

7 Minutes SDGs Talkpoints

1. How far has the implementation of Agenda 2063 been progressing what are the main M&E frameworks adopted to report on Agenda 2063 alongside SDGs?

- i. The level of implementation for the SDGs Agenda been progressing for Kaduna. Noticeable is that the State from 2015 has adopted a Result-based M&E Approach to implement its projects and programs across all sectors.
- ii. We now have frameworks such as the Social Protection M&E frameworks developed to implement the Kaduna Social Protection Policy. This frameworks establishes proper measures to determine and enhance the performance, planning and management of social protection project/programs. This facilitated the successful transfer of N5,000 to over 70,000 beneficiaries across the State through the Conditional Cash Transfer program.
- iii. We also have the Sector Implementation Plan (SIP), this tools acts as the framework that drives the implementation of the State Development Plan 2021-2025 in Kaduna State. It takes a sectoral implementation approach to project and program. This led to improvements in the following key priority areas: security, infrastructure, economy, social development, good governance, law and justice. This resulted in the successful implementation of the Kaduna Urban Renewal Project which has 14 components including Construction of roads, housing, street lighting, parks/ recreational centers, markets and neighborhood centers. The road component has opened up the city and is connecting communities.
- iv. We also have the M&E Policy that has the Eyes and Ears tools driven by technology. This tool provides real time information for decision making in terms of Status, quality, level of completion, geospatial imaging, and analytics and reporting of projects and program to support implementation of project around the SDGs. Through the Citizens feedback app, citizens who are the greatest beneficiaries have been able to provide feedback on projects status. This tool ensures efficient spending, value for money, citizen engagement, transparency and open government. The tool is also supported by a radio program (Gani ya kora ji) wherein calls are entertained on a free toll line from concerned citizens on feedback of government projects around them. this contributed to the successful implementation of the 2019 SDGs – Conditional Grant Scheme (CDS) projects with the construction of 20 fully equipped health centres, construction of hand pump boreholes, VIP toilets as well as supply of furniture for schools across the State.

- v. Under the Ministry of Agriculture, we have the M&E Logical Framework for Kaduna Agricultural Development Agency that provides a trajectory for keeping track and evaluating the progress of achievements in line with its goals and objectives.
- vi. Under Community and Social Development (CSDA), we have the CSDP M&E framework that reflects the project development objective and also provide information that would not only monitor project implementation progress but equally assist the states in ascertaining the extent to which the project is contributing to addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2. Why has data been a persistent challenge for African countries in SDGs reporting?

- i. Data collection is still a challenge in Africa due to insufficient financing. We have tried to breach this gap in Kaduna by seeking donors to fund some of our data collection activities through the Kaduna State Bureau of Statistics. But the secret for attracting donors is that, you need to show them what you can do. This will convince them to assist.
- ii. Secondly, inadequate/poor capacity development of data managers has contributed to the drawbacks reporting on SDGs.