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	1	(a) unemployed persons including unskilled persons;
	2	(b) vulnerable widows, orphans and children;
	3	(c) persons with disabilities;
	4	(d) vulnerable older persons; and
	5	(e) such other category of persons as the National Social Investment
	6	Board may, with the approval of the President, determine from time to time by
	7	an order published in the Official Gazette.
	8	(2) The target beneficiaries of the Programme shall be as set out under
	9	the First Schedule to this Act.
Enrolment of beneficiaries of the Programme	10	<b>5.</b> -(1) The enrolment of beneficiaries of the Programme shall be made
	11	in such form as the Agency, with the approval of the Minister, may determine.
	12	(2) The Agency may investigate to verify the eligibility of an
	13	applicant.
	14	(3) Where in the opinion of the Agency, an applicant is not qualified to
	15	benefit from the Programme, the Agency shall inform the applicant
	16	accordingly and provide the reasons.
National Social Register	17	<b>6.</b> -(1) There is established a National Social Register to be mined for
	18	implementing the Programme and any other related matter.
	19	(2) The National Social Register shall contain the electronic
	20	information and data of poor and vulnerable persons and households from the
	21	States and Federal Capital Territory.
Termination of benefits	22	<b>7.</b> -(1) The Agency may cancel a beneficiary's social investment
	23	benefits where such benefit has been obtained through misrepresentation,
	24	deceit, fraud or failure to disclose any material information.
	25	(2) Any social investment benefits obtained through
	26	misrepresentation, deceit, fraud or failure to disclose any material information
	27	shall be refunded to the Government by the person or from his estate if he is
	28	deceased.
	29	(3) The Agency may terminate the payment of social investment

1 benefits to a beneficiary who is absent from Nigeria for a continuous period  
2 of six months.

3 (4) The provision or payment of any social investment benefits to a  
4 beneficiary shall lapse when the-

5 (a) person dies; or

6 (b) conditions upon which the person was considered a beneficiary  
7 no longer exist.

8 PART III - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL INVESTMENT

9 PROGRAMME AGENCY AND IT'S GOVERNING BOARD

10 **8.-(1)** There is established a body to be known as the National  
11 Social Investment Programme Agency ("in this Act referred to as the  
12 "Agency") for the proper execution and management of the Programme,

Establishment  
of the National  
Social Investment  
Programme Agency

13 (2) The Agency shall-

14 (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common  
15 seal; and

16 (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name,

17 **9.-(1)** There is established for the Agency, a Board, to be known as  
18 the National Social Investment Programme Agency Board ("in this Act  
19 referred to as the Board"),

Establishment  
of the National  
Social Investment  
Programme Agency  
Governing Board

20 (2) The Board shall consist of-

21 (a) a Chairman who shall be a person of integrity;

22 (b) representatives of Federal Ministries responsible for the  
23 following, not below the rank of Director-

24 (i) humanitarian affairs, social inclusion and poverty eradication,

25 (ii) finance,

26 (iii) budget,

27 (iv) labour,

28 (v) interior,

29 (vi) education,

30 (vii) health,

- 1 (viii) justice,  
2 (ix) women affairs,  
3 (x) information,  
4 (xi) communication,  
5 (xii) water Resources,  
6 (xiii) industry,  
7 (xiv) youth;  
8 (xv) agriculture; and  
9 (xvi) environment;  
10 (c) Chief Executives of the following Agencies-  
11 (i) National Bureau of Statistics,  
12 (ii) National Directorate of Employment,  
13 (iii) National Population Commission,  
14 (iv) Universal Basic Education Commission,  
15 (v) National Primary Healthcare Development Agency,  
16 (vi) National Orientation Agency,  
17 (vii) National Youth Service Corps,  
18 (viii) Nigerian Communications Commission,  
19 (ix) Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria,  
20 and  
21 (x) National Information Technology Development Agency.  
22 (d) a representative each of the following bodies-  
23 (i) Nigeria Governors Forum,  
24 (ii) Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON),  
25 (iii) Civil Society Organisations,  
26 (iv) Organised Private Sector,  
27 (v) International Development Partners,  
28 (vi) International non-Governmental Organisations, and  
29 (vii) Non-Governmental Organisations;  
30 (e) Chairman of the State Coordinators Forum; and

1 (f) the National Coordinator of Programme who shall also be the  
2 Secretary to the Board.

