

2- DAYS TRAINING/SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON COVID-19/EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR SMES IN JIGAWA STATE

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INTRODUCTION

All protocol observed, it gives me a great pleasure to be with you at this particular time, in order to address you on the packages the ministry of commerce has for you as part of covid-19 interventions. This interventions are many but due to the time factor we are going to mention only four(4) i.e the one directly by the ministry under 2020 approved revised estimate were one hundred and five million naira(#105m) was allocated to the ministry to be given to micro, small and medium enterprises(MSME's) as loan to cushion the effect of covid-19 pandemic.

- Similarly the ministry is facilitating another interventions in collaboration with other MDA's. Other interventions- Apart from covid-19 budgetary provision by the Government, the ministry of commerce is currently facilitating the following interventions:
- NIGERIA CARES(covid-19 ACTION RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM FOR RESULTS).This is a world bank program, Under this program the sum of seven hundred and fifty million Dollars(#750m) has been earmarked for Nigeria(36 states including the FCT). where \$20m would be allocated to each state of the federation.

- The central Bank Covid-19 interventions in which the ministry of commerce in collaboration with other MDA's/financial institutions had a meeting where by the chairman of the committee(Honourable commissioner, ministry of commerce) gave financial institutions two weeks ultimatum to come out with most beneficial packages and less interest/interest free facilities for the benefit of Jigawa state indigenes.
- Another facilities/intervention under facilitation by the ministry of commerce includes conditional grant scheme from SMEDAN. This grant is free, were 90 persons will be selected from each Local Government and be given fifty thousands naira(#50,000) each and non refundable.
- The sole objectives of this intervention/grant is to promote the Development of our Local SME'S there by increasing their business activities and boosting the economy of the state.

- Most of this intervention have a standard requirement which must be possessed before facility. And as we are all aware, documentation / registration is our major problem .It is in relation to this, the ministry of commerce in collaboration with DFID (LINKS) with other stakeholders is organizing a sensitization/formalization visit to all the key SMEs stakeholders. In compliance with Federal Government/NCDC protocols of social distancing the sensitization is divided into emirate by emirate across the state (5 emirates). Aimed at access to finance/capacity building.

Therefore, at this juncture I would like to appeal to all the SMEs stakeholders to make sure that they possess all the necessary documents/registration for the benefit of this interventions and other opportunities that may arise in future.

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