



STATISTICS OF SOME MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRESIDENT BUHARI'S ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE NATIONAL POLICIES AND SUPERVISION OF PARASTATALS OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL ECONOMY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ISA ALI IBRAHIM (PANTAMI), PhD, FNCS, FBCS, FIIM, BETWEEN AUGUST 2019 TO JULY 2021

## INTRODUCTION

The **Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami), PhD, FNCS, FBCS, FIIM** resumed office as Minister on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, 2019. The Communications and Digital Economy sector has recorded a number of unprecedented achievements under his leadership. For example, the sector played a **pivotal role in lifting the Nigerian economy out of recession**, with the ICT sector recording the highest growth rate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2020 (14.70%), as reported by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and stated by the President.

This growth rate was the only double-digit growth rate and it exceeded the aggregate growth rates of all the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest growing sectors. The ICT sector also had the highest growth rate in the year 2020 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021. It is also noteworthy that the telecommunications sub-sector grew at 15.90% and this was its highest growth rate over the past decade. Additionally, the Ministry and its parastatals have **generated over ₦1 Trillion for the Federal Government in less than 2 years**, this translates to an average of about ₦44 Billion every month or over ₦1.4 Billion every day! For example, about ₦360 Billion of this revenue was largely from Spectrum, allocated by the National Frequency Management Council (NFMC), under the Chairmanship of the Minister, to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) for commercial purposes. Another over ₦600 Billion was paid as taxes by ICT Companies to the account of the Federal Government through the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS).

Over the last 2 years, a significant number of National Policies have been developed to create an enabling environment for the sustainable growth of the Communications and Digital Economy Sector. This has led to the resolution of challenges that had lingered for close to a decade. **Sixteen (16)** of these **National Policies** have been developed and over a dozen of these are already being implemented. As part of the implementation of these policies, over **1,667 projects/centres have been established**, and an additional 455 are ongoing.

**Over 219,000 Nigerians have directly benefited from training on digital skills** and this number does not include several others that have benefited from such trainings indirectly. Furthermore, there have been over **61 million unique NIN enrolments**. Almost all the achievements here are unprecedented.

A succinct list of some of these achievements has been captured in the tables here.

| A. 1,667 ICT PROJECTS AND CENTRES |   |              |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| S/N                               | TITLE   | NUMBER       |
| 1.                                | Emergency Communication Centres   | 24           |
| 2.                                | Virtual Examination Centres   | 4            |
| 3.                                | eHealth/Data Sharing Centres  | 4            |
| 4.                                | Digital Awareness Program (DAP) Centres   | 80           |
| 5.                                | Advance Digital Appreciation Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADAPTI)               | 74           |
| 6.                                | Digital Industrial Parks  | 4            |
| 7.                                | Wireless Internet Cloud (WIC)   | 50           |
| 8.                                | ICT Innovation and Incubation Park/Hubs   | 6            |
| 9.                                | Digital Capacity Training Centres (DCTC)  | 80           |
| 10.                               | E-Learning Facilities for DCTCs   | 80           |
| 11.                               | NIITDA Community IT Training Centres  | 6            |
| 12.                               | IT Innovation Hubs  | 4            |
| 13.                               | IT Capacity Building Centres  | 3            |
| 14.                               | Provision of ICT Facilities in Institutions   | 20           |
| 15.                               | Interventions for Special IT Projects   | 4            |
| 16.                               | Community ICT Centres   | 6            |
| 17.                               | National Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (NCAIR)                        | 1            |
| 18.                               | Empowering Farmers through the National Adopted Village for Smart Agriculture Programme | 565          |
| 19.                               | NIPOST Digital Centre   | 1            |
| 20.                               | General Post Office and Community Shopping Mall   | 1            |
| 21.                               | Tertiary Institution Knowledge Centers (TIKC)   | 17           |
| 22.                               | School Knowledge Centers (SKC)  | 249          |
| 23.                               | Rural Broadband Initiatives   | 24           |
| 24.                               | Accelerated Mobile Phone Expansion-Base Transceiver Station (AMPE-BTS)                  | 42           |
| 25.                               | E-Accessibility Projects  | 24           |
| 26.                               | E-Libraries   | 9            |
| 27.                               | E-Health Facilities (in 14 hospitals)   | 1            |
| 28.                               | Completed E-Government Training Centre  | 1            |
| 29.                               | National Mobility and Data Analytics Center Development Project                         | 1            |
| 30.                               | Digital Media Studio  | 1            |
| 31.                               | Digital Economy Centers (DEC)   | 80           |
| 32.                               | E-Learning Facilities attached to DECs  | 80           |
| 33.                               | NICTIB Fibre to the Abuja International Airport   | 1            |
| 34.                               | Establishment of Depository Management System   | 1            |
| 35.                               | Construction of Neighbourhood Post Office Buildings                                     | 3            |
| 36.                               | Digital Complex Enugu   | 1            |
| 37.                               | Educational Content Development and Deployment (in 114 schools)                         | 114          |
| 38.                               | Laying of 19.1Km of Fiber cable to expand reach and Coverage to MDAs (covering 28 MDAs) | 1            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      |   | <b>1,667</b> |

| B. 455 ONGOING ICT PROJECTS AND CENTRES |   |        |
|---|---|--------|
| S/N                                     | TITLE   | NUMBER |
| 1.                                      | Establishment of IT/ICT Departments in MDAs               | 100    |
| 2.                                      | Local Area Network to all MDAs                            | 23     |
| 3.                                      | Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Hybrid Spectrum | 1      |