3 (3) Members of the Board other than Ex - Officio members shall be  
4 appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

5 (4) Members of the Board shall be paid such allowances as may be  
6 approved by the Federal Government.

7 (5) The Chairman and members of the Board other than the  
8 National Coordinator shall hold office on part -time basis.

9 (6) The supplementary provisions set out under the Second  
10 Schedule to this Act shall apply to the proceedings of the Board.

11 **10.** Members of the Board other than Ex-Officio members shall Tenure of office  
12 hold office for a term of four years and may be reappointed for a further term  
13 of four years, and no more, on such terms and conditions as may be specified  
14 in their letters of appointment.'

15 **11.-(1)** The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant Cessation of  
16 where- Membership

- 17 (a) his term of office expires;
- 18 (b) he resigns by notice in writing addressed to the Minister;
- 19 (c) he dies;
- 20 (d) he is declared bankrupt;
- 21 (e) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty;
- 22 (f) he is guilty of gross misconduct relating to his duties; or
- 23 (g) in the case of an ex-officio member, he ceases to hold the office  
24 on the basis of which he is a member of the Board.

25 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of this Act and  
26 subsection (1) of this section, a member of the Board, may at any time be  
27 removed from office by the President for inability to discharge the duties of  
28 his office arising from infirmity of mind or body, misconduct or in the public  
29 interest.

30 (3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board before



Functions of the  
Agency

1 the expiration of the term of office of a member, a fit and proper person shall be  
2 appointed for the remainder of the term to represent the same interest as the  
3 predecessor.

4 **12.** The Agency shall-

5 (a) oversee the implementation of policies, projects relating to the  
6 Programme;

7 (b) conduct overall monitoring, evaluation, impact assessment and  
8 review the implementation of the Programme;

9 (c) collaborate and interface with State Coordinators;

10 (d) maintain and facilitate the use of the National Social Register  
11 established under this Act;

12 (e) share national poverty maps to guide State Governments in the  
13 selection of the poorest Local Governments;

14 (f) establish skill acquisition centres for the purpose of training of  
15 beneficiaries of the Programme and other persons;

16 (g) set periodic attainable targets for the implementation of the  
17 Programme;

18 (h) develop regulations on accountability measures and mechanisms;

19 (i) conduct overall monitoring, evaluation and review of the  
20 Programme;

21 (j) prepare and submit annual reports on the implementation of the  
22 Programme to the Minister;

23 (k) from time to time, designate inspectors or monitors, to such areas  
24 of Nigeria as it may determine, to inspect ongoing execution of Programme by  
25 the Agency;

26 (l) collaborate with the media on advocacy and mobilization  
27 activities; and

28 (m) perform such other functions and exercise such powers as are  
29 incidental to the Programme.

