



2023 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

AND

PROPOSED ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR 2024/2025 SESSIONS

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The Clerk of the House,
Yobe State House of Assembly,
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Damaturu – Yobe State.

Dear Sir,

SUBMISSION OF 2023 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT AND PROPOSED ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR 2024/2025 AUDIT WORK PLAN

In compliance to the provision under Section 23(1)(a)(i)(ii) of the Yobe State Public Sector Audit and Other Related Matters Law, 2021; and in line with the requirements of the Global Best Practices, I hereby write to formally present the 2023 Annual Activity Report and Proposed Annual Programme for 2024/2025 Audit Work Plan for Office of the State Auditor-General, Yobe State, Nigeria in accordance with the applicable laws for your information and further legislative purposes.

This Annual Activity Report is issued by the Office of the State Auditor-General (OSAuG), Yobe State comprises of budgeted and actual performance of revenue and expenditure for the year 2023. It further contains detailed of audit processes adopted to achieve the specific goals during the reporting period including projects/programmes carried-out,

have been reported upon. While Proposed Annual Programme which is based to provide a step-by-step Audit Work Plan for Auditors to follow in completing our statutory tasks which helps in production the Auditor-General's Annual Report within the time frame and avoid any risks, confusion, or inaccuracies.

According to International Organization of Supreme Audit Institution (INTOSAI) Principles, Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) should adopt standards and methodologies that comply with INTOSAI fundamental auditing principles. SAIs should also communicate what those standards and methodologies are and how they comply with them.

While appreciating your usual support and cooperation, please accept the best assurances of my high esteems.



Mai Aliyu Umar Gulani FCCFI, CCrFA, CNA,
Auditor-General Yobe State, Nigeria

PART A: ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023

PROFILE OF OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR-GENERAL (YOBE):

Office of the State Auditor-General is located at Phase I Secretariat along Gwange in Damaturu, the Yobe State Capital. Constitutionally, the duties, functions and responsibilities of the Auditor-General were provided under Sections 125–127 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and subsequent established Section 10 (a) – (e) of the Yobe State Public Sector Audit & Other Related Matters Law, 2021.

Since then, the main functions of the Auditor-General is to examine, process and follow up the reports in respect of the accounts and records, kept and maintained by Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDAs), Courts and Other bodies of the State established by law of Yobe State.

Having need not to be taken much, this office has a total staff strength of one hundred and two staff which comprises of seventy-seven Audit Cadre and twenty-five Non-Audit Cadre. Details of the Members of Staff strength is hereby presented as Annexure A of this report.

However, as a result of new innovations/reforms adopted by Yobe State Supreme Audit Institution to meet the standards of the global best practices, and international and national relevant bodies which include International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), African Organization of English – Speaking Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI-E), Paradigm Leadership Support Initiative (PLSI), a Civic

Organization that promotes Transparency and Accountability in West-Africa and other donor agencies like States Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability Program for Results (SFTAS PforR) supported by World Bank, DAI-EU supported by European Union, etc.

As an Institution established under the supreme law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and other extant rules, this Office is headed by the Auditor-General who is also the Chief Administrative/Accounting Officer, supported by 2 Deputies Auditor-General (Corporate & Audit Services), 3 Directorates/Departments, and 9 Sectional Heads/Units.

To this end, the office has restructured its operations viz-a-viz

a. Corporate Services - Headed by Deputy Auditor-General

- i. Directorate of Admin and Finance
 - Head of Admin
 - Head of Finance
 - Head of Quality, Control and Assurance Services

b. Audit Services – Headed by Deputy Auditor-General

- i. Directorate of Government Accounts
 - Head of Projects Verification, Monitoring & Evaluation
 - Head of Revenue and Special Duties
 - Head of Anson and Payroll
 - Head of Government Inspection
 - Head of Pensions and Gratuities

c. Department of Performance Audit and Final Accounts

➤ Head of Boards and Parastatals

Schedules of each Directorate/Department and its subsidiary Units and sections are contained in the Schedules of Duties and office Brochure.

