

The Kaduna **State Economic** Intelligence Unit (EIU):

A Model for Strengthening **Policy Planning**

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Over the years we have received technical support from PERL-ARC in various areas around governance. Currently, Kaduna State is among the few sub-nationals in Nigeria to have Local Government Development Plans. Every local government in the state has a plan tailored to its peculiarities. This is all because of PERL's support, PERL has impacted and changed the narrative of local gov-

ernments in Kaduna State over the years.

Because of PERL's support to the **Local Government** Fiscal, Transparency,

Accountability and Sustainability (LFTAS) programme, procurement and documentation processes have improved. Staff capacity to develop robust plans and budgets has also been strengthened. This has led to improved transparency at the local government level.

With the help of PERL, we have developed a robust monitoring and evaluation framework for the state, which I believe is one of the best in the country. We have a results-based M&E

system that uses applications and GIS tracking to monitor the projects and government policies that deliver the aspirations in the development plans.

Before PERL, there was no Economic Intelligence Unit. PERL ensured that the EIU, one of the key reform initiatives of this government was established.

> Previously, the EIU was under the State Planning Department but for sustainability, PERL advised the government to establish it as a semiautonomous unit under the Commissioner's Office. The EIU

has been supported in report writing, data analysis and data visualization, to mention a few. This has informed government decisions on key state policies. No state in Nigeria has a working EIU like Kaduna State and for that, we are grateful to PERL.

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