COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

ON

ZITDA'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Two Years of Digital Transformation Under the Visionary Leadership of

His Excellency, Dauda Lawal,

Executive Governor of Zamfara State

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01 | INTRODUCTION

The Zamfara Information Technology Development Agency (ZITDA) has undergone a remarkable transformation over the last two years under the stewardship of its Executive Secretary, Habib Gajam, Ph.D., and the visionary leadership of His Excellency, Governor Dauda Lawal. Bold reforms, strategic partnerships, institutional digitization, and accelerated deployment of digital infrastructure across Zamfara State have characterized this period.

Guided by a clear vision to leverage technology for good governance, economic growth, and social inclusion, ZITDA has repositioned Zamfara as an emerging digital leader in Nigeria, strengthening public service delivery and expanding access to digital opportunities for citizens.

02 | INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS & DIGITAL GOVERNANCE

2.1 E-Governance Systems

❚ Deployment of electronic personnel files (E-Files) for civil servants, integrated with payroll and nominal rolls following a comprehensive verification exercise.

❚ Official emails created for Executive Council Members and all senior civil servants across the State for e-government communication and service delivery

❚ Biometric attendance system in select MDAs to enhance accountability and workforce efficiency.

❚ Development of a Visitor Management System (VMS) at Government House for automated and secure access control.

2.2 Executive Council Digitization

❚ Development and deployment of the E-Govt Platform, a dedicated E-government solution for Executive Council members, enabling:

  ○ Paperless meetings

  ○ Digital memo processing

  ○ Decision tracking

  ○ Secure archiving of resolutions

❚ Full automation of the State Executive Council Chamber with modern digital conferencing and ICT facilities

❚ Full automation of the State House of Assembly Chamber with modern digital conferencing and ICT facilities.

03 | E-GOVERNMENT APPLICATIONS & DIGITAL DASHBOARDS

To support evidence-based governance and real-time monitoring, ZITDA developed and deployed the following applications:

1. Development of interactive websites across 30 MDAs to strengthen digital communication and service access.

2. Project Implementation & Monitoring System Dashboard

3. Zamfara State Transport Authority (ZSTA) Operations and Financial Dashboard

4. Zamfara State Social Register Data Bank Dashboard

5. Drugs Supply & Medical Consumables Dashboard

6. Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) Dashboard

7. Visitors Management System VMS Dashboard

8. Digital Attendance System - Dashboard

9. Zamfara State Digital Recruitment System - Dashboard

10. Inventory Management System Dashboard and Tracking

These platforms improve transparency, service delivery, and decision-making across MDAs.

04 | HEALTHCARE & PUBLIC SERVICE AUTOMATION

Deployment of Electronic Health Record Systems across renovated/constructed Hospitals, improving patient data management and operational efficiency.

- Automation of General Hospital Gusau

- Automation of General Hospital Kaura Namoda

- Automation of General Hospital Maru

- Automation of General Hospital Anka

- Automation of General Hospital Maradun

- Automation of General Hospital Nasarawar Burkullu,

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4.1 Student Data Verification & Fraud Prevention System (NECO & WAEC)
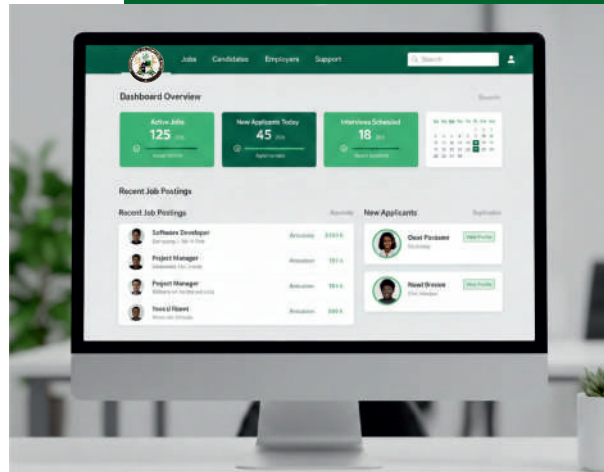
Student Data Verification & Fraud Prevention System; This data validation system represents a critical milestone in the digital transformation agenda, demonstrating ZITDA's role in securing government data, preventing fraud, and ensuring value-for-money for Zamfara State.

4.2 Zamfara State Recruitment Portal (digital Recruitment System)

As part of ZITDA's mission to strengthen transparency, accountability, and efficiency in public service, the Agency successfully developed and deployed the Zamfara State Recruitment Portal.

The portal was created to:

01 Automate recruitment processes across MDAs

02 Eliminate manual recruitment fraud

03 Ensure merit-based selection

04 Enable transparent and fair recruitment screening

05 Provide an efficient platform for application submission and tracking

05 | DIGITAL LITERACY & HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

5.1 Zamfara Digital Literacy Framework (ZDLF)

Zamfara became the first state in Nigeria to launch a comprehensive Digital Literacy Framework, targeting:

Youths

Women

Civil servants

Students

Entrepreneurs

The general public

5.2 Establishment of the Zamfara Institute of Information Technology (ZIIT)

Following passage of the enabling bill by the State House of Assembly in October 2025. The institute is envisioned as a world-class ICT education and innovation hub.

