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AGENCY ACT, 2023**



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SCHEDULES

# NATIONAL SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AGENCY ACT, 2023

## ACT No. 59

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AGENCY  
TO ASSIST AND EMPOWER THE POOR AND THE VULNERABLE IN NIGERIA ;  
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

[11th Day of May, 2023]

Commence-  
ment

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria—

### PART I — OBJECTIVE AND APPLICATION

1. The objective of this Act is to provide a legal and institutional framework for the establishment and management of the National Social Investment Programme in Nigeria.

Objective

2. This Act shall apply throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Application

### PART II — NATIONAL SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

3.—(1) There is established the National Social Investment Programme (“in this Act referred to as “the Programme”) which shall consist of the following—

Establishment  
of the  
National  
Social  
Investment  
Programme

- (a) N-Power Programme ;
- (b) National Cash Transfer Programme ;
- (c) National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme ;
- (d) Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme ; and
- (e) such other Programme as may be approved by the President.

(2) Each Programme shall have a National Programme Manager.

4.—(1) The beneficiaries of the Programme under this Act shall be the poor and vulnerable which include —

Beneficiaries  
of the  
Programme

- (a) unemployed persons including unskilled persons ;
- (b) vulnerable widows, orphans and children ;
- (c) persons with disabilities ;
- (d) vulnerable senior citizens ; and
- (e) such other category of persons as the National Social Investment Board may, with the approval of the President, determine by an order published in the Federal Government Gazette.

(2) The target beneficiaries of the Programme shall be as set out under the First Schedule to this Act.

First  
Schedule

|                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Registration, selection and enrolment of beneficiaries of the Programme                                                                       | <p><b>5.—</b>(1) The registration of beneficiaries of the Programme shall be open to all poor and vulnerable Nigerians.</p> <p>(2) The selection and enrolment process shall be fair and reflect national spread.</p> <p>(3) Where in the opinion of the Agency, an applicant is not qualified to benefit from the Programme, the Agency shall inform the applicant accordingly and provide the reasons.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| National Social Register                                                                                                                      | <p><b>6.—</b>(1) There is established a National Social Register (in this Act referred to as “the Register”) which shall be deployed for implementing the Programme and any other related matter.</p> <p>(2) The National Social Register shall contain the electronic information and data of poor and vulnerable persons and households from the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Termination of benefits                                                                                                                       | <p><b>7.—</b>(1) The Agency may cancel a beneficiary’s social investment benefits where such benefit has been obtained through misrepresentation, deceit, fraud or failure to disclose any material information.</p> <p>(2) Any social investment benefits obtained through misrepresentation, deceit, fraud or failure to disclose any material information shall be refunded to the Government by the person or from his estate if he is deceased.</p> <p>(3) The Agency may terminate the payment of social investment benefits to a beneficiary who is absent from Nigeria for a continuous period of six months.</p> <p>(4) The provision or payment of any social investment benefits to a beneficiary shall lapse when the —</p> <p>(a) person dies ; or</p> <p>(b) conditions upon which the person was considered a beneficiary no longer exist.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART III — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AGENCY AND ITS GOVERNING BOARD</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Establishment of the National Social Investment Programme Agency                                                                              | <p><b>8.—</b>(1) There is established the National Social Investment Programme Agency (“in this Act referred to as “the Agency”) for the proper execution and management of the Programme.</p> <p>(2) The Agency shall —</p> <p>(a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal ;</p> <p>(b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name ; and</p> <p>(c) may acquire, mortgage and own movable or immovable property.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

- 9.—(1) There is established for the Agency, the National Social Investment Programme Agency Board (in this Act referred to as “the Board”).
- (2) The Board shall consist of —
- (a) a Chairman who shall be a person of proven integrity with cognate experience in social investments ;
- (b) representatives of Federal Ministries responsible for the following, not below the rank of Director —
- (i) humanitarian affairs,
  - (ii) finance,
  - (iii) education,
  - (iv) health,
  - (v) justice,
  - (vi) women affairs, and
  - (vii) agriculture ;
- (c) one representation each from the six geo-political zones ; and
- (d) the National Coordinator who shall also be the Secretary to the Board.
- (3) Members of the Board other than *ex-officio* members shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (4) Members of the Board shall be paid such allowances as may be approved by the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission.
- (5) The Chairman and members of the Board other than the National Coordinator shall hold office on part-time basis.
- (6) The supplementary provisions set out under the Second Schedule to this Act shall apply to the proceedings of the Board.
- (7) The Board may for the purpose of exercising its powers under the Act, constitute a technical working group.
- (8) The technical working group shall consist of the following —
- (a) The National Coordinator who shall be the Chairman ;
- (b) Chief Executives of the following agencies —
- (i) National Bureau of Statistics,
  - (ii) Universal Basic Education Commission,
  - (iii) National Primary Healthcare Development Agency,
  - (iv) National Orientation Agency,
  - (v) National Youth Service Corps,
  - (vi) Central Bank of Nigeria, and
  - (vii) such other agencies as the Board may determine ;