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|     | Monitoring System for the South-East Zone of Nigeria (Anambra State)   |            |
| 4.  | National ICT Infrastructure Backbone (NICTIB II) - (3,441Km Backbone, 332Km Metro, New Data Center, 1 Cloud Computing eGov, 108 eLTE base stations, Smart City and 1 Enterprise network security system) | 1          |
| 5.  | Accelerated Mobile Phone Expansion-Base Transceiver Station (AMPE-BTS)   | 202        |
| 6.  | Rural Broadband Initiatives  | 15         |
| 7.  | Emergency Communication Centers  | 11         |
| 8.  | Implementation of National Addressing System   | 1          |
| 9.  | Development of NIPOST 16.62 Hectares in Kaduna   | 1          |
| 10. | Educational Content Development and Deployment   | 100        |
|     | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>455</b> |

**C. 219,198 CITIZENS BENEFITTED FROM DIRECT DIGITAL SKILLS TRAININGS**

| S/N | TITLE  | NUMBER         |
|-----|--|----------------|
| 1.  | ICT Training and Empowerment for Women   | 200            |
| 2.  | Training of Persons Living with Disabilities.  | 102            |
| 3.  | Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR) training - (Events, including webinars on NDPR for Data Protection Officers trained for different Sectors, Media Executives, Data Protection Compliance Officers, etc) | 296            |
| 4.  | NITDEF Scholarship   | 49             |
| 5.  | Future Hack for Indigenous Technology Development  | 30             |
| 6.  | Training of 21 Nigerian Army personnel on Linux and Cyber Security   | 21             |
| 7.  | Capacity Building Programme for Artisans   | 1120           |
| 8.  | Streamlined Capacity Building Programme for Virtual Library  | 150            |
| 9.  | Conducted training for MDAs on Digital Identity for Development.   | 30             |
| 10. | Digital Skill training For New Reportage of ICT Journalism   | 45             |
| 11. | GSM Phone Repairs Training in Partnership with Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB)   | 1,858          |
| 12. | Graduate Internship Scheme (GIS) Training on Software, Mobile App, Web Development, and Entrepreneurship   | 300            |
| 13. | ICT Training for Legislators   | 85             |
| 14. | Digital Job Creation Training  | 960            |
| 15. | VSAT Installation Core Skills  | 600            |
| 16. | Digital Nigeria and NITDA Academy Online Academies   | 212,000        |
| 17. | Trained 150 NYSC and SIWES students on IT Essentials and Networking leading to CISCO Certification   | 150            |
| 18. | Capacity Building for IT Intervention Centre Managers  | 200            |
| 19. | Capacity Building and Certification for Digital Transformation Technical Working Group   | 442            |
| 20. | Capacity Building for Members of Civil Society   | 30             |
| 21. | Capacity Building through National Adopted School for Smart Education (NASSE)  | 530            |
|     | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>219,198</b> |

**D. 16 NATIONAL POLICIES DEVELOPED**

| S/N | TITLE  |
|-----|--|
| 1.  | National Digital Economy Policy & Strategy 2020-2030 (NDEPS)                                       |
| 2.  | Roadmap for the Implementation of the NDEPS  |
| 3.  | Nigerian National Broadband Plan 2020-2025   |
| 4.  | SIM Card Registration Policy   |
| 5.  | Revised National Digital Identity Policy for SIM Card Registration                                 |
| 6.  | National Policy for the Promotion of Indigenous Content in the Nigerian Telecommunications Sector  |
| 7.  | National Policy on Virtual Engagements in the Federal Public Institutions                          |
| 8.  | National Policy on Device Management   |
| 9.  | National Policy on Digital Identity for Internally Displaced Persons in Nigeria                    |
| 10. | National Policy on VSAT Installation Core Skills for Nigerians                                     |
| 11. | Rule Making Process of NIPOST  |
| 12. | National Dig-Once Policy (Stakeholder Engagement ongoing)  |
| 13. | National Policy on Communication Satellite (Draft)   |
| 14. | National Policy on Fifth Generation (5G) Networks for Nigeria's Digital Economy (Draft)            |
| 15. | National Policy for the Management of the National Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics |
| 16. | National Digital Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Startup Policy (Stakeholder Engagement ongoing)  |
|     | <b>TOTAL</b>   |

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**E. 61 MILLION NIN ENROLMENTS**

| S/N | TITLE   | NUMBER |
|-----|---|--------|
| 1.  | 61,092,044 NIN Enrolments as at August 11 <sup>th</sup> 2021 (up from about 42 million in September 2020)                                   |        |
| 2.  | Roll-out & Launch of the NIMC Enrolment Software  |        |
| 3.  | Upgrade of Critical ICT Infrastructure of National Identity Management System (Ongoing following approval by the Federal Executive Council) |        |

**F. ₦1.054 TRILLION REVENUE GENERATED BY THE MINISTRY AND ITS PARASTATALS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF ISA ALI IBRAHIM**

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|----|---|
| 1. | Over Three Hundred and Fifty-Eight Billion Naira ( <del>₦</del> 358,785,000,000)<br><i>This Revenue is largely from Spectrum, allocated by the National Frequency Management Council (NFMC) to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) for commercial purposes. The Honourable Minister supervises as the Chairman of NFMC.</i> |
| 2. | Over Six Hundred Billion Naira ( <del>₦</del> 601,608,438,550.51)<br><i>This Revenue came from taxes paid by the ICT companies to the account of the Federal Government, remitted through the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS).</i>  |
| 3. | Over Ninety Four Billion Naira ( <del>₦</del> 94,000,000,000)<br><i>Revenue generated for the Federal Government and approved by the National Assembly in line with relevant laws, as part of the 2020 appropriation for personnel, capital projects, capacity building, interventions, etc.</i>  |
|    | <b>TOTAL : ₦1,054,393,438,550.51</b><br>(Note: ₦5,478,007,325.23 was also saved for the Federal Government through the IT Projects Clearance Programme)   |



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