The Data Science Fellowship 2.0 graduation took place earlier today being the 10th February, 2023.

The Statistician General Dr Baba Bukar Alhaji, in his remark welcomed everyone present at the event and gave an overview of the click-on Kaduna Data Science Fellowship 2.0.

He stated that the Fellowship, which was launched by the Kaduna state government in 2020 under the Data Lab Project, is a part of the state's Data Revolution Plan, which aims to strengthen coordination in the collection and use of data for evidence-based decision-making. He mentioned that Kaduna State Government, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Kaduna State Bureau of Statistics and the Natview Foundation for Technology Innovation are all working together on the Data Lab Project, and a core objective of the project is developing human capital around data science and the use of data for decision-making. They have gone a long way in achieving that objective.

He congratulated the graduants and stated that the DSFP 2.0 has added great value to the work that the Bureau does and their resilience and personal strength have been tested both in class and on the field. They have reached this milestone because of their dedication and hard work.
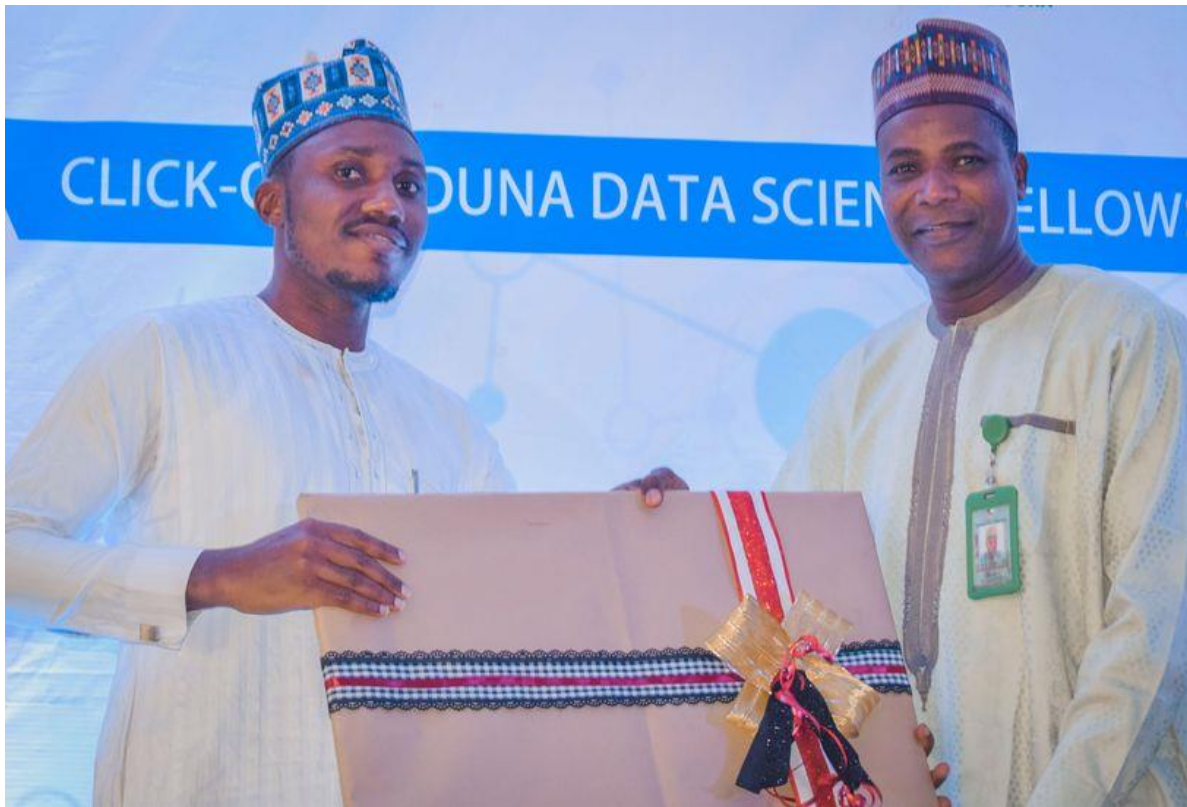
He mentioned that most of the first cohort of Fellows who graduated in 2021 are already making remarkable impacts in Kaduna, Nigeria, and even overseas, and he is sure that this second cohort will be as successful in establishing their careers. He urged them to continue to make good use of their talents and never stop impacting the world.

He appreciated His Excellency, Malam Nasir Ahmad El-Rufa'i, and the Governor of Kaduna State, for his visionary leadership, unwavering support, and guidance in building a strong statistical system in the state. In just two years, the bureau in collaboration with Natview Foundation for Technology Innovation (NFTI) has succeeded in building the capacity of 70 young people in the most sought-after skill in the world, and this is all thanks to the "can-do" spirit of his Excellency.

He also extended his appreciation to the BMGF for investing in these young minds so that they can nurture fundamental research and work to uplift the lives of the good people of Kaduna State.

He also appreciated NFTI for the support they have provided to help build a fellowship programme with global standards and to all the members of the Bureau, whose daily hard work and devotion are leading KDBS to a promising future, and to everyone, whose contributions were critical to the success of the DSFP 2.0 graduation event today.

He congratulated the graduants once again and wished them the best in their future endeavours.