1	<b>13.</b> The Board shall-	Powers of the Board
2	(a) advise on the policy and strategic framework for the execution	
3	of the Programme for the implementation of the Agency;	
4	(b) undertake periodic assessment, review, monitoring and	
5	evaluation of the impact of the Programme for the purpose of providing	
6	advice to the Government at all levels;	
7	(c) present timely annual reports to the President and the National	
8	Assembly, through the Minister, on the status of social Investment	
9	Programme and Policy implementation in Nigeria;	
10	(d) ensure the equitable distribution of resources to target	
11	population;	
12	(e) promote effective inter-governmental collaboration in social	
13	Investment Programme Implementation;	
14	(f) initiate studies, surveys and evaluations to generally strengthen	
15	the Implementation of the Programme under this Act;	
16	(g) exercise disciplinary control over staff of the Agency; and	
17	(h) perform such other functions as may be necessary and	
18	expedient to achieve the objectives of this Act.	
19	PART IV - STAFF OF THE AGENCY	
20	<b>14.</b> -(1) There shall be for the Agency, a National Coordinator of	Appointment of National Coordinator
21	Programme ("in this Act referred to as the National Coordinator") who shall	
22	be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.	
23	(2) The National Coordinator shall-	
24	(a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Agency;	
25	(b) possess a university degree in the field of social sciences;	
26	agriculture, engineering, veterinary medicine or business administration;	
27	(c) possess 10 years relevant managerial experience in the public or	
28	private sector in social work, resource generation or poverty eradication	
29	systems;	
30	(d) be advanced in computer literacy and data management;	

	1	(e) be a person of proven integrity and sound mental health; and
	2	(f) be accountable for the overall delivery of the execution of the
	3	Programme.
Tenure of office of the National Coordinator	4	<b>15.</b> -(1) The National Coordinator shall hold office-
	5	(a) for a term of four years and be eligible for reappointment for
	6	another term of four years and no more; and
	7	(b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
	8	appointment.
	9	(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section,
	10	the National Coordinator may be removed from office for inability to discharge
	11	the functions of his office arising from infirmity of body or mind, for
	12	misconduct, or in the public interest.
Duties of the National Coordinator	13	<b>16.</b> The National Coordinator shall-
	14	(a) be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Agency
	15	established under section 8 of this Act;
	16	(b) coordinate all clusters of the Programme with a view to full
	17	integration and effectiveness;
	18	(c) build sustainable partnerships with stakeholders on the
	19	Programme;
	20	(d) supervise all budgeting and procurement activities of the
	21	Programme;
	22	(e) forge and ensure an effective Monitoring and evaluation, and
	23	impact assessment on all activities of the Programme;
	24	(f) maintain all records and activities on the Programme and ensure
	25	the production of annual reports;
	26	(g) take responsibility of assigning roles, supervision, training and
	27	assessment of all staff of the Programme;
	28	(h) supervise the activities of all State Coordinators to ensure
	29	effectiveness, transparency, accountability and full coordination; and
	30	(i) carry out other assignments that are incidental to his office.

1                   17.-(1) The Agency may request for the deployment of a Programme managers and  
2 Programme Manager for each Programme and other staff from the Public other staff  
3 Service of the Federation in accordance with the Public Service Rules.

4                   (2) Notwithstanding the provision of sub section (1) of this section,  
5 the Board may employ directly such other staff as may be necessary.

6                   (3) The Agency may where necessary, engage ad-hoc staff on  
7 contract to carry out projects and activities under the Programme.

8                   (4) Staff of the Agency shall, in respect of their service in the  
9 Agency, be entitled to pension and other retirement benefits prescribed in  
10 the Pension Reform Act.

#### 11                   PART V - STATE GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

12                   18.-(1) A State Government participating in the Programme under Requirements  
13 this Act shall- for State  
Government  
participation

14                   (a) establish a State Social Investment Programme Agency;

15                   (b) appoint a State Coordinator who shall-

16                   (i) possess 10 years relevant managerial experience in the public or  
17 private sector,

18                   (ii) be advanced in computer literacy and data management.

19                   (iii) be a person of proven integrity and sound mental health, and

20                   (iv) be a cabinet ranking appointee;

21                   (c) provide office space, equipment and facilities for the smooth  
22 running of the Programme;

23                   (d) establish and manage the State Social Register;

24                   (e) share State Social Register with the Agency; and

25                   (f) enter into a Programme Implementation Agreement with the  
26 Agency.

