby for projects and funding that enhance the development of Kaduna. The Kaduna State Infrastructure Master Plan (2018-2050) will serve as a blueprint of earmarked projects for Kaduna from the federal budget.
- ◆ Take charge of the discussion to restructure Nigeria. Focus on driving policies that will improve the economic viability of every state and region.
- ◆ Establish a social intervention fund that caters to the vulnerable groups in each and every LGA in the zone.
- ◆ Establish a loan scheme for entrepreneurs. A rehabilitation centre and vocational program for youths in the zone.
- ◆ A long term solution that will ease the burden of every disabled person in Kaduna Central.

### How I will do it

- ◆ Partner with other legislators, the Kaduna APC Caucus and Principal Officers of the House of Assembly to secure the approval of the loan.
- ◆ Mount pressure on the Senate to pass a resolution which clarifies the notion of constituency projects. Engage pressure groups to highlight the advantages of transparency in



### Investments & Security

No state can achieve sustainable progress without infrastructural development. The Kaduna State Government has adhered to the APC Manifesto since 2015.



Consequently, it has achieved great strides in reducing the infrastructural

## How I will Do it



- ✦ Sustain fruitful partnerships with critical MDAs at the federal level in order to secure funding and support that benefit the people of Kaduna Central.
- ✦ Strategically lobby to ensure the implementation of major and critical projects in Kaduna. These projects will be in line with the Kaduna State Infrastructure Master Plan (2018-2050) in order to guarantee synergy with the Kaduna State Government.
- ✦ Edit the report of the APC Committee on True Federalism to sustainable and acceptable bills. Partner with other Senators regardless of party affiliation to ensure the passage of the bills into laws.
- ✦ Create an open forum for the citizenry and civil society groups to add their input to the bills. Ensure the discussion stays on critical issues such as the Exclusive/Concurrent List, State Police and other important issues.
- ✦ Ensure the swift passage of the Mental Health bill that has been in the Senate since 2003.

deficit of Kaduna State and providing improved services to our people. My duty as a Senator will be to foster a conducive environment that benefits our state by complimenting the efforts of the Federal and State Government so far. The \$350 million loan rejected by the 8th Senate will be of utmost priority at the 9th Senate.

Our party has had the misfortune of having to do more with less. The era of relying on high oil prices for a viable economy are gone. We must do everything within our means to ensure that Kaduna becomes a self-reliant state. We must continue to increase FDI, IGR and the GDP of Kaduna State. The \$150 million investment Olam made in Chikun embodies the nature of investment I will focus on attracting to our great state.



With less resources, promoting investments and fostering partnerships with influential financial institutions such as the World Bank, DFID, USAID, Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and other indigenous organisations becomes mandatory. Infrastructural development is a quick way to address unemployment and improve the quality of services we provide to our people. These organisations are designed to provide the necessary funding to encourage such a drive.

The insecurity issue in Kaduna Central is worrying. We must work closely with the Kaduna State Government to create a sophisticated security system that counters and checks any potential form of violence. We will pay particular attention to the banditry in Birnin Gwari and civil cultural clashes in Kajuru. We will incorporate technology tools, partner with security agencies as well as the private sector to properly resolve as well as this pressing issue.

### True Federalism & Self-Reliance

It is easy to advocate for restructuring. It is easier to grab headlines by mentioning it. Most politicians speak of it in order to attain power and attention. I do not believe in that. I intend to pressure the Senate and partner with the House to visit the Report of the APC Committee on True Federalism. We must back some of these recommendations with proper legislation. The report of the committee serves as an excellent foundation to kick start the restructuring conversation on the Senate floor.

I vow to promote True Federalism to enshrine the concept of self-reliance. It is the most reasonable route to harnessing the blessings and resources that Almighty God has endowed on each state in Nigeria, including Kaduna. While

there are other pertinent issues highlighted by the report, I intend to focus on bottle-necks such as the Exclusive List, the role of VAT, state police and judicial reforms. I will focus on key issues even if they are deemed to be controversial. So long as these issues reduce the cost of governance, increase efficiency and develop Kaduna, I pledge to do everything within my means to tackle them.

### Social Development & Welfare

The APC ran and won the 2019 Elections because of the people. The purpose of governance at any level and within any branch is to improve the well-being of the people. The APC Manifesto and the Kaduna Restoration Plan adhere to providing quality service to the people. I do not believe in stomach infrastructure. Despite the alarming poverty rate among our people, I will not bow to



unsustainable populist policies in order to garner praise and media headlines. Instead, I will focus on realistic and measurable programmes that will benefit the most vulnerable members of our society.

I will be guided by the notion of social justice as a basis for my legislative agenda. The APC and our leaders, President Muhammadu Buhari and Governor Nasir El-Rufai believe that social justice is the only route to a prosperous and peaceful Nigeria. I will personally donate 35% of my monthly salary to the Social Development Fund in order to attain our objectives. The consequences of continuously ignoring our mothers and daughters are too destructive to our psyche as a people. We can no longer afford to ignore it. We must start taking action from day

one!

**Our Women** --- It has become a habit to seek the support of women when it is election time and immediately abandon them afterwards. We all accept their electoral value and dedication when it comes to politics, but conveniently neglect them when it comes socio-economic inclusion. I intend to change that by creating a framework to assist the women of our zone. I will partner with NGOs and Advocacy Groups to provide loans at a very low interest rate to our women. I will partner with the private sector, as part of a CSR scheme to encourage financial literacy and independence to our women.

The ripple effects of supporting women trickles down to how viable, disciplined and productive the young people of Kaduna Central are. A recent report by the Kaduna State Maternal Perinatal Deaths Surveillance & Response (MPDRSR) team stated that 123 women die annually during child birth. Add this tragic news to the number of widows without any savings to rely on and the urgent need to provide a safety net that ensures our women thrive becomes imperative. This is a major step towards tackling our 62% poverty rate. Save a woman, save Kaduna.

**Our Youth** --- The young people are truly the leaders of tomorrow. It sounds like a cliché but I sincerely believe this. However, just as we do to our women, we only seek the young people of our society when the electoral cycle is upon us. Unfortunately, politicians use and abuse our young people in acts of thuggery to achieve their own selfish interests. It is no longer shocking news



that such politicians arm our young people with weapons and drugs whilst shielding those that break the law from prosecution by security agencies. This nonsense must stop. The recent skirmishes in hot spot areas in Kaduna Central must not be allowed to go on. I will partner with security agencies and expose politicians and the young people that are agents of instability in our zone. But, I will do everything within my power to support the countless young people that want to do good and develop themselves. In fact, arresting, rehabilitating and re-orienting our misguided youth is the short-term solution. The long-term solution is to provide jobs and opportunities. At present, 65% of the population of Kaduna State is under the age of 35. Therefore, supporting the youth is critical to the survival of our state.

**Persons with Disability** ---- There are approximately 25 million people living with disability in Nigeria. This is approximately 15% of the population of Nigeria. To its credit, the NASS has provided Nigerians with an equal opportunity bill. However, the

Nigerian Disability Right Bill which was adopted by the Joint Conference Committee of the National Assembly Report has still not been sent to President for his assent. I promise to work with my colleagues and remedy that. We will analyse the bill to ensure that issues such as accessibility in our public places provided and enforced!

In conclusion, all I will do during my term as the Senator representing Kaduna Central is to put our people first. The template to achieve this is available. It is the courage and political will of implementation that has been lacking. We will always put the interest of people of Kaduna first and we will make it great again!