Establishment  
of the  
National  
Social  
Investment  
Programme  
Agency  
Governing  
Board and  
its technical  
working  
group

Second  
Schedule

(c) a representative each from the following bodies —

- (i) Nigeria Governors Forum,
- (ii) Civil Society Organisations,
- (iii) Organised Private Sector,
- (iv) International Development Partners,
- (v) International Non-Governmental Organisations, and
- (vi) Non-Governmental Organisations ;

(d) Chairman of the State Coordinators Forum.

(9) The technical working group shall perform the functions assigned to it by the Board.

Tenure of  
office

**10.**—(1) Members of the Board other than *ex-officio* members shall hold office for a term of four years and may be reappointed for a further term of four years, and no more.

(2) The appointment of members of the Board shall be on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.

Cessation of  
membership

**11.**—(1) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant where —

- (a) his term of office expires ;
- (b) he resigns by notice in writing addressed to the Minister ;
- (c) he dies ;
- (d) he is declared bankrupt ;
- (e) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty ;
- (f) he is guilty of gross misconduct relating to his duties ; or
- (g) in the case of an *ex-officio* member, he ceases to hold the office on the basis of which he is a member of the Board.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of this Act and subsection (1), a member of the Board, may at any time be removed from office by the President for inability to discharge the duties of his office arising from infirmity of mind or body, misconduct or in the public interest.

(3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board before the expiration of the term of office of a member, a fit and proper person shall be appointed for the remainder of the term to represent the same interest as the predecessor.

Functions of  
the Agency

**12.** The Agency shall —

- (a) oversee the implementation of policies, projects relating to the Programme ;
- (b) conduct overall monitoring, evaluation, impact assessment and review the implementation of the Programme ;

- (c) collaborate and interface with State Coordinators ;
- (d) maintain and facilitate the use of the National Social Register established under this Act ;
- (e) share national poverty maps to guide State Governments in the selection of the poorest Local Governments ;
- (f) establish skill acquisition centres for the purpose of training of beneficiaries of the Programme and other persons ;
- (g) set periodic attainable targets for the implementation of the Programme ;
- (h) develop regulations on accountability measures and mechanisms ;
- (i) conduct overall monitoring, evaluation and review of the Programme ;
- (j) prepare and submit annual reports on the implementation of the Programme to the Minister ;
- (k) designate inspectors or monitors, to such areas of Nigeria as it may determine, to inspect ongoing execution of the Programme by the Agency ;
- (l) collaborate with the media on advocacy and mobilisation activities ; and
- (m) perform such other functions and exercise such powers as are incidental to the Programme.

**13.** The Board shall —

Powers of  
the Board

- (a) advise on the policy and strategic framework for the execution of the Programme for the implementation of the Agency ;
- (b) present timely annual reports to the President and the National Assembly, through the Minister, on the status of social investment programme and policy implementation in Nigeria ;
- (c) promote effective inter-governmental collaboration and co-operation in the Programme implementation ;
- (d) approve the appointments and conditions of service of staff of the Agency ;
- (e) exercise disciplinary control over staff of the Agency ; and
- (f) perform such other functions as may be necessary and expedient to achieve the objectives of this Act.

**PART IV — STAFF OF THE AGENCY**

**14.—(1)** There shall be for the Agency, a National Coordinator of Programme (“in this Act referred to as “the National Coordinator”) who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Appointment  
of National  
Coordinator

**(2)** The National Coordinator shall —

- (a) be the Chief Executive and Accounting officer of the Agency ;

(b) possess a university degree in the field of social sciences; agriculture, engineering, veterinary medicine or business administration ;

(c) possess 10 years relevant managerial experience in the public or private sector five of which shall be on managerial level, in resource generation or poverty eradication systems ;

(d) be advanced in computer literacy and data management ;

(e) be a person of proven integrity and sound mental health ; and

(f) be accountable for the overall delivery of the execution of the Programme.