Our Vision

To be a leading subnational audit Institution, applying best professional auditing practices and ensuring proper accountability in the management of public resources towards promoting good governance in the state.

Our Mission

To audit the State public accounts in the most ethical and professional manner, ensuring probity, accountability and value for money in the conduct of governments financial activities for the benefit of the citizens of the state

MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IN CONDUCTING AUDIT OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023:

We have conducted our statutory audit exercise for the year 2023 vide continuous audit tests with a tag “Financial and Compliance Audit with Value-for-Audit”. Furthermore, the audit was carried out in line with the applicable of laws. Major and minor issues were raised during the audit exercise, minor issues were dealt with on the spot following required explanations/and or comments. Queries were sent to some Ministries, Departments and Agencies for authoritative explanations/and or comments, while unresolved issues have been forwarded to the Hon.

House vide my Domestic Audit Report for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

Moreover, this office received the draft financial statements for the year 2023 submitted by the Accountant-General of the State on the 20th day of February, 2024 prior to the stipulated date of 31st March, 2023. After thorough scrutiny of the Annual Accounts and financial statements, it was observed that the accounts were prepared and presented in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP), and the new International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) 'cash basis' General Purpose Financial Statements (GPFS) reporting format. The accounts were published in two different format.

1. Audited Financial Statements of Government of Yobe State of Nigeria for the year ended 31st December, 2023; and
2. Report of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of Government of Yobe State of Nigeria for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

Consequently, Reports were submitted to the State House of Assembly on 29th April, 2024 in accordance with the provision of section 125 (5) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended). Acknowledgement copy of a letter submitted to the State House of Assembly is hereby attached as Annexure B of this report.

Likewise, a six weeks radio program was organized in collaboration with PLSI to sensitize public on the activities of Audit offices and the roles of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the year 2023.

Furthermore, as part of promoting transparency and accountability in government business, An Annual Audit Engagement forum and Accountability Dialogue were conducted in the year 2023; relevant stakeholders were invited and at the end of the forum, a communique was issued for proper implementation and necessary follow-up (copy of the communique is attached as Annexure c).

2023 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL:

Being an important aspect to present the financial performance of this office and other commitments for the period between 1st January – 31st December, 2023; the total budget for the year 2023 stood at N413,052,000. This comprises of N73,052,000 represents 18% for personnel costs, N243,000,000 represents 59% for recurrent expenditure while the sum of N97,000,000 represents 23% stands for capital expenditure.

During the period under review, this office recorded a performance of 53% out of the total approved budget as presented in the below tabular form.

Description	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	Perf. %
Personnel Costs	66,209,116	73,052,000	16%
Overhead Costs	151,058,278	243,000,000	37%
Capital Expenditure	-	97,000,000	
TOTAL	217,267,394	413,052,000	53%

Details of the financial performance and position is contained in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

CHALLENGES IMPEDING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS OFFICE:

At present, this office is facing a lot of challenges in terms of staffing, capacity building, mobility, among others.

i. STAFFING

As always emphasized, that there is need to increase the staff strength by employing staff in different areas of specialization to replace the officers who are retiring from the service in droves. This would enable us to face the challenges inherent in the office and to meet the requirements of the modern days auditing professions.

ii. TRAINING:

In line with the current reforms being carried out in Audit professions, continuous training of staff at all levels would be of great advantage. Though, necessary support is receiving from the State Government in this regard, more need to be done based on Capacity Building and Training Needs Assessment (TSA) conducted by the Nigerian Governors

Forum (NGF), donor agencies which include DAI-EU, and PLSI a Civic Organizations.

iii. MOTOR VEHICLE:

With the increase and spread of the Government projects/programmes in every part across the State, this office is requiring a four-wheel drive(s) due to some terrain areas for the purpose of verification and monitoring of projects in all part of the State. This would no doubt give room for proper reporting on government activities embarked upon for which huge public funds are being expended.