27                   (2) The State Coordinator shall-

28                   (a) be responsible for implementing the Programme in the State;

29                   (b) act as a liaison between the State Government and the Agency;

30                   and

1 (c) ensure the State Government's compliance with its obligations  
2 under this Act.

3 PART VI - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Establishment  
of the National  
Social Investment  
Programme Fund

4 **19.**-(1) There is established a fund for the Programme (lithe NSIP  
5 Fund") into which shall be credited-

6 (a) such sums as may be appropriated for the Programme by the  
7 National Assembly;

8 (b) such sums as may be provided by the Federal Government to  
9 support the activities of the Agency or a particular Programme;

10 (c) sums accruing to the Agency by way of grants, gifts, donations,  
11 endowments and bequest made to the Agency for the purpose of the  
12 Programme;

13 (d) monies provided by individuals, companies, government  
14 institutions, bilateral or multilateral organisations and development partners  
15 for the purpose of the NSIP;

16 (e) at least 5% of recovered repatriated funds; and

17 (f) such other sums as may accrue to the NSIP Fund from time to time.

18 (2) The NSIP Fund shall be applied for the-

19 (a) payment of benefits to beneficiaries of the Programme established  
20 under this Act;

21 (b) purpose of actualising the functions and powers of the Agency;

22 (c) payment of allowances and other benefits of members of the  
23 Board; and

24 (d) such other purposes incidental to or connected with the attainment  
25 of the objectives of the Programme.

Annual estimates  
and accounts

26 **20.**-(1) The Agency shall not later than 30th September in each  
27 financial year prepare and present to the Minister for approval, a statement of  
28 estimated income and expenditure of the Agency and the Programme for the  
29 following financial year.

30 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section,

1 the Agency may in any financial year, submit supplementary or adjusted  
 2 statement of estimated income and expenditure of the Agency and the  
 3 Programme to the National /sselll bly through the Minister.

4 (3) The Agency shall keep proper accounts of the NSIP Fund in  
 5 respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts and  
 6 shall cause such accounts to be audited within six months after the end of  
 7 each year by auditors appointed from the list supplied and following the  
 8 guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

9 21. The Agency shall prepare and submit to the President, through Annual reports  
 10 the Minister not later than 30th June in each year a report on the activities of  
 11 the Agency during the preceding year, and shall include in the report a copy  
 12 of the audited accounts of the Fund of the Programme for that year and of the  
 13 auditor's report on it.

14 22. The Agency may accept gifts of movable or immovable Gifts to the  
 15 properties from individuals or organisations in accordance with its mandate Agency  
 16 under this Act provided that the Agency shall not accept any gifts where the  
 17 conditions of the offer are inconsistent with the functions and mandate of the  
 18 Agency under this Act.

#### 19 PART VII - MISCELLANEOUS

20 23. A person who knowingly- Offence and  
 21 (a) makes a false or misleading statement in any application under penalty  
 22 this Act; or

23 (b) being gainfully employed, makes an application for enrolment  
 24 in a Programme, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not  
 25 exceeding One Hundred Thousand Naira, or imprisonment for a term of not  
 26 less than six months or both.

27 24. The President may make policy guidelines or give to the Power of the  
 28 Agency directives of a general or specific nature relating generally to President to give  
 29 matters of policy or, as the case may be, with regard to the performance by directives of general  
 30 the Agency of its functions. character to the  
 Agency

Regulations,  
guidelines, etc.

1                   **25.**-(1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make  
2 regulations and issue guidelines generally for the purposes of giving effect to  
3 the provisions of this Act.

4                   (2) Without derogation from the generality of subsection (1) of this  
5 section, regulations and guidelines made pursuant to this section may provide  
6 for-

7                   (a) procedures to determine eligibility for social investment benefits  
8 under the Programme of the Agency;

9                   (b) Implementation of the Programme by the Agency;

10                  (c) procedure for the appointment and operations of inspectors or  
11 monitors; and

12                  (d) any other matter that may be considered expedient to actualise all  
13 or any of the Programmes established under this Act.