Tenure of  
office of the  
National  
Coordinator

**15.—**(1) The National Coordinator shall hold office —

(a) for a term of four years and be eligible for reappointment for another term of four years and no more ; and

(b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), the National Coordinator may be removed from office for inability to perform the functions of his office arising from infirmity of body or mind, for misconduct, or in the public interest.

Duties of the  
National  
Coordinator

**16.** The National Coordinator shall —

(a) be responsible for the administration of the Agency ;

(b) coordinate the implementation of all Programme with a view to achieving full integration, efficiency, effectiveness and impact ;

(c) build sustainable partnerships with relevant stakeholders on the Programme ;

(d) supervise all budgeting and procurement activities of the Programme ;

(e) forge and ensure an effective monitoring and evaluation, and impact assessment on all activities of the Programme ;

(f) maintain all records and activities on the Programme and ensure the production of annual reports ;

(g) take responsibility of assigning roles, supervision, training and assessment of all staff of the Programme ;

(h) supervise the activities of all State Coordinators to ensure effectiveness, transparency, accountability and full coordination ; and

(i) carry out other assignments that are incidental to his office.

Other staff

**17.—**(1) The Agency may request for the deployment of such other staff from any Public Service of the Federation.

(2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1), the Agency with the approval of the Board may employ directly such other staff as may be necessary.

(3) The Agency may where necessary, engage ad-hoc staff on contract to carry out projects and activities under the Programme.

(4) Staff of the Agency shall, in respect of their service in the Agency, be entitled to pension and other retirement benefits prescribed in the Pension Reform Act. Act No. 4, 2014

**18.** For the effective performance of the functions of Agency, there shall be established for the Agency, the following Departments — Structure of the Agency

- (a) N-Power Programme Department ;
- (b) National Cash Transfer Programme Department ;
- (c) National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme Department ;
- (d) Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme Department ; and
- (e) such other Departments and units as may be determined by the Agency.

#### PART V — STATE GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

**19.—(1)** A State Government participating in the Programme under this Act shall — Requirements for State Governments participation

- (a) establish a State Social Investment Programme Agency ;
- (b) appoint a State Coordinator who shall —
  - (i) possess 10 years relevant experience in the public or private sector five of which shall be on managerial level and not below the rank of a Director,
  - (ii) be proficient in the use of computers for data collection, analysis and management,
  - (iii) be a person of proven integrity and sound mental health, and
  - (iv) be a State cabinet ranking appointee ;
- (c) provide office space, equipment and facilities for the administration of the Programme ;
- (d) establish and manage the State Social Register ;
- (e) share State Social Register with the Agency ; and
- (f) enter into a Programme Implementation Agreement with the Agency.

(2) The State Coordinator shall —

- (a) be responsible for implementing the Programme in the State ;
- (b) act as a liaison between the State Government and the Agency ; and
- (c) ensure full participation of the State Government in the implementation of the Programme.

## PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Establishment  
of the  
National  
Social  
Investment  
Programme  
Fund

**20.**—(1) There is established a fund for the Programme (“the Fund”) into which shall be credited —

(a) such sums as may be appropriated for the Programme by the National Assembly ;

(b) such sums as may be provided by the Federal Government to support the activities of the Agency or a particular Programme ;

(c) sums accruing to the Agency by way of grants, gifts, donations, endowments and bequest made to the Agency for the purpose of the Programme ;

(d) money provided by individuals, companies, government institutions, bilateral or multilateral organisations and development partners and others for the purpose of the Programme ;

(e) at least 5% of recovered repatriated funds ; and

(f) such other sums as may accrue to the Fund.

(2) The Programme Fund shall be applied for the —

(a) payment of benefits to beneficiaries of the Programme established under this Act ;

(b) purpose of actualising the functions and powers of the Agency ;

(c) payment of allowances and other benefits of members of the Board ; and

(d) such other purposes incidental to or connected with the attainment of the objectives of the Programme.

Annual  
estimates  
and accounts

**21.**—(1) The Agency shall not later than 30 June in each financial year prepare and present to the Minister for approval, a statement of estimated income and expenditure of the Agency and the Programme for the following financial year.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), the Agency may in any financial year, submit supplementary or adjusted statement of estimated income and expenditure of the Agency and the Programme to the National Assembly through the Minister.

