



SOKOTO STATE GOVERNMENT

PRIORITY INVESTMENT SECTORS

Sokoto State Government through Sokoto Investment Company has identified key sectors of the economy as its priority sectors which will bring more economic development to the state. These sectors include but not limited to:

1. Agriculture

- Irrigation schemes: Invest in irrigation schemes to support dry-season farming and increase crop yields.
- Farm Produce Storage Facilities: it is estimated that post-harvest losses account for over 50% of the farm produce due to lack of state of the art storage facilities to store produce during the harvest period.
- Agricultural processing facilities: Invest in agricultural processing facilities to add value to raw agricultural produce and increase the competitiveness of local farmers.
- Livestock production: Invest in livestock production, such as cattle, sheep, and poultry farming, to increase the supply of meat and dairy products.
- Crop production: Invest in crop production, such as maize, rice, and wheat farming, to increase the supply of staple crops.

2. Mining

Sokoto State is blessed with abundant solid minerals, a number of which have immediate economic application for the overall development of the state and the country at large through partnerships/joint ventures with investors in the sector which will be expected to bring about modern mining techniques. The state through Sokoto Investment Company Limited has already acquired sixty (60) mining licenses of different minerals such as gold, limestone, gypsum etc.

Some of the key areas of investments include mining for value addition/standardisation for export to earn foreign exchange as well as improve local development of industries in the country:

- Gold mining
- Limestone
- Gypsum
- Phosphate
- Zircon
- Pyrite
- Kaolin
- Silica sand
- Chormite
- Potash
- Clay of high alumina
- Iron Ore
- Diamond
- Lignite
- Granite

3.Manufacturing

Sokoto State government has made manufacturing as one of its priority sectors due to its abundant raw-materials for production as well as its impact and contribution to the GDP of the state and the country at large. Some of the key industries are but not limited to:

- Textiles: Invest in textile manufacturing projects to produce clothing, fabrics, and other textile products.
- Food processing: Invest in food processing projects to produce packaged food products, such as snacks, beverages, and dairy products.
- Pharmaceuticals: Invest in pharmaceutical manufacturing projects to produce medicines and other healthcare products.
- Cement: Invest in cement manufacturing projects to produce cement and other construction materials.
- Fertilizer: invest in fertilizer manufacturing projects to produce fertilizer for both local and export to neighbouring sub-saharan Africa.
- Granite/Ceramic: invest in granite and ceramic manufacturing projects. The state has abundant granite as well as clay in the Dange-Shuni- Kware belt which can be harnessed to set up industries for the production of toilet wares, kitchenwares, tiles etc.

4. Real Estate

The Sokoto state government's efforts to reduce the housing deficit amongst the residents of the state has made the state an attractive real-estate investment hub through its investment policy of providing land to investors in addition to other investment incentives.

Sokoto Investment Company has since seized this opportunity by acquiring 96 hectares of land with Certificate of Occupancy in the newly developed 'Sokoto New City' for affordable housing, luxury villas as well as commercial real-estate.

Sokoto metropolis and its environs have been categorised as peaceful, thus securing your investments and guaranteeing your return on investment. Below are the different opportunities available for investment in this industry:

- Residential Developments: Invest in residential developments, such as flats, affordable houses, as well as luxury villas.
- Commercial Developments: Invest in commercial developments, such as office buildings, shopping centers, and hotels
- Industrial Parks: Invest in industrial developments, such as warehouses, factories, and work clusters.
- Site and Services: Invest in infrastructure development of an already allocated land, such as roads, bridges, and utilities for the oftakers to develop their lands.