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SINCE 1960, Nigeria has come under various forms of leadership. Blessed with huge natural and human resources, the world looked up to Nigeria to be the leader of the entire black race. That gave Nigeria the name giant of Africa.

Unfortunately, poor leadership has failed to harness these enormous resources. The consequences have been national shame. The citizens have been left sick, unemployed, malnourished, hungry and angry. Policies to address these problems have been warped and not consistent with the enormous wealth the country has made from huge deposit of oil and other natural resources.

The ruling class and their cohorts have devised consistent and persistent means to loot almost all the country's wealth leaving little of nothing for health, education and infrastructure. Thus, the national patrimony has become exclusive preserve of the few ruling class who are less than 10% of the over 180 million Nigerians.

The political parties, which should propagate the tenet of democracy and ensure fertilization of ideas are only established for the purpose of election. As a result, conscientisation of the citizens and the need for grass root mobilisation have failed as political parties wait until few months to election to foist candidates on the parties against the yarning of the people. This development has led to win at all cost with frequent ballot paper destruction and ballot box snatching, shooting and the use of dangerous weapons at election units, buying of votes with money paid to voters on election days right in the units and general electoral malpractices.

The absence of a political party consistent with the aspiration of Nigerians to pursue the Nigerian dream is reflected in poor leadership and painfully followership. This has imperilled the emergence of a virile society.

An apparent feature of this situation is a broken down institution of governance at all levels.

Considering this appalling situation, REBUILD seeks to remake Nigeria where every Nigerian will call his home. This will be attained through consistent engagement of Nigerians home and abroad to discuss national issues, explore ways to collectively build the nation, self-sacrifice towards collective goods and the creation of the Nigerian Dream.

Rebuild shall use the instrumentalism of the law and adhere to the rule of law in ensuring that confidence in the government and the judiciary is established. There will be equality before the law.

Policy Thrust

The policy thrust of Rebuild shall be consistent with the overall guiding principle of delivering services to the people when in power. These services are about Nigerians and for ALL Nigerians in realisation of the great potential of her citizens to bring out a just, fair, peaceful, democratic and equal society where all the citizens peacefully compete for recognition towards national development.

Therefore, the policy thrust of the party shall:

- > Be consistent with the overall principle of the Nigerian constitution
- Be progressive through promotion of national ideologies, values, growth and development
- Create equity in the exercise of powers, policies and programmes in and out of government
- Defend the nation while in government to ensure food security, good health of the people and infrastructural development
- > Wage consistent and unending war against corruption and nepotism.

AGRICULTURE

griculture employs the highest number of Nigerians although informally. The policy thrust of REBUILD in agriculture is food security. Therefore, the following form the overall agriculture policy of the party:

- Allocate adequate resources to agriculture to promote farming and large scale, commercialised and mechanise agricultural industrialisation.
- Allocate adequate resources for agricultural research towards good crop production for optimum and good productivity base on international standard.
- Promote the participation of educated men and women in agriculture through investments.
- Give adequate attention to agric education right from the primary school level.

Implementation Strategies

The party shall:

- Provide affordable credit scheme to farmers
- To promote the establishment of integration farms where processing industries that will add value to the raw material will be located where the raw materials are sold
- To provide road infrastructure to the farms for easy conveyance of produce to the processing industries and markets.

ECONOMY

igeria even though attained the status of the largest economy in Africa has not been able to feed her people, provide affordable housing, healthcare, reduce unemployment and witness industrialisation. The people of Nigeria deserve total changes through robust use of the huge natural resource deposit and general wealth of the nation.

Policy Thrust

The main economic objective of REBUILD is to evolve an all-encompassing economic policy that will create and sustain a growing national economy. The economy will be completely diversified with huge window of competitive, private sector driven, openmarket oriented.

To achieve this, not more than 10% budget deficit will be the target to guarantee macroeconomic stability, a stable naira, low inflation and single digit lending rates. This condition will translate the entire system into changing the productive base of the economy self-sustainable.

Key strategies for the eradication of poverty will be evolved. These strategies involve adequate investment in infrastructure to encourage local production and foreign direct investment.

Of significant strategies are reduction in bureaucratic bottlenecks in acquiring business names, robust tax policy and encouragement of SMEs through soft loans.

The REBUILD aims to make Nigeria one of the investment destinations.

- Create a robust private sector economic plan.
- > Engender policy that will have direct bearing on poverty reduction.
- Provide, rehabilitate and maintain infrastructure with huge private sector investment
- Provision of rural infrastructures and services to link the rural areas with urban areas.
- Reform the banking and all financial sectors.
- Reduce budget deficit and maintain balanced monetary policy in tandem with the fiscal realities.
- Make laws to guarantee return on investments to encourage investors.
- > Be consistent with economic policy.
- Complete the Ajaokuta steel company in order to provide the base for industrial take off in Nigeria.

DEFENCE

Policy Thrust

Rebuild overall Defence Goal shall be the preservation of Nigeria from all internal and external threat through robust and realistic investment. The protection of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Nigeria is sacrosanct. While seeking peaceful coexistence with neighbouring countries and promotion of sub-regional and regional security in Africa will be the overall target, forming the grand defence policy, Nigeria's core interest shall not be sacrificed for the preservation of any external entity.