Furthermore, to provide best assurance services to the Hon. House and good people of Yobe State, additional funding may be required to enable the Supreme Audit Institution to acquire the services of professionals concerned to ensure performance audit and value for money audit.

PART B: PROPOSED ANNUAL AUDIT PROGRAMME FOR THE 2024/2025 SESSIONS

As part of transparent process in the audit activities, a Proposed Annual Programme have been developed by this office. This would enable the office meet the requirements of the constitution and other extant laws in timely submission of our annual reports to the State House of Assembly in accordance with provisions of section 125 (5) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), and section 17 (3) of Yobe State Public Sector Audit and Other Related Matters law, 2021; and subsequently meet-up with the dateline set aside by the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) as adopted by Yobe State with a view to improve the effectiveness of fiscal policies. Program based objectives.

Ref. No.	ACTIVITY	PERIOD	DATE
24.1	Capacity building for Team of Inspection Auditors	3 Weeks	13 th April– 3 rd May, 2024
24.2	Posting of Routine Inspection Audit team to Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and commencement of first & second quarter, 2024 Audit exercise	2 Weeks	6 th – 17 th May, 2024
24.3	Submission of Proposals for External Audit Engagement to Boards and Parastatals for the year 2024	4 Weeks	3 rd – 29 th June, 2024
24.4	Conduct of physical verification of projects/programmes executed between first and second quarter of the year 2024	4 Weeks	1 st – 27 th July, 2024
24.5	Exit Conference of Audit report for first and second quarter, 2024	3 Weeks	29 th July – 17 th August, 2024
24.6	Commencement of discussions and submissions of 2024 first and second quarter report	4 Weeks	19 th August – 14 th September, 2024

24.7	Review of 2024 first and second quarter report and queries administration	4 Weeks	16 th September – 11 th October, 2024
24.8	Review on Responses of findings/observations and comments received from Auditees	3 Weeks	14 th October – 1 st November, 2024
24.9	Special Audit Exercise on Subsidiaries accounts and Special duties	6 Weeks	4 th November – 13 th December, 2024
24.10	Review on Responses of findings/observations and comments received during special audit from Auditees	4 Weeks	16 th December, 2024 – 10 th January, 2025
25.1	'Continuous Audit Exercise' to Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) for third and fourth quarter, 2024	6 Weeks	13 th January – 21 st February, 2025
25.2	Conduct of physical verification of all projects/programmes executed in the year 2024	3 Weeks	24 th February – 14 th March, 2025
25.3	Review of Draft Financial Statements for the year 2024	1 Week	17 th – 28 March, 2025
25.4	Commencement of discussions and submissions of 2024 Audit report	2 Weeks	31 st March – 11 th April, 2025
25.5	Review on Responses of findings/observations and comments received from the affected Auditees	2 Weeks	14 th – 25 th April, 2025
25.6	Development, compilation and production of Auditor-General's Annual Report for the year ended 31 st December, 2024	2 Weeks	28 th April – 9 th May, 2025
25.7	Printing of Auditor-General's Annual Report on the accounts of Government of Yobe State for the year ended 31 st December, 2023	1 Week	12 th – 16 th May, 2025
25.8	Submission of Auditor-General's Annual Report for the year ended 31 st December, 2024 to the State House of Assembly	3 days	19 th – 21 st May, 2025
25.9	Publication of 2024 Audited Financial Statements of Government of Yobe State in 3 national dailies	2 days	22 nd – 23 rd May, 2025
25.10	Organizing a Media forum on 2024 Auditor-General's Annual Report	1 Week	26 th – 30 th May, 2025
25.11	Conduct of 2024 Annual Audit Engagement forum and Accountability Dialogue	2 Weeks	2 nd – 13 th June, 2025
25.12	Wrap-up Meetings on 2024 Auditor-General's Annual Activity Report	1 Week	16 th – 20 th June, 2025
25.13	Presentation of 2024 Annual Activity Report to the House	2 Weeks	23 rd June – 4 th July, 2025