(3) The Agency shall keep proper books of accounts, income, expenditure and surplus of the Fund in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause such accounts to be audited within six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list supplied in accordance with the guidelines issued supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

**22.** The Agency with the approval of the Board shall prepare annual reports and accounts as at 31 March of each year and submit to the President, through the Minister not later than 30 June in each year a report on the activities of the Agency during the preceding year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Fund of the Programme for that year and of the auditor's report on it.

Annual  
reports

**23.** The Agency may accept gifts of movable or immovable properties from individuals or organisations in accordance with its mandate under this Act provided that the Agency shall not accept any gifts where the conditions of the offer are inconsistent with the functions and mandate of the Agency under this Act.

Gifts to the  
Agency

#### PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**24.** A person who knowingly —  
     (a) makes a false or misleading statement in any application under this Act, or  
     (b) being gainfully employed, makes an application for enrolment in a Programme,  
 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not more than ₦100,000, or imprisonment for a term of at least six months or both.

Offences and  
penalties

**25.** The Minister may give the Agency directives of a general or specific nature relating generally to the performance of its functions.

Power of the  
President to  
give  
directives of  
general  
character to  
the Agency

**26.—(1)** The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations and issue guidelines generally for the purposes of giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

Regulations  
and  
guidelines

(2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1), regulations and guidelines made under this section may provide for —

- (a) procedures to determine eligibility for social investment benefits under the Programme of the Agency ;
- (b) implementation of the Programme by the Agency ; and
- (c) any other matter that may be considered expedient to actualise all or any of the Programmes established under this Act.

(3) The contravention of any regulations or guidelines issued under any of the provisions of this Act shall constitute an offence and shall be punishable as prescribed in the particular regulations or guidelines.

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| Monitoring and evaluation                                        | <p><b>27.</b> The Agency shall ensure the proper monitoring and evaluation of the executions and implementation of the Programme and shall —</p> <p>(a) issue guidelines to regulate standards ; and</p> <p>(b) enforce compliance with quality requirements.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Premises<br>Cap. L5,<br>LFN, 2004                                | <p><b>28.</b> For the purpose of providing office premises for the performance of the functions of the Agency, the Agency may subject to the Land Use Act —</p> <p>(a) purchase or take on lease, any land, building or property ;</p> <p>(b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises ; or</p> <p>(c) let, lease or sell out any offices or premises held by it which it no longer requires for the performance of its functions under this Act.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Pre-action notice                                                | <p><b>29.—(1)</b> A civil action shall not be commenced against the Agency or its authorised officers before the expiration of a period of 30 days after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on the Agency by the intending plaintiff or his agent, and the notice shall clearly state the —</p> <p>(a) cause of action ;</p> <p>(b) particulars of the claim ;</p> <p>(c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff ; and</p> <p>(d) relief sought.</p> <p>(2) A notice, summons or other document required or authorised to be served upon the Agency under the provisions of this Act or any other law may be served by delivering it to the Agency or the Minister.</p>                                                                                                   |
| Restriction on execution against property of the Agency          | <p><b>30.</b> In any action or suit against the Agency, no execution shall be levied or attachment process issued against the Agency, unless at least three months' notice of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the Agency.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Limitation of suits against the Agency<br>Cap. P41,<br>LFN, 2004 | <p><b>31.—(1)</b> Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit against any member of the Board, officer or staff of the Agency.</p> <p>(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, no suit shall lie against the Agency, any member of the Board, the National Coordinator or any other officer or staff of the Agency for anything done under this Act or any other law, or any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Act or such law, duty or authority, unless —</p> <p>(a) it is commenced within three months after the act, neglect or default complained of ; or</p> <p>(b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within six months next after the ceasing of such damage or injury.</p> |

**32.**—(1) The right, interest, obligation, proceedings, assets and liability of the National Social Investment Office existing before the commencement of this Act shall by virtue of this Act be deemed to be that of the Agency established under this Act, to the extent that they are consistent with any of the provisions of this Act.

Savings and  
transitional  
provisions

(2) Any reference to the National Social Investment Office existing before the commencement of this Act or a document issued in the name of the National Social Investment Office existing before the commencement of this Act, shall be read, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to the Agency established under this Act.