5.3 Women & Youth Empowerment

NCC–ZITDA Women Digital Skills Program: 150 women trained, each receiving an Android device, certification, and ₦100,000 startup grant and special package for the best 10 performing students.

Oracle–ZITDA Skills Initiative: Over 3,000 Zamfara youths trained in cloud computing, AI, cybersecurity, and database technologies.

Oracle Academy Capacity Building for faculty and students in tertiary institutions across the state

5.4 Institutional Capacity Building

01 Training of Executive Council Members on basic computer operations and Microsoft Office tools to strengthen digital readiness.

02 Training of 30 Follows for a 12-month internship Programme under the Nigeria Jubilee Fellowship in collaboration with the UNDP, covering digital skills, administrative operations, and office management.

03 Experience AI Workshop (Phase I & Phase II):
ZITDA, in collaboration with WOMEN in TECH organized Experience AI Workshops aimed at introducing artificial intelligence concepts at the public secondary school level.

Phase I: 20 secondary school students and 5 teachers

Phase II: 20 secondary school students and 5 teachers

The workshops focused on foundational AI knowledge, ethical AI use, and practical exposure, strengthening early-stage digital and AI awareness among students and educators.

06 DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE & CONNECTIVITY

6.1 Broadband Expansion

- Waiver of Right of Way (RoW) charges to encourage telecom investment.
- Deployment of 20km fiber optic backbone across Gusau, connecting:

1	JB Secretariat (10 Ministries)
2	Government House
3	High Court
4	ZIRS
5	Specialist Hospital
6	School of Nursing & Midwifery
7	GSM Village

6.2 eLTE & Secure Government Connectivity

Installation of an eLTE Base Station at Government House Gusau in collaboration with Galaxy Backbone (GBB) and Huawei, providing secure broadband coverage within a 15km radius.

6.3 Project 774 Collaboration

In partnership with FMCDE, NigComSat, GBB, and NITDA, ZITDA delivered internet connectivity and ICT equipment to:

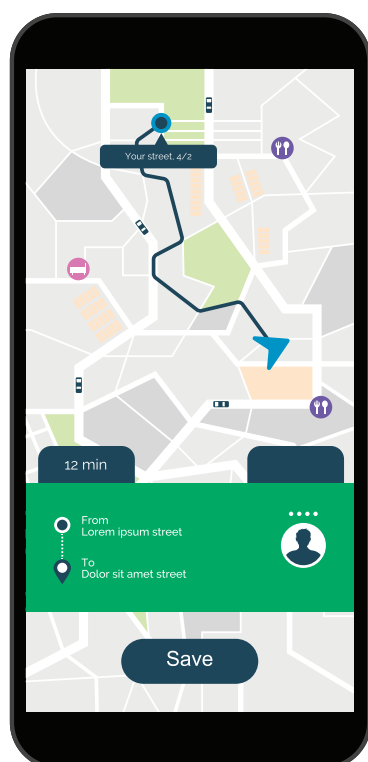**Anka**   **Bukkuyum**   **Zurmi**   **Maru**   **Birnin Magaji**

07 | TRANSPORT & SMART SYSTEMS

Automation of the Zamfara State Transport Authority (ZSTA) with an AI-powered fleet management and digital ticketing system covering 50 buses, including:

- Real-time tracking
- Passenger safety monitoring
- Digital ticketing
- Free Wi-Fi services

08 ICT EQUIPMENT DEPLOYMENT

ZITDA coordinated large-scale distribution of desktops, laptops, printers, projectors, and Starlink internet to Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, strengthening institutional capacity and enabling digital operations across government.

BENEFICIARY MDAs OF ZITDA DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVES

Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs):

1. Office of the Executive Governor (OEG)
2. Office of the Deputy Governor
3. Office of the Secretary to the State Government (SSG)
4. Office of the Head of Service
5. Office of the Accountant General
6. Office of the State Auditor General
7. Office of the Local Government Auditor General
8. Office of the Surveyor General
9. Office of the Statistician General
10. Ministry of Health
11. Ministry of Education
12. Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning
13. Ministry of Works and Infrastructures
14. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
15. Ministry of Justice
16. Ministry of Agriculture
17. Ministry of Housing
18. Ministry for Local Government
19. Executive Council Secretariat
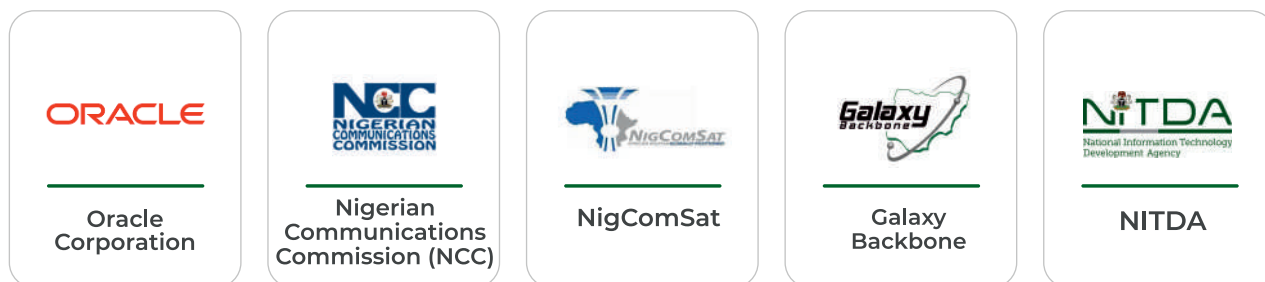20. Zamfara Information Technology Development Agency (ZITDA)

