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Kaduna State Implements the National Road Map for Mass Transit

Executive Summary

- NIAF was a key partner of the Federal Government in delivering the National Mass Transit Road Map and was uniquely placed to do so due to its relationships with decision makers in the sector.
- The National Mass Transit Road Map is a programme which sets out the key stages of the process for the implementation of mass transit at state level. In 2012, it was agreed by a 24-member committee including the then vice president and 7 state governors.
- The Road Map is aimed at setting up the appropriate structure, through the enacting of key legislation, that sets out a framework which promotes safe, orderly and efficient transport services as well as the procurement of private sector service provision through concession, licensing or franchising.
- NIAF has supported the implementation of various stages of the Road Map in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Lagos, Kano and Kaduna, such as developing the policy, legislation, institutional frameworks, project management of major urban mass transit projects and technical and financial assessment of bus rapid transit projects.
- The government of Kaduna is in the process of developing a transport policy for the state that will be pivotal in demonstrating the benefits of a functional mass transit scheme to other states in northern Nigeria.

The Challenges

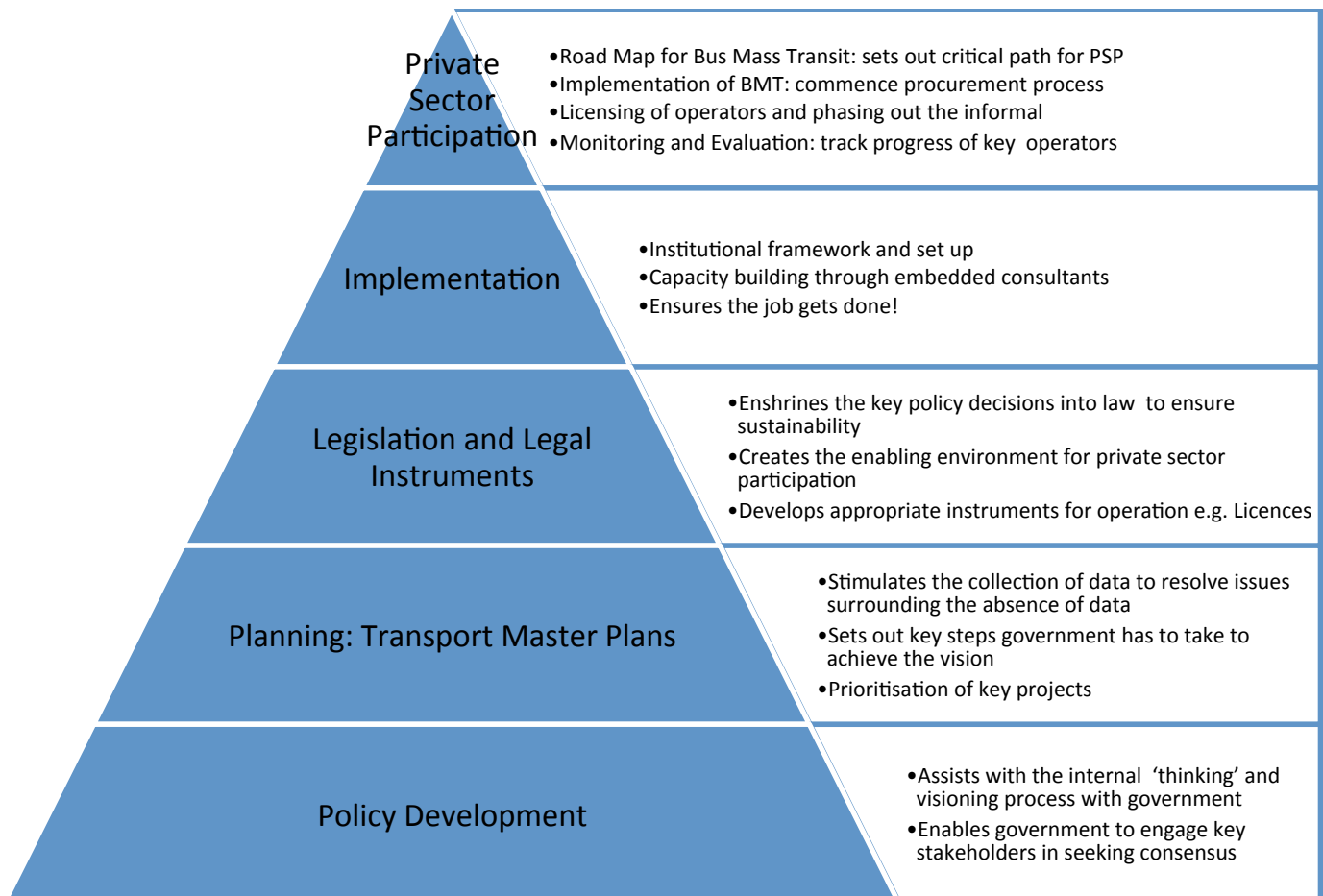
- Kaduna is a major industrial centre and a transportation hub for the surrounding agricultural areas with its rail and road system centrally located. However, without appropriate legislation in place, Kaduna's urban transport services are provided almost entirely by the informal unregulated private sector operators.

- There is a lack of clarity about the respective roles of the agencies with responsibility for the delivery of transport infrastructure, transport services and service support. This has resulted in cases of overlapping responsibilities and conflicting objectives.
- The commercial heart of the city is under tremendous stress due to lack of traffic regulation resulting in indiscriminate and uncontrolled roadside parking, a lack of provision for buses, worsening traffic congestion, considerable danger and an unhealthy and unsightly environment to traders, customers, motorists and pedestrians alike.
- Furthermore, rising population, rapid economic growth and increasing employment without a corresponding growth in the supply of public transport, is largely responsible for major urban traffic issues. Transport movement within the current chaotic form of urban growth relies entirely on roads, motor vehicles, and bicycles, and the poor can only afford to trek long distances to opportunities for work and education. This portrays a compromised passenger comfort, safety, and security with poor air quality. An efficient means for the citizens to move around is basic to a 'sustainable' city.



The NIAF Approach

NIAF's engagement strategy is as follows:



- NIIAF forged early and influential relationships with senior-level officials in the Kaduna State government and was able to quickly respond to the new administration's demands for technical assistance.
 - NIIAF has developed an Options Paper that highlights the various options available to Kaduna State in the development of a functional Transport Policy that meets the State's objectives. The Options Paper has been converted into a Green Paper which sets out the draft Transport Policy for the State.
 - Simultaneously, NIIAF is developing a Road Map for Bus Mass Transit which will include a fast track option for BRT implementation.
 - NIIAF will encourage dialogue with stakeholders at all stages of the process to ensure buy in. The first step will be a public consultation on the Transport Policy Green Paper.
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The Outcomes

- A Road Map for Kaduna that is tailor made to the states context yet in line with the national agenda
- Establishment of a legal and regulatory framework that will create the enabling environment for the licensing of bus mass transit operators leading to an increase in the number of passengers using formal public transport in Kaduna State.
- Expected improvement in the delivery of mass transit schemes.
- Expected to aid the movement of over 50,000 people by mass transit.