



# KDBS Quarterly Newsletter

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## SGs Speech on Q3 2023 Newsletter



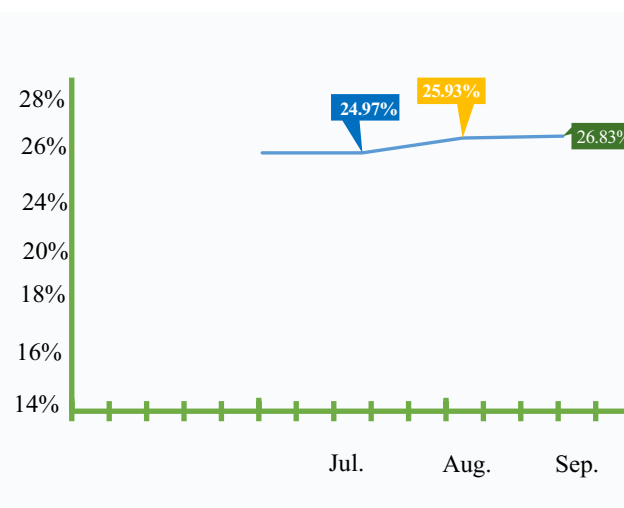
**The Statistician General of Kaduna State  
Bureau of statistics Bukar Baba Alhaji (PhD.)**

Today, I am glad that we witnessed another milestone in the history of our great organisation, the KDBS. I will once again congratulate my colleagues, the staff of KDBS for keeping the tempo of hard work and dedication that put us at the fore front among the state statistical agencies in the country.

Our immense gratitude goes to the State Government for the show of support that provided an enabling environment for the State Statistical System to work effectively, utilized existing capabilities, and efficiently provide data through administrative statistics, conduct of surveys and other statistical activities that distinguished us from other statistical agencies at the sub-national. Special gratitude goes to our collaborators at the MDAs and development partners. Your support has made us where we are today.

Kaduna State Bureau of Statistics is the custodian of all activities that relates to official statistics in Kaduna State ranging from data collation, collection, analysis, interpretation, research, and coordination of statistical activities, which aids policy formulation, development planning and evaluation of accomplishment. The Bureau is mandated to coordinate the State Consultative Committee on Statistics (SCCS). The SCCS is one of the mechanisms that propel the state statistical system.

## Third Quarter Inflation Rate



During the quarter under review, the Bureau hosted the 2nd SCCS meeting for the year 2023, which is centred on generating accurate, reliable, and timely data on persons with physical challenges. Hence, the theme of the SCCS meeting is "Enabling Inclusivity: Advancing Data Collection for persons with physical challenge in Kaduna State". Physical challenge inclusion is an essential condition to upholding sustainable development, peace and justice. It is also central to the promise of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals; to leave no one behind. The commitment to realizing the rights of persons with special needs is not only a matter of justice; it is an investment in a common future. Data for persons with special need is essential to be able to develop evidenced-based policies to monitor the implementation of inclusiveness in the state and to measure progress towards state targets, as well as to take stock of the challenges that remain unresolved.

Bureau had the honour of hosting Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation's (BMGF) country office team at the Amina J Mohammed SDGs Data Lab. The Bureau Championed the engagement with discussion around the remarkable accomplishment of the BMGF-funded Data Lab project and call for more partnership. Bureau showcased the milestones recorded by the project and how data is driving decision making and policy formulation in the State.

## SGs Speech on Q3 2023 Newsletter Continued

In the quest of tracking Sustainable Development Goals Implementation in the State, KDBS in collaboration with state SDGs Office funded by UNDP, trained its staff on data collection for Kaduna state SDGs survey and successfully conducted it. The survey is aimed at collecting data on SDGs indicators for the assessment and evaluation of government policies and implementation. The Survey covered all the 23 LGAs. In same direction the Bureau also built the capacity of MDAs Statistical Desk Officers on System of Administrative Statistics (SAS) data collection on SDGs. This is geared towards having a robust reporting of SDGs for the State. Kaduna State Bureau of Statistics has been supporting the state SDGs office in providing information for timely reporting of the SDGs at the state level. Kaduna State has reported on the progress of the SDGs in 2017 and 2021.