14                  (3) The contravention of any Regulations or Guidelines issued under  
15 any of the provisions of this Act shall constitute an offence and shall be  
16 punishable as prescribed in the particular Regulations or Guidelines.

Monitoring and  
evaluation

17                  **26.** The Agency shall ensure the proper monitoring and evaluation of  
18 the executions and implementation of the Programme and shall-

19                  (a) issue guidelines to regulate standards from time to time; and

20                  (b) enforce compliance with quality requirements.

Premises

21                  **27.** For the purpose of providing office premises for the performance  
22 of the functions of the Agency, the Agency may subject to the Land Use Act-

23                  (a) purchase or take on lease, any land, building or property;

24                  (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises; or

25                  (c) let, lease or sell out any offices or premises held by it which it no  
26 longer requires for the performance of its functions under this Act.

Pre-action notice

27                  **28.**-(1) A civil action shall not be commenced against the Agency or  
28 its authorised officers before the expiration of a period of 30 days after written  
29 notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on the Agency  
30 by the intending plaintiff or his agent, and the notice shall clearly state the-

1 (a) cause of action;

2 (b) particulars of the claim;

3 (c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and

4 (d) relief sought.

5 (2) A notice, summons or other document required or authorized to  
6 be served upon the Agency under the provisions of this Act or any other law  
7 may be served by delivering it to the Agency of the Minister.

8 **29.** In any action or suit against the Agency, no execution shall be  
9 levied or attachment process issued against the Agency, unless at least three  
10 months' notice of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the  
11 Agency.

Restriction on  
execution against  
property of the  
Agency

12 **30.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of the  
13 Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit against any  
14 member of the Board officer or staff of the Agency.

Limitation of  
suits against the  
Agency

15 (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, no suit  
16 shall lie against the Agency, any member of the Board, the National  
17 Coordinator or any other officer or staff of the Agency for anything done in  
18 pursuance of this Act or any other law, or any alleged neglect or default in the  
19 execution of this Act or such law, duty or authority, unless-

20 (a) it is commenced within three months after the act, neglect or  
21 default complained of; or

22 (b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within six  
23 months next after the ceasing of such damage or injury.

24 **31.**-(1) The right, interest, obligation, proceedings, assets and  
25 liability of the National Social Investment Office existing before the  
26 commencement of this Act shall by virtue of this Act be deemed to be that of  
27 the Agency established under this Act, to the extent that they are not  
28 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act.

Savings and  
transitional  
provisions

29 (2) Any reference to the National Social Investment Office existing  
30 before the commencement of this Act or a document issued in the name of



	1	the National Social Investment Office existing before the commencement of
	2	this Act, shall be read, unless the context otherwise requires, as a reference to
	3	the Agency established under this Act.
Interpretation	4	<b>32.</b> In this Act-
	5	"Beneficiary" means a person who receives social investment benefits under
	6	any Programme established under this Act;
	7	"IDPs" means Internally Displaced Persons;
	8	"LGAs" means Local Government Areas which shall where appropriate,
	9	include Area Councils;
	10	"Minister means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating
	11	to humanitarian affairs, social inclusion and poverty eradication;
	12	"Ministry" means the Ministry charged with responsibility for matters relating
	13	to humanitarian affairs, social inclusion and poverty eradication;
	14	"National Coordinator" means the coordinator of the Programme and
	15	administrative head of the Agency;
	16	"NSIP" means National Social Investment Programme;
	17	"Agency" means the National Social Investment Programme Agency;
	18	"Official Gazette" means Federal Government Official Gazette;
	19	"Programme Manager" means head of each of the Programme;
	20	"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
	21	"Programme" means National Social Investment Programme established
	22	under this Act;
	23	"State Coordinator" means administrative head of the Programme appointed
	24	by a State Government; and
	25	"State Government" means the Government of a State of the Federal Republic
	26	of Nigeria.
Short title	27	<b>33.</b> This Bill may be cited as the National Social Investment
	28	Programme (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2022.