**33.** In this Act —

Interpretation

“*Agency*” means the National Social Investment Programme Agency ;

“*beneficiary*” means a person who receives social investment benefits under any Programme established under this Act ;

“*IDPs*” means Internally Displaced Persons ;

“*LGAs*” means Local Government Areas which shall where appropriate, include Area Councils recognised by law ;

“*Minister*” means the Minister responsible for matters relating to humanitarian affairs ;

“*Ministry*” means the Ministry responsible for matters relating to humanitarian affairs ;

“*National Coordinator*” means the coordinator of the Programme and administrative head of the Agency ;

“*NSIP*” means National Social Investment Programme ;

“*Programme Manager*” means head of each of the Programmes ;

“*President*” means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

“*Programme*” means National Social Investment Programme established under this Act ;

“*State Coordinator*” means administrative head of the Programme appointed by a State Government ; and

“*State Government*” means the Government of a State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

**34.** This Act may be cited as the National Social Investment Programme Agency (Establishment) Act, 2023.

Citation

## SCHEDULES

## FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 4(2)

## TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROGRAMME

1. The Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme (GEEP) shall have the under listed categories of beneficiaries —

(a) *Trader Moni* — Youth Focused Empowerment which shall consist of —

- (i) entrepreneurs,
- (ii) religious groups, and
- (iii) persons with disabilities ;

(b) *Market Moni* — Vulnerable Women Focused Empowerment which shall consist of —

- (i) female headed households such as, widows, divorcees and single mothers,
- (ii) entrepreneurs,
- (iii) IDPs, and
- (iv) persons with disabilities and vulnerable senior citizens ; and

(c) *Farmer Moni* — Empowerment for Rural Farmers which shall consist of- men, women and youth farmers across the 774 LGAs.

2. The Job Creation Programme (N-POWER) shall have the under listed categories of beneficiaries —

(a) “*Graduates*” which shall consist of youth male and female of 18 to 35 years ; and

(b) “*Non-Graduates*” which shall consist of youth male and female of 18 to 35 years.

3. The National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (NHGSFP) shall have the under listed categories of beneficiaries —

- (a) pupils in public primary school classes 1 - 3 ;
- (b) selected cooks ; and
- (c) farmers.

4. The National Cash Transfer (NCT) Programme shall have the poor and vulnerable households in the National Social Register as collected from 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory.

5. The target beneficiaries may be expanded as approved by the President.

SECOND SCHEDULE

*Section 9(6)*

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD  
AND THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

*Proceedings*

1.—(1) The Board shall, for the purpose of this Act, meet at least four times in each year.

(2) Every meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman or his designate, and if the Chairman or his designate are unable to attend any particular meeting, a member may be appointed by the members present to act as Chairman for that particular meeting.

(3) A quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be one-third of members of the Board.

(4) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by at least five members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

(5) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it deems fit but a person who is a member by virtue of this paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.

*Subcommittee*

2.—(1) The Board may appoint one or more sub-committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, its functions under this Act as the Board may determine.

(2) A sub-committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board as may be determined by the Board) and a person other than a member of the Board shall hold office in the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(3) A decision of a sub-committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is ratified or adopted by the Board.

*Miscellaneous*

3.—(1) The affixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Secretary or any other person authorised generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board.

(2) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, may not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the Chairman, Secretary or any person generally or specifically authorised to act for the purpose by the Board.

(3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

I, certify, in accordance with section 2 (1) of the Acts Authentication Act, Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, that this is a true copy of the Bill passed by both Houses of the National Assembly.

SANI MAGAJI TAMBAWAL, fcna  
*Clerk to the National Assembly*  
8th Day of May, 2023

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act establishes the National Social Investment Programme Agency to assist and empower the poor and vulnerable in Nigeria.

**SCHEDULE TO THE NATIONAL SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AGENCY BILL, 2023**

| (1)<br><i>Short Title<br/>of the Bill</i>               | (2)<br><i>Long Title of the<br/>Bill</i>                                                                                                                   | (3)<br><i>Summary of the<br/>Contents of the Bill</i>                                                                               | (4)<br><i>Date Passed by<br/>the Senate</i> | (5)<br><i>Date Passed by<br/>the House of<br/>Representatives</i> |
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| National Social Investment Programme Agency Bill, 2023. | An Act to establish the National Social Investment Programme Agency to assist and empower the poor and the vulnerable in Nigeria ; and for related matters | This Bill establishes the National Social Investment Programme Agency to assist and empower the poor and the vulnerable in Nigeria. | 29th March, 2023.                           | 6th April, 2023.                                                  |

I certify that this Bill has been carefully compared by me with the decision reached by the National Assembly and found by me to be true and correct decision of the Houses and is in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

I ASSENT



SANI MAGAJI TAMBAWAL, fena  
*Clerk to the National Assembly*  
8th Day of May, 2023.

MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR  
*President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*  
11th Day of May, 2023.