During the quarter under review the Kaduna State Bureau of Statistics, in collaboration with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through the Natview Foundation for Technology Innovation has officially inducted the 40 fellows into the Data Science Fellowship Programme (DSFP) 3.0. The Fellowship Programme stands at the heart of the Kaduna State commitment to human capital development. DSFP equips the 40 young people with skill in Data science. This will further translate to championing evidence-based decision making. The Fellowship, which was launched by the Kaduna state government in 2020 under the Data Lab Project, is 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. The core objective of the project is developing human capital around data science and the use of data for decision-making. Finally, I will like to employ on all to trust our work process and leverage on the skills and technology evident in the bureau in building an informative process in the state. The Bureau is open to support everyone to produce facts to power logic and common good. The Bureau will continue to deliver on its mandate of producing quality statistics for the state for informed decision making.

## VALEDICTORY SESSION

The Bureau organized a valedictory session for two of its staff. The former Director of Census and Survey, Mrs. Patricia Gauji and one of its administrative staff, Mallam Aliyu Umar who exited from the civil service on retirement. The Bureau wished them success after service,



The SG and other staff of the Bureau during the Valedictory session for Mrs Patricia Gauji and Mallam Aliyu Umar

## NATIONAL STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Bureau hosted a meeting of the members of the Kaduna chapter of the Nigerian Statistical Association.

The meeting was to discuss the transition of the Association from Nigerian Statistical Association (NSA) to Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria (CISON), update of the registered members using the membership template and the constitution of electoral committee by nomination.



The SG and some officials of the NSA Kaduna Chapter during their meeting at the Bureau



The Statistician General with the NSA Executives Kaduna Chapter



## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR STAFF

The Bureau in partnership with UNDP-OSSAP organized a capacity building of the Bureau's Staff on the use of R programming language software for advanced data analysis and reporting of SDGs Indicators. The capacity building was intensive over a span of five days, within the quarter. It was an impactful experience for the participants.



Participants during the training for staff on Advance R Programming



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## TRAINING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SDGs SURVEY

KDBS conducted training within the quarter for its staff on the 2023 Kaduna State Sustainable Development Goals Survey (KD- SDGs 2023).

The survey was aimed at collecting data on SDGs indicators for the assessment and evaluation of government policies and implementation.

The survey covered the entire 23 LGAs in Kaduna State.



Participants during the training for staff on the 2023 SDGs Survey

## ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS E-DATA MIGRATION TO EMIS PLATFORM

The Bureau, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, SUBEB, and PLANE, organized training on Annual School Census e-data migration to the Education Management Information System (EMIS) platform in the quarter.



Cross section of participants during the capacity building on Annual School Census E -Data Migration to EMIS Platform

## SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATIVE STATISTICS ON SDGs

The Bureau in partnership with the state SDGs office funded by the UNDP organized a capacity building for MDAs statistical desk officers on System of Administrative Statistics (SAS) on SDGs within the quarter.



Cross section of participants during the System of Administrative Statistics (SAS) on SDGs

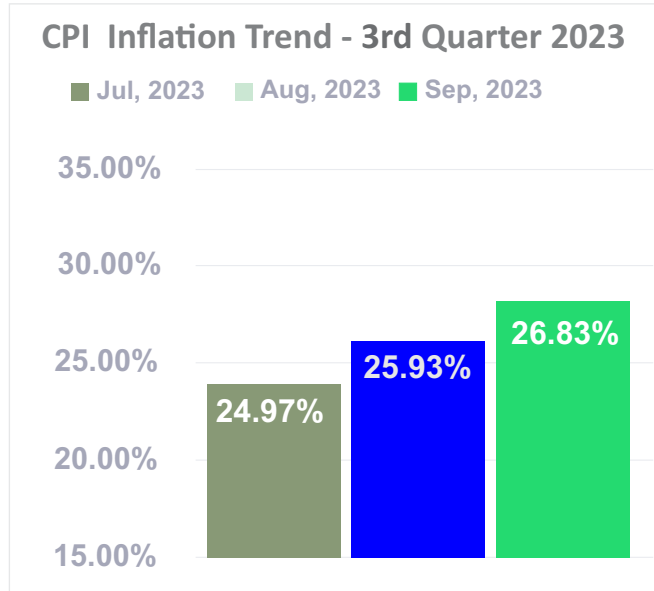
The objective of the capacity building was to ensure that System of Administrative Statistics data collection by all MDAs contribute to SDGs reporting for Kaduna State.

Topics covered during the capacity building were:

- a. SDGs Progress Reporting Insights from Kaduna State.
- b. Mapping of the goals, targets and indicators of the SDGs by the MDAs Statistical Desk Officers.