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22	Zamfara Geographical Information System ZAGIS
23	Zamfara Internal Revenue Service
24	Zamfara Urban and Regional Planning Board ZUREP
25	Gusau Emirate Council
26	Zamfara State Housing Corporation
27	Zamfara State Water Corporation
28	College of Nursing
29	Zamfara Media Corporation
30	Gold City FM
31	Legacy Newspaper
32	Zamfara State Television
33	Media and Communication Department
34	Quality Assurance Department (Ministry of Education)
35	Teachers Service Board
36	Zamfara Radio Gusau
37	Arabic and Islamic Education Board
38	Primary Health Care Board
39	Bureau of Public Procurement
40	Zamfara Electrification Agency
41	Liaison Office, Abuja
42	General Hospitals (Anka, Gusau, Kaura Namoda, Maru, Maradun & Nasarawar Burkullu)

09 | STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Key partnerships established or strengthened include:

ORACLE	NCC NIGERIAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION	NigComSat	Galaxy Backbone	NiTDA National Information Technology Development Agency
Oracle Corporation	Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)	NigComSat	Galaxy Backbone	NITDA

These collaborations support training, broadband expansion, innovation, and digital governance

10 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Key partnerships established or strengthened include:

- **NBAN Recognition (2025) –**National Broadband Alliance for Nigeria - Friendly Policies

- **International Recognition (2025) –** Digital Government Africa Summit, Zambia

- **NCCIDE Award (2024) –** Zamfara emerged 1st in the Digital Technology Infrastructure Development category at the 12th National Council on Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Makurdi, Benue State

- **NCCIDE Award (2025) –**Best State in E-Government at the 13th Council meeting in Jos, Plateau State.

- **NCCIDE Award (2025) –**1st Runner-Up in ICT Human Capital Development at the 13th Council meeting in Jos, Plateau State.

11 CONCLUSION

The last two years under the visionary leadership of His Excellency, Governor Dauda Lawal, and the stewardship of **Habib Gajam, Ph.D**. have marked a defining chapter in ZITDA's history. Through visionary leadership, institutional reforms, strategic partnerships, and sustained innovation, ZITDA has laid a strong digital foundation for Zamfara State.

As we kickstart the new year, we remain committed to deepening innovation, expanding digital inclusion, strengthening governance, and ensuring technology continues to catalyze sustainable development across Zamfara State.

ACTIVITIES PHOTO GALLERY

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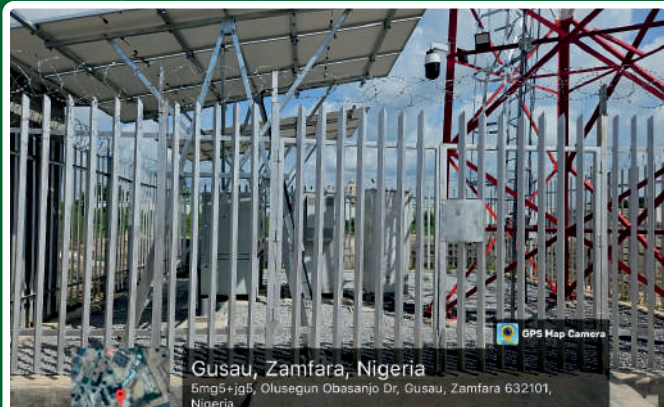

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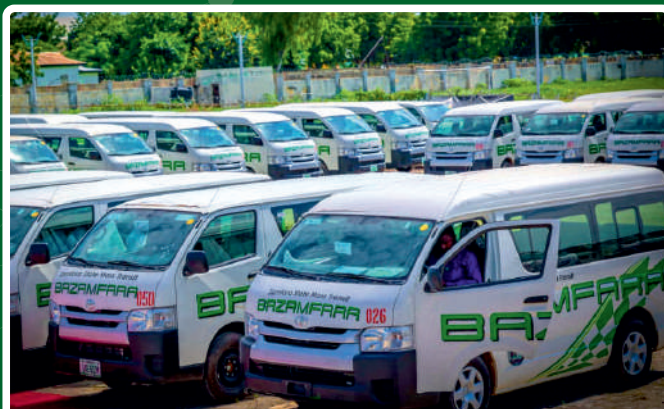

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Project 774. The project is aimed at connecting all local government secretaries across the country. Zamfara Information Technology Development Agency (ZITDA) has just supervised the installation of the VSAT network by NIGCOMSAT Limited at Maru, Anka, Bukkuyum, Birnin Magaji, and Zurmi Local Governments. March 2024