

Report on abandoned project in Gaya Local Government, Kano state.

INTRODUCTION

The abandonment of projects is the act of discontinuing any activities or an act of unplanned suspension of the work progress especially at the execution stage such as refusal or failure to complete a project at the required time. Abandoned projects are seen scattered all across the length and breadth of Gaya local government, with the hope that they will be continued in later times.

One of such abandoned projects is construction of town hall which worth millions of naira along Maiduguri road, close to Gaya divisional police headquarters, Gaya local government. The building was initiated and started by former Gaya local government chairman Alh. Aminu Suleiman in 2003, to serve as a meeting, seminar, training, workshops, walima and other social and official gathering place for the people of Gaya L.G. and also to generate incomes for the local government authority.

During his tenure in office, the building construction reached a roofing stage, that is to say about eighty percent (80%) was completed. At the emergence of a new government in power, the construction stopped and all other projects commenced by previous government were abandoned and new ones are commenced. This results in a cycle of abandoned projects in Gaya local government.

It is a known fact that political factor, improper planning, corruption, Poor Resources Management, lack of community ownership, unspecified Scope of Work and poor Budget Planning contributed significantly to the abandonment of the project.

Effects of Abandoned Project

Abandonment of this town hall project, indeed have some negative effects on the general public and the environment at large. Some of the effects include the following:-

1. It serves as a breeding place for vectors and other vermin.
2. Resources are being wasted away without benefiting the people thus, reduced employment opportunities
3. It also serves as a hiding place for smokers and criminals

Recommendation

1. Only new projects, which can be completed with the available resources, should be initiated.
2. Desirable projects must be continued irrespective of whichever administration initiated them.
3. Government should develop policies that support infrastructural projects development continuity.
4. Corruption should be curbed through Due process, Economic and Financial Crime Control (EFCC), Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence Unit (BMPIU) and other Crime Control Agencies.
5. Finally there should be proper planning, budgeting, control and monitoring and evaluation of projects.

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