## The Consumer Price Index – Third Quarter, 2023.

The consumer price index, (CPI) which measures inflation rate increased to 26.83% (year-on-year) in September, 2023. This is 0.90% higher than the rate of 25.93% recorded in August, 2023. This shows that price of goods and services slightly increased in September, 2023 when compared to the inflation rate recorded in August, 2023.

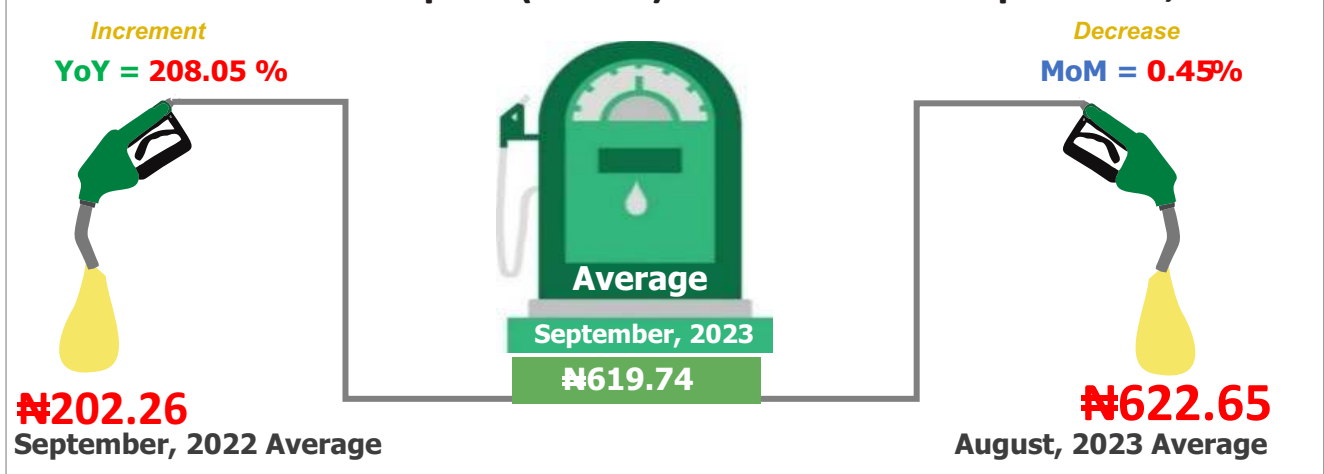


### Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Cooking Gas) Price Watch - September, 2023



Source: KDBS CPI September 2023

### Premium Motor Spirit (Petrol) Price Watch - September, 2023



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### UPCOMING EVENT



**Citizen Perception Study on Accessibility and Service Delivery across Primary Health Care Facilities in the State**

### KDBS NEWS

#### STATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS MEETING

The Bureau hosted the third quarter State Consultative Committee on Statistics meeting at the Amina J. Mohammed Data Lab. The theme of the third quarter SCCS meeting is: "Enabling Inclusivity: Advancing Data Collection for Persons with disability (PWD) in Kaduna State".



Cross section of participants during the State Consultative Committee on Statistics meeting



The Statistician General at the State Consultative Committee on Statistics meeting



Mr Emmanuel Bonnet of AIDS Foundation making a presentation during the State Consultative Committee on Statistics meeting

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## NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS DELEGATES VISIT

A delegation from the National Bureau of Statistics, Abuja led by Mr. Ishaku Maigida Director of Field Services and Methodology was hosted by the Statistician General and the Permanent Secretary, Planning and Budget Commission (PBC) within the quarter. The team lead stated the purpose of their visit as a follow up on the proposed National Statistical Training to be sited



The Permanent Secretary, Planning and Budget Commission, Bashir Muhammad(mni), the Statistician General, Baba Bukar Alhaji(PhD) with the NBS team during their visit led by Mr Ishaku Maigida, Director Field Services and Methodology

in Kaduna and also to strengthen the cordial relationship between KDBS and NBS. He also informed the SG-KDBS of the Statistician General of the Federation's approval for the novel

Learning Poverty Research conducted by KDBS as a National Document. In their response, the PS and SG KDBS appreciated the team's visit and the approval of the Learning Poverty

Research as a National Document. They promise to work closely with the NBS.

## BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION DELEGATES VISIT

BMGF team lead by the Deputy Country Director paid a courtesy visit within the quarter to the Honourable Commissioner, Planning and Budget Commission, Honourable Mukhtar Ahmed.