- 1 SCHEDULES
- 2 FIRST SCHEDULE
- 3 TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROGRAMME
- 4 *[Section 4(2)]*
- 5 1. The Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme
- 6 (GEEP) shall have the under listed categories of beneficiaries-
- 7 (a) Trader Moni -Youth Focused Empowerment which shall
- 8 consist of-
- 9 (i) entrepreneurs,
- 10 (ii) religious groups, and
- 11 (iii) persons with disabilities
- 12 (b) Market Moni - Vulnerable Women Focused Empowerment
- 13 which shall consist of-
- 14 (i) female headed households such as, widows, divorcees and
- 15 single mothers,
- 16 (ii) entrepreneurs,
- 17 (iii) IDPs, and
- 18 (iv) persons with disabilities,
- 19 (c) Farmer Moni - Empowerment for Rural Farmers which shall
- 20 consist of- men, women and youth farmers across the 774 LGAs.
- 21 2. The Job Creation Programme (N-POWER) shall have the under
- 22 listed categories of beneficiaries-
- 23 (a) "Graduates" which shall consist of youth male and female of 18
- 24 to 35 years; and
- 25 (b) "Non-Graduates" which shall consist of youth male and female
- 26 of 18 to 35 years.
- 27 3. The National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme
- 28 (NHGSFP) shall have the under listed categories of beneficiaries-
- 29 (a) pupils in public primary school classes 1 - 3;
- 30 (b) selected cooks; and

1 (c) farmers.

2 4. The National Cash Transfer (CCT) Programme shall have the poor  
3 and vulnerable households in the National Social Register as collected from 36  
4 states and the Federal Capital Territory as beneficiaries.

5 5. The target beneficiaries may be expanded as approved by the  
6 President.

7 SECOND SCHEDULE

8 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD AND THE  
9 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

10 [Section 9(5)]

11 *Proceedings*

12 1.-(1) The Board shall, for the purpose of this Act, meet at least four  
13 times in each year.

14 (2) Every meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the  
15 Chairman or his designate, and if the Chairman or his designate are unable to  
16 attend any particular meeting, a member may be appointed by the members  
17 present to act as Chairman for that particular meeting.

18 (3) A quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be one-third of members  
19 of the Board.

20 (4) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman,  
21 and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by at least five  
22 members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days  
23 from the date on which the notice is given.

24 (5) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a  
25 particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it  
26 deems fit but a person who is a member by virtue of this Paragraph shall not be  
27 entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a  
28 quorum.

29 *Sub-Boards*

30 2.-(1) The Board may appoint one or more Sub-Boards to carry out,

1 on behalf of the Board, its functions under this Act as the Board may  
2 determine.

3 (2) A Sub-Board appointed under this paragraph shall consist of  
4 such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board as may be  
5 determined by the Board) and a person other than a member of the Board  
6 shall hold office in the Sub-Board in accordance with the terms of his  
7 appointment.

8 (3) A decision of a Sub-Board of the Board shall be of no effect  
9 until it is ratified or adopted by the Board.

10 *Miscellaneous*

11 3.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by  
12 the signature of the Chairman, Secretary or any other person authorised  
13 generally or specifically to act for that purpose by the Board.

14 (2) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a  
15 person not being a body corporate, may not be required to be under seal, may  
16 be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the Chairman, Secretary or  
17 any person generally or specifically authorised to act for the purpose by the  
18 Board.

19 (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed  
20 under the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the  
21 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

*(This Memorandum does not form part of this Act but intends  
to explain its purports)*

This Bill seeks to provide a legal and institutional framework for the establishment and management of National Social Investment Programme in Nigeria aimed at alleviating poverty and improving human development indices; and to establish the National Social Investment Programme Agency for the management of the Programme.