- Reequip, re-establish, establish and manufacture modern military research institute and wares to create new indigenous military wares
- Equip our security operatives with state of the art equipment.
- > Encourage all security operatives to be ICT compliance.
- Upgrade defence industry corporation to manufacture light weapons in tandem for the purpose it was set up.
- Evolve new training mechanisms of train Armed Forces personnel consistent with modern defence demands by increasing the number of service personnel and reserve.
- > Improve welfare of security personnel.
- Train and educate citizens on national defence policy, strategy and requirements from secondary.

Chapter 4 EDUCATION

Policy Thrust

REBUILD aims at education for all. Free education shall be available for every Nigerian to the secondary school level. Government's investment in education shall be sacrosanct and a top duty to the citizens.

REBUILD shall create revolution in the sector by balancing unfettered access to education with quality. Education policy shall be the nucleus of all policies to generate needed manpower for national development and defence.

At the States and Local Government Areas, the following shall be the minimum target:

- Free education to all to secondary school level.
- Reduction in cost of education at the tertiary level.
- Re-establish, reequip and establish education research centres. A strong education supervisory framework, enforcement supervision, monitoring and evaluation of a free, compulsory, qualitative and functional basic education will be anchored on particularistic demands of the nation.
- Special schools for special needs will be established and properly equipped while adequate investments will be made in tertiary, secondary and primary schools by construction/equipping of at least a primary school in every community, three secondary schools (one must be specialised) in every local government and a tertiary school in every Senatorial District.

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- Curriculum will be systematically designed to show manpower demands of the nation with emphasis on science and technology and ethics.
- Revive and upgrade the country's science and technology institutions.
- Curriculum designs shall contain skill acquisitions from primary schools.
- Enforcement of compulsory basic education.
- Robust investment in adult literacy programmes emphasising skill acquisition with incentives for attraction
- Support the physically challenged to acquire the right education and skills. Eg. Almajiri.
- Global system of education for the vulnerable, physically challenged and less privileged shall be established.
- Scholarship shall be provided but in a competitive manner for special needs.
- Allocate funds to improve capacity of teaching staff and practices to conform with international best practices.

EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND WAGES

Policy Thrust

The primary goal of REBUILD is to create a competitive workforce for national development. A properly designed curriculum where the citizens will acquire the needed skills shall be created. Modern competitive workforce earning a fair living wage in encouraging hours shall be enforced.

Therefore, REBUILD shall vigorously strive to improve the working conditions of the Nigeria labour force, enhance opportunities for gainful employment and ensure that workers are reasonably remunerated by their employers to further improve labour productivity at both the public and private sectors.

- Create a competitive wage structure and wage rates in line with prevailing economic realities.
- Monetise fringe benefits
- Design and implement employment generation, economic programmes and policies consistent with the National Economic Plan.

ENVIRONMENT

Policy Thrust

REBUILD shall ensure a quality environment for good health. Ecological problems associated with mining, oil exploration, and other environmental hazards shall be envisaged with mitigative policies before any project is embarked upon.

- Access the environment where certain project will be sited before establishing same.
- Proper disposal of household and industrial wastes shall be embarked upon.
- Consistent formation and effective implementation of the Environmental Renewal Initiative shall be engendered and carried out accordingly.
- Progressively increase the adoption of environmentally sound technologies and implement relevant international conventions

FOREIGN POLICY

Policy Thrust

REBUILD shall create a robust foreign policy consistent with Nigeria's values, needs and core interests. Therefore, a value based foreign policy aimed at protecting Nigerian citizens and Nigeria's national interest to boost her international image and promote her economic independence shall form the nucleus of the country's foreign policy.

- Align with nations whose policies are consistent with Nigeria's foreign policy
- Engage in beneficial diplomacy
- Protective diplomacy for all citizens and business all over the world
- Consistent value-based diplomacy to develop Nigeria
- Sustaining the country's effort in building peace and security in west Africa and Africa at large.
- Maintaining the country's leading role in international peace keeping to enhance the country's chances of being a member of the UN security member.

HEALTH

Policy Thrust

REBUILD shall engender strong health policy through a robust investment, provision of qualitative health care delivery system to challenge international standard. The health care delivery system will aim to cut down cost of health access with most services free base on our government insurance scheme covering both public and private citizens.

- > Domesticate the production of key and most economic medicines for easy access
- Standardise all health care facilities and provisions with specific emphasis on national demands and needs
- Establish universal access to affordable health care, reproductive and, maternal/child health characterised by a high level of immunisations against all communicable diseases.
- Establish mechanisms for self-sufficiency in vaccine production for prevention and other diseases will be sustained peculiar to the nation and other African states for export and diplomatic purpose.
- Free, qualitative health care delivery services for pregnant women and children under five years.
- Construct, rehabilitate and equipped General Hospital in each Local Government Area in the country.
- strengthen National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to rid rural/urban areas of fake drugs. If possible create new agencies.

HOUSING

REBUILD aims at creating the cheapest and affordable houses for all Nigerians. An effective and realistic housing policy would be anchored on social welfare housing scheme where the citizens can live in and have the cost of rent deducted monthly and the house revert to government for reallocation when available.

The ministry of housing shall be empowered to oversee the provision of cheap but qualitative and well equipped houses for Nigerians.

The states and local governments shall be involved through a tripartite house policy scheme and equal access to all Nigerians.

Special task force to allocate and establish strict management of the houses for good sanitation shall be established.

- domesticate local raw materials for building houses
- create and deepen engineering and architectural education in tertiary schools
- Review the land use act
- Establish public private partnership to provide affordable houses so as not to isolate the private sector.
- Establish and strengthen the mortgage institutions.

INDUSTRIALISATION

Policy Trust

A key and central policy truth of REBUILD is deliberate creation of policies for industrialisation. The industrialisation policy must be homegrown as it will consider key variables and realities demands and needs of the country. Behind this policy drive shall be Nigerians all over the world who shall be the creators, makers and managers. The overall output shall be to make Nigeria a global player and contributor to world's industrial output in manufacturing.

Made in Nigeria shall not only be readily affordable and acceptable in the country but become the rallying point for other African and Third World countries. The ease to establish and do business shall be drastically removed to allow for indigenous and foreign Manufacturers to compete.

Small scale manufacturing shall be promoted to localise certain manufacturing as it shall not necessarily always be large scale. Under the REUILD Nigeria's industrial development strategy will encourage backward and forward linkages with government providing the enabling environment for the private sector economic and industrial growth.

- Establish and encourage small scale manufacturing in local areas and villages
- Establish special industrial and manufacturing funds
- Establish special industrial and manufacturing parks
- Establish and encourage industrial and manufacturing researches in tertiary schools

TRANSPORT

Policy Thrust

REBUILD aims to establish modern transport system that will compete with international standard considering domestic realities. A robust transport policy shall be enacted to ensure efficient and effective system crucial to the attainment of the nation's industrialisation dream and wellbeing of the citizens.

Given the good natural topography, REBUILD aims to tap this richness through the creation of good and necessary roads linking all major centres and sources of raw materials and production centres.

Implementation strategy

Roads:

- Establish policy framework to allow for adequate investment in creating new roads and repairs and expansion of old ones.
- Create investment or funding alternative such as concession on the roads where necessary and possible.
- All capital cities shall be connected with rail system being the cheapest means of transporting goods and humans.

Air

- Establish a national carrier that will be a pride of the nation and other countries of the world to showcase Nigeria's pride and culture in services.
- Create a world class air safety measures through creation and equipping of airports.
- Water Transportation
- Dredging, channelization, canalization of major rivers such as Niger, Benue etc and constructions of weirs to encourage water transport system.
- Establish sea ports across the country to ease delivery of goods to the hinterland.
- Domesticate the production and manufacturing of water transportation vehicles and spare parts.
- Establish or strengthen the Nigerian National Shipping Lines consistent with the realities and demands of the nation.
- Provide adequate and well-maintained modern seaport facilities.
- Policy of sea port concession shall be sustained and improved upon.

COMMUNICATION

Policy Thrust

REBUILD aims to create modern communication channels for better dispensation and understanding of the country's policy. Specific policies targeting electronic communication, postal services shall be enacted.

- Establish or relaunch new or old postal system and NITEL.
- Relaunch electronic communication mechanisms consistent with the needs of the country to challenge other international electronic media.
- Improve technological communication system for national security.

ENERGY

REBUILD aims to provide electricity always for both domestic and industrial use. Available raw materials shall be properly harnessed to ensure proper domestication of production of needed parts to provide electricity. The party shall explore all avenues of power generation.

Objectives

- Explore alternative sources of power generation
- Create a robust national energy policy consistent with the demand of the country.

WATER SUPPLY

Policy thrust

REBUILD aims to make potable water available to all nooks and crannies. Realistic water policy to make water available for both domestic and industrial use shall be enacted. The involvement of private sector in specific areas shall be carried out to balance government's effort aimed at availability and affordability.

- Domestic productions of materials for provision of water shall be established.
- Underground water; and the protection of domestically usable surface water against pollution and contamination shall be carried out.
- > Build more dams for irrigation and power generation.

UNEMPLOYMENT

60% of able bodied Nigerians have no gainful employment. This has given rise to criminal activities across the nation.

REBUILD aims to tackle unemployment headlong by ensuring gainful employment in commercialise and mechanised agric sub-sector and other areas.

- Provide necessary and useful facility for interested Nigerians to go into farming
- Encouraging self-employment through credit facility
- Food processing and other industries shall be established and encourage.

INSECURITY

Policy Trust

Rebuild will approach insecurity with all sense of purpose and grand policy objective consistent with the overall policy of peace and development.

Implementation Strategy

- > Dialogue with stakeholders in the region
- > Engage in reconstruction of affected communities destroyed by insecurity.
- Adopt particularistic measures that will address the problems of the area.
- > Re-equip security agencies with modern weapon
- Deepen intelligent and information gathering.

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