They were also with the Statistician General and took a tour of the Amina J. Mohammed Data Lab which is part of their support to the Bureau.

Engaging discussions took place with the Kaduna State Bureau of Statistics' Statistician-General and the team, focusing on the remarkable accomplishments of the BMGF-funded Data Lab project. The Head of the Project and Technical Coordination Unit presented the project's key milestones, showcasing how data is driving positive change within Kaduna State and beyond.



The BMGF delegates with the SG and other Management staff during their visit to the Bureau



The BMGF team having a tour round the Amina J. Mohammed SDG Data Lab

## KDBS NEWS

### OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE FINDINGS FROM SMALL FIRM DIARIES NIGERIA RESEARCH STUDY

The Statistician General attended and delivered a Goodwill Message on behalf of the states Statistician Generals of Lagos and Enugu States at the official launch of the findings from the Small Firm Diaries Nigeria Research Study in Abuja.

Data for the Small Firm Diaries Project was collected from firms, spread across 3 states -



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE FINDINGS FROM SMALL FIRM DIARIES NIGERIA RESEARCH STUDY

conducted over the course of a 12-month period between August 2021 and August 2022. The Small Firms Diaries report presents data on key study topics, including financial access, aspirations, and employment, and includes a section that gathers findings on women-led firms, one of the priorities of the study. The study was conducted by NBS in collaboration with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Financial Access Initiative.

### STATISTICIAN GENERAL BRIEFING THE HON. COMMISSIONER ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BUREAU

The Statistician General, Baba Bukar Alhaji PhD had a briefing within the quarter with the Hon. Commissioner Mukhtar Ahmed and the Permanent Secretary, Bashir Muhammad mni on

the activities of the Bureau.

The newly appointed Hon. Commissioner, Mukhtar Ahmed called on staff of the Planning and Budget Commission and its agencies to be dedicated to their official duties.

He made this known during an interactive session with management and staff of the commission and its agencies.

He stated that he needs the dedication and cooperation of the staff to move the affairs of the commission to greater heights and would ensure that staff welfare would be his top most priority.

He will be fair but firm by making the working environment very conducive for everyone to express their potentials.

He assured that he had come with an open mind so that he and the staff can collectively carve a niche for themselves.



STATISTICIAN GENERAL BRIEFING THE HON. COMMISSIONER PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMISSION

The staff congratulated the commissioner and pledged to give their extra best for him to achieve all his lofty ideas for the commission.

## KDBS - Vision and Mission



Fact to power logic and common good



To achieve equity and sustainable development through evidence



**KDBS NEWS****DATA SCIENCE FELLOSHIP PROGRAMME 3.0**

Within the quarter under review, the Bureau in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Natview Foundation for Technology Innovation, invited passionate young individuals to apply to join the third cohort of the prestigious Click-On Kaduna Data Science Fellowship Programme under the Amina J. Mohammed SDGs Data Lab Project.

Computer Based Test was conducted for the applicants and those who met the required average scores moved to the next stage, which was the interview.

In a significant twist, the third cohort of the Data Science Fellowship Programme (DSFP 3.0) was expanded to accommodate 40 participants after a wide range



Data Science Fellowship Programme (DSFP 3.0) during Computer Based Test at KASU

consultation with key stakeholders by the programme's implementing partners. The decision to increase the number of fellows this year was driven by a number of factors, including the number of exceptional quality applicants, and the overarching objectives of the fellowship.

This programme stands at the heart of the Kaduna State Government's commitment to nurturing talented young people, equipping them with invaluable skills in data science, machine learning and artificial intelligence.

The programme would also afford them the opportunity to contribute in supporting the Kaduna State Government in making well-informed decisions about policies, programmes, and projects across key sectors of the State's economy.



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**STUDY TOUR VISIT BY OSUN STATE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND ZAMFARA STATE MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND PLANNING**

The Bureau was delighted to host delegates from Osun State Bureau of Statistics led by their Statistician General Mr Ijiyomi Abiodun Ijidele, and also from the Zamfara State Ministry of Budget and Planning in the quarter. They were on a three- day study tour of the activities of the Bureau respectively.



The Delegate From Osun State led by Statistician General Mr Ijiyomi Abiodun Ijidele During their visit to the Hon. Commissioner Planning and Budget Commissioner, Hon Mukhtar Ahmed



The Statistician General of Kaduna State Bureau of Statistics with Statistician General Osun state bureau of statistics



The Statistician General of Kaduna State with Delegate from Zamfara and